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County entities still waiting for ARPA

Some projects on hold pending approved funds

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

It's been months since the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved awarding millions from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to municipalities and

local nonprofits, but those entities still haven't received the funds.

At county board meetings in February and March, supervisors appropriated some of the \$33 million the county received from the federal government for pandemic relief, which it dubbed the Spirit Fund meant to be spent "in the spirit of ARPA."

The dollars must be appropriated by the end of this year and spent by the end

of 2026 or the county loses the money. As of late March, the county had appropriated about 75% of the funds.

After an Oshkosh Herald reporter began inquiring about the status of the ARPA distributions last week, an email was sent out to the entities that appears to indicate that 18 nonprofits and municipalities are await-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

South Park anglers

Joshua McDuffie and his father, Jeremiah, fished last weekend at South Park, where they caught as many as nine trout in less than an hour. They reported the best fishing is in the early evening. The South Park ponds were stocked with 460 rainbow and 500 brook trout. DNR fisheries biologist Angelo Cozzola said the ponds are part of a put-take fishery and provide a good opportunity to take kids fishing as the fish are typically readily caught on worms and bobber fishing.

Father Carr's marks 50 years of community service

Special Mass celebrates its golden anniversary

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Father Carr's Place2B carries on its namesake's mission of supporting community needs that began a half-century ago with a youth center and evolved into a multi-service center for food, housing and health essentials.

Father Carr's will celebrate its 50 years of service June 8 with a special Golden Jubilee Mass led by Green Bay Diocese Bishop David L. Ricken as the lead celebrant. Beyond its Catholic-based origins



Father Carr's Place2B photo

The Mother Teresa Center serves as a main community space for Father Carr's and its activities.

the organization has been inclusive of all faiths and cultures that make up its volunteers and visitors.

Executive director Jim Boehm said Fa-

ther Carr's has been open to all denominations from its beginnings in St. Peter's Catholic Church basement in May 1974.

"Even though Father Carr was a Catho-

lic priest we're open to all different sorts of religions," he said. "(The Mass) is just one of the many things that we're doing for the golden jubilee here."

The original Place2B, a supervised place for teens to hang out and play games, went through new locations and eventually expanded to provide a homeless shelter. As the needs of residents and families grew, so did Carr's dream to fill those needs.

He purchased more property and opened a free clinic, a dining facility where people could have a free meal three times a day and fellowship with others, a chapel for weekly services, and a food bank.

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Downtown housing project gains state grant

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The Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has awarded \$32.5 million in competitive federal and state housing tax credits to help advance affordable housing and economic recovery efforts, including a 55-unit project on North Main Street in Oshkosh.

The awards will support 23 housing projects statewide totaling 1,383 units.

Commonwealth Construction Corp. will lead as the general contractor and M+A is the architect for the Corridor project along the 600 block of North Main Street and the 600 block of Jefferson Street. WHEDA awarded it \$1,657,573 in

tax credits that will support the construction of the new housing units across three buildings.

The first three-story midrise building will contain 39 one-, two- and three-bedroom units, along with a two-shift day care operated by the Oshkosh Child Development Center, considered the first licensed two-shift day care facility in the city. The property will include two townhome buildings, each composed of eight three-bedroom units.

"We are beyond thrilled to bring this project to Oshkosh and look at it as a double-win," said Tyler Sheeran, Commonwealth's vice president of development.

"Not only will there be quality, new, affordable housing in the heart of the city, but adding the day care component will fulfill another significant community demand."

The total cost of The Corridor is \$19 million with plans to open in spring of 2026. WIRE Capital Group is the co-developer and the city is also providing financial support.

Commonwealth also received a \$1,693,597 tax credit award to support 700 Grand located at Grand Avenue and East Thomas Street in Wausau that plans to open in summer 2026.

Commonwealth is developing and constructing projects in 17 states.

Oshkosh North teacher in running for educator Grammy

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North High School choir teacher Bridget Duffy-Ulrich has gotten to the quarterfinals of a national music

educator Grammy award given by the Recording Academy.

"This is a big deal," Superintendent Bryan Davis said at last week's school board

meeting.

Duffy-Ulrich was nominated by her students along with more than 2,400 teacher nominations for the nationwide award. She is one of just 215 quarterfinalists.

According to the Grammy Awards website, "The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools."

Semifinalists will be announced later this year and the winner announced next year during Grammy's week.

"Hopefully she goes to the finals and shows up on the Grammys," Davis added.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 30, 1985

President Reagan Visits Oshkosh:

President Ronald Reagan made a stop in Oshkosh with Air Force 1 arriving at Wittman Field at 1:10 p.m. Reagan stepped off the Presidential airliner and walked quickly to his waiting limousine. Before departing Wittman Field, Reagan stood on the opening of

the vehicle's door to say a few words to students who were there to welcome him to Oshkosh. After explaining why his wife, Nancy, was not with him, he donned an OshKosh B'Gosh work hat and climbed into his limousine and headed for the Winnebago County Courthouse. There, he spoke to an estimated 12,000 – 14,000 people gathered in the courthouse parking lot. The President used the engagement to talk about his new tax reform policy and even joked he would raise taxes to the group of protesters on site.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 30, 1985

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The Youth Choir is composed of three all-city choirs with singers in grades 3 through 12. This spring's concert is a mash-up of 40 songs from the pop charts and Broadway. Titled "Opus 30:20 The Big Show," a single song moves through its many and varied melodies among the three choirs.

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Homeowners getting notice of rising property values

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Over the last two weeks property owners across the city have been opening revaluation assessments, many showing an average of 75% increase in their homes' value.

The city assessor's office has received several hundred phone calls and 100 office visits since revaluation notices began being mailed out.

City staff are expecting the city's portion of property taxes to go down.

"A common misconception is that whatever percent of increase is listed on the notice of assessment is the amount that one's tax bill will increase," said Jodi St. Charles, Oshkosh tax assessor. "Obviously that is not the case and we're happy to share that information here."

This is St. Charles' first revaluation as the tax assessor since the last revaluations of every property in 2017 and before that 2005.

State statute requires municipalities to complete revaluation once the difference

is greater than 10%. Oshkosh has reached that threshold and has five years to complete the revaluation underway. The revaluation also ensures all properties are paying their fair share of taxes.

St. Charles heads the assessment services division, which has been a busy department over the last few weeks since new assessments have been mailed out.

"We definitely understand and appreciate the concerns around this process," she said.

More than 19,000 notices of changed assessments were sent out to residential property owners. The average increase of residential property values was 75% and for commercial properties it was around 30%.

"This is not just one particular area, one person being targeted. People see that high number, on average 75%, and get gravely

concerned," St. Charles said. "But it's happening to the whole city at the same time. Generally speaking, that means the mill rate, the city's portion, will drop."

St. Charles said that in 2023 only 27% of the almost 2,000 municipalities across Wisconsin were in compliance with the state statute.

"Wisconsin has a hot real estate market. People like our recreation, especially the Oshkosh area," she said. "This is a hard burden to bear for all of us. But it's just the reality of the situation."

Council member Jacob Floam asked whether something could be done to protect homeowners on fixed incomes. City Manager Rohloff said the Wisconsin constitution's uniformity clause prohibits precisely what Floam suggested.

Council member DJ Nichols suggested having more frequent revaluations, noting one city he lived in had revaluations every three years. Nichols said this gave residents more knowledge on the process and what to expect due to their frequency.

St. Charles said the average amount of

time between revaluations across the state is seven years.

Oshkosh residents' taxes are broken down into four taxing jurisdictions: City of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Area School District, Winnebago County and Fox Valley Technical College. The city can only control its portion of the taxes. Rohloff said because the bill comes from the city people often believe the city is responsible for all of it.

"We do encourage all property owners to please contact us if they do have concerns about their value," St. Charles said. "We're happy to share information about how their assessed value was determined, go over the comparable or recent sales in similar property types, and share more about tax rates."

If a property owner disagrees with the new assessment they can meet with staff during the Open Book period, which is ongoing through June 14. Open Book change notices will be mailed to property owners in June.

"It's a tough process and we know we can do better," Rohloff said.



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Winnebago County Sheriff's boathouse completed

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

After a year of waiting, construction and a little more waiting there is a new boathouse along the Fox River that will help law enforcement keep Lake Winnebago safe for recreation as we head into summer.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's newly constructed boathouse is the home of Marine 1, a 25-foot Boston Whaler with twin Mercury 200 horsepower engines, which patrols much of Lake Winnebago and nearby waterways.

The sheriff's office maintains Marine 2, kept on a trailer at the sheriff's office on Jackson Street for easy deployment and Marine 3 is at Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Station 32 to access the waters in the northern section of the county. The three vessels are responsible for waterways across the county.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol coordinator Lt. Tim Eichman said Marine 1 is used for quick deployment onto the Fox River and Lake Winnebago. Marine 1 patrols the area and responds to various calls, which can range from injuries on the water to a disabled vessel.

"We respond to various calls during the season. Some can be just the boat ran out of gas," Eichman said. "When patrolling the boat looks for DNR violations and water rescues."

Lake Winnebago is primarily patrolled by the sheriff's office with the Fond du Lac County sheriff responsible for the southern tip of the lake and Calumet County covering the eastern coast of the lake.

The boathouse cost \$450,000, accord-

ing to Mike Elder, county facilities and property management director. He explained there were some delays with the new facility that sits south of Broad Street on the Fox River next to the railroad truss bridge.

One issue was hazardous materials in the soil where the boathouse was being built. The process of deciding where the hazardous materials could go caused delays.

There were also delays with installation of the dock pilings and decking wood.

"The contractors didn't follow the plans specifically, but the error doesn't affect the functionality," Elder said.

County executive Jon Doemel was not pleased with these errors and spoke about it at a September County Board of Supervisors meeting.

"It was not built to spec. I am not happy about that," Doemel said at the time and suggested having the company that built it tear it down and start over.

"If it's not operational by next spring, I'm going to be really unhappy."

Doemel's assistant Ethan Hollenberger told the Herald the county executive's office has no reason to be dissatisfied with completion of the project.

"We needed a rapid response boat on that side of the river to have quick access to Lake Winnebago and the Fox River. This boathouse achieves that," Hollenberger said.

He said the only issue is that long-term maintenance of the building will be more difficult.

The former boathouse was demolished last spring. The age of that structure is difficult to pin down with Elder saying he



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The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Marine 1 sits in the newly completed sheriff's boathouse south of Broad Street on the Fox River.

knows it was built before 1980. He said having a new boathouse is great since the old one was "falling down."

"This will be standing for the next 50 years," he said.

Eichman reminds all boaters to stay safe on the water this season by having the proper flotation devices and following the law when it comes to alcohol.

"We respond to a lot of excessive drinking calls," he said. "That behavior puts everybody at risk."

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is also reminding residents about water safety, including checking equipment such as boat and trailer lights, and inspecting life jackets for wear and tear.

"Safety is an important part of water fun," said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR boating

law administrator. "Wisconsin rivers and lakes can be relaxing and family-friendly places to spend a spring day when you put safety first and respect the water."

Other tips:

- Wear a properly fitted and fastened life jacket when on or near the water. It keeps you on top of the water if you walk off an unexpected drop-off or are overpowered by a wave or current.

- Enjoy the waters sober. Alcohol blurs a person's judgment, reaction time and abilities.

- Shorelines and sandbars pose unseen dangers. Higher, fast-moving water can tax an individual's boating, paddling and swimming skills.

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Federal money output for projects being sorted out

City looks to allocate remaining ARPA funds

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

When the federal government announced the American Rescue Plan Act, municipalities were given a once-in-a-lifetime grant from Washington, D.C., to help bridge the financial gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Three years later municipalities are approaching the first of two important deadlines for the ARPA funds – allocating the money to some projects that must be done by the end of this year. In two years it will be a similar situation with all projects needing to be completed.

It was announced around March 2021 that Oshkosh would receive about \$20.5 million in ARPA funds. In September, the council approved setting aside 25% – \$5.1 million – of the funds for non-infrastructure projects and put parameters in place for how that money would be allocated.

That left \$15.3 million for city infrastructure projects, which has been allocated by council approval. This includes new police radios, the bear exhibit at the Menominee Park Zoo, and cardiac monitors and AEDs for the Fire Department, to name a few. The council has allotted almost all the funds.

According to finance director Julie Calmes, there is \$153,113 remaining devoted to infrastructure projects. Calmes said her department is working with other department heads to adjust that number as some projects may have been completed under budget.

The council has already approved more than \$2.7 million to go toward non-infrastructure projects. Funds have been disbursed to the Oshkosh Food Co-op, Tiny Homes Village, Christine Ann Domestic Violence Abuse Shelter, ADVOCAP's Eviction Prevention Program, the Boys & Girls Club facility expansion and COTS transitional housing.

City records show there is about \$2.3 million remaining to be allocated. City Manager Mark Rohloff has made it clear at past council meetings that if this money is not allocated in a timely manner it will go toward city infrastructure projects.

Earlier this year the city announced outside groups would again be able to apply for these ARPA funds. The city received 51 applications totaling more than \$12 million.

"If we're going to sort this out, I'm going to need some direction from council," Rohloff said at its May 14 meeting.

He said he has been going over the applications with staff using a point system

that measures the quality of an application. The applications are now being measured in accordance with the city strategic plan, input from a previously held focus group and direction from council members.

The four common themes that came out of these new parameters include affordable housing, homelessness, child care capacity, and underrepresented populations.

Rohloff again asked the council for direction for what categories they want staff to focus on because the point system to measure the applications was not sufficient to sort it out.

TJ Hobbs, director of the Hope Fridge and a community advocate, spoke during public comment on the topic and questioned the transparency of the applications.

"Why is city council not seeing those applications?" asked Hobbs, who had requested just over \$97,000 in funds to hold Oshkosh Pride, an annual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community.

"I want you all to review all 51 applica-

tions," Hobbs said.

"I saw this coming a mile away," council member Paul Esslinger said.

Esslinger said this is similar to when organizations fought for community development block grant funds. The council made the decision of where that money would go and which groups would receive it.

"It made for a very ugly process because council members had to make a decision on where that money went, and as we all know there's more people that want the money than there is money," he said.

Esslinger added he would prefer Rohloff's office to make recommendations. He wants the council to make the decision and not send it to other committees.

"The buck has to stop at this council, not at the city manager's desk," he said.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said having the council review all 51 applications at a public meeting would not be proper.

"It would be rookie mistake for us to go through the beauty pageant process of

interviewing all 51 applicants up here, on camera," Mugerauer said, adding that the process would be disrespectful to all applicants.

Rohloff said reviewing the 51 applications is a lengthy process taking extensive staff time. He added that making the applications available to council members and the public could lead to a parade of applicants coming to the meetings.

"Every review is going to have to be done at a public meeting. If that's the time you want to invest in it, that's certainly the council's prerogative – it's just not my recommendation," he said.

Rohloff and city staff will review the applications and make recommendations to the council along with the preliminary scores of the applications.

"It's going to be good news no matter who gets that money. There's 51 (organizations) doing great work in the city of Oshkosh and I just want them all to get a fair shot," Hobbs said.

All applications are available to view on the city website under Hot Topics.

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Rebel Alliance Theatre presents 'True West'

American dramatist Sam Shepard's "True West" will be presented by Rebel Alliance Theatre for six performances in June at First Congregational Church.

In "True West," an estranged brother rolls into town with the echoes of a time long past and the play shows uncomfortable dualities between and within each character.

Performances will be staged at 7 p.m. June 7-8, June 14-15 and June 21-22 with tickets at the door at 137 Algoma Blvd. or online at ko-fi.com/rebelalliancetheatre. Prices are between \$18 and \$25. The show contains mature themes and parental guidance is recommended.

Read third-graders' artwork becomes part of fire station

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Third-graders from Read Elementary School have recently livened up Oshkosh Fire Station 17.

Fifty-six ceiling tiles in the station's classroom have been decorated by the three third-grade classes from Reed and the students recently got to get a look at their artwork.

"That one's mine," exclaimed many students, who found that one of the best ways to look at the ceiling tiles was to lay on their back on the floor and look up.

Students in Breanna Conrad's class rushed into the classroom at the fire station and saw their work. Their faces lit up as they went and told art teacher Becky Bartow they found their tile and shot the hand up into the air to point it out.

Oshkosh firefighter Casey Kaderly explained to the students that the fire station classroom is often used by the department for training.

Read Elementary School Principal Emily Eisenschink said the relationship between Read and the fire department is growing after Chief Mike Stanley reached out asking about a collaboration possibility.

The fire department helped with the new playground equipment at Read which has a fire station theme to it.

Stanley reached out to the school and asked if there was something the station and school could collaborate on. Bartow came up with the idea for ceiling tiles that could be painted at the school and then installed at the fire station.

The tiles were installed last Wednesday and then on Thursday the students walked from Read to the fire station to see their artwork. Bartow said it was great to see all



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Many students were eager to point out which ceiling tile they had painted when they toured Oshkosh Fire Station 17.

the students look up and point out there tile.

"The collaboration is good for the station, the school and great for the community," Stanley said. He added part of the reason for the partnership is the proximity of less than a mile between the school and fire station on Algoma Boulevard.

Eisenschink said there were many benefits to the collaboration between the fire department and school, one being potential career paths for the students.

"We often talk about helpers, and firefighters are helpers in the community," Eisenschink said. "This is an opportunity

for students to see a potential career path."

She added it's also about the relationship the students have with the community.

"This is one way we can show the students are loved and supported in the community," Eisenschink said. "It isn't just they have support and love coming from their families but also from the entire community."

It is also an opportunity for students to have a positive interaction with first responders.

"Many students have had adverse childhood experiences and possibly painful memories with first responders. This is

another way to show the students first responders are helpers," she said.

It's also a community effort for Stanley. "We're in this community and so is the school. It's just a great collaboration that we can build on for the future," he said.

Kaderly gave Conrad's class a full tour of the station, something the fire department does throughout the school year across the city for countless students. But the students first heard about what it's like to be a firefighter from Capt. Mike Johnson.

"We spend a third of our lives in the fire station," Johnson told the Read third-graders. "This is where we eat and sleep during our shift because we need to be ready if there's a call."

The students also learned that Oshkosh has six fire stations and about 110 firefighters across the city, all trained in emergency medical service, which helps when there's a call for an injury and not a fire.

Kaderly explained the department goes out on about 10,500 calls annually. Inside the fire station, students saw the live tracker of the department that shows active calls.

"This number shows how many calls we've received just this year and it's at 4,113," Kaderly said.

Students toured the kitchen, lounge, weight room and garage where the fire truck was a major highlight of the tour.

This won't be the last time the students see the firetruck or the firefighters as the truck will go to Read on the last day of school and continue a tradition of spraying the students with water from the ladder.

"It's a great way to end the school year," Eisenschink said.

Stanley added, "We're really looking forward to it."

Oshkosh Century Bike Ride set by YMCA

The Oshkosh YMCA will be hosting the third annual Oshkosh Century Bike Ride on June 23 sponsored by Fox Communities Credit Union.

Century riders of all abilities can choose from four scenic routes ranging from 30 to 100 miles that boast support vehicles and fully stocked rest stops with restrooms, food, water and mechanical support. Upon completion of the ride participants will enjoy a post celebratory catered meal with beverages.

More information and registration details can be found at oshkoshcentury.com. Proceeds from the event support the For All Financial Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to youth, families, and individuals for memberships, programs and child care.

Jobless rate falls to 2.6% in metro area for April

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a drop in its unemployment rate from 3% percent to 2.6% percent between March and April, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last April's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and the county was 2.2%.

The non-seasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas decreased in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over and month and increased compared with the previous April.

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New camp designed to boost girls' confidence

By MaryBeth Matzek
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When Ali Starr learned a girl's confidence peaks at age 9, she wanted to do something about it.

Her answer? The Confidence in Christ Girls Camp, which will run June 10-12 at Lourdes Academy. The camp is open to girls entering grades third through 12th in the fall.



Starr

"I've wanted to do this for a long time," said Starr, owner of Tashi Deley, pronounced *Ta-She-De-lay*, a Tibet greeting that means "I honor the greatness within you." Before launching the organization, she was vice president of culture development at Verve, a Credit Union in Oshkosh.

"Women who attend my trainings tell me they wish they had the tools I teach about much sooner in their lives. I then thought, why not teach the young ones these tools?"

The confidence camp will teach girls how to navigate their emotions and show up in a way they are proud of; control their second thoughts by looking up and looking in; and teach people how they want to be treated through loving firmness.

"I believe it will be a transformative program. It will be very interactive," said Starr, adding the camp is based on biblical truth. "We'll have role-playing, meet in small groups and it will overall be very engaging."

Starr said girls and young women struggle with their confidence for several reasons, including social media's influence on their lives. Her goal with the camp is to help girls stay confident and increase their

confidence levels as they grow.

"After age 9, women's confidence levels don't return to the same level until they are 60. I'm not waiting five decades for women and girls to be confident in their abilities and themselves," she said.

At the camp, girls will be divided into three groups based on their ages given that talking to a teen about self-esteem is different than talking to a 10-year-old. Camp scholarships are available so any girl can attend.

Before working in the financial industry and creating Tashi Deley, Starr was the principal of Lourdes Academy Elementary Schools and is the current head coach of the high school girls' varsity basketball team.

Starr's partners on the camp are Sara Mercer, wellness coordinator for the Neenah Joint School District, and Judi Hehr, a speaker and coach. Hehr's role is to meet with parents, guardians and other adults important to the girls to teach them the same skills so they can help the girls once the camp is over. There is no cost for adults to attend the sessions.

"The modeling of the parent and other adults are vital to the sustainability of what is taught in the camp," Starr said.

This is the camp's first year but Starr said it won't be the last. She is also looking at expanding the camp concept in other areas.

"I wanted to start here first since this is my community and we can do so much good here in Oshkosh," she said. "I've had people already reach out to me and ask if I can bring the camp to their community. Improving girls' confidence is so important."

For more information about the Confidence in Christ Girls Camp or to register, visit www.tashideley.us/confidence-in-christ-camp.

Miss Wisconsin, Miss Teen competitions set

Oshkosh Herald

Thirty women will be vying to become Miss Wisconsin 2024 as the state competition returns to Oshkosh on June 19-22 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.

Another 23 women will compete for the title of Miss Wisconsin's Teen, who will be selected June 21.

The shows will feature Miss Wisconsin 2023, Lila Szyryj, and Miss Wisconsin's Teen 2023, Trinity Horstman, alongside women from around the state as they take the next step toward becoming Miss America and Miss America's Teen.

Szyryj, a 2022 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was awarded a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication. During her time as Miss Wisconsin she has been working as a multimedia journalist and reporter at a network affiliate. Her community service theme has been working toward educating and interacting with the public on media literacy as it relates to understanding each other.

Szyryj has earned nearly \$15,000 in scholarships during her time competing in the Miss America opportunity and was part of the 2024 Miss America Competition in Orlando, Fla., in January.

Horstman of Onalaska dedicated her year of service with a personal community service initiative in support of the Children's Miracle Network. She has appeared at events and fundraisers throughout the

year and raised more than \$20,000 for Children's Miracle Network through hosting an annual golf outing.

Horstman competed at the Miss America's Teen 2024 Competition in Orlando in January and earned more than \$4,000 in scholarships throughout her time competing. She plans to attend UW Oshkosh this fall.

Tickets for the two competitions are available at misswisconsin.org. The final competitions will also be livestreamed with tickets available to view them online.

Established in 1936, the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization is a nonprofit state affiliate of Miss America dedicated to supporting continuing education through scholarships, facilitating community service and volunteerism, promoting personal growth and leadership skills, and instilling confidence among the women in the program.



Photo from Miravida Living

Helping hands

Volunteers from Forward Service Corp. helped residents at Carmel Residence and Simeanna Apartments on the Miravida Living Campus during United Way's recent Annual Day of Caring. The group of 12 tackled cleaning tasks for 40-plus residents and allowed them to socially connect with residents.



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Ascension health system dealing with cyberattacks

Oshkosh Herald

Ascension Medical Group is continuing to investigate a ransomware cyberattack that has affected an undetermined number of patients across the country, including patients at its two facilities in Oshkosh.

On May 9, an Ascension spokesperson announced, "Systems that are currently unavailable include our electronic health records system, MyChart (which enables patients to view their medical records and communicate with their providers), some phone systems, and various systems utilized to order certain tests, procedures and medications."

Last week Ascension, which has hospitals and facilities in 14 states, announced it is still working to restore services to patients.

"Ascension continues to work with industry-leading cybersecurity experts to investigate the recent ransomware attack and to rebuild and restore our systems securely," said a statement posted on the Ascension cybersecurity event webpage. "While this process continues in earnest, our hospitals and facilities remain open and are providing care. Patients should continue to monitor the regional updates portion of this webpage for the latest information on a state-by-state basis."

All Ascension hospitals in Wisconsin, including the Mercy Campus and Jackson Street Clinic in Oshkosh, remain open and operational.

"Our dedicated doctors, nurses and care teams are demonstrating incredible thoughtfulness and resilience as we utilize manual and paper based systems during the ongoing disruption to normal systems," Ascension stated.

The transition to this manual system has caused delays and extended wait times for patients going in for routine doctor visits, elective and non-elective surgeries.

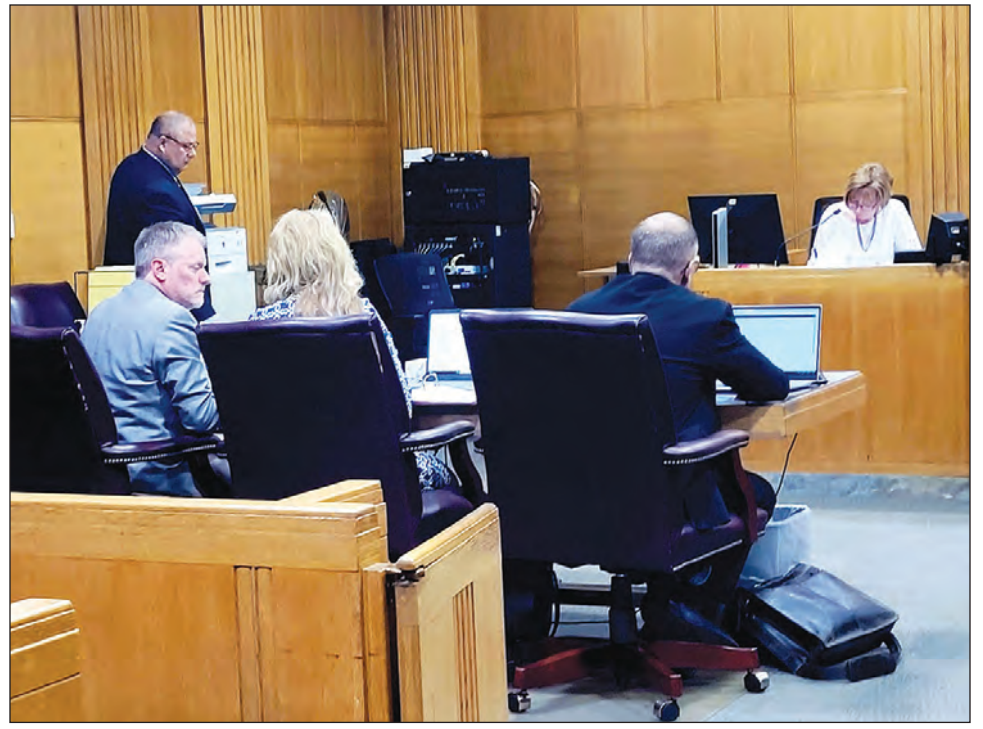
Ascension retail pharmacies cannot currently fill prescriptions due to the cyberattack. People are being advised to call the pharmacy to find an alternative option.

"We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this unexpected situation. Rest assured, our commitment to the health and safety of our community remains our highest priority," the Ascension website states.

Ascension detected unusual activity on select technology network systems on May 8 and now believe it was a cyberattack. Since then, Ascension has announced it is working with cybersecurity experts and have notified law enforcement, including the FBI.

"If we determine sensitive data was potentially exfiltrated or accessed as part of this incident, we will notify applicable individuals and parties in accordance with our obligations," Ascension announced.

Updates are available at about.ascension.org/en/cybersecurity-event.



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Neenah city attorney and former county prosecutor David Rashid (left) is shown with defense attorneys Rebecca Castonia and Scott Ceman at a hearing in the Winnebago County Courthouse last week.

Former county prosecutor faces arraignment next week

Resigned attorney sparked successor's assault inquiry

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

It was Neenah's former city attorney Adam Westbrook who sent an anonymous email to city officials last August that set off an investigation which led to sexual assault charges against current city attorney David Rashid, according to court testimony.

At a hearing last week, Judge Michael Gibbs declined to dismiss the case, noting "it's going to be, most likely, what one person said versus what another person said."

Gibbs found probable cause to bind over the case for trial and set an arraignment hearing for June 5.

Westbrook resigned from the city attorney position in July 2022 to take a job as executive director of human resources and legal affairs for Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 6, a nonprofit in Oshkosh. Rashid, then a Winnebago County assistant district attorney, was hired by Neenah to replace him.

Westbrook left CESA 6 in January 2023 and took a job as human resources director for the city of Sheboygan, where he was employed at the time he sent the email to the Neenah police chief, mayor and three aldermen for District 1, alleging that Rashid was physically abusing his then-wife, who filed for divorce in July.

"His job is to enforce the laws of the city and state and being accused of such a crime creates serious question about his qualifications and ability to perform his job," Westbrook wrote of Rashid in the anonymous email.

Westbrook left his position in Sheboygan to take a job with Outagamie County as human resources director in September

and resigned in February after being arrested and charged in federal court with distribution of child pornography in an unrelated case.

Westbrook's anonymous email was referred to Appleton police to investigate. The victim initially declined to share information but a month later contacted the investigator and accused Rashid of sexually assaulting her during three incidents between 2017 and 2022 while they were married. The couple's divorce was finalized early this year.

Online court records show restraining orders were filed against Rashid in both Outagamie and Winnebago counties in October about a week after the victim spoke with the investigator. Both restraining orders were subsequently dismissed and the records sealed.

In April, Rashid was charged with two felonies and one misdemeanor stemming from the alleged sexual assaults and the city placed him on paid administrative leave. The case has been assigned to a special prosecutor from Portage County.

