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Special school delivery

The Boldt Co. delivered a prefabricated training center Monday morning to Fox Valley Technical College's Oshkosh campus on Waupun Road. Students helped assemble the building to serve its construction training program. See story on Page 2.

Butte des Morts bridge work nears

Long-term ramp closure will impact I-41 traffic

Oshkosh Herald

A rehabilitation project on the Lake Butte des Morts causeway of Interstate 41 between State 21 and U.S. 45 is set to begin May 28 and finish in early October, the state Department of Transportation announced.

Both directions of I-41 will be reduced from three to two lanes across the bridge and the U.S. 45 ramp to southbound I-41 will be closed for most of the project.

The \$2.04 million contract signed by Gov. Tony Evers includes removing and replacing structure approaches for northbound and southbound bridges over the main channel, and relocating a 100-foot section of cable barrier on the west side of the interstate near U.S. 45.

Safety and weight enforcement facilities near the northern shore of Lake Butte des Morts also will be replaced. Sheet Piling Services of Custer is the prime contractor.

DOT officials said there will be significant traffic impacts anticipated throughout the project and motorists are advised to use alternate routes when possible. A detour will follow U.S. 45 to State 21 to I-41.

During EAA AirVenture - July 22-28 - the project will be suspended with all lanes and ramps open to traffic.

The DOT said the project will extend the life of the bridge and upgrade the weight enforcement facilities along the corridor.

Details are on the DOT construction website: projects.511wi.gov/butte-des-morts.

Support organization moving next door, growing services

Christine Ann project adds to help options

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Christine Ann has been helping domestic abuse survivors for 40 years. The next chapter in the organization's story is moving into the Beach Building and expanding services for survivors.

The organization recently launched a capital campaign asking for public donations to complete the project. As they move from 206 to 240 Algoma Blvd., they're asking the community to help raise just over \$1 million to make their vision a reality.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Inc. is currently operating out of two buildings at 206 Algoma. Because of the nature of the individuals staying at the facility, there are safety concerns when going between the two.

Executive director Alicia Wenger and Emily James, a grant and stewardship specialist, gave the Herald a tour of the existing facilities and the building as it's being renovated. The building at 206 Algoma Blvd. was formerly a bed & breakfast and fraternity house.

The emergency shelter includes the Main house and Carriage house. There are some security concerns with people

SEE **Christine Ann** ON PAGE 10



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Alicia Wenger (left) and Emily James of Christine Ann look at what will be a transitional apartment on the third floor of the Beach Building. The organization is moving operations from 206 Algoma Blvd. to the Beach as it continues raising funds through a capital campaign.

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FVTC gains construction training module

Oshkosh Herald

A 20,000-pound prefabricated construction training center was transported and placed Monday at Fox Valley Tech-

Correction

MAY 8, PAGE 1: Last week's Herald article "Property values on rise with update" incorrectly printed that property values have increased 25% when they have increased 50%. The article also inaccurately stated property value increases. The residential assessed value for residential properties was \$2.3 billion in 2023 and is now more than \$4 billion with the newly updated values. For all properties in the city the 2023 values were assessed at \$4 billion and the new assessments value the properties above \$6 billion. Lastly, the article incorrectly stated that city staff is projecting the average home price will decrease. City staff told the Herald that home sale values will most likely increase during the sales season of May-September.

nical College in Oshkosh to serve its Construction Management Technology (CMT) program.

The college's new project trailer was built at The Boldt Co.'s prefabrication facility, where FVTC students have been working at the company's modular construction center to help build the unit.

The 30-foot-long modular unit delivered by Boldt was set in place by a 100-ton crane at its 4233 Waupun Road home.

"It's all in a day's work," said James Farrell, Boldt project manager. "The lift goes quickly and efficiently because our team is really dialed in on the details. There's a lot of pre-planning involved, which allows the process to go smoothly."

In "modular" or "manufactured" construction, structures are built in a controlled indoor environment decreasing the effects of weather while increasing safety, quality and efficiency. For FVTC, the relationship with Boldt has been key to developing its construction management program.

"Above the benefits of the working re-

lationship, the students are experiencing the fabricated, modular, side of the commercial construction industry," said Rich Cass, department chair of FVTC's CMT program. "This is a rising process in the industry that none of our students have experienced before," he said.

For the students, the project has been an opportunity to work side by side with professionals.

"It was nice to be able to work so closely with the people in the field at Boldt. I felt comfortable asking questions and learning so many new things," said FVTC student Elizabeth O'bday.

Boldt and other regional firms donated labor and materials to the project. They include Faith Electric, Tweet Garot, Crafts Roofing, Midwest Construction Materials, Muza Metals, MathFab, L&W, H.J. Martin and Son, and Quick Transport.

The trailer is part of a \$1.4 million outdoor job site lab that will include a 5,000-square-foot building to store reusable materials and equipment and site storage.


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Public Health Service just released polio vaccine shipments to Wisconsin for immediate use. Local vaccine supplies from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were made by the Parke Davis Company. Oshkosh physicians have been recruited to administer the vaccine to approximately 1,760 students, beginning at Lincoln School, then proceed to all schools throughout the city. No child will receive the vaccine without parental permission.

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Boat case set for two-week trial

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Jason E. Lindemann and his attorney Scott Ceman will be in court one more time before his two-week jury trial begins June 10.

In court Monday morning, attorneys argued which potential jurors should be considered after a questionnaire was mailed out that asked what they knew about the case and whether they had already formed an opinion.

Court documents allege Lindemann was intoxicated when his boat collided with a cruise boat on Lake Winnebago in July 2022 and that he then fled the scene.

Assistant attorneys general Tara Jenswold and Emily Thompson are prosecuting the case after Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr requested a special prosecutor.

Lindemann, 53, is charged with two felony counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and 15 misdemeanor counts of boating accident/fail/render aid. He is also facing a count of operating a boat while intoxicated. Judge Michael

Gibbs is presiding over both those cases. At a motion hearing last year, Ceman attempted to get the case moved out of the county because of the amount of media coverage the case has received. Gibbs denied the motion.

On Monday, Ceman pulled several juror questionnaires that he believed disqualified them. Most said they had seen the news coverage and had an opinion on the case.

Thompson argued that while many of the jurors indicated they had an opinion on the case, many also indicated they would be able to put those opinions aside and look at the evidence.

The prosecution said two people indicated they distrust law enforcement and should be struck from the jury pool. Ceman argued that having anti-law enforcement sentiment was not enough to eliminate the jurors.

Jury selection will begin in June when the trial begins and court documents show as many as 85 witnesses may be called to testify. A final pretrial hearing is set for June 5.



Photo by Michael Cooney

BikeOsh stop

A pit stop for bicyclists at the Oshkosh Public Library served the eighth annual BikeOsh event Saturday, an event organized by city and Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School and aimed at improving biking safety and promoting the local biking culture.

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Menominee Elementary on track for fall school opening

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A lot of work has been done at the site of the new Menominee Elementary School to keep it on track and on budget for completion ahead of the next school year.

The Oshkosh Area School District was in a similar position last year as Vel Phillips Middle School was entering the final stretch of construction as the spring semester was wrapping up.

James Fochs, director of facilities and project manager, and Bray Architects consultant Nate Considine gave their monthly update to the Board of Education regarding the project timeline. Similar to the Vel Phillips project, the board's first question to Fochs and Considine was regarding the budget and timeline.

"Things are moving along quite rapidly at Menominee as they're nearing completion," Fochs said. "The building really is moving along at an incredible pace."

During construction, the building has been divided into areas A, B, C and D. Over the last month in area A the exterior brick facade has been put up on the south, west

and north elevations. In area B, ceramic tile has been installed in the bathrooms and mechanical, electrical and plumbing lines have been brought in. In the administration section, interior walls, framing and sheet rock have been installed.

In area C, window installation has been completed and area D has all interior masonry completed.

Over the next 30 days, mechanical, electrical and plumbing lines will be set in areas C and D. In area D, drywall and windows will be installed. In area B, the gym floor will be installed and area A flooring will be installed throughout the classrooms and hallways.

Fochs said playground installation is set for next month.

The school is on the former Webster Stanley Middle School site, which was demolished after the 2023-24 school year and most of those students now attend Vel Phillips. For the 2024-25 school year, students from Merrill, Washington and Webster Stanley elementary schools will be attending Menominee Elementary.

This is all part of the district's 10-year fa-



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The exterior brick façade is installed at the new Menominee Elementary School. This is the view of classrooms for grades 2 through 5 looking from Melvin Avenue.

cilities plan that will see Merrill and Washington Elementary close at the end of the school year. The plan is in the first of four consolidation phases that will see the district move from 20 to 15 schools.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said at the

Vel Phillips open house event in February that the district is saving around \$600,000 annually through the facilities projects. Administrators are expecting similar savings as the district continues to follow the facilities plan.

Oshkosh Youth Choir to present special dinner show at The Howard

Oshkosh Herald

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Oshkosh Youth Choir is hosting a dinner theater performance of their spring concert, "Opus 30:20 The Big Show" on May 28 at The Howard.

Attendees will enjoy a three-course meal themed from the choir's upcoming tour in June with appetizers from New York, main course from England and desserts from France.

The music will be an original blend of

41 chart-topping hits from popular music and the Broadway stage.

Written and arranged by director Jennifer Jensen and performed as a single-song mashup, the concert features all three choirs in the organization with students in grades 3 through 12 representing most area schools.

Tickets are \$80 per person or \$600 for a table of eight with 150 tickets available that can be purchased at thehowardoshkosh.com. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with

dinner at 6 p.m. and the show starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Oshkosh Youth Choir was formed in 1993 by Carl Chapman, director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Chamber Singers. The choir was an offshoot of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers and a springboard to get children involved in choral music at an early age.

In 1995, a second group called the Choristers was formed to accommodate

growth and development of less-experienced singers to prepare for the more advanced repertoire of the OYC. In 1998 the two choirs were merged to unify their choral strength. The OYC became an independent organization in 2001.

Jensen is marking her 20th anniversary as choir director and said she is stepping down after this season. The board will announce the new director May 31 at its regular spring concert at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.



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School district to change pay process for hourly staff

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is modifying how hourly employees get paid with a switch coming this summer. The shift will leave many employees who do not work over the summer without a paycheck during that time.

The district is ending the current annualized pay structure and shifting to paying employees for the hours worked, similar to jobs in the private sector. The annualized structure estimates how much an employee will earn throughout the school year and employees then get paid over the summer even though they are not working.



Nieman

“By moving to a true hourly pay model, we believe we are empowering employees to be in control of their finances and make decisions based on their unique needs and situations,” OASD communications director Katie Nieman said.

The change will not affect teachers as they are salaried employees. Nieman said the change will give hourly employees control over their pay with a clear understanding of actual earnings.

“We understand this is a significant change. The district aims to provide assistance to any employee needing support during this transition,” Sabrina Johnson said in a letter to hourly employees, which includes custodial staff, paraprofessionals and full-time food service workers.

The change will take effect July 1 for

all 12-month hourly employees such as custodians. For all school year hourly employees – paraprofessionals and full-time food service employees – the change will start Aug. 1.

The new payment structure will not affect employee compensation but they will receive paychecks only during the time they work.

“There have been hourly employees who have advocated for this change in the past. They want to be paid the money when they work it, and they do not want to be forced to have money withheld from their check,” the district stated. “Additionally, we have found that as we look to recruit new employees, our annualized pay structure is confusing and even turns off many potential new hires.”

Employee reaction to the change has been mixed since it was announced in April.

“We recognize this is a significant change and there are differing views on it. While some employees have welcomed the move to this standard structure for the control and predictability it provides, others have expressed concern about losing the consistency during school year calendar breaks,” Nieman said.

She added that new hires for these hourly positions have welcomed the pay structure as it is what they expect.

“They expect and want to be paid their full hourly rate for the hours they work when they work them, rather than seeing smaller paychecks drawn out over 12 months,” she said.

The district is offering a voluntary one-time income bridge to help employees during the first year of this change. Em-

ployees will pay that money back to the district with their 2024-25 school year earnings.

“We recognize that any change in an employees’ payment structure is significant. We also know that each employee’s situation is unique,” Nieman said. “We do not want this change to create hardship for

any employee and are committed to working with employees on an individual basis to support them as best we can.”

The district has staff available to discuss employees’ situations and encourage talking with their financial institution to plan and budget effectively during summer months.



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Derby gala benefit

The Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation’s annual gala May 3 at The Waters raised \$100,000 to support career and technical education (CTE) programs in the school district. More than 120 attendees donned Kentucky Derby attire and were treated to an evening showcasing the skills of CTE students. A student showcase featured handcrafted items including cribbage boards, charcuterie boards, decals, screen-printed shirts, etched glass and miniature food truck models.

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Connection is focus of regional mental health cooperative

Community Living Rooms can combat loneliness

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

In an era marked by social isolation and mental health challenges, a local cooperative is taking steps to deal with issues of loneliness in the community.

A report released by the Office of the Surgeon General last year called loneliness a public health crisis associated with a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, stroke, depression, anxiety and premature death.



Riggers

With an approach that blends community support, education and therapeutic spaces, Ebb & Flow Connections Cooperative is heralding a new chapter in mental wellness.



McLaughlin

Ebb & Flow was formed in 2021 by Karen Iverson Riggers of Appleton and Lynn McLaughlin of Neenah. Founded on the principle of collective well-being, the organization aims to create inclusive environments where individuals can find connection and the tools to navigate life's emotional complexities.

Ebb & Flow's initial work was seeded through LEAVEN in Menasha, which recognized that people in need of finan-



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In Community Living Rooms, volunteers trained in emotional CPR spend time listening to others and offering support.

cial support were also experiencing emotional distress. In an effort to offer more training and support for staff and volunteers, LEAVEN hosted Emotional CPR (ECPR) training and a listening space.

Iverson Riggers explained that ECPR is a type of public health community education that prepares people to assist someone experiencing distress.

"Just like you take CPR for your physical heart, this is for emotional distress or crisis," she said.

McLaughlin added that it teaches people how to listen in a way that validates

what the person is saying, "without fixing, judging, advising, creating a plan or referring."

"You're just with them in the present moment," she said. "There's something so powerful about someone sitting with you when you're sharing things that are happening in your life that are really hard."

The listening space at the LEAVEN Community Resource Center was staffed by people who completed ECPR certification, hearing the stories of fellow community members.

In Oshkosh, Ebb & Flow will offer ECPR this Thursday and Friday at Solutions Recovery, July 1-2 at Day by Day Shelter and Sept. 12-13 at a location to be determined. Additional information is at ebbandflowcooperative.com.

For some community members, the COVID-19 pandemic caused isolation.

"COVID disconnected us from people in a lot of ways," McLaughlin said. "There was so much around it that really separated us."

With a need for more individuals to provide support in the community, it was during that time that Ebb & Flow's work really began to flourish. The organization has trained more than 1,500 people in ECPR, both virtually and in person.

"That's the seed of our work and now it's sprouted and bloomed and we're doing all sorts of things, all related to social connection and emotional wellness," Iverson Riggers said.

The initiatives include custom train-

ing, consulting and emotional education. Iverson Riggers and McLaughlin also host the Real Vibes Only podcast, where they discuss emotions, experiences and connection.

"That connection piece and sharing where you are, authentically, helps alleviate crisis, because people are being seen and heard and valued at every point along the way," McLaughlin said.

Central to the mission is the newly introduced Community Living Room, a no-cost, non-clinical environment designed to provide emotional support and a sense of belonging.

"Sometimes we're laughing, sometimes we're playing board games and sometimes we're crying, but it's the idea of it and the name is very deliberate," Iverson Riggers said. "Like feeling like you're walking into a friend's living room."

The living rooms pop up in places such as libraries, businesses and special events, including the upcoming Mile of Music in August.

"One of the coolest things, I think, has been when we pop up in organizations," Iverson Riggers said. "It's open to staff, volunteers, board and clients, so it creates this really beautiful mutual space where folks can just show up without their hats, if you will."

Iverson Riggers used the river analogy to emphasize the importance of Ebb & Flow's work. The public health parable describes a person who witnessed someone drowning in a river. The witness saves the person and sees more people drowning. After saving many people, the witness investigates what is causing people to fall into the river. The parable shifts the focus from responding to a crisis to preventing it.

"Because if you're connected to yourself, and you have social connection and support, it is more likely that you're not going to have to use crisis services," she said, "because I can talk to somebody now when I'm starting to struggle, instead of when it's completely overwhelming."

Operating as a cooperative, Ebb & Flow has 10 members. Later this year, the organization will open an office in Appleton, although the founders noted they meet people where they are, which often means being out in the community.

"It's not just the work that we're doing that is really powerful in building connection and community," Iverson Riggers said. "But it's how we're doing the work."

As Ebb & Flow continues to foster a sense of belonging, its training and community living room brings hope for a society where no one suffers alone.

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Video help sought amid suspicious activity

Multiple home incidents in city under investigation

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh police are investigating a string of suspicious events of men entering three homes just east of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.

"We are reminding residents to continue to lock their homes – windows and doors – make sure all video surveillance cameras are in working condition, and to report any suspicious situations/suspicious people right away," stated public affairs officer Kate Mann.

The three suspicious events occurred

within a few blocks of each other in the last two months.

The most recent incident took place around 1 a.m. May 5 when a woman reported arriving at her home in the 800 block of John Avenue and seeing a man standing at the edge of her bed. She told police she screamed and left the home. When she returned, the man was gone.

The man was described as 6 feet 2 inches tall wearing skinny jeans, a black shirt and ski mask.

The initial report came from a female calling to report a man standing in the doorway to her bedroom around 7:30 a.m. in her home in the 800 block of Vine Avenue. When the woman yelled at the

man he fled the scene.

He was described by the woman as about 6 feet 2 inches tall with a skinny build. He was wearing dark clothes and a white mask.

On April 14, police reported a man entered a home in the 1200 block of Wisconsin Street around 4 a.m. A woman told police a man was standing over her while she slept. When she screamed the man fled.

The woman described the man as a college-age white man between 5 feet 10 and 6 feet tall, wearing dark clothes and a ski mask that covered half his face.

Mann said no arrests have been made and police are collecting surveillance footage from the area.

"The investigation is still ongoing and we encourage citizens to review any video surveillance they may have to see if they have video of the suspect," she said.

Police are investigating the incidents with the possibilities of either a single suspect or multiple suspects.

The public is asked to share any video that could help in the investigation and contact 920-236-5742.

Morgan House sets new tour hours

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society has set new tour hours for the Morgan House along with other special events in coming months.

Tours are now being offered every first Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m., and on the second and fourth Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in June to August.

A tea party set for Saturday offers a taste of Victorian-era splendor. On June 2, history comes to life as the Morgan House hosts one of Mary Todd Lincoln's renowned strawberry parties, with Mrs. Lincoln portrayed to grace the occasion.

A day trip to Heritage Hill State Park is planned for Aug. 17, providing a glimpse into Wisconsin's Civil War past.

Tickets for these events can be acquired at WinnebagoCountyHistoricalSociety.org.

The society offers historical presentations and a monthly book club, catering to diverse interests and history enthusiasts. Pie on the

Porch at the Saturday Farmers Market supports the organization's mission.

The house museum built in 1884 for John and Eleanor Morgan, a prominent lumber family, features original 19th-century wall coverings, locally crafted woodwork, and period-specific home decor and technology.

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Empowering tomorrow's leaders part of mission

By Trina Woldt
LEADERSHIP OSHKOSH DIRECTOR

In the heart of Oshkosh lies a transformative initiative, dedicated to community engagement and leadership development called Leadership Oshkosh. Celebrating its 35th year, this program stands as a testament to the dedication of its founders who envisioned a platform that would cultivate a group of individuals driven by a shared passion for the betterment of our beloved community.

So, what exactly is Leadership Oshkosh? At its core, it serves as a conduit for fostering connections among diverse individuals united by their commitment to Oshkosh. Described as a "backstage pass" to the city, this program offers participants an immersive journey into the inner workings of our community, providing



invaluable insights and experiences that fuel their endeavors to make a difference.

Leadership Oshkosh has been instrumental in shaping the landscape of leadership in various sectors. With more than 1,148 alumni, including prominent figures in education, health care, nonprofits and business, its impact resonates across the city. As the Class of 2024 eagerly anticipates their graduation this month, they join a legacy of excellence, each class boasting to be the "best class ever" – a sentiment I can attest to as a proud alumna of the Class of 2014.

One distinctive aspect of the Leadership Oshkosh experience is the opportu-

nity to serve as adjunct board members, gaining firsthand insights into nonprofit governance. This year's class is actively engaged with 34 nonprofit boards, embodying the program's ethos of active citizenship and service.

The journey through Leadership Oshkosh is a meticulously curated experience, spanning nine months. From the picturesque setting of Osthoff Resort for the kickoff retreat to engaging sessions on government, arts, business, education, health services and criminal justice, participants are immersed in a holistic understanding of our community's dynamics. Notably, the program culminates in a Trivia Fundraising Night.

This fundraising event is more than just a program; it's a lesson in community stewardship. Previous classes have orchestrated successful events, with last year's class raising an impressive \$24,447 for the Winnebago Area Literacy Council.

This year's class focused on supporting the Damascus Road Project in its fight

against sex trafficking and exploitation. The 2024 class ended up raising more than \$20,000.

The relaunch of Youth Leadership Oshkosh this year marks a significant milestone. With 23 high school juniors representing the four Oshkosh high schools, this program serves as a catalyst for the next generation of leaders, instilling in them leadership skills, values of service, collaboration and civic responsibility.

As we reflect on the remarkable journey of Leadership Oshkosh and look ahead to the promising future it holds, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the professionals, companies and community members whose unwavering support fuels our collective mission. Together, we stand poised to empower, inspire and lead, forging a brighter tomorrow for Oshkosh and beyond.

If you have any interest in learning more about Leadership Oshkosh or Youth Leadership Oshkosh, please contact me at trina@oshkoshchamber.com.

Oshkosh Corp. buying Spanish manufacturer

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Corp. has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire AUSACORP, a privately held Spanish manufacturer of wheeled dumpers, rough terrain forklifts and telehandlers that will become part of the Oshkosh Access segment.

AUSACORP products will complement the JLG line of telehandlers, Hinowa tracked dumpers and forklifts to strengthen the Access segment's portfolio of equipment, according to Oshkosh Corp. officials. The companies began working together through a partner agreement in 2020 with AUSACORP manufacturing the JLG SkyTrak 3013 compact telehandler.

"Combining our advanced technology

capabilities and robust training, support and service infrastructures will allow us to better serve customers and enable targeted growth," Mahesh Narang, Oshkosh Corp. executive vice president and Access president, said in a statement.

AUSACORP chief executive officer Ramon Carbonell stated, "A deeper relationship with Oshkosh will expand the reach of our products, which is an objective our companies share."

Founded in 1956 in Barcelona, Spain, AUSACORP reported sales of about \$132 million euros in 2023. The company has about 350 team members and 600 dealers.

The transaction, which is subject to closing conditions, is expected to close within 90 days.

Library moves opening time, updates policies

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library is moving its daily opening forward by an hour starting May 28 to allow for staff activities and training needs. The opening time will permanently shift to 9 a.m. with an overall goal of improving services.

The facility is also introducing a more comprehensive patron behavior policy based on public and staff feedback and approved April 25 by the library's board of trustees.

Among the policy highlights, any illegal activity witnessed or reported will be referred to law enforcement immediately. Patrons engaging in illegal, violent or threatening behavior will face immediate loss of library privileges. There is also an anti-bullying statement that deals with issues such as sexual harassment and workplace safety.

Library-related questions or concerns can be directed by email to eschete@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or calling 920-236-5212.

State Patrol: Keep bicyclists safe on roadways

In Wisconsin, bicycles are considered vehicles on the road, so they have the same rights and obey the same laws as motorists.

The Wisconsin State Patrol reminds drivers and bicyclists to be aware of

their surroundings and share the roadways.

The state Department of Transportation's Office of Public Affairs notes that bicycles are harder to see on the roads and don't have the same safety features as vehicles, so riders are at greater risk of being hurt or killed in a crash.

Bicycles are involved in an average of 705 crashes every year in Wisconsin. Seven bicyclists were killed in crashes in Wisconsin in 2023 and 699 were hurt, according to preliminary data.

"We want bicyclists to be able to enjoy the nice weather and take in the beauty of our state without fear of a crash," said State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan. "Both motorists and bicyclists need to use extra caution and share the responsibility of creating safe roads for everyone to use."

Modern cemeteries need to better integrate with nature

By Bill Behringer
PLUMMER CEMETERY SEXTON

This is a story of people doing what they believe is right, not just for themselves.

It begins in 1848 when a young girl, Mary Ann Plummer, died and was buried on their farm as was then common. Later in 1869 her parents, Mark and Louisa Plummer, as well as neighbors Cyrus and Malona Pride, each gave land to start what would become Plummer Cemetery in the Town of Oshkosh. In 1926, another acre would be ceded by their descendant Levi.

Flash forward to 1999, the Leach and Stearns families would cede another acre for future cemetery use. That acre was already under town control through a conservancy that had been set up for hundreds of other acres of land in the town – land that could have been sold for development. For them the right thing was keeping it farmland, or letting it return to nature. Most is still farmed.

Being sexton of the Plummer Cemetery for almost 40 years – taking over from my dad – something about that new acre got me thinking. It could be left as

farmland, or turned into lawn, for future sales. Yet, there was still almost an acre of unsold lots serving that purpose. It could become more grass desert.

Did town taxpayers really need to pay for more mowing? I searched for groups such as Wild Ones, with conservation-minded members trying to restore natural habitat little by little. Could this one acre of the cemetery serve as such?

Last year, wildflower seeds were planted there and the cost was meager compared with the expense of working the soil and planting grass seed, along with continued mowing. The planting of this natural pollinator habitat was only more expensive in the seed. Maintenance? With volunteer help, monitoring and removal of noxious weeds such as thistles and velvet leaf, the site should only require controlled burns.

The Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, required to conduct training exercises every year, can control-burn that parcel as needed. Hopefully, burn-hardy trees such as oak and hickory may take foot hold as well.

Plans are in the works to keep this

portion of the cemetery in natural habitat. Those wishing to purchase traditional lots have many of those available with mowed grass around a monument where artificial flowers can be placed by loved ones.

As sexton I have watched traditions changing over the years, with cremations now common and ashes placed within a smaller monument space or scattered among beautiful wildflowers with a central monument recording the names. Even traditional burials with limited monuments could be done in this portion with natural wildflowers helping memorialize relatives.

I began saying this is a story about people doing what they believe is right. There are thousands of cemeteries in Wis-

consin, where grass is mowed throughout the summer. Pollinators find little nectar, birds find few insects upon which to feed, plastic flowers go into the trash.

I think of Mark and Louisa planting flowers at little Mary Ann Plummer's grave. Only seven years later Cyrus Pride would bury a babe as well as a wife. Back then each family cared for the graves of their loved ones; now in most cases that is a public trust.

As sexton I have tried to balance what is right for the loved ones and for local taxpayers. Now, I'm asking what is right for nature. If you either run a cemetery, work at one or visit loved ones and there is a large grass desert – mowed but unused – please think about this.



Photo from FVTC

Machanga Neema (right), shown with Levi Jenrette of Rawhide, has completed a Manufacturing Technician Certificate program and is now employed at Leadpoint.

Refugees earn certificates, secure jobs through program

Career EXCELeRate Wisconsin is collaborating with World Relief Fox Valley to welcome Congolese refugees into its Manufacturing Technician Certificate program through the spring semester.

The job training and job placement program is operated in partnership with Fox Valley Technical College, Goodwill North Central Wisconsin and Rawhide Youth Services. The goal is to have three cohorts of six refugees complete their certificates in five weeks, resulting in 18 trained job seekers ready to fill manufacturing roles.

“Finding employment in the United States can be an overwhelming challenge and an uphill battle for refugees. Unfortunately, they often face challenges adapting their skills to the U.S. workforce and the barriers to entry can be significant,” said Nicole Gerow, employment services manager at World Relief Fox Valley.

A group of students completed their certificates at the end of March and are beginning to secure jobs. Sungura Mujombe is an employee at Orbis and Machanga

Neema is working for Leadpoint. The Swahili-speaking refugees are receiving support from the program as they continue to learn English.

Through a translator, Neema said, “I feel like my life will be a little bit easier, compared to if I didn't take the class.”

The second cohort completed their certificates in late April and the third cohort will complete this month. During their search for employment and first full year of employment, Career EXCELeRate will be providing wraparound services to continue to deal with barriers that make securing and sustaining employment challenging.

Career EXCELeRate was created in summer 2022 with support from a Workforce Innovation Grant from the state. The program is offered at no cost to individuals who want to launch a lasting career but are struggling and would benefit from individualized support to advance in their profession, enter a career or return to the workforce.


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Christine Ann

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leaving domestic abuse settings needing to walk outside from one house to the other.

“Just that little walk can be difficult for survivors,” James said.

Walking through the doors of the current facility, James points out the administration area when you first walk in.

“Here we keep an eye on the surveillance cameras and buzz people in to keep everyone staying here safe,” she said.

All safety measures will be in place when Christine Ann moves about 200 feet next door. Also, the new facility in the Beach Building will be even closer to the police station, which can help people staying at the emergency shelter feel safer.

Over the last 30 years Christine Ann has been where people go when they need help with a domestic abuse or violence situation. For several reasons the facility is no longer a viable option for some as the organization’s needs are changing for both the community and survivors.

The three main reasons people don’t stay at the emergency shelter are they have pets, large family size and the building lacks ADA compliance.

“People with a lot of kids won’t stay here due to space limitations in here,” Wenger said. “We also cannot allow pets to stay here so about half of the people that could stay here rule it out right away if they cannot bring their pet.”

Solutions Recovery has put in an offer to purchase the 206 Algoma Blvd. site. Operations director for Solutions Recovery Mary Dephal confirmed an offer and said the organization “would love the extra space.”

Christine Ann recently launched a public campaign to complete its needed fundraising. The total cost of the project is around \$7 million, of which \$5.9 million has already been raised. The plan is to have people moving into the office space and living spaces in September.

“Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a time when domestic abuse is at an all-time high in our state,” James said. “COVID brought on a pretty serious spike in physical violence, strangulation, stalking and homicide.”

The Violence Policy Center released a report “When Men Murder Women” in September 2022 ranking Wisconsin as eighth in the nation for domestic violence homicides. Domestic violence claimed 96 lives in Wisconsin in 2022, according to the coalition group End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin.

Beach Building updates

“This building means eliminating barriers for survivors,” Wenger said. “With all the updates and the newness it really provides a sense of dignity to survivors who are staying with us. It shows them that they do deserve something beautiful and a space where they can heal.”

Christine Ann recently acquired the space and has been working on renovations inside and out.

Moving into the Beach Building will accomplish many things for Christine Ann: more beds in the emergency shelter, expanded on-site services and transitional housing for people getting back on their feet.

One of the first things people will notice as the building is renovated is that a significant part of the parking lot is being removed to make room for a large, fenced playground area. There will also be a separate outdoor area for pets.

The first floor is being remodeled to add office space as well as other amenities for residents. Christine Ann doesn’t just help survivors by giving them a place to stay, they get connected to other services

to help them get out of an abusive situation in many ways.

The organization serves survivors by providing a shelter and soon, transitional housing, but they also provide advocacy, education and empowerment for more than 600 people every year.

The first floor will also have an outdoor play space for young children, and construction crews will be knocking out a wall on the first floor to allow access from inside the building directly to the playground.

“It’s something that people wanted and we had space to make it a reality here,” Wenger said. “It’s another thing not possible at the main house right now.”

On the second floor there will be the emergency shelter that will expand from 37 to 60 beds.

Walking through the Beach Building, construction workers continue to build walls and create spaces for staff and other services on the first floor with volunteers helping renovate the former apartments on the second and third floors.

The third floor will have the transitional housing. Eleven apartments are being renovated to give residents the time to transition to their next phase in life.

Wenger explained that the lack of affordable housing in Oshkosh is leading to people staying longer at Christine Ann and other facilities. That has increased the need for not just emergency shelter space but also for people that need help getting back on their feet.

“We feel bittersweet about having to expand but the need is absolutely there,” James said. “That’s why we’re so honored to be able to do this with the support of our community and be able to serve that group of survivors.”

For more information, to make a gift or donate items, visit christineann.net/SaferTogether or send a check to 206 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54091 with “capital” in the memo line. All gifts will be matched up to \$250,000 thanks to Otto Bremmer Trust and the Christine Ann board of directors.

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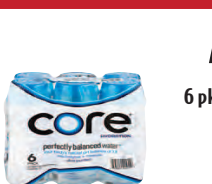
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Calendar of events

Thursday, May 16

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue, 7 p.m., 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, May 17

Oshkosh West forensics team fundraiser, 5 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Saturday, May 18

Oshkosh Garden Club plant sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 6 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Heartland Elite Allstar Rugby Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

UW Oshkosh Commencement, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Kolf Sports Center

Shred Event, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center north parking lot, 234 N. Campbell Road

Morgan House Tea Party, 11:30 a.m., 234 Church Ave.

Men of Praise of Waupun, 6 p.m., Paniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Jerry Unger with The Fog, Anjie's Bar, 6 p.m., 413 Ohio St.

"The Super Mario Bros. Movie," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 19

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 6 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Van Dyne Lions Country Breakfast, 8 a.m., Van Dyne Lions Park, 700 E. Lone Elm Road

Heartland Elite Allstar Rugby Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Hmong Celebration Free Day, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens

Local Children's Author Book Fair, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

Fox Valley Technical College Commencement, 1 p.m., Kolf Sports Center

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, May 21

Spring onto the Runway Fashion Show, 5 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Wednesday, May 22

Rebekah Pepler "Le SUD" book signing, 6 p.m., Elsewhere Market and Coffee House, 531 N. Main St.

Thursday, May 23

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, May 24

Oshkosh Into the Night, 5 p.m., Opera House Square downtown

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, May 25

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Alien Contagion," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 26

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Menominee Park Zoo opening day, 9 a.m.

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 10 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Shlock the Block 2: Bride of Schlock, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Monday, May 27

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Memorial Day ceremonies, 7 a.m.; procession at 9 a.m.

Memorial Day Brat Fry, 11 a.m., American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Tuesday, May 28

Oshkosh Youth Choir dinner and show, 6 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Wednesday, May 29

World Otter Day, 9 a.m., Menominee Park

Thursday, May 30

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, May 31

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, June 1

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Veterans Benefit & Ride, 9 a.m., Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

CARRnival for Kids, 10 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Just Dance 2024, 1 and 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Hot Fuzz," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Model Citizens, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

'My Life With Words' chronicles teaching life

Oshkosh Herald

Retired journalism educator and Oshkosh resident Barbara Luebke has released her "love letter to reading, writing, journalism and learning" with a new memoir "My Life With Words."

Luebke was a reporter and editor before beginning a four-decade career in journalism teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Missouri, University of Hartford and University of Rhode Island, where she chaired the department and retired in 2012 as a professor emerita.

"My Life With Words" uses examples

from her own reporting, editing and writing to illuminate social and cultural history while exploring decades of struggling with self-image and personal identity. Her evolution from a girl of the Eisenhower '50s to proud feminist is recounted as she advocates for people embracing the power in telling their own stories.

The West De Pere native is also author of "Dementia's Unexpected Gifts" and "Cherokee Editor: The Life and Times of Elias Boudinot, father of American Indian Journalism."

"My Life With Words" is available for order from bookstores or on Amazon.

Songwriter reaches national competition finals

Oshkosh Herald

A guitar student at Tempo Music and Art Studio in downtown Oshkosh was named a finalist in five categories of a national competition by the International Singer-Songwriters Association (ISSA).

Nikki Benbrooks, who takes lessons from studio owner Austin Wenker, has her song "Hanging With You" nominated for USA Female Single of the Year. She wrote

the song and plays acoustic rhythm guitar on the single.

An ISSA nomination poll invited voters to choose songs throughout April. Winners will then be selected by a panel by previous gold-level winners and announced at the awards show in Atlanta on Aug. 24.

Benbrooks said the song will be available to the public on music platforms starting Monday.



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- The number of EVs in the region today and estimates of growth into the future
- Estimates of the number of charging stations needed to support EVs
- Where public use EV chargers provide benefits
- An outline of a plan for how chargers can be added to public lots.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/INPUT MEETING

May 30, 2024
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Oshkosh City Hall
215 Church Avenue
Room 404 and 406



West rallies in final inning to stun rival North

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Alayna Sadowski knew that she and her Oshkosh West teammates had one more rally in them.

So, when the Wildcats came into the dugout trailing rival Oshkosh North by two runs entering the bottom of the seventh inning of Friday's Fox Valley Association softball game, she wasn't surprised to see everyone ready to go.

"The mood was that we were still excited. We rarely ever get down," Sadowski said. "We knew we were going to come through at the end of the game."

Sadowski provided a key blow – a two-run double that tied the score – in a three-run rally in the inning as the Wildcats came from behind to stun the Spartans, 5-4.

"Most of the time when they come in the dugout I let them talk between themselves (before batting)," Oshkosh West head coach Tim Kohl said. "I just remind them that we have been here before. We have had to come from behind before and it was up to them."

Laina Hammen started the innings with a bad-hop single up the third-base line before Emmy Reichenberger drilled a double to put runners on second and third with one out.

Sadowski then smashed a ball to the left-center field gap to easily plate both runners and knot the score at 4.

"I was definitely excited and there was a little bit of nervousness, too," Sadowski said of her seventh-inning at bat. "All throughout the game I knew our team would come up clutch. It took a little bit to get our bats going but we always come



Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West's Laina Hammen runs to first after laying down a bunt as Oshkosh North catcher Anna Borst and first baseman Allie Leib (21) go after the ball. The bunt ended up rolling foul.

through in the end."

Sadowski, who finished 3-for-4 and had a two-run double in the fifth inning to start the scoring, struck out with two runners on base in the first inning and said that helped lock her in at the plate the rest of the night.

"It definitely motivated me," Sadowski said.

West still wasn't done after Sadowski's double.

Alexia Monroe followed with a single and took second on the throw home to once again but runners at second and third.

North pitcher Brooke Peters then struck out Savannah Swanke for the second out of the inning but a pickoff attempt didn't go the Spartans way as catcher Anna Borst's throw down to third base got past Lauren Geer.

That allowed Avery Tritt – the courtesy runner for Sadowski – to trot home with the winning run.

"As is the case in softball, the team that capitalizes the most out of their oppor-

tunities usually wins the game and that's what happened tonight," Oshkosh North head coach Keith Koslowski said. "We have been improving the last couple of weeks. It's pretty evident with what we did here tonight. The first time we played them we didn't have a good night, but this time it was a different story."

Oshkosh West won the first meeting between these two teams this season, 12-0, with the Spartans only totaling four hits in the game.

On Friday, North registered 10 hits and used a four-run sixth inning to take a 4-2 lead.

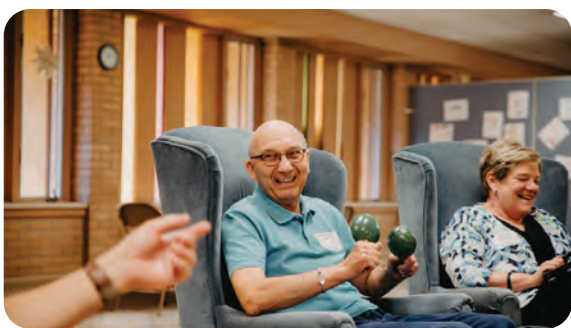
Allie Leib started the Spartans' rally when she reached on an error with Olivia Borowitz following with a single and Emma Niemczyk's double plating the first North run.

Borst's RBI-single tied the score at 2 while another base hit from Geer loaded the bases with nobody out.

The Wildcats were able to get the first out of the inning on a force play at home plate, but West misplayed Kara Cummings' groundball on the next play allowing two runs to score.

"We are hitting the ball and we are pretty consistent at the plate," Koslowski said. "We take pride in the hitting drills we

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Wildcats' Dutschek thrives in throwing events

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It takes more than sheer strength to launch a shot put.

Mental toughness is important, too.

Add proper technique to the equation and you get a top thrower like Marissa Dutschek.

The Oshkosh West senior is one of the area's elite performers in the girls' shot put and discus. Dutschek was a 2023 state qualifier in the shot who finished 14th in Division 1 competition. Dutschek placed fourth at West's sectional in the discus, one place short of a state qualifying spot.

Dutschek is hoping to close out her track and field career with a repeat trip to La Crosse and a podium finish. She has a personal-best throw of 38 feet, 10.7 inches in the shot – second best in school history – and is aiming to break Mary Allen's 1982 school record toss of 39' 0.25."

Dutschek has a PR of 109' 6" in the discus. Michelle Detry holds the school record with a throw of 123' 4" in 1989.

"Marissa is a great athlete because of her perseverance over the years," said West girls' track coach Nicole Fischer. "Throwing events are especially difficult because it takes a long time to learn throwing technique and form and to build the strength you need.

"Marissa has been challenged with setbacks and obstacles, but she's stuck with it and has learned to handle those situations and improve from them. She's made steady progress the past four years."

Dutschek considers the shot to be her top event and has an ideal mindset for the demanding event. She seldom gets rattled – even if she struggles with her opening throws.

"Technique is really important, but if you don't have a strong mentality, you're not going to do well as a thrower, especially during sectionals and state,"



Submitted photo

Oshkosh West senior Marissa Dutschek is looking to make a return trip to the WIAA State Track and Field meet this season after placing 14th in the shot put last year.

Dutschek said. "If I have a bad first throw, I just take a deep breath and tell myself that I need just one throw to place. One good throw is all that really matters."

Dutschek is a fourth-year thrower with a strong work ethic and is very coachable.

"Marissa's dedication and work ethic contribute to her success," said Adam Stuiber, West's throwing coach. "She's receptive to the coaching she's received over the years and has been able to work through struggles."

Dutschek has been throwing competitively since the seventh grade.

"I didn't really get into throwing until my freshman year," she said. "I like that it's different. It's like we're in our own little community. We have a lot fun and get a lot of support."

Dutschek also competed as a sprinter

during her early years of prep track, running the 100 and 200-meter dashes.

"I kind of miss running," she said. "I decided to stop because I was just better at the throwing events. The 100 was almost at the same time as the shot and the 200 was at the same time of the discus."

Dutschek is dedicated to her throwing events. She even has a shot put pad at home where she can squeeze in some extra throws in her spare time.

"I found out last year that my uncle (Joseph Dutschek) used to throw the

Senior spotlight

shot in high school," Dutschek said. "So he and my dad (James Dutschek) and some of their friends built this shot put pad for me.

"It was like a big family project. I get a lot of support from my family. My mom (Julie) is always there too, cheering me on."

In the shot, Dutschek uses a glide technique – which involves more of an explosive lunge rather than a rotational or spin approach.

"The glide is what I started with and I've stuck with it," Dutschek said. "There is more than one way to throw a shot."

Dutschek sees the discus as a totally different animal.

"Your upper half is really different in the discus and you really need to get your footwork down," Dutschek said.

Dutschek is winding down her competitive athletic career and doesn't expect to throw at the next level. She plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College and enroll in its dental hygienist program.

"I will probably do some throwing in my free time – just because I like to throw," she said. "I like to help people and I might try to be a volunteer throwing coach at West if they'll have me."

In the meantime, Dutschek is trying to relish the final weeks of her track and field career.

"I'm super excited about the big meets coming up – not only for myself but our team," she said. "I'm trying to soak it all in and really enjoy it."

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West's Jodarski earns WIAA Scholar-Athlete award

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West senior Braelee Jodarski was one of 32 student-athletes from Wisconsin to earn the prestigious WIAA Scholar-Athlete award, it was announced recently.

A total of 836 seniors across the four divisions were nominated by their respective schools and Jodarski was one of the four girls selected from Division 1.

She is the first Oshkosh West student athlete to be honored since Jeffrey Willingham in 2000 and the first Oshkosh girl to receive the honor since Natalie Lyster of Oshkosh North in 2006. The last Oshkosh high school student to be honored was Lourdes' Academy's Thomas

Derleth in 2022.

"It's really special because I take a lot of pride not only in my sports but my school work, too," Jodarski said. "To be able to be recognized for the hard work I have put in in the classroom is super special – to see both sides of me not just one."



Jodarski

Jodarski said she found out that she had been chosen via email as well as from her father, Brad Jodarski – the Oshkosh West athletic director.

"It was quite a big celebration at home that night," Jodarski said. "I had heard

about the award but I didn't think it was something that somebody from Oshkosh West would win. I never had any intentions of getting it."

The award is a bright spot in an otherwise difficult senior year for the three-sport athlete.

Jodarski missed most of the cross country season due to knee surgery but returned healthy for the start of the basketball. But after playing just five games, she suffered a torn ACL which not only stopped her basketball season but ended her entire high school athletics career.

"When it first happened, I wasn't really sure what it meant. You are sad and frustrated but you don't know what it's really going to mean," Jodarski said. "Then it just kind of hit me all at once. It still hits me at certain points. I have my highs and my lows. It was one of the toughest things I have ever gone through."

Jodarski was one of the top runners on West's state qualifying teams in 2021 and 2022 and was coming off a junior basketball season where she earned honorable mention all-FVA honors.

However, her best sport is softball where she was a three-time first-team all-FVA selection. Missing out of the chance to cap her career there has been disappointing.

"The feeling of not reaching goals was the hardest thing for me," Jodarski said. "Knowing that I would never get a chance to play my senior year or go for four years of first-team all-conference or go back to state. When I realized that I wouldn't get the chance to do that, it was so crushing."

Despite not being able to compete, Jodarski often was on the bench during basketball games and is a fixture in the

Wildcats' softball dugout.

Being around the sports has helped her get through not being able to play.

"It's been so important to be there," Jodarski said. "It's been hard and I've gone back and forth on whether it is good for me to see it and not be able to do it and it's been super helpful. My teammates have been what's gotten me through everything."

There is also another factor that has helped deal with the loss.

Last summer, Jodarski committed to attend NCAA Division II Winona State University next fall to continue her education and softball career. She signed her letter of intent in November.

Knowing that she will be returning to the diamond in the future – she hopes to be ready to play the fall season at the university – has been something she has leaned on during this difficult process.

"That's my driving force. When I get up in the morning and things are tough or I have a rough day at (physical therapy), I tell myself that I'm going to get back. I have four more years ahead of me and I want to play so I can't give up now," Jodarski said. "I had a conversation with the coach after I got my MRI results and he told me not to worry about it. I was like, this is going to work out it is not over."

Jodarski was one of two Fox Valley Association athletes honored as she was joined by Kaukauna's Alexa Kinas. The other Division 1 girls honored were Sara Mlodik of DC Everest and Violet Schultes of Slinger.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Knights rack up records at Trailways meet

It was a record-setting night for the Lourdes Academy girls track and field team at the Trailways Conference meet Friday in Princeton.

The Knights set four meet records and two school records while taking third overall.

Erin Moore led the way for Lourdes Academy setting meet records while winning both the 800 meters (2:14.33) and the 1,600 meters (4:58.47). Moore's time in the 1,600 meters also bettered her own school record in the event.

The Knights also set meet records in the 800-meter relay (1:48.61) with a team of Bree Kane, Sabur Machiros, Kylie Rietz and Natasha Konop, and in the 1,600-meter relay (4:11.48) with a team of Dasha Averkamp, Konop, Erin Moore and Rietz.

Konop also improved her school record in the 300-meter hurdles, winning the event in a time of 46.60 seconds.

The Knights also finished first in the 3,200-meter relay with a team of Averkamp, Annie Moore, Allison Stromsks and Melanie Tushar.

Other top-five finishers for Lourdes Academy were: Machiros, fourth in the 200 meters; Averkamp, fourth in the 800 meters; and Annie Moore, fifth in the 3,200 meters.

The Lourdes Academy boys finished tied for 11th overall in the team standings and were led by hurdler Mat Yaggie.

Yaggie finished first in the 110-meter hurdles and took second in the 300-meter hurdles. Cameron Kapral added a fourth place in the 400 meters, while the Knights also took fourth in the 1,600-meter relay.

Valley Christian tied for 13th in the girls standings and were 14th in the boys standings at the meet.

Anna Giannopoulos paced the Warriors with a third place in the discus, while Mya Moran placed fifth in the 1,600 meters. Valley Christian was also fifth in the 1,600-meter relay.

The highest finish for the Valley Christian boys was Joshua Johnson, who took sixth in the long jump, while Mathias Behling in the high jump and Jonah Menet in the 3,200 meters each finished seventh. The Warriors were also seventh in the 1,600-meter relay.

Both Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian competed in the Trailways Conference East Division Meet last week as well.

The Knights finished second in the girls standings and fifth in the boys standings.

Leading the girls finishers were Erin Moore, first in the 400 meters; Machiros, second in the 200 meters; Annie Moore, second in the 800 meters; Averkamp, second in the 1,600 meters; Kate Lynn, tied for second in the high jump; Kane, third in the long jump.

The Knights also finished first in the 800-meter, 1600-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

The Lourdes Academy boys took second in all four relays, while Yaggie and Mason Carpenter finished second and third, respectively, in the 300-meter hurdles and Sam Rehm was third in the discus.

For Valley Christian, Merian Getz finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and third in the 300-meter hurdles, while McKenzie Murphy was second in the 3,200 meters. Other third-place finishers for the Warriors were Alaina Wojtkowski in the 200 meters, Moran in the 1,600 meters, Grace Ochowicz in the 100-meter hurdles and Giannopoulos in the discus. Valley Christian was also third in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays.

The Valley Christian boys got a second place from Johnson in the long jump and a third place in the triple jump, while Brady Patterson in the 400 meters, Maverick Luedtke in the 800 meters and Menet in the 3,200 meters were all third.

Spartans collect event wins at FVA triangular

Both the Oshkosh North girls and boys teams finished third at an FVA triangular meet in Kimberly last week, but both teams posted some strong finishes at the meet.

For the boys, Harrison Bell won the 110-meter hurdles, finished second in the high jump and third in the long jump. Teammate Bryce Ott won the high jump, while Logan Schettle in the 100 meters and Chase Reyer in the 1,600 meters also won their events.

Jelani Hernandez in the 200 meters and

Cooper Snell in the 400 meters were each second, while Davante Kieya was third in the 1,600 meters. The Spartans also won the 400-meter relay, took second in the 800-meter relay and finished third in the 3,200-meter relay.

The North girls were led by Anabel Mitchell, who won the 800 meters, and Alai Awak, who finished first in the high jump. The Spartans also got a win in the 800-meter relay from a foursome of Away, Abby Schloskey, Dahlya Darden and Anabel Mitchell.

Awak in the 400 meters, Adri Clark in the 800 meters, Lehna Mitchell in the 1,600 meters and Jen'Nycia Haynes in the shot put were all third for North, while the Spartans took second in the 400-meter relay and third in the 1,600-meter relay.

BASEBALL

Oshkosh North knocks off Appleton North

Colton Angell worked into the sixth inning to get the win while Connor Palmquist had three hits to pace the offense as the Spartans took down the Lightning, 6-4, in a Fox Valley Association baseball game on Friday.

Oshkosh North never trailed in the game, scoring two runs in the top of the first and then breaking a 2-2 tie with another two runs in the fourth. The Spartans then tacked on two more runs in the fifth inning to secure the win.

Palmquist finished 3-for-4 to pace the Spartans' 11-hit attack, while also driving in a run. Carson Steinbeck added two hits and

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two RBIs in the win, while Dalton Clark also chipped in two hits.

Angell scattered seven hits over 5 2/3 innings, while striking out seven to get the win. Jackson Anderson allowed just one hit over the final 1 1/3 to get the save.

The day before, the Spartans were held to just three hits in a 7-3 loss to Appleton East. Shaun Gavin struck out eight over five innings but was saddled with the loss.

On Wednesday, North got two hits and two RBIs from Steinbeck in a 9-2 win over Neenah. Gavin and Angell each added two hits, while Max Kese drove in three runs. Zach Kiffmeyer did not allow an earned run over 6 2/3 innings to get the win.

The Spartans opened the week with a 10-5 road win over DeForest as Gavin went 3-for-4 with a home run and three runs scored.

Oshkosh West rallies to upend Fond du Lac

The Wildcats erased an early two-run deficit to take the lead against Fond du Lac and then broke a tie with a run in the sixth inning to claim a 5-4 win over Fond du Lac on Thursday.

Jaxon Prill went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs, while Ricky Ludwig also had a pair of hits.

Avery Mosloski went the distance and finished with four strikeouts to get the win on the mound for West.

On Friday, Kaukauna used back-to-back three-run innings to break the game open and handed West an 8-1 loss. Prill finished 2-for-3 while Landon Ubrig drove in the Wildcats' only run.

West was held to just one hit in an 8-0 loss to Appleton North on Wednesday.

Prill had the only base hit in the game for the Wildcats.

Lourdes/Valley pounds out pair of wins

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian baseball team took a pair of games from Montello last week, beating the Hill-toppers 19-7 on Tuesday before scoring a 12-4 win on Thursday.

Parker Slusarski finished with two hits and three RBIs in Thursday's win as the Knights took advantage of seven walks to go along with 10 hits.

Tristan Gomez also had a pair of hits in the game, Josiah Lehman struck out seven in five innings to get the win.

In Tuesday's win, Michael Roberts went 3-for-3 to lead the offense, while Michael Santiago and Hunter Stelzer each chipped in two hits. Slusarski had a pair of RBIs in the game, with Henry Achterberg allowing just one earned run in five innings to get the win.

SOFTBALL

Home runs help West edge Kimberly

Laina Hammen and Colleen Fitzpatrick each hit home runs and Oshkosh West scored a run in the fifth inning to break a tie and held on for a 4-3 win over Kimberly in Fox Valley Association action on Thursday.

Hailey Hammen finished 3-for-3 and scored a pair of runs, while Fitzpatrick finished with two hits and two RBIs.

Alayna Sadowska struck out five to get the complete-game victory for West.

The Wildcats came up short against top-ranked Kaukauna 2-0 on Wednesday. Fitzpatrick had two of West's four hits in the game. Sadowska allowed just seven hits in the game but Kaukauna scored

runs in the first and second innings and then held on.

Spartans' offense keys win over Fond du Lac

Olivia Borowitz went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs as the Oshkosh North offense pounded out 15 hits in a 10-7 win over Fond du Lac on Thursday.

Ava Hanson also had three hits in the game and scored three times as the Spartans scored seven runs in the first three innings to take control of the game.

Fond du Lac narrowed the margin to 7-4 in the fourth but North tacked on three more runs in the fifth to secure the win.

Emma Niemczyk, Kara Cummings, Lauren Geer and Anna Borst each added two hits in the game, while Geer and Borst also drove in runs.

The Spartans also picked up a 7-1 win over Appleton North last week, pounding out 16 hits in the win.

Geer and Borst each finished 3-for-4, while Niemczyk, Cummings, Borowitz and Allie Leib chipped in two hits apiece.

Brooke Peters allowed just four hits and struck out seven without walking a batter in the win.

Lourdes Academy drops pair of Trailways games

Reagon Proud had two of the Knights' four hits but Lourdes Academy fell to Markesan, 12-2, on Thursday.

Libby Guerrero and Lillie Doemel also had hits in the game for the Knights.

The Knights then fell behind early against Oakfield and couldn't recover in a 17-2 loss to the second-ranked Oaks.

SOCCER

Knights collect win over Winnebago Lutheran

Ellie Koch scored the game's only goal as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian topped Winnebago Lutheran 1-0 last week to remain unbeaten in the Flyway Conference.

The Knights improved to 5-0-1 in league play, just behind state-ranked St. Mary's Springs, which is 6-0 in conference play.

Ailish Mains assisted on Koch's goal, while Kenzie Grammer needed to make just one save to earn the shutout in goal.

Wildcats pick up two FVA victories

Three different players scored as Oshkosh West blanked Hortonville, 3-0, in a Fox Valley Association match on Thursday.

Brenna Gehri, Kaitlyn Schaller and Morgan Toman each found the net for the Wildcats with Ava Pamer and Gehri notching assists in the win.

Hannah Wolf made three saves in goal to earn the shutout.

The Wildcats also scored a 1-0 win over Appleton West on Wednesday as Gehri scored the game's only goal off an assist from Laney Weibel. Wolf made four saves in the shutout win.

Oshkosh North suffers pair of losses

The Spartans ran into two of the top teams in the FVA and lost both matchups.

North lost to Appleton West, 6-0, on Thursday after falling to Kimberly 8-0 on Tuesday.

GOLF

Spartans edge Wildcats in FVA dual meet

Oshkosh North posted the three lowest individual scores and bested rival Oshkosh West, 170-191, in a Fox Valley Association dual meet held at Westhaven Golf

Course on Thursday.

The Spartans' Dan Chopp earned medalist honors with a round of 40, one shot better than teammate Christian Geffers. Owen Weber joined North's top trio with a round of 42.

Warren Seeley rounded out the Spartan scoring golfers with a 47.

Collin Rice led the Wildcats with a round of 46, while Jaxen Lloyd and Parker Gerlach each shot 48s and Ben Reitz added a 49.

Earlier in the week, West scored a win over Appleton North, 175-180, at Oshkosh Country Club.

Reitz and Gerlach each shot 43s, while Caden McKone added a 44 and Lloyd and Rice carded 45s.

Oshkosh North dropped a close match with Appleton East on Wednesday, 167-170.

Geffers tied for medalist honors with a 40 to lead the Spartans, while Chopp added a 42, Weber shot a 43 and Seeley finished with a 45.

Lourdes/Valley collects another Trailways win

The Knights won their sixth Trailways mini-meet of the season last Wednesday as they posted three of the top four individual finishers at Columbus Country Club.

Cooper McLaughlin led the way with a 40, followed by Lucas Neuens with a 42. Jackson Buttke tied for third with a 44. Calvin Tollard rounded out the Lourdes/Valley squad with a 50.

On Saturday, the Knights finished fourth at a quadrangular meet at Winagamie Golf Course with Tollard leading the way with a 106.

Earlier in the week, the Knights finished sixth at the Berlin Invitational with McLaughlin tying for ninth overall with a 77. Neuens was the next Lourdes/Valley finisher with an 87, while Buttke carded an 89.

TENNIS

Bowlus-Jasinski paces North at Manitowoc Invite

Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski went 3-0 at No. 1 singles to lead Oshkosh North at the Manitowoc Lincoln Invitational on Saturday.

Bowlus-Jasinski posted two of his three wins in straight sets and then outdueled Ray Peroutka of Manitowoc Lincoln 6-1, 5-7, 10-8 in his third win.

Brannick Larson at No. 2 singles and Allan Koji at No. 4 singles each finished 2-1 on the day for the Spartans.

North beat the host Ships, 6-1, for their lone win of the day, while falling to Wauwatosa West, 6-1, and New Richmond, 4-3.

Gavin Poquette at No. 3 singles, while Anjal Adhikari and Payton Rockteschel at No. 2 doubles and Quasi Alqawasmi and George Tapia at No. 3 doubles also picked up wins for the Spartans against Manitowoc Lincoln.

Top flights key West's win over Lightning

Oshkosh West scored wins at No. 1 and No. 2 singles and at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to earn a 4-3 win over Appleton North last week.

Jacob Stinkski at the No. 1 flight and Kole Stauffacher at the No. 2 flight provided the singles wins for the Wildcats, while Ryan Jorgensen and Yoseff Edsell at No. 1 doubles and Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner at No. 2 doubles also collected wins.

West also fell to Kimberly, 5-2, with the Wildcats getting wins from Jorgensen and Edsell and Potter and Steiner.

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Softball

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work on and the girls have been doing a great job at the plate. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Peters pitched around a one-out single in the bottom of the sixth, while Sadowska allowed one hit in the top of the seventh but kept the deficit at two, setting the stage for the Wildcats' dramatic rally.

Reichenberger also finished 3-for-4 for the Wildcats, while Swanke and Hammen chipped in a pair of hits for West.

Sadowska scattered nine hits and only one of the runs she allowed was earned while picking up her second win over the Spartans this season.

"Alayna has been doing a great job. She gets all of our tough games in the circle and then she also comes up big at the plate," Kohl said. "I don't think she gets enough credit for what she gives us every day."

Niemczyk was 3-for-4 to lead the Spartans, while Borowitz and Geer each chipped in a pair of hits.

Peters was the tough-luck losing pitcher in the game, despite striking out eight in 6 2/3 innings, including recording three straight strikeouts after West put two runners on to start the fourth inning.

"Brooke was fantastic and did it facing a lineup like Oshkosh West. Brooke put us in a position to have success in the end," Koslowski said. "Compliments to Coach Kohl and his staff and the players over there, they showed their mettle tonight."



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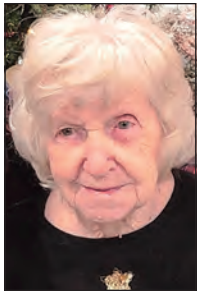
Oshkosh West pitcher Alayna Sadowska makes a throw to first after fielding a ball on Friday.

Obituaries

Iva Mae Stark

Iva Mae Stark, 102, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away peacefully at Liberty House in Fond Du Lac, on May 12, 2024. She was born on November 14, 1921, in Bear Creek, WI, to the late Walter and Anne Christensen.

Iva graduated as Valedictorian of her class, from Bear Creek High School in 1938 at the age of 16. After high school, she moved to Green Bay where she was a Mother's Helper. She went on to put herself through beauty school in Appleton and worked her way up to owning her own salon. She served in the Marine Corps from 1942-1945, going to basic training in North Carolina, and then was stationed in Norman, OK, where she learned to repair aircrafts and eventu-



ally managed a tool crib in El Toro, CA, where she completed her military career as a Staff Sargent. She was also a member of the Women's Marine Association.

Iva met the love of her life, Clarence Stark, on a blind date. They were married on December 1st, 1945, at the parsonage of First English Lutheran Church and celebrated 47 years of marriage. She was a homemaker for many years, and once the children were grown, worked at Prange's Department Store in Oshkosh. Iva was often spotted walking around town as she never wanted to learn to drive. She always had a knitting and sewing project going to help keep her busy and was especially known for making doll clothes. In her free time, you would often find Iva working on the daily crossword and Sudoku puzzles. She also enjoyed the occasional trip to the casino and was often lucky in her play. Even at age 102, she was still able to display her love of playing the piano and or-

gan as you could get her to sit down to play some of her favorite songs from memory.

Iva was preceded in death by her parents, Walter & Anna Christensen; her husband, Clarence; siblings, Maurice, Robert, Vivian Affeldt, John Leonard, Ervin and Leon.

She is survived by her brother, Stanley Christensen; Children, Gloria (Richard) Schroeder, Dennis (Becky) Stark, Bill (Judy) Stark, Janis (Mark) Hammond and Tom (Laurie) Stark; as well as her 8 grandchildren, Greta (Schroeder) Foote, Jennifer (Schroeder) Koch, Gabe Stark, Renee (Hammond) Knutson, Timothy, Robert, Phillip Hammond, and Richie Stark; 25 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A big thank you to Liberty House in Fond Du Lac and Vitas Hospice Care Team for their wonderful care of her these

past several weeks of her life. The family would also like to thank Janine Muza, Delaney Ives, and Carol Fenrich for their time spent caring for Iva.

An excerpt from her journal reads: "Most of all, I've learned to be kind to children - they need all the help and love you can give them."

A Visitation to honor and celebrate Iva's life will take place on Monday, May 20, 2024, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI, 54902 from 10:00am to 11:00am, with service to immediately follow. Her burial will be held at Ellenwood Cemetery following the service.

Iva will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. May she rest in peace.

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Ewald Arthur Ziebell

Ewald Arthur "Chuck" Ziebell, 89, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away on April 18, 2024 at Aurora Medical Hospital. He was born on January 27, 1935.

Chuck, as he was fondly known, had a fulfilling career as a Construction Worker. His dedication to his work was evident in the projects he completed over the years. Ewald married Betty Colka on November 20, 1954.

In his leisure time, Chuck found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved the outdoors and country living. Hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden brought him immense happiness. Most of all, he cherished the moments spent with his



daughter, Deborah, and grandson, Joshua. The laughter of his great-grandchildren, Maddox and Malia, filled his heart with warmth.

Chuck is survived by his daughter, Deborah Toler; grandson, Joshua (Arika) Toler; great-grandchildren, Maddox and Malia; and sister-in-law, Agnus Ziebell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty J. (Colka) Ziebell; his parents, Walter and Margaret (Smody) Ziebell; and brothers, Robert, Otto, and Ernie Ziebell; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Ascension Medical Hospital, Omro Care, and Aurora Medical Hospital for the loving care during the last two weeks before his death. A special thanks goes to Jeff, an ICU-RN, at Aurora Medical Hospital for his time and care he spent with Chuck.

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Obituaries

Dr. Kevin Paul Andrasko

Dr. Kevin Paul Andrasko, age 74, passed away on Friday, May 3rd, 2024 at Evergreen Nursing Home.



Dr. Andrasko was born in Oshkosh on March 17th, 1950 to parents Charles and Gladys Andrasko. He graduated with honors from Marquette University and then

from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1978. He practiced medicine in both Milwaukee and Berlin before returning with his family to Oshkosh to open his own Internal Medicine practice. Later he joined Ascension Medical Group where he continued serving his patients and the community for many years. Dr. Andrasko

was known to his colleagues, nurses and patients as a compassionate and caring physician, and he was also named as one of the best doctors in Oshkosh. It brought him a great sense of pride and fulfillment to take care of patients in the city where he was born and raised. Kevin's favorite pastimes included collecting oriental rugs and playing the guitar. He also loved traveling to Europe to visit the museums and other historical sites, and he had a wonderful appreciation for the arts and music.

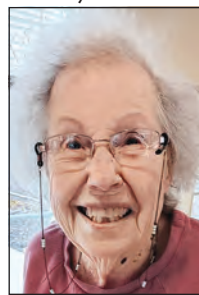
He is survived by his two children Jane (Jeff) Ritter and John (Alexandria) Andrasko, two grandchildren, and three brothers, Bruce (Mary-Jo) Andrasko, Neil (Mary) Andrasko and Tom Andrasko.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Fiss & Bils-Poklasny Fu-

neral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 3 pm until the time of service. In lieu of floral expressions, memorials in his name

Irene E. Snyder

Irene E. Snyder, 93, passed away on Sunday March 10, in Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, on Thursday May 23 at 11 o'clock. Lunch and an informal celebration of life will be held at the church following the service.



The Snyder family expresses its gratitude to the staff and residents of Park View Health Center, Oshkosh, where Irene's

may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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For those who wish to honor Irene's memory, please consider supporting any of the following: Dr. Robert L. Snyder Scholarship at UW Oshkosh; Radio TV Film Excellence Fund at UW Oshkosh; St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh; CrohnsColitisFoundation.org; Take Steps, Madison WI; Team PhoenixGirl (Snyder team). Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Betty Jane Schlundt

Betty Jane (BJ) Schlundt (Wild), age 85, of Oshkosh, formerly of Antigo, passed away on May 6, 2024 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, WI. She lived a good, long life and was loved by many. She was born on July 14, 1938 in Antigo, WI to the late Wolfgang and Elizabeth Wild. It was in Antigo where she met the love of her life, Jim Schlundt (aka Raisins / James Edward). She was always a hard worker... she got her first job as a teenager at the Palace Theater in Antigo which she loved because she got extra spending money to buy her own clothes. She also worked at the Kraft Plant in Antigo. Jim and Betty got married in 1956 and had their twins, Margie and Jamie, in Antigo. A few years later, they moved to Oshkosh, WI due to her husband's new job at Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Their second daughter, Karrie, was born shortly after they arrived in Oshkosh. Jim and Betty lived the rest of their lives in Oshkosh. She worked at Miles Kimball for many years and absolutely loved going to their end of year sales. She also worked for years at the Budgetel Hotel and finally retired after working 25 years at Evergreen Retirement Community.

During her free time, Betty loved going to rummage sales and thrifting with Jim. She was a major Green Bay Packer fan and cheered them on every week. She also loved camping every summer and enjoying festivals in Door County and Wisconsin Dells. She and Jimmy spent one month every year for 15 consecutive years going

Mary Lois Huybers

Mary Lois Huybers, age 87, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday May 11, 2024 at her residence. She was born on August 25, 1936 in Green Bay a daughter of Peter and Mamie (Hoffman) Geiger.

While raising her nine children, Mary Lois created a hobby farm and raised many different animals. She also had several different occupations. Her favorites were working as a Head Start teacher and as a home health aide. Her most passionate hobby was bicycling. She was a member of several cycling clubs including the Lakeshore Peddlers in Manitowoc and Oshkosh Cycling Club. She enjoyed gardening, baking, and sewing and was an amazing basket weaver. She was also a member of Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children, Andrew Huybers, Oklahoma, Catherine (Steve Hoopman) Huybers, Oshkosh, Martin Huybers, Oklahoma, Barbara Berres, Os-

Pamela Lou Hanson

Pam passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on April 22, 2024. She was born on July 16, 1956, in Michigan to parents, William R. French and Florence Lorraine French.

Pam had a great love for animals, crafting and the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by husband, Dennis; her parents; and sisters, Debbie

to Daytona Beach Shores to spend their retirement vacation. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and she loved baking during that time. We'll forever miss her fudge and famous peanut butter balls. In addition, she truly enjoyed spending quality time with her 3 grandchildren and her great-granddaughter.

Betty is survived by her sister Rosie Forshay (Wild) in San Antonio, TX, her daughters, Margie Rohde (Schlundt) of Waupaca, WI, Karrie Schlundt of Lake Mary, FL, her grandchildren, Brandon Rohde of Ogdensburg, WI, Tyler Rohde of Scandinavia, WI, Natalia Sepulveda (Arden) of Orlando, FL and her great-granddaughter Nevaeh Rohde of Scandinavia, WI, her son-in-law Ruben Sepulveda of Lake Mary, FL and her sister from another mother, Judy Zachmeyer (Kollas) of Wausau, WI.

Preceding her in death was her son Jamie Schlundt who died shortly after birth, her husband, James Schlundt, her parents Wolfgang and Elizabeth Wild (Fleischmann), her brother Wilfred Wild, her brother-in-law Bill Forshay, her sister-in-law Nell Goad, her nephew Todd Forshay and her grandson Justin Rohde.

The family would like to extend a big thank you to all the people who helped Betty over the years as she grew older and needed extra help: her neighbors Andy and Miyoko, and her special friends Sandy, Kelly and Sherry. They are so grateful for all that was done for her over the years.

There will be a private celebration of life with her immediate family. Anyone wishing to reach out can do so at her address.



hosh, Jean Beneventi, Oklahoma, Joan Huybers, Oklahoma, Kris (Craig) Nowka, Alabama, Teresa (Mark) Haag, Alabama, Caroline (Gavin) Roselles, Montana. She is also survived by two siblings, Vern (Pam) Geiger and Ray (Maxine) Geiger, 25 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph, her parents and siblings, Pete Geiger, Gerry Gabres, Richard Geiger, Jack Geiger, and Emy Reis.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, with Rev. Mimi Maki officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial monies will go towards a planting of a tree in mom's name.

The family would like to thank The daCare at Home for their care and support that they provided to Mary Lois and her family.



and Patricia.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara (Steve) Sauer, nieces, Stacy Sauer, Bridget Sauer, Jamie Sauer, Tiffany Thompson and Dawn Thompson; nephews, Chad (Rhianon) Nyland, Nick Stumpf, Patrick (Libby) Stumpf and Robin Stumpf; as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Pam will also be greatly missed by her many friends in Oshkosh and Madison.

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Gladys V. Veidemanis

Gladys V. Veidemanis, 93, died peacefully on December 27, 2023, at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh.

She is survived by her son Maris Veidemanis and daughter-in-law Gail Dobish; her nephews Kristofer (Linda) Garmager Jr. and Timothy Garmager; as well as her great-niece Emily Garmager and great-nephew Doug (Katie) Garmager, and their children Savannah, Lillian, and Eleanor; and great-nieces and nephews Matthew, Mariana, Britton, Travis, and Tricia Garmager. She is also survived by the six children of her late

half-brother, Ivar Syverud, in Norway. In addition, Gladys is survived by her "adopted" families - the Fite/Brauns and the Moshers; as well as thousands of former students and friends, many of whom count her among the most valued and influential people in their lives.

A celebration of life will be held from 4:00 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Oshkosh Country Club, 11 W Ripple Avenue, Oshkosh, WI. The service will begin shortly after 4:00, and will be followed immediately by a reception.

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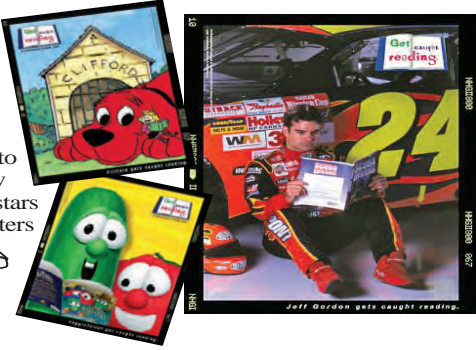
Get Caught Reading

Get Caught Reading is a campaign to promote the fun of reading books!

The Get Caught Reading organization provides posters to schools and libraries that show Olympic stars, entertainment stars and even popular book characters reading for fun.

Can you get caught reading this month?

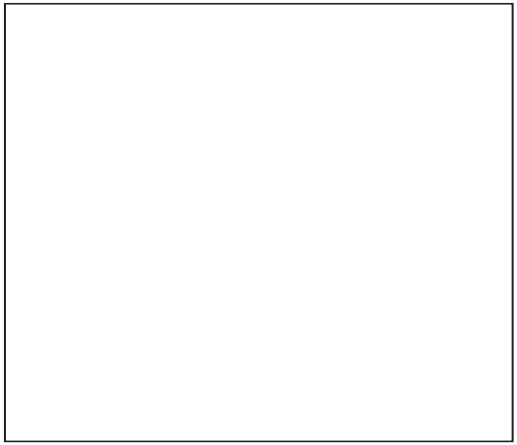
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Circle the places where you like to read.



Draw a picture of your favorite kind of book in your favorite place.

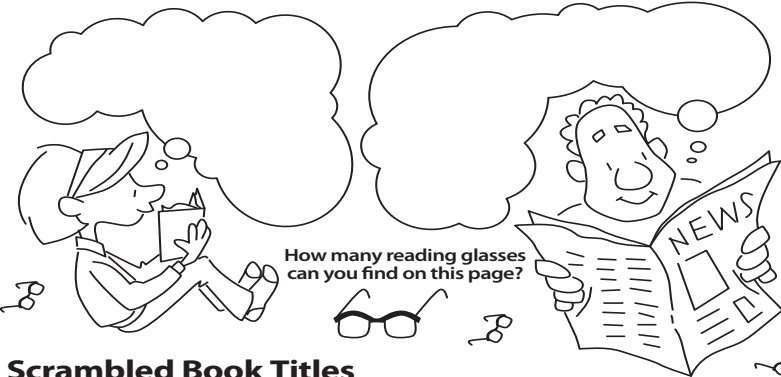


Reading isn't just for reading books, it is also reading recipes, directions, games, letters and more.



Circle the kinds of books you like to read.

Color these readers. Then draw what they might be reading about in the thought bubbles.



How many reading glasses can you find on this page?

Scrambled Book Titles

Unscramble the titles of these famous books. Have you read any of them? You can find them at your local library.

HAARS, NAPLI DAN LATL
by Patricia MacLachlan

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_ L _ _
_ N _ _
_ _ _ L

REWEH HET ADEWSILK SEND
by Shel Silverstein

H _ _ _ _
_ _ _ E _ _
_ _ _ D _ _

MAJSE NDA HTE TAGIN CHEAP
by Roald Dahl

A _ _ _ M _ _
_ _ _ A _ _
_ _ _ A _ _

YARDI FO A PIWYM DKI
by Jeff Kinney

_ _ _ _ R
_ _ _ F _ _
_ _ _ I _ _

Extra! Extra!

What's black and white and READ all over?

Look at one page of the newspaper. Circle every word you can read in red. Pretty soon your newspaper page will be black and white and red all over—just like the riddle!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Together Get Caught Reading Poems

Finish each poem to discover where each person likes to read.

When I settle down to read,
I like something soft
To rest my head.
That's why my favorite place to read
Is in my cozy _____.

It's quiet where I read
And that makes me so merry!
The place I go to read
Is at my local _____.

Reading is fun.
It makes me feel free!
Especially at the park
In the shade of a _____.

Far from the shore,
I read wearing a coat
Because it get's chilly
Reading on our _____.

My favorite books are thrillers
And they can give me quite a scare.
That's why I keep a very bright light on
When reading in our easy _____.

I like to read adventure books.
They're really quite dynamic!
But I kick back to read them
While relaxing in a backyard
_____.

When I read,
I try to sit up straight.
My mom says,
"Please don't slouch."
But it's hard to do that because I read
while sitting on our fluffy _____.

Standards Link: Identify words from context clues.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Silly Book Puns

A pun is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.

WORLD'S BEST MAGIC TRICKS

HOW TO MAKE A BILLION DOLLARS

SCUBA DIVING FOR BEGINNERS

by Lotta Money

by A. Stronaut

by Abby Cadabera

BACK DOWN THE ROAD

MY JOURNEY TO THE MOON

by Duncan Under

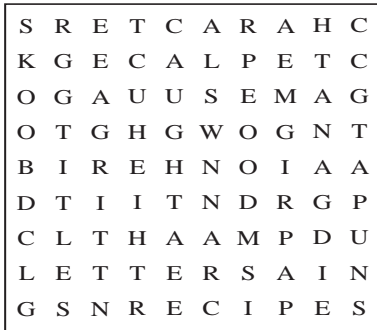
by U. Turner

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- CHARACTERS
- READING
- RECIPES
- LETTERS
- CAUGHT
- TITLES
- BOOKS
- WHITE
- PLACE
- MONTH
- GAMES
- PAGE
- PUNS
- WORD
- GET

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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Best Book of the Summer

Summertime is also reading time. What book should other kids read this summer? Why?

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