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Student scores mixed in new report

Reading skills up, math results remain stagnant

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District put an emphasis on improving math and literacy scores last year after learning that more than half of the students in younger grades were not proficient in either subject.

In November, members of the Board of Education learned that fewer than half of students in grades 3 through 8 are profi-

cient in math and literacy. That is still true, but administrators believe they are making positive moves to get scores up.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said there was good news coming from the reading scores that show a 3.5% increase in proficiency over the last year and an 8% increase over the last five years. But he did not parse words when looking at the data.

"This is extremely disappointing for us," Davis said of the stagnant math scores.

In math, the gulf between economically disadvantaged students and the non-economically disadvantaged is growing as

both groups' proficiency scores rise incrementally. In 2021, 56% of non-economically disadvantaged students were proficient in math in grades 1 through 8 compared with 27% of economically disadvantaged students.

In 2024, 62% of non-economically disadvantaged students were proficient and 29% of economically disadvantaged students were proficient. All these scores were from the iReady assessment.

There are also large gaps in how Black

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Waterfest tradition

Hairball brought back its rock 'n' roll experience to open the Waterfest season Thursday night at the Leach Amphitheater with lights, sound, smoke, fire, bombs and avid fans. The band pays homage to some of the biggest arena acts such as Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey and Aerosmith.

Polling station dedicated to absentee ballots approved

Early voting trend leads to adjustment

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

City Hall will be the site of a new polling station for upcoming elections in August and November that will be used only for counting absentee ballots on Election Day and will have the same access as other polling locations.

The city has seen an increase in early absentee voting and those ballots are usually counted and processed at the same locations that residents are doing in-person voting. City Clerk Diane Bartlett be-

lieves designating the two large rooms on the fourth floor of City Hall as a polling location for counting absentee ballots will make election days more efficient for workers and voters.

Two election workers in favor of the central count location spoke at the Common Council meeting last week. Caroline Panske has served as a poll worker for more than a decade.

"I've seen this process for a while," she said. "The amount of absentee ballots has only been increasing."



Bartlett

She said processing the absentee ballots is one of the biggest tasks election workers have, noting that in 2016 Oshkosh had 8,813 absentee voters followed by 18,035 in 2020.

Panske said election workers will be alleviated from processing absentee ballots and can focus on issues that occur in the polling station.

Sue Panek reiterated much of what Panske said and explained the process of going through absentee ballots.

"It's not just opening that envelope. When you get those (absentee ballot) envelopes you have to check the addresses on the envelopes, you have to check that there is a witness signature," Panek said.

"It takes time."

A lot goes on during election day, such as someone who can't make it to the polls and may need to do curbside voting, which takes two workers out of the polling site. There also are voters that have questions.

Panek said this move could help with efficiency and end-of-night headaches.

Oshkosh has already made changes to early absentee voting leading up to November's presidential election, moving early voting from City Hall to 19 E. Irving Ave. The previous system was to deliver the absentee ballots from 19 E. Irving to

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Tourism growth reported in state, county

Oshkosh Herald

Wisconsin's tourism industry saw another record-breaking year in 2023, generating \$25 billion in total economic impact that topped the previous record of \$23.7 billion set in 2022.

Winnebago County was part of that surge as it reported a 5.5% jump in its tourism impact with \$553 million spent last year compared with \$524 million in 2022.

The state saw a \$25 billion total economic impact last year, an increase of 5.4% from the previous year.

There were 113 million visits, including nearly 46 million overnight visits, making it the second consecutive year of record-breaking overnight visitation.

All 72 counties saw economic impact growth, and the industry supported more than 178,000 part-time and full-time jobs across various sectors, an increase of 2% that generated \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue, up 5.8% from 2022.

Winnebago County jobs related to tourism grew from 4,175 to 4,296 over that period, an increase of 2.9% that generated \$31.9 million in state and local tax revenue, an increase of 6.2%.

"Wisconsin tourism powers the economy and strengthens the fabric of communities of all sizes," said Wisconsin Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "The historic impact of tourism reached every corner of Wisconsin and, in doing so, sustained livelihoods for thousands of our friends

and neighbors."

Travel Wisconsin marketed the state as a premier travel destination in 2023 by running advertising campaigns throughout the year in 12 Midwestern markets.