Appleton police officer Lori Duven testified that during one alleged assault the victim told Rashid she was not consenting and Rashid allegedly responded by stating he doesn't need consent because she gave consent on their wedding date. During the other two incidents Duven testified that the victim pretended to be asleep.

Rashid's defense attorney Scott Ceman, also a former Winnebago County assistant district attorney, questioned Duven on the vague dates of the alleged offenses and noted the challenges of formulating a defense to allegations from more than six years ago.

Gibbs is the same judge that presided over the couple's divorce and the Winnebago County restraining order.

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With third book, UWO alumna has found recipe for success

By Alex Hummel
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Rebekah Pepler had an idea when she was an undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh that she wanted to “be a cookbook author” or, at least, “write about food.”

Mission accomplished, to say the least. The 2008 UWO alumna from Oshkosh recently had her third cookbook published, this one celebrating the cuisine, culture and stories of the book’s namesake—Le Sud, or the vibrant, Mediterranean-lining south of France and coastal points east and west.

“I really wanted to dive into that region that is France and Italy to the region where the Rhone River marks its western edge; there is a really special magic and mystique to it,” Pepler said carving out some interview time this month before diving into an early-morning food styling assignment in New York. “I wanted to see it through a journalist’s perspective... I was a journalist at UWO. I pursue all my books as knowing just enough but wanting to learn more... There is also so much more that I really wanted to capture through recipes and imagery and text in the book.”

If ever a student (or skeptic) wondered what career one can craft with the trio of journalism degree and English and art history minors, Pepler certainly has an answer, having shaped an elegant, entrepreneurial and unique recipe of a career exploring and capturing food and culture.

Now a resident of Paris, she was in Oshkosh last week for a “Le Sud” book signing at Elsewhere Market and Coffee House as part her national tour (the official title is “Le Sud: Recipes from Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur”).

“It’s starting in New York and ending in L.A.,” Pepler said. “There are a lot of cities in between, and one of them very actively is going to be Oshkosh.”

Pepler is a distinguished Titan and a highly regarded and recognized author in her field. She earned the university’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2012 just a few years after graduating.

After attaining her bachelor’s degree, Pepler headed to New York City, completing the classic pastry arts program at the French Culinary Institute. Her career began in 2009 as the dessert contributor and web/editorial assistant at Saveur magazine. CBS News hired her as a culinary adviser and researcher for Cooking Channel programs thereafter.

Then, as her career as freelance writer and food stylist with national publications evolved, came the dazzling cookbooks.

In 2019, she was honored as a nominee for the James Beard Award in the Restaurant and Chef, Media and Restaurant Design Categories for her book, “Aperitif: Cocktail Hour the French Way.”

“A Table” followed, published in 2021. And now, Le Sud is on the streets.

“I’m an author, and I’m also a writer,” Pepler said, when asked to encapsulate a typical-never-typical day on the job, sharing her talent and crafting so unique a career. “... And then of course I’m on book tour right now. As we’re talking, I’m upstate styling another person’s cookbook. Today, I’m juggling a few different things... I’m going to go downstairs in 15 minutes and be on set... I have a call for the tour later today... That’s the beauty of it.

“The privilege of being a working writer right now is I have a lot of different



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Cookbook author Rebekah Pepler (left) gives credit to her mentor, UWO instructor Grace Lim, and other teachers there.

cial...’ She was an influence in my taking a big leap and following this path of being an author.”

“I knew I wanted to write about food,” Pepler said. “I’m sure pretty early on I told (Lim) I wanted to be a cookbook author. I didn’t see how to get to that end goal... I always knew I wasn’t going to be hard news, but I thought it was important to have that background and understanding.”

Her UWO experiences abroad, too, shaped her world view, Pepler said.

“I lived at home for my first two years to save up money,” Pepler said, reflecting on a first study abroad experience with Journalism professor Tim Gleason in Cambridge, England. “It was such an incredible experience and was eye-opening to get that UWO education at such a storied university. And also, outside the classroom, we’d travel on weekends and explore new foods and languages. It opened my mind up in a way that was important for me especially.”

Pepler also engaged in another study abroad experience in Rome studying ancient and baroque art, and that revealed a lesson: “If you must have a major that is very professional, do a minor in something you love and want to know more about,” she said.

She encourages students to consider her steppingstone philosophy and approach to crafting a rewarding, fulfilling career.

“When you’re in the middle of it, you can’t see the end. You see the steppingstones to where you want to go. I always had big dreams, and I was lucky enough to have the support to follow those dreams. I never knew where it was going to go. I took the leap and had the support to get to the next steppingstone.”

deadlines right now. Obviously before the book was finished, I was hyper focused on writing and got into a routine of waking up early and getting a cup of coffee and sitting down with the book and manuscript and writing.”

Pepler said she never followed a tightly structured academic recipe to get her to this point in her career and journey. She said she knew journalism at UWO would be an ingredient. She counts Lim as one of “a lot of incredible professors at UWO. I was fortunate. But I still remember walking into her classroom and feeling, ‘This is going to be something different and spe-



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ARPA funds

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ing nearly \$7 million.

Municipalities that haven't received their money include Omro, Winneconne and Town of Algoma, which were awarded a combined total of more than \$1 million for roadwork and infrastructure improvements.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue hasn't received the \$500,000 it was awarded for a new training center, nor has Vinnie's Pantry received the \$500,000 earmarked for its expansion completed in Neenah last year.

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, YMCA locations in Neenah and Oshkosh, Fox Cities Habitat, NOVA Counseling and Solutions Recovery are all awaiting \$500,000 each.

Neenah is waiting on \$300,000 and Menasha \$185,000 to purchase traffic safety barriers for parades and large events. The process was extended by about a month after the board initially voted against approving funds for the barriers, which required city and police officials to lobby supervisors to change their vote at a subsequent meeting in March.

While the resolutions approved by the supervisors to award the funds don't appear to contain language regarding a memorandum of understanding, county Finance Director Paul Kaiser wrote in an email to Neenah Mayor Jane Lang that the county was considering requiring a signed agreement that would authorize it to use the city's traffic safety barriers "in case of need."

In addition, Kaiser wrote that Neenah must either spend or have a purchase order for the barriers before the funds would be transferred.

Neenah's finance director Vicky Rasmussen confirmed the city paid for the barriers upfront "as they're a necessity for the safety of our residents and visitors with summer events on the horizon that draw large crowds."

But an email from Lang to Kaiser in early May asking about the status of the latest round of fund allocations went unanswered.

That appears to follow a pattern in the county's distribution of the funds. In March 2023 the board approved disbursing \$3 million among the 21 county municipalities. Five months later, only one municipality had received the money and the county announced new conditions that each municipality had to first spend the money and then be reimbursed. The county later amended some of the requirements for municipalities that may not have the funds to cover large projects in advance of receiving the ARPA dollars.

The email sent out to the entities last week was not sent by Kaiser, who is a county employee, but by volunteer ARPA Commission member Beth Oswald, who included a checklist of items required to finalize the "grant contracts."

The grant contract appears to be a new requirement and the wording has not been shared with the entities receiving the funds.

Oswald wrote that she isn't a part of the distribution process and doesn't have any additional information on the terms of the grant contract, next steps or an anticipated timeline.

The checklist includes an option for ARPA funds that are requested before purchasing or starting the project, which conflicts with the email Kaiser sent to Lang requiring project completion for disbursement.

An examination of 18 resolutions approved this year to appropriate the ARPA funds indicates that the entities are required to submit supporting documentation to the county finance director upon completion of the project, but does not state that the funds are only disbursed after completion.

The Oshkosh Herald spoke with officials from municipalities and nonprofits who are disappointed that the promised ARPA funds have been slow to materialize, hampering their ability to deal with pressing community needs ranging from infrastructure improvements to social welfare programs.

"This very long and arduous process has been frustrating for the city of Neenah, and the city is still awaiting receipt of the Spirit Fund grant money that was approved by the county board back in March," Lang said. "We have fulfilled every request from Winnebago County to provide information in order to receive this funding and yet we have not received the Spirit Fund grant that was awarded."

The common theme appears to be a sense of disillusionment and exasperation with the lack of transparency and communication from county officials regarding the status of the ARPA funds.

County Executive Jon Doemel did not respond to phone or email requests for comment.



Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce photo

A recent A.M. Oshkosh event at Father Carr's Place 2B shows executive director Jim Boehm hosting the group on tours of their food bank, housing and free clinic.

Father Carr's

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Carr died on Father's Day in 2007 but his mission lived on with today's nearly 10-acre campus of four buildings with a community center, free medical clinic, community food bank, retreat center, dining rooms for daily meals, chapel, and housing for the homeless. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit group, it is supported solely by donations.

"It has sustained itself only from private donations," Boehm said, adding that while they have nothing against government funding it keeps them more independent as a faith-based ministry.

"People who believe in what we do help us, they support us," he said.

With an employed staff of two – Boehm and clinic director Emily Hill – and its team of essential volunteers, he said it allows them to operate a budget that can put 70% of that financial support into helping people.

"The public has sustained us for 50 years and we're really efficient with the money," Boehm said. "We plan on being around for another 50."

Father Carr's underwent extensive remodeling in recent years and Boehm is its third executive director, who started volunteering there in 2018 before taking the leadership role in 2022.

He said most people likely don't know about all the services they offer, which still includes a space for youth to play games and socialize as it has from the beginning.

Carr based the organization's mission on the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25, which expresses the need to embrace the stranger, take in the hungry and cure the sick, which Boehm said is lived out through the services provided by the shelter, free clinic and food pantry.

"We take people in who for whatever reason kind of hit their rock bottom," he said. "We bring them in and we change their bad habits into good habits, and we

get them into programs where they can get clean, get sober – whatever issues took them to their rock bottom. We eliminate those barriers. We get them work, we get them a job, they get an income, we help them manage their money."

The St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry serves up to 200 families weekly and the Daily Bread program feeds between 40 and 80 every day. The Thanksgiving Day meal serves more than 1,200, of which some 1,000 residents have it delivered, along with another special meal at Christmas.

The St. Francis Free Clinic, staffed by general physicians, pediatric doctors, psychologists and dentists, is open to anyone regardless of whether they're staying at the shelter. Boehm said they have recently determined they are providing close to \$1 million in free health care annually, which includes a pharmacy that provides pharmaceuticals such as insulin to diabetics.

The Community Cafe accommodates about 50 where visitors can have a cup of coffee, tea or other beverage, while the large community room in the Mother Teresa Center can accommodate close to 200 and is available for reunions and public meetings. The center also houses offices, chapel, the food pantry and community center.

Another major change in recent years has been their collaboration with Appleton-based COTS, which also serves the homeless but with longer-term relationships and transitional housing for men that is fee based. Boehm said the two organizations, along with Day by Day Shelter, take in the homeless using different ground rules and expectations while working toward the same goals.

A week ahead of the Mass with Bishop Ricken, which will be followed by a lunch open to the public, the annual CARRnival for Kids is an open house for the community from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in its 1062 S. Koeller St. parking lot. Featuring carnival rides, children's games and raffle prizes, Boehm said it allows Father Carr's to share some fun with the entire community.

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Thursday, May 30

Oshkosh Community Players: "The Haunting of Hill House," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, May 31

Oshkosh Community Players: "The Haunting of Hill House," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, June 1

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

Oshkosh Community Players: "The Haunting of Hill House," 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.

Under Cover Band, 6 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Sunday, June 2

Kids Mud Run, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA - 20th Avenue

Mary Lincoln's Strawberry Party, 1 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

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

Wednesday, June 5

Raptors and Jane Kelly, 11 a.m., Menominee Park

Music on Main: Water City Jazz Orchestra, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Thursday, June 6

Live at Lunch: Kit Menagerie, noon, Opera House Square

Pollock Community Water Park opening day, 4 p.m.

Cocktails and Culprits dinner theater, 6 p.m., Sturgeon Spirits, 2663 Oregon St.

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

Friday, June 7

Four Horsemen Poker Run, 3 p.m., Docksider Tavern

Oshkosh On the Water Soccer Classic Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park

Rebel Alliance Theatre: "True West," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Saturday, June 8

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Four Horsemen Poker Run, noon, Docksider Tavern

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"But I'm a Cheerleader," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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Community Park

Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park Shelter No. 3

Steve Smith & Vital Information, 7:30 p.m., The Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Tuesday, June 11

Live at the Leach with the Glam Band, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, June 12

Music on Main: Sundae & Mr. Goessl, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, June 13

Vento Brass Trio, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Live at Lunch: Taylor Jacobson, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Hairball, Road Trip, the Michael Weber Show, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, June 14

Oshkosh Food Truck Friday Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., South Park

Rebel Alliance Theatre: "True West," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Shelly Belly Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, June 15

Rebel Alliance Theatre: "True West," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Sawdust City Fright Fest: Lil Bloodies 2, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

"ABBAFAB: The Premiere ABBA Experience," 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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Beaming will get a \$76,337 grant for mental health and therapy services through equine-assisted therapy programs. The funds also will be used to help build bunkhouses for veterans and their families while attending services.

The commission was created in 2022 to develop new initiatives to support the more than 300,000 veterans who live in Wisconsin. These have included investments to support mental health initiatives, a new rental assistance program for homeless veterans, and additional resources for DVA's Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program and veteran services offices.

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Sadowska's gem carries Wildcats to tourney win

By Dustin Riese
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Alayna Sadowska scattered seven hits over seven innings and Oshkosh West scratched out enough runs to back her up for a 3-0 win in a WIAA Division 1 regional final on Thursday in Slinger.

The game was originally slated to be played at Oshkosh West but was relocated due to weather and field conditions after a late afternoon rain shower in Oshkosh.

The change in venue didn't affect Sadowska, though, as the West hurler kept the Owls in check the entire game.

"Alayna Sadowska pitched a great game," head coach Tim Kohl said. "She was able to mix it up on some very good Slinger hitters. Our defense made some big plays behind her to back her up and we managed to keep them off the board. That is something we have had to do all year."

Sadowska only fanned two batters in the game but was backed by a near-perfect defense to earn the shutout win.

Colleen Fitzpatrick and Laina Hammen

each finished with a pair of hits to lead the West offense, which totaled seven hits in the game.

Hammen got the scoring started for the Wildcats in the second when she doubled, took third on a Sadowska single and then dashed home on a passed ball.

West then added to its lead in the fourth inning with Hammen once again leading the charge.

The senior led off the inning with a single and was on second base with two outs when Hailey Hammen reached on a Slinger error which allowed the second run to score.

After Hailey Hammen advanced to second, Fitzpatrick followed with an RBI-single to give the Wildcats the three-run cushion.

"Our hitting was good enough to keep the pressure on their defense to make plays," Kohl said. "We were able to take advantage of some errors to grab the lead and did a great job adding to that lead later."

That would be enough for Sadowska,



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West senior Alayna Sadowska fires a pitch to the plate in a game earlier this season. Sadowska tossed a seven-hitter in shutting out Slinger, 3-0, in a WIAA Division 1 regional final last Thursday.

who was able to get out of a couple jams on the way to blanking the Owls.

Slinger had two baserunners on with one out in the third inning before Sadowska induced a pair of fly outs to get out of the frame.

Then, in the fifth, a two-out walk was followed by a double to give Slinger two

runners in scoring position. Sadowska, though, was able to retire the Owls' clean-up hitter to end the inning and West cruised the rest of the way to the win.

"We have a tough road ahead of us," Kohl said. "Hopefully our hitting can rise to the occasion and can keep putting the ball in play when we need to."

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Prep sports roundup

TRACK AND FIELD

Oshkosh West boys to send 7 events to state

Garth Martell and Reid Polak each advanced to the state track and field meet Thursday night at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet in West Bend.

Martell finished second in both the shot put and discus to advance to the state meet, which will be held this weekend at UW-La Crosse.

Polak advanced by finishing third in the 100 meters and then anchored the Wildcats' runner-up 400-meter relay team, joining Chase Brandl, Morgan Tibbitts and Damarion Williams on the foursome.

Also advancing to state with second-place finishes were Jarrett Alger in the 300-meter hurdles, Ethan Pinkerton in the pole vault and Jeevan Ambati in the long jump. Ambati nearly qualified in the 110-meter hurdles but finished in fourth place, just two-tenths of a second out of third.

The West boys finished fifth overall at the sectional.

The West girls had just one state qualifier in Sydnee Nelson, who took first in the 100-meter high hurdles.

She nearly had some company on the trip as Kylie Triebold finished fourth in the 400 meters and Allison Simmons in the 100-meter hurdles, Kyana Williams in the long jump and Marissa Dutschek in the discus were each fifth.

Oshkosh North will also be represented at state on the boys side.

Logan Schettle finished second in the 100 meters, while Devon Williams placed

third in the 400 meters.

The Spartans' 400-meter relay team of Evan Auler, Jelani Hernandez, Anthony Nguyen and Schettle were third to also garner a trip to state.

The Oshkosh North girls came up short of advancing any event to La Crosse with their best finishes being fourth places from Lehna Mitchell in the 1,600 meters and Alai Awak in the high jump.

Earlier in the week at the regional meet, the West boys took third and the North boys were fourth, while West took second in the girls standings with North finishing sixth.

Regional champions for the Wildcats were Nelson in the 100-meter hurdles, Ambati in the 110-meter hurdles and long jump and the West boys 400-meter relay team.

Oshkosh North's lone regional champion was Awak in the high jump.

Relay teams shine for Lourdes Academy

The Lourdes Academy girls track and field team advanced three relays to the state meet, including two that won sectional titles, at Thursday's WIAA Division 3 sectional meet at Horicon.

The Knights' 3,200-meter relay team of Dasha Averkamp, Annie Moore, Erin Moore and Melanie Tushar finished nearly 12 seconds ahead of the field in claiming their win, while the foursome of Averkamp, Erin Moore, Natasha Konop and Kylie Rietz finished first in the 1,600-meter relay.

Lourdes Academy also got a second place from the 800-meter relay team of Bree Kane, Konop, Sabur Machiros and

Rietz.

Advancing to the state meet as individuals were Konop, who won the 300-meter hurdles, and Erin Moore, who finished first in the 800 meters, while Averkamp also qualified as an individual by placing fourth in the 800 meters.

At the regional meet earlier in the week, the Lourdes girls finished third with the 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relays claiming titles along with Konop in the 300-meter hurdles. Erin Moore and Averkamp finished 1-2, respectively, in the 800 meters.

The Lourdes Academy boys had a trio of third-place finishes at the regional meet.

Mat Yaggie finished third in the 110-meter hurdles and teamed with Cameron Kapral, Jok Machiros and Isaak Rucinski to take third in the 1,600-meter relay. Kapral, Machiros, Rucinski and Johnny Santiago added a third place in the 800-meter relay, while Kapral was fourth in the long jump.

Wojtowski qualifies for state for Warriors

Junior Alaina Wojtowski of Valley Christian earned a spot at the state track and field meet after placing fourth in the 100 meters at a WIAA Division 3 sectional meet in Rosholt on Thursday.

Wojtowski finished about three-tenths of a second behind the event winner and is the only Valley Christian athlete to advance to state.

Anna Giannopoulos nearly qualified as well but finished fifth in the discus.

At the regional meet at St. Mary Catholic last Monday, Wojtowski led the Valley Christian girls with a second place in the

100 meters. The Warriors 400-meter relay team also took second.

Mya Moran was third and McKenzie Murphy was fourth in the 1,600 meters, while Lizzie Fink in the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter relay team also took fourth.

The Valley Christian boys were led by Jonah Menet, who took third in the 3,200 meters and the Warriors were third in the 1,600 meters. Landon Loeck and Isaiah Hyvonen were each fourth in the 100 meters and 200 meters, respectively.

TENNIS

Wildcats take second at sectionals

Oshkosh West automatically qualified two flights to the state tournament in taking second to powerhouse Neenah at last Thursday's Division 1 sectional meet.

Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles finished second at the tournament, topping Port Washington's Gabe Welton, 6-3, 6-1 and Hartford's Ethan Hoffman 6-2, 7-5. He lost to Neenah's Carl Hein in the sectional title match.

Also automatically advancing was the No. 1 doubles team, of Ryan Jorgenson and Yoseff Edsell, punching their ticket to Madison with a 6-3, 6-2, win over a Sheboygan North pairing in the first round. The duo dropped their next two matches, losing a tight 6-4, 6-3 contest to a Manitowoc Lincoln tandem in the semifinals.

Kole Stauffacher added a second place at No. 2 singles, picking up a win over Sheboygan North's Tyler Konrad in the first

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Oshkosh North's Gavin driven by love of the game

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Ball. That was Shaun Gavin's first spoken word — according to his mother, Stacey. It became a regular part of Gavin's vocabulary and a way of life for the baseball enthusiast.

Gavin has done more than just talk about the game. He's played it since t-ball and has performed at a high level. The Oshkosh North third baseman-pitcher is one of the better all-around ballplayers in the Fox Valley Association. He's a single-sport athlete who devotes his summers to the Oshkosh American Legion baseball program and has played fall baseball as well.

Gavin won't be storing his glove and spikes away any time soon. He'll be playing Division III college baseball next year at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

"Shaun is one of those kids who loves baseball," said North coach Robert Loeper. "If he isn't playing baseball, he's practicing baseball. It's not that uncommon to find him after a game — whether he had a good or poor performance — working in the cage trying to get better. He just loves being around the game."

Gavin's dedication to the sport has paid off. Twenty four games into the 2024 season, Gavin was hitting .286 with team highs in slugging percentage (.532), home runs (four) and RBI (12). Gavin has also been one of the Spartans' top pitchers compiling a 4.58 earned run average with 45 strikeouts in a team-high 36 2/3 innings.

As a junior, Gavin hit a solid .275 with 12 RBI and compiled a 3-3 record on the mound with a 3.84 ERA and 29 Ks in 34 2/4 innings.

North doesn't have official captains, but



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North senior Shaun Gavin has been one of the Spartans' leaders both at the plate and on the mound this season.

Gavin is a team leader who takes responsibility for team-related activities.

"Shaun isn't the most vocal player, but he leads by example," Loeper said. "If we need someone to fill the water coolers, Shaun does it. If we need someone to put the flag up or run back to the school to get equipment, Shaun does it."

"He will text me during the day and send out texts to the guys letting them know

about practice changes. To know you can count and rely on someone like that when you need them is such a benefit and help to the program."

Gavin doesn't mind doing the little things to keep North's baseball team cohesive and fully prepared for game action.

"I'm just trying to elevate the play of everyone around me," he said. "I'm trying to be that guy that everyone can count on — someone the guys can talk to about anything."

"That's one of the things I love about baseball. I really enjoy making connections with my teammates and then going out and playing ball with them."

The right-handed-hitting Gavin has shown increased power this spring. Two of his homers came in a May 13 game against

Senior spotlight

Hortonville.

"I try to think of them as happy accidents," Gavin said. "I only had one (home run) last season, so they're coming a lot easier this year. My swing feels a lot better."

"Last year, I was focused on just making contact and really didn't think I had the juice to put it out. I'm really just trying to go up there and hit a line drive."

Gavin's been hitting line drives since he started playing the sport at the age of five. His father, John, was a coach with the North baseball program and Shaun assisted his dad's team as a batboy and water boy. John later coached some of Shaun's summer travel ball teams.

"I was around the game all the time as a little kid and once I started playing it, I just loved it," Gavin said. "My dad took a lot of time to help me get the fundamentals down and I've learned a lot. He still throws a lot of BP (batting practice for me) which I appreciate."

"My mom says she always knew I was going to play baseball. I have a special kind of relationship with it."

Gavin pitched primarily in relief as a junior but has been one of North's top starters this spring. He throws two-and-four-seam fastballs along with a curve and change-up.

Gavin is excited about the opportunity to play ball at the next level at UW-River Falls which has resurrected its baseball program following a 21-year absence. The Falcons will be coached by Steve Bartlein, who had been an assistant with the UW-Whitewater program since 2017.

"I really liked the coach (Bartlein) and I'm looking forward to the challenge," Gavin said. "They haven't had baseball in a long time and it will be great to be a part of something new."

Gavin, a rock-solid student, plans to major in business management.

"I've always liked numbers, so I think it (business management) will be a good fit for me," Gavin said.

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round before losing to Neenah's Brady La-watsch in the title match.

The Wildcats' No. 2 pairing of Gavin Steiner and Reid Potter scored a 7-6, 6-1 win in their first win at sectionals before falling in the title match to take second.

West's Anderson Ruth also qualified for sectionals and took fourth at the No. 4 flight.

Oshkosh North did not have any sectional qualifiers but did get wins from Anjal Adhikari and Payton Rockteschel at No. 2 doubles and George Tapia and Quasi Alqawasmi at No. 3 doubles at the sub-sectional level.

Valley Christian's Kunde falls short at sectionals

Valley Christian sophomore Danny Kunde reached the sectional tournament in Division 2, but lost his first-round match.

Kunde beat St. Mary Catholic's Nicholas Miller 6-1, 2-6, 10-4 in subsectionals but was ousted by Grafton's Michael Pan 6-2, 6-2.

Ethan Millar at No. 2 singles, Brady Day at No. 3 singles and Derek Wallace at No. 4 singles also posted first-round wins at subsectionals but fell short of advancing to the sectional tournament. In doubles, Bella Birr and Christian Canlas won a first-round match at No. 3 doubles but lost their next match.

SOFTBALL

Spartans test top-seeded Beavers in regional final

Oshkosh North stood toe-to-toe with top-seeded Beaver Dam before bowing out in a 2-0 loss in a WIAA Division 1 regional final Thursday.

The Beavers, who are ranked fifth in the state, scored both of their runs in the first inning but were blanked after that by North starter Brooke Peters. Peters scattered eight hits and walked only one while striking out four.

The Spartans mustered only three hits in the game as Emma Niemczyk, Olivia Borowitz and Megan Kolodzik each had singles in the game.

North, seeded eighth in the sectional, opened the tournament with a 7-4 win over Hartford, rallying from a 4-2 deficit to collect the win.

Borowitz was the only Spartan with multiple hits finishing 2-for-3, including a double. Allie Leib drove in a pair of runs, while Ava Hanson scored twice.

Peters pitched the complete game for the win, allowing seven hits and four runs

– just two earned – while striking out two. The Spartans finished the season with an 11-13 record.

Wildcats pummel Ships in tourney opener

Oshkosh West scored nine runs in the first two innings, including a six-run outburst in the second frame, in rolling past Manitowoc Lincoln, 11-1, in five innings last Tuesday.

Colleen Fitzpatrick hit a home run and finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs to pace the West offense, with Emmy Reichenberger and Sam Frank each adding two hits apiece. Savannah Swanke chipped in a pair of RBIs.

The Wildcats finished with eight hits in the game and also benefited from seven walks.

Alayna Sadowska struck out six in three innings and allowed just three hits to get the win. Alexia Monroe pitched the final two innings.

Oakfield ousts Lourdes Academy from tourney

The Knights managed just one hit off of top-ranked Oakfield and lost a 10-0 decision to the Oaks in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal last week

Lourdes Academy finishes the season 4-14.

BASEBALL

Spartans cap regular season with victory

Jackson Anderson went 4-for-4 while Colton Angell added a pair of hits, including a home run, as Oshkosh North topped Kaukauna, 11-4, in its regular-season finale last Thursday.

Carson Steinbeck chipped in a pair of hits with Angell and Connor Palmquist each driving in three runs in the win.

Zach Kiffmeyer fanned seven over 5 2/3 innings to earn the win on the mound.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans fell to Kimberly 9-0 with Charlie Clark and Greyson Spanbauer accounting for the two hits in the game for North.

Wildcats post victory over Waupun

Oshkosh West scored a 2-1 win over Waupun on Wednesday in the completion of a suspended game from April.

Ricky Ludwig drove in both runs for West, which took the lead in the third inning. Landon Ubrig finished 3-for-4 and Jaxon Prill picked up a pair of hits for West.

Ryan Williamson went the distance allowing five hits and a walk, while striking out eight to get the win.

Last Tuesday, West fell to Hortonville,

11-0, with Gavin Ruh picking up the lone hit for the Wildcats.

GOLF

Knights take second place at regionals

Cooper McLaughlin tied for second overall and the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian advanced to sectionals with a second-place finish at the WIAA Division 2 regional meet last week at Town & Country Club.

The Knights finished with a team total of 352 to finish even with Kiel, 25 shots behind regional champion Sheboygan Falls.

McLaughlin carded a round of 80 to pace the Knights, tying with Sheboygan Falls' Sam Bast. The Falcons' Jack Guentner was medalist with a 73.

Lucas Neuens and Jackson Buttke each finished with rounds of 86 to tie for ninth with Donovan Hemminghaus rounding out the Knights' scoring golfers with a 100.

Three area players reach Division 1 sectional

Oshkosh North qualified a pair of golfers to the sectional meet, while Oshkosh West had one emerge from last week's WIAA Division 1 regional at Washington County Golf Course.

The Spartans' Owen Weber was the lowest of the area golfers, finishing tied for sixth with a round of 78 – only five strokes off of the low score of the day.

Teammate Dan Chopp also advanced to sectionals after carding a round of 82, while Oshkosh West's Ben Reitz also advanced with an 83.

The Spartans finished fifth among the eight teams in the field with a 339. Warren

Seeley added an 86, while Jack Anderson finished with a 93.

The Wildcats finished with a team total of 356 to place seventh as Jaxen Lloyd (88), Collin Rice (92) and Parker Gerlach (93) finished behind Reitz.

SOCCER

Oshkosh West collects win over Jaguars

Laney Weibel and Kaitlyn Schaller each scored goals to lift Oshkosh West to a 2-1 win over Ashwaubenon in a nonconference match last Thursday.

Brenna Gehri and Mikayla Werner picked up assists in the match for West, which improved to 11-2-5 overall.

Grace Senkbeil made two saves in goal for the Wildcats.

West was coming off a 3-1 loss to Fox Valley Association leader Kimberly the night before.

Morgan Toman had the goal for the Wildcats, with Weibel picking up an assist.

Spartans fall to Cardinals in FVA finale

Oshkosh North dropped its final conference game of the season last week, losing to Fond du Lac, 6-0.

The Cardinals scored four goals in the first half en route to the win.

Lourdes/Valley tripped up by Ledgers

The Knights came up short in a Flyway tussle against St. Mary Springs last week.

The Ledgers scored three first-half goals and handed Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian a 4-0 loss.

The Knights finished the regular season 8-2-2.

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David W. Albrecht

David W. Albrecht (84) died peacefully at home in Oshkosh on Wednesday May 22, 2024, surrounded by those who loved him.



David is survived by his wife, Susan (Clark) and three adult children: Tim Albrecht and Ferhat Algedik, Jane Albrecht, and Jennifer and Jeff Grove; grandchildren Tessa (Addison) Najmy Bieger, Saylor Najmy, Oliver Grove, Elias Najmy, Charles Grove and Harry Grove, and great grandchildren Colette, Charlotte and Rowan Bieger; and one sister, Susan (Jack) Slye.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Erwin and Edna Albrecht, and siblings Dolores (Don)Bohn, Kenneth Albrecht, Phyllis Albrecht, and Shirley (Thomas)Bowen.

As a young man of seventeen, Dave's mechanical acumen allowed him to trav-

el with his mentor, Herman Behm, to the World Sportscar Championship as part of the 1957 Sebring racing crew team. The experience and confidence Dave gained from working these races under Behm's mentorship served him throughout his life and proved formative to his future endeavors in business and community leadership.

Dave was co-owner of Barney's Wrecker Service where he specialized in Volkswagen and foreign car repair during the height of the VW Bug's prominence of the 70s. In 1986, Dave found his passion for public service by being elected to represent District 11 on the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. Throughout his time on the Board, Dave was committed to putting people ahead of politics. As a small business owner, Dave knew firsthand the burdens of regulations and taxes, and he took a common sense approach to helping constituents and working with County officials. Dave's personality and no-nonsense approach to his colleagues

propelled him to be elected Vice Chairman of the Board, and in 2004 he was elected Chairman - a position he held for 14 years. Dave's numerous contributions to the advancement of Winnebago County includes the refurbishment of Parkview Health Center, county highway construction, Winnebago Solid Waste programs, expansion of EAA and improvements to the county airport, and chairing the Affirmative Action Committee. Throughout his service, Dave always meshed fiscally conservative values with compassion and a desire to help the people of Winnebago County. Looking to broaden Winnebago County's influence on the state level, Dave served on the Wisconsin Counties Association Board of Directors, Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Board of Directors, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

Dave taught his grandchildren how to drive, play cribbage and fish. His property and cabin in Poyissippi was his favorite hide-away, and he had a passion for the outdoors that included fishing and hunting. Dave's fried perch was legendary, and he often traveled with frozen perch so that he could host a Wisconsin Fish

fry when visiting his daughters in Rhode Island, Virginia, or Up-North with his wife's Card Club.

The love of Dave's life was his beloved high school sweetheart, Susan. He cherished every day of their 64-year marriage and the family they made together. Dave was immensely proud of his children and taught them that anything is fixable - from a sink, to a carburetor to a relationship - and that it is our responsibility to repair anything that we broke. Dave's "can-do" approach to life was infectious and will carry on to all those who knew him. Last year, Dave was honored and humbled by Winnebago County dedicating the "David W. Albrecht Administration Building" in recognition of his 38 years of service. Dave was honest and hardworking, and he was always willing to take others under his wing throughout his life. All of us who know him are better for it. Rest easy David.

A private funeral is planned. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Otter Street Fishing Club in honor of his passion for fishing on Lake Winnebago. <https://www.theosfc.com/donate>



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Jean R. Ziolkowski

Jean R. Ziolkowski, age 80 of Menasha, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. She was born in Oshkosh on May 16, 1944 to the late John C. and Ruth (Rubbert) Kroll.



Jean dedicated her life to her work as a beautician and later found joy in creating books at Banta Corporation.

Jean's love for mother nature, specifically animals, should have been reason for her nickname to be "Snow White" of Menasha. She adored the feathered and furry friends in her neighborhood, ensuring they were always well-fed and cared for, especially the birds who flocked to her backyard.

In addition to her love for animals, Jean had a passion for painting and golfing, finding solace and joy in these creative pursuits throughout her life. Her artistic talents and love for the game of golf

brought a unique vibrancy to her days.

Jean is lovingly survived by her children, Jay (Debbie) Miller and Kerri (Scott) Goodale; grandchildren, Alex and Cody Miller; brother, John "Jack" (Lana) Kroll; nephews, John "Johnny" (Angie) Kroll and Michael "Mike" (Laura) Kroll.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Ziolkowski.

A funeral service for Jean will be held at Konrad-Behelman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. with Pastor Jon Kuske officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Private interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Jean's family would like to extend their gratitude to Compassus Hospice, especially Nicole. Thank you for all of the assistance and compassionate care provided to Jean.



Donald (Lumpy) Wolff

Donald F. Wolff, Sr., age 73, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at his home in Oshkosh after a short illness. He was born in Oshkosh on February 8, 1951, the son of Frederick and Marion (Butzlaff) Wolff. Don married Patricia Berndt in Grace Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, on June 2, 1984.



Until the time of his retirement, Don was employed by Geodis Warehousing in Fond du Lac as a forklift operator. Lumpy enjoyed NASCAR, the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and bowling. He and Patty enjoyed singing karaoke. He had a great voice. He was also a proud founding member of the "8th Street Gang".

Don is survived by his wife, Patty Wolff, Oshkosh, four sons; Don (Kelly) Wolff, Oshkosh, Shawn (Shirin) Skifstad, Oshkosh, Shannon (Kelly) Skifstad, FL., Shane (Crystal) Skifstad, Oshkosh,

one daughter; Sabrina (Barry) Johnson, Oshkosh, fourteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one sister; Barbara (Joe) Nemeth, Oshkosh, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Kathy Wanner, Tom and Lori Berndt, Jeff and Debie Berndt, and David Berndt. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws; Bernerd and Florence Berndt; Bill and Beth Wara, and Bobby Berndt.

A time of remembrance will be held in The Poklasny Funeral Home (870 W. South Park, Oshkosh) on Thursday, May 30, from 3:00-6:00 PM. Committal services for Don will be held in Lake View Memorial Park on Friday, May 31, at 2:00 PM.

Lumpy was a great guy and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.



Obituaries

Stephen L. Mauritz

Stephen L. Mauritz passed away on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023. Stephen was born to John E. Mauritz and Magdalen (Neumueller) Mauritz on Aug. 25, 1939. He graduated from Oshkosh High School. In his youth Steve began his love of sailing. In 1958, Steve started his Apprenticeship at Lincoln Foster Sailmakers. Sails that were made there traveled around the world. Some sails were used in the international competition for the World Cup and twice they were featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Steve also worked at his good friend Pat Haverty's Machine Shop where they made an ice boat together.

Steve served in the US Army on active duty from 1962 through 1964. He then returned for the Army Reserves in the



summers of 1965-1967. Steve loved to talk about his Army experiences and was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 4.

After the Army, Steve returned to sailing and working at Lincoln Foster Sailmakers. In 1972, Steve purchased the business from Lincoln Foster and renamed it Yacht Sailmakers. Besides sails, they made flags, pennants, banners, tents, sail bags, duffle bags and even some Angel Wings for schools, businesses, Oshkosh Chamber, churches, clubs, family, and friends. They also repaired sails, boat parts, and riggings.

Steve was very involved statewide in sailing. He sailed on Wisconsin lakes, the Great Lakes, and the Atlantic Ocean. He ice-boated on several Wisconsin lakes and upper Michigan. He crewed and captained boats and was also a judge in many races. Steve also encouraged youth to sail. He was a member of the Oshkosh Yacht Club and the Inland Lakes Yachting Association where he was the Secretary for

many years. Steve retired in 2005.

Steve is survived by his brother, Robert Mauritz, and his sisters Rita (John) Draves, and Mary (Stephen) Sturm and his brother-in law Tom Jenkins along with many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Steve is also survived by his plant manager and good sailing friend Jean Paul Jonet.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents John E. Mauritz and Magdalen (Neumueller) Mauritz, his brothers John G. (Marlyn) Mauritz, David Mauritz, Fred Mauritz, and sister Dorothy Jenkins.

He was also preceded in death by his good friends Lincoln Foster, Pat Haverty and Paul Ansfield.

A funeral mass will be held on Sat. June 8, 2024, at The Most Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's site) at 605 Merrit Ave Oshkosh at 11:00 am. A visitation with members of the family and friends will be from 9:30 until the Mass. The burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in the military section in Oshkosh.



Arlene V. Mueller

Arlene V. Mueller, age 90, passed away on May 23, 2024, at her residence. She was born to the late Howard Robinson and Frances Frohrib on September 18th, 1933 in Oshkosh WI.

A businesswoman who owned and operated Aurora Kennel and Pet Shoppe. Arlene built the business in 1968 and 20 years later built a large expansion that was necessary for her very successful business. Special recognition to long time and devoted employees Connie Schauer, Julia Richards and Caitlin Paulick who continue to maintain the excellence of Aurora Kennel and Pet Shoppe

Arlene's compassion and love of all animals, lead her to the Oshkosh Animal Shelter in the late 1960's. Here she implemented and elevated the care and conditions for the animals, employees, and volunteers. Ultimately crusading and was an integral part of designing a new facility for the Oshkosh Humane Society.

Arlene bred and showed numerous

Champion Poodles, toys and miniatures, along with her daughter Julie. Aurora Poodles were shown in Canada and across the United States with great recognition. Most notably "Chrissy" shown to her championship in 1979 at Westminster Kennel Club in New York City.

Arlene graduated from Oshkosh High School. She sang in the Girls' choir, grade school through high school. She also performed in Oshkosh girls Drum and Bugle Corp. starting junior high school through high school.

Arlene is survived by her two children Randy S. Mueller of Lake Geneva, WI and Julie L. Mueller of Tulsa, OK, her grandson Richard Mueller, great grandson Ryan Mueller and goddaughter Jordan Patri.

Per Arlene's wishes a cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital in Arlene's honor.



Clairbel Kliss-Zentner

Clairbel "Claire" Kliss-Zentner, 90, of Oshkosh, WI passed away on May 23, 2024. She was born in Stevens Point, WI to the late Glen Worden and Annie Worden. She married Edward Kliss on June 13, 1953, until his passing in 2007. She later married James Zentner on July 26, 2008, until his passing in 2009.



Claire was active in the woman's group at Algoma United Methodist church. Claire loved to meet new people while enjoying her favorite game Bridge. She cherished her TOPPS friends. She especially looked forward to weekly meals with her good friend Darlene.

Claire is survived by her children Gayle Billman (Ron), Jody Hirte (David Woodland), and Deanne Kliss (Terry Abraham); step-daughter, Karen Zentner LaBorde (Phil); siblings Dell Worden, Carol

Dorschner (Bob), and George Worden (Judy); grandchildren Donovan True (Joanne), Matthew True (Katie), Amanda Luty (Andy), Ross Hirte (Alyssa), Jonathan Dailey (Lindsey), Nathan Dailey, Justin (Jessica) Crawford, Andrea Crawford, Sarah (Mike) Freundel; great-grandchildren Brycen, Preston, Brett, Maeve, Claire, Grace, Abigail, Pierce, Aubrey, McKenna, JJ, and Denae.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Claire was further preceded in death by her son-in-law, David Hirte; and sister, Eve Agnew.

A funeral service for Claire will be held at Algoma United Methodist (1174 Algoma Blvd) on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4PM. Visitation will be held at 2PM until the time of service.

Above all, her greatest love was her family. She was always there for all of us; we hope to continue to lead by her example. She will be greatly missed.



Kathleen A. Klingbeil

Kathleen A. Klingbeil born in Oshkosh WI on June 8th, 1946 to Edmund and Esther (Kuklinski) Spanbauer. Married Steven Klingbeil on February 7, 1970 in Oshkosh. Steve preceded her in death on October 24, 2007. Kathy is survived by two sons, Tom (Andy) Klingbeil and Nick (Tracy) Klingbeil and three grandchildren, Liberty, Skylar and Jacob. Two brothers Edmund (Mim) Spanbauer Jr. all of Oshkosh and Rick (Rena) Spanbauer of New York. Nephews, Cary (Meghan) Spanbauer of Massachusetts and Edmund (Cathy) Spanbauer of Fond du Lac and their children Eddie



(Brooke), Kylie (Eric) and Jayson and niece Heather (Garrett) Bissell and their children Hannah and Mia of New York. Kathy greatly enjoyed working at Target. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Mexico, Ireland and Mackinac Island. Going to bingo and casinos with friends. She enjoyed playing all kinds of card games, Mexican Train and was very competitive when playing. She looked forward to her weekly Friday night gatherings with her dinner friends. Loved spending time with her kids, grandchildren and loved all her cats. Private family services will be held. The family would like to thank the staff at Evergreen for their care and compassion for Kathy!



Inga M. Jorgenson

Inga M. Jorgenson, age 83, of Oshkosh, passed away on May 20, 2024. She was born on March 15, 1941 a daughter of the late Lee and Laura (Durant) Jorgenson.

She greatly enjoyed crossword puzzles and word finds.

She is survived by three sons, Fred (Roxanne) Rolph, Kevin Rolph and Thomas (Sommer) Rolph all of Oshkosh; two daughters, Karen (Chuck) Ruedinger of Madison and Laura Murphy of Oshkosh. She is further survived by 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert E. Zink; a son-in-law, Shaun Murphy; a daughter-in-law, Debra Rolph and siblings, Carol Jorgenson, Roberta Guerro and Wayne Jorgenson

Funeral services for Inga will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 11 am in the

Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 9 am until the time of service. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery.



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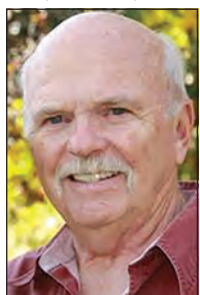
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James A. Wirch

James Allen Wirch passed away peacefully on May 18, 2024, at the age of 88. He was born on April 11, 1936 in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.



Jim was an independent insurance agent for over 40 years in the Omro/Oshkosh area. He retired in 2002 after selling his insurance practice.

In his early 20's Jim worked for what was then Mercury Outboards. One of his jobs was to manage, repair and drive stunt boats in the traveling Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show for Mercury.

Jim was a gregarious story teller and teller of tall tales, he was always at ease being the life of any party. He loved to hunt elk,

deer and turkey in Montana, Colorado and of course Wisconsin. He also loved to fish on his beloved Fox River that he grew up on and was happiest fishing right off the end of his dock. As a boy he even used a burnt-out light bulb for a bobber to fish with. He was a man of all trades and could fix almost anything around the home.

He spent the last 20+ years as a snowbird where he and Karen left the cold Wisconsin winter for Arizona mostly and also Texas and drove their RV to Alaska in 2009. He was known for his quick wit, his kind and compassionate spirit, and his infectious outgoing smile. He had a hard time driving past any frozen custard stand and proclaimed "there's something wrong with the steering I need to pull over".

Jim married his wife Karen 31 years ago and she preceded him in death just last year. His parents Fred and Fern of Winne-

conne, and brothers, Fred Jr. and Harold, all preceded him in death.

He is survived by brother, Jack (Mary) Wirch of Winneconne, WI; sisters-in-law, Marie Wirch, and Anna Mae Wirch; Jim's children, Mark (Holly Drawenek) Wirch of Oshkosh, WI, Rick (Alexandria Roe) Wirch of Madison, WI, and Dawn Wirch (Scott) Campbell of Chandler, AZ; Karen's daughters, Kristin Johnston of Spring Lake, MI, and Karla (Benjamin) Johnston-Krase of Durham, NC; grandchildren, Cadan (Jessica), Liam, Sophia Johnston Kleinheksel and Sylvia, Meheret, and Ezgihaye Johnston-Krase; grandchildren Brian (Laura) Wirch, Aaron, William and Anna Drawenek, Robert, Bethany (Nate) Michael, and Christina (David) Morris; great-grandchildren, Spencer and Jocelynn; nieces and nephews, Emily (Sean) Cannon,

Sam (Sarah Kelly) Wirch, Mike Wirch, Cindy Wirch Koehler, Andrew Wirch and Steven Wirch.

A visitation will be on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main Street, Winneconne, WI. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a Masonic service. A lunch will be served at First Presbyterian Church, 32 S. 3rd Avenue, Winneconne following the services. Interment will be Saturday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Alto Cemetery, Waupun.

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Obituaries

Robert Lechleiter

Robert "Mike" Lechleiter, age 84, passed away peacefully at home in Oshkosh on May 19, 2024. Mike was born in Oshkosh in 1940 to Robert W. and Mary S. Lechleiter. His childhood and adolescence were spent in The Wagstaff House on Algoma Boulevard. To the end he recounted many fond and vivid memories of growing up in this historic home. Earlier in May he was invited to share his stories during an open house at the residence. Mike was a baker by trade beginning his career at Heise Bakery and eventually retired from Copp's. During a ten-year-hiatus from baking, Mike managed a model train shop on Oregon Street. Mike was a member of the Oshkosh Model Train Club and served several terms as president. In recent years he was an active member of the IPMS-Steve Witman Scale Modelers club. Mike's love of modeling began with lead soldiers and Civil War dioramas in his childhood and evolved into a life-long interest in HO trains. Family trips were centered around photographing train engines all over the country in order to capture details as accurately as possible. In the past decade, Mike expanded his hobbying to include 1:72 resin modeling and diorama building of WWII and other historic events. He was a talented innovator often constructing his builds from scratch long before 3D printing came on the scene. Mike also took great pleasure in researching

"Old Oshkosh" and recording the family history of his Swiss ancestors. Mike was known for his wit and gift of gab. Mike is survived by his beloved and cherished partner, Nancy Guldán; daughter, Leah (Gary) Luke; grandchildren, Eliana, Lauryn, and John; and a great-granddaughter. Preceding him in death were his parents; and sister, Mary (Earl "Bud") Lechleiter-MacDonald. Visitation will be held at Lake View Memorial Chapel, Oshkosh, WI on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 11:00am with service starting at 12:00noon in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Education Department at the Oshkosh Public Museum. Mike spent many hours in the museum as a boy and this instilled in him a love of self-directed learning. The family hopes other children will also be inspired in the same way. oshkoshmuseum.org/donate/





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Legal Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: JAMIE LYNN BUEHNER

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2024CV000477

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Jamie Lynn Buehner

To: Jamie Lynn Resneck - Buehner
Birth Certificate: Jamie Lynn Buehner

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: June 24, 2024
Time: 3:30 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4848 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 21, 2024 /s/ Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere

Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch I Runs: May 29, 2024, June 5, 2024 and June 12, 2024 WNAJLP

Civil Division Summons Publication Case No. 2024CV000352 30303 — Money Judgment

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Plaintiff: PAYCOR, INC. 4811 MONTGOMERY RD CINCINNATI, OH 45212

Defendant(s): GATEWAY CARE, LLC 212 W. 12TH AVENUE OSHKOSH, WI 54902

SUMMONS
To the Defendant(s): You are hereby being sued by the person/entity named above as plaintiff. If you wish to dispute this matter you must file an answer with the Court within 40 days of this publication. A copy of the complaint has been mailed to the above-referenced address.

PLACE TO FILE AN ANSWER Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson Drive, Civil Division Oshkosh, WI 54903
If you do not file an answer, the plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking. Dated this 16th day of May, 2024.
RINEHART, SCAFFIDI & RINEHART, LLC
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Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

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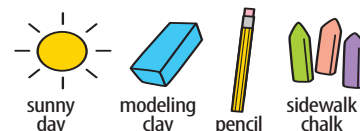
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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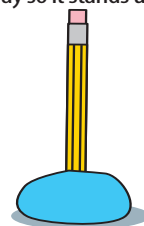
Work with a family member to see how a shadow changes throughout the day.

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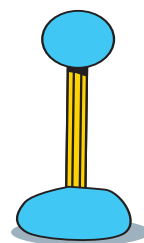
STEP 1

Make a ball of clay and place it on the cement outside. Stick the pencil in the clay so it stands upright.



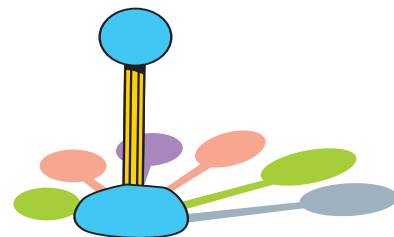
STEP 2

Make another small ball of clay. Stick it on the top of the pencil.



STEP 3

Starting at 1:00 p.m., use sidewalk chalk to trace the shadow. Trace it once an hour for six hours to show how the shadow moves and changes as the sun gets lower in the sky.



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