The 2023-25 biennial budget invested about \$34 million to raise Wisconsin's profile across the country as a business, cultural and recreational destination. Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. (WEDC) also requested the release of \$10 million in approved funding for the Opportunity Attraction and Promotion Fund to continue the state's recent success in recruiting and hosting large-scale events, such as the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the 2021 Ryder Cup, the 2024 Republican National Convention, and the 2025 NFL draft.

The 2023 economic data can be found at industry.travelwisconsin.com/research/economic-impact.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

June 21, 1911

Memorial to the Chieftain of the Menominee: A picturesque statue was unveiled at North Park this afternoon, honoring the Chief whose name this city bears, as well as the Menominee people and the part they played in Wisconsin history. The statue is a gift to the city presented by Col. John Hicks and was sculpted by the world-famous Florentine artist Chevalier Gaetano Trentanove, who also sculpted the monument seated in



Oshkosh's Monument square adjacent to the Grand Opera House. The statue was dedicated with ceremonies held in the highest esteem. It is located on the highest knoll of the park which commands a sweeping view of Lake Winnebago.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 21, 1911

Corrections

JUNE 12, PAGE 3: Winnebago County Register of Deeds chief deputy Christopher G. Larson is running as a Democrat for the open position of Register of Deeds in November. He was incorrectly listed as a Republican.

JUNE 12, PAGE 4: Luanne Laib is the owner of the Baumann Block on Oregon Street, including the Star Gallery, that was recently entered into the State Register of Historic Places. Megan Beer-Pemberton helped facilitate the application effort.

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City manager to recommend final ARPA allocations

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The slice of federal ARPA funds the city has set aside for non-infrastructure projects could be approved next month.

City Manager Mark Rohloff recently told the Common Council he would have his recommendations for how \$2.3 million should be allocated to public and nonprofit service projects before their next meeting.

Rohloff announced in May that 51 groups applied to receive a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds that have yet to be allocated.



Rohloff

The council approved 25% of the \$20.5 million the city received as part of the federal program in 2021 to be set aside for non-infrastructure projects.

Many of the 51 applications – requests totaled more than \$12 million – were from nonprofit organizations.

Council member Joe Stephenson suggested having a workshop regarding the 51 applications during Tuesday’s meeting. Rohloff said he will make his preliminary recommendations for that meeting.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said he would not change the process of allowing groups or individuals to speak about the applications. This could lead to all 51 applicants attending the meeting to pitch their proposals.

The recommendations will fall under council discussion and not a workshop at the meeting because they do not expect to take any action on the recommendations.

Rohloff said the council would not be required to have public comments for these recommendations, but Mugerauer said he will not change the process for these applications.

“I have no interest in changing that practice because of this item,” Mugerauer stated. He added every other time the council has allocated ARPA funds they have allowed for public comment and that these applications should not be treated any differently.

The agenda for the next meeting could be lighter with less agenda items to allow more time for the council to discuss the recommendations, Rohloff suggested.

The conversation at last week’s meeting indicated a final decision and vote would not be made at the June 25 meeting but could be allocated at the next scheduled

council meeting set for July 9.

Federal guidelines outline that ARPA funds need to be allocated by the end of this year and projects completed by 2026. The city has \$53,313 remaining for infrastructure projects.

The 51 applications are on the city’s website under Hot Topics.

Families of ATV crash victims supported

Oshkosh Herald

The families of two area girls who died in an ATV accident in Winnebago County last week are getting support for their loss through fundraising efforts to help with funeral, medical and other expenses.



Mesa

Three GoFundMe pages created for the families of Mesa T. Fredenhagen, 11, of Pickett and Kennedy Harris, 6, of Oshkosh, with goals of raising either \$10,000 or \$20,000 have been taking in donations after the June 11 tragedy in the Town of Utica.

Services were held Saturday for Mesa, daughter of Jen and Arien Fredenhagen, at Countryside Christian Church while services were set for this Wednesday for

Kennedi, daughter of Cody Harris and Alex Moeller, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home in Oshkosh.



Kennedi

The ATV that the girls were on collided with a vehicle driven by an Oshkosh woman traveling on Bonnie View Road near State 44, according to the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department, which responded to the scene at 12:41 p.m.

along with the Town of Utica Fire Department and its first responders, Oshkosh Fire Paramedic Unit, Wisconsin State Patrol and Flight for Life.

Lifesaving measures were taken at the scene where one of the girls died while the other later died of her injuries.

Emergency information can be added to state IDs

Wisconsin residents now have the option to add an emergency contact to their record that could be available to law enforcement agencies in the event of a collision or if experiencing a medical emergency.

The information won’t appear on a driver’s license or ID card but may save crucial time if it becomes necessary to contact

family members or other loved ones.

As part of every application for a Wisconsin driver license or ID card, the applicant will be asked if they would like to include emergency contact information in their file. Adding the information is voluntary.

Go to wisconsin.gov for more information and to sign up.

Former Oshkosh B’Gosh executive dies at 97

Oshkosh Herald

Thomas R. Wyman, a former Oshkosh B’Gosh executive who helped manage the family business as it achieved international recognition, died June 10 at age 97.

Wyman graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1945 and Ripon College in 1949, and married Shirley Friedrich in 1950. He joined Oshkosh B’Gosh in 1949 – a company his father, Earl, bought in 1934 with Samuel Pickett – and retired as executive vice president in 1993.

Thomas served on boards and committees that included Ripon College, American Apparel Manufacturers Association, Power Boat Club, Oshkosh Yacht Club and other civic organizations, and was a member of the Inland Lake Yachting Association.

He is survived by his son Bill Wyman and daughter Ann E. Wolf, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at The Waters.



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Downtown boutique shop revives a spirited tradition

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Can Can, a boutique and bar at 584 N. Main St., had its official ribbon-cutting Wednesday morning. The ceremony introduces the beginning of something Oshkosh hasn't seen in over a century: a shop wrapped around a bar selling beer for on-premise consumption.

Kate Voss, owner of Can Can, is tapping into a way of doing business that was once commonplace here.

Voss hit upon the idea of combining a boutique with a bar a few years ago after visiting a shop in Denver based on a similar premise.

"I was like, what? This is my heaven," Voss said. "Who doesn't want to have a drink while they shop? I got super inspired by this place."

But when Can Can opened in February, the bar at the back of the boutique was bone dry.

"It turned out to be really tricky getting the license we needed for the bar," Voss said. "The city had a little bit of an issue. They didn't know what to make of the idea. They didn't know how to deal with it. We were kind of in this pickle."

The confusion over licensing was, perhaps, predictable. Oshkosh city government hadn't dealt with someone like Kate Voss since the early 1900s. But in that earlier era, city officials had plenty of experience with business owners who combined their bars with diverging lines of trade. The practice was established before the name Oshkosh even appeared on a map.

When George Johnston opened his tavern in the 1830s on land that is now part of Riverside Cemetery, he coupled his hospi-

tality trade with a ferry carrying travelers across the Fox River. At Philip Wright's "Groceries and Provisions" store on Main Street in the 1840s, a cask of beer was kept on tap for shoppers seeking refreshment.

Throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s, Oshkosh was home to scores of grocery stores with embedded saloons. At the same time, Fred Zielke's bar on South Main Street doubled as a men's clothing store. And what is now Bob's Trails End once operated as a barbershop/tavern.

By the time Prohibition arrived in 1920, Oshkosh's combination bars were nearly extinct. They were officially extinguished in the 1930s by a stack of new laws regulating alcohol sales in the post-Prohibition era. Voss wasn't setting out to revive the tradition when she opened Can Can. It was just a natural extension of her way of doing things.

The bar at Can Can isn't the first thing you notice when you enter the shop. What's most prominent is the overriding aesthetic of the place. The mix of art, handmade gifts and novelty items imbues the space with a distinctly vintage character. The retro aspect seems to color almost everything Voss is engaged in.

Outside of Can Can, Voss is an award-winning vocalist. She performs regularly with her husband, guitarist Jason Goessl, in the duo Sundae + Mr. Goessl; and with her band Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce. Both acts lean heavily into vintage jazz and pop styles.

"The music is really at the core of all of this," Voss said. "I'm very into things from the 1920s all the way to the 1960s. You know, the '70s and '80s, that's a little too modern for me. I always feel like maybe I wasn't born in the right decade."



Photo by Michael Cooney

Kate Voss has opened the Can Can boutique and bar at 584 N. Main St. that revives an older business model in Oshkosh.

Which makes her arrival at 584 N. Main St. especially fitting. The building Voss leases for Can Can has a history that anticipated her vision for the shop. It was built about 1897 and became a saloon soon after. The tin ceiling shining above was once bathed in cigar smoke drifting up from a bar run by Richard Pommerening in the early 1900s. Pommerening and his wife, Josephine, lived in the rooms above.

Their saloon, known as The Owl, was the anchor of the Pommerening's busi-

ness, but Josephine, who was also a performing musician, ran a series of side ventures in the building. At various times she taught piano, conducted an art school, and made and sold women's hats there.

All those distant coincidences were news to Voss until after she had Can Can up and running.

"You know, from the start there's been this weird synchronicity going on here," she said. "It's so funny how it just all worked out this way."

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UW Oshkosh's Menasha campus will close in 2025

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will close its Fox Cities campus in Menasha in June 2025 after its merger with the four-year institution failed to stem shrinking enrollment and budget challenges on a campus that saw a 65% drop in students over the past five years.

The decision comes as UW-Oshkosh Fond du Lac permanently ended in-person classes after this spring semester. UW-Fond du Lac and UW-Fox Valley merged with UW Oshkosh in 2018 in a UW System initiative to expand access to four-year degree programs and deal with declining enrollment and limited state aid.

"We reach this decision after spending a year analyzing UWO Fox Cities enrollment, the region's and state's changing demographics, student participation rates, the regional higher-education landscape, potential for new and unique academic offerings and economic trends in the competitive Fox Valley marketplace," UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andy Leavitt said in a statement. "In the end, we made a difficult but responsible decision."

UWO Fox Cities enrollment has declined nearly 67% over the past decade with a five-year average decline of almost 19%, according to university officials, who also projected the potential for fewer than 100 UWO Fox Cities students by 2032.

Outagamie County executive Tom Nelson issued a scathing statement last week after getting notification of the recommendation by UW System President Jay Rothman and Leavitt, saying the officials "betrayed their trust" to the community.

"Had Leavitt and Rothman read 'All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kinder-

garten,' they would have understood the importance of playing fair, taking responsibility, saying sorry when mistakes were made and putting things back as they were found," the county executive's statement read in part. "Instead, Leavitt and Rothman let down the students and families of UW Fox and betrayed their trust — and now it will be up to the rest of us to clean up their mess. Shame on you."

Leavitt said Nelson's criticism was not a fair assessment of how the decision was made.

"We have always had the interests of the Fox Cities campus students in mind and continue to do so," he said at last week's press conference. "As we continue to lose enrollment ... it becomes more difficult to provide high-value services."

Nelson had filed an open records request with the UW System to find out the future of the 41-acre Fox Cities campus formerly known as UW-Fox Valley and originally established as the Menasha Extension Center in 1933. It is home to the Barlow Planetarium and Weis Earth Science Museum, the state's official mineralogical museum.

"The challenges facing the campus, and indeed facing higher education in general, are not of our own making," stated UWO Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ed Martini in a university analysis. "They are reflection of massive changes in our state, our nation and our world that have increasingly threatened the educational models on which the Fox campus was founded and in which it thrived for many years."

Martini said continuing enrollment declines were the main driver behind the de-

cision to close the campus.

UWO is providing current and new Fox Cities students guidance as they consider their academic options, including a webpage at uwosh.edu/fox/transition. Students who prefer to remain at the Menasha campus through the spring 2025 semester can continue at the Oshkosh campus at the Fox Cities campus tuition rate through 60 credits or graduation until Jan. 1, 2027. If they switch campuses now, the Oshkosh campus tuition rate will apply.

The UW's 13 two-year colleges were matched with seven of its four-year colleges statewide, an alliance that failed to sustain five of the former two-year campuses with UW-Waukesha being the latest set to close in 2025.

Fox Cities campus student numbers fell 65%, from 1,629 in 2018 to 473 this spring, according to the UW System. There was a 27% drop in UW System enrollment reported during the pandemic, from 2020 to 2022, while some schools

have seen a rebound, including UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout and UW-Superior.

More than 70 percent of UWO Fond du Lac campus students were set to transition to the Oshkosh campus 20 miles away after this semester along with its eight teachers, the UWO statement noted, and said all 16 faculty members at Fox Cities were expected to continue their service at the Oshkosh campus. A total of 80 employees work at UWO Fox Cities.

"I am saddened by the announcement to close the UWO Fox Cities campus," Winnebago County executive Jon Doemel said in a statement. "This was the institution where I attended, was heavily involved in student government and the television and radio program, and where I met my wife. I have a deep connection with that campus.

"Regardless of my emotions, closing the campus was inevitable with the declining enrollment and projected demographics. The landscape of higher education is changing quickly."

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Snell's Station steeped in 19th century Neenah history

By Randy R. Domer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The story about to unfold here began about 165 years ago when the Chicago & Northwestern Railway (C&NW) expanded its reach into northern Wisconsin. Rods of sturdy steel and heavy wood-beamed ties introduced steam-belching locomotives to the south side of Oshkosh in July 1858. For two years, the railroad's



AMOS J. SNELL

progress north came to a halt, largely due to one thing: the Fox River.

By 1860, arrangements were made to use a ferry barge to accommodate the river crossing, allowing progress northward to continue.

The ferry barge was used until the first bridge was built in September 1861.

Later that summer, the C&NW resumed laying tracks north arriving just five miles north of Oshkosh near Neenah by mid-December, to the site soon to be known as Snell's Station. It seems pertinent that a lesson in local railroad history would not be complete without mentioning the area once known as Snell's Station.

The first locomotive to arrive here on Jan. 10, 1861, was the "Appleton." One week later, regular freight service to the area began – with passengers hitching a ride in the caboose.

Here, the C&NW established a station at the crossing known today as Muttart Road and Dixie Road. The new depot would be named Snell's Station (in later years shortened to just Snell's), named after Amos J. Snell, a wealthy Chicago businessman who owned large acreages of timber land, a sawmill, stove factory, farm and a creamery nearby.

Creating what today would probably be considered an early form of vertical integration, Snell would harvest the timber and furnish fuel and ties to the C&NW. He also had contracts with the railroad and various other locations.

Snell employed Black workers from his home area in Chicago, thus prompting the locals to refer to the area as "Dixie." But only a few years after it was built, an explosion in the sawmill killed several workers and ended the operation. The Island City Times reported the accident on April 7, 1864:

"At a little establishment called Dixie, about three miles south of Neenah, an accident occurred on Monday last, resulting in the deaths of two persons. The

An acknowledgement for this story belongs to the late Larry E. Easton, former president of the Neenah Historical Society and member of the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society. Larry was a prolific writer, authoring several articles and books on railroading.

balance wheel attached to the shingle factory machine in Mr. Lowgee's Factory, burst while going at a speed of 1,000 revolutions a minute, the fragments flying in all directions. One of the pieces about 6 inches in diameter struck Mr. Lowgee in the right groin, passing upward into his chest. He died in about two hours. A piece struck Anton Paug, a German employed in the shop, cutting off one leg just below the knee. He was attended by physicians as soon as a hand car could convey them to the scene, but the loss of blood was so great that amputation could not save him."

The Oshkosh Weekly Northwestern reported Snell's exit from his local business in their Feb. 16, 1888, edition:

"Snell or his family never lived there, although he spent most of his time there when he was engaged in business. He disposed of all his interest there about 14 years ago and no more was seen of him until a couple of years ago when he came back and claimed some buildings which were situated on the Northwestern company's land, and disposed of them to Levi Strait, a farmer living in that vicinity. He had some difficulty with the company as to ownership of the buildings and the matter was settled in the Chicago courts.

"The last time Mr. Snell was at the station which bears his name, he entered the waiting room just as the morning train going south was pulling in, and called for a ticket to Chicago. The agent handed him the ticket and Snell said: 'This is all right; the company owes me and you settle with them.' But the agent was out the price of the ticket, and although he wrote to Snell a number of times to remit, he never received a favorable answer or any cash."

After the sawmill explosion, it would not be the last of unfortunate incidents to plague Snell's Station. On May 29, 1866, the Neenah Island City Times reported, "About 1,000 cords of railroad wood was burned last week at Dixie Station ... having caught fire from sparks of a locomotive."

Then a couple of weeks later, the Times reported, "Train No. 12, Freight, left this station at 4:25 Saturday afternoon, and when two miles south of Neenah, ran into an ox and off the track." According to the engineer, the ox had crossed the track, but



Neenah Historical Society photo

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway depot at Snell's Station in Neenah is shown in this undated photo.

turned again just as the train was approaching. Striking the animal, the engine ran off the tracks into a wood pile while a box car loaded with flour closed in sideways on the engine, capsulizing engineer George Viele into a space not wider than 8 inches. Surrounded by beams, splinters and heavy irons, the engineer miraculously escaped with "nary a scratch" as he crawled from the wreckage, freeing himself.

On the morning of Feb. 24, 1868, one day after a huge snowstorm, a passenger train leaving Neenah for Chicago was thrown off the track between Neenah and Oshkosh. The cause of the derailment was a broken rail.

In September of that year, the locomotive Madison exploded its boiler near Dixie. Good fortune was on the side of the engineer, who avoided a severe scalding and certain death due to the fact the train was backing at the time.

The run of bad luck continued when on Feb. 22, 1873, the Neenah Gazette reported:

"Last Monday night, a freight train was ditched about a mile this side of the station, and badly demoralized. It was not till 9 o'clock the following morning that the wreck was sufficiently cleared away to permit the 5 o'clock train, north, to pass. Two weeks ago, a similar accident happened to the same train, between Dixie and Oshkosh – cause the same – broken rail."

Years later in 1882, after the Wisconsin Central built southward from Neenah, it also experienced several major incidents near Snell's. On Aug. 30, 1920, Soo Line train No.3, the Velvet Special, traveling north from Chicago, ditched near Snell's Station, causing fatal injuries to the engineer, and serious injuries to the fireman, baggage man and one female passenger. Four cars were totally burned and a quarter mile of track torn up.

Reports say the train was moving at a speed of 70 mph. The accident was blamed on spreading of the rails. According to the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society, it is described as "One of the worst wrecks in point of damage in the history of Wisconsin railroading."

When the Snell's depot was first built, the C&NW staffed it with agents. Frantz

Von Dey was there in 1873 and in 1880, David B. Reed held the position. Around 1885, the agency was closed. But 12 years later the Neenah Times reported on March 12, 1897: "It (Snell's) has now been made a station again. And Harry Barclay has been put in charge as agent and night operator."

From there until 1902, regular stops were made at Snell's when at that point the station was listed only as a flag stop and by 1915, Snell's was no longer even listed.

Amos J. Snell was born in Little Falls, N.Y., in 1823. He married in 1844 and moved to Cincinnati for a short time before moving to Milwaukee and then on to Schaumburg, Ill. He tried his hand at operating a few small businesses and then began investing in real estate.

Through relationships he had forged with officials at C&NW Railways, Snell began purchasing timber lands and furnished wood to the railroad. Once the land was cleared of timber, he sold the parcels to settlers. He then used his profits to purchase land west of Chicago where he sold lots and purchased more property.

One of his most lucrative dealings was purchasing the Northwestern Plank Road. Snell purchased this toll road for \$20,000 and collected a fortune in tolls.

On Feb. 8, 1888, burglars broke into Snell's mansion in Chicago and murdered Amos J. Snell. His heinous murder was announced on the front page of the Chicago Tribune the next day:

"Amos J. Snell, the west side millionaire, was shot dead yesterday morning by burglars in his residence at the northwest corner of Washington Boulevard and Ada Street. The murder was committed shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning, but was not discovered until nearly 7, when the coachman entered the house from his quarters over the stables and stumbled over his master's dead body."

The burglars were never caught and the "loot" they escaped with was worthless county warrants and checks that were so endorsed they were unable to be cashed. No money or jewelry were taken.

Snell was 65 years old at the time of his death. It is said that more than 2,000 people attended his funeral.

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Third search warrant at Walnut Street house leads to arrests

Judge closes home amid steady drug activity

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A home on Walnut Street that has been the site of three drug-related search warrants over the last seven months has been closed and one woman faces multiple counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place.

Dianne L. Reinert, 61, Oshkosh, has been charged with two counts of drug trafficking after the most recent search warrant was executed June 5 at 1402 Walnut St. The search warrant was executed

by Oshkosh police and investigators from the Lake Winnebago Area MEG unit.

Court documents allege officers found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia during the search warrant. Search warrants also were executed April 9 and Dec. 6, where methamphetamine and crack cocaine were found.

The city filed a civil lawsuit against Craig Diener, who owns the property, and Judge Daniel Bissett granted a temporary injunction for closing the building.

In the civil lawsuit, the city claims the residence is a public nuisance.

"This property is a building or structure that is used to facilitate the delivery, dis-

tribution or manufactures of controlled substances, is a home to those who engage in such conduct and is a public nuisance under (Wisconsin state law.)," the suit claims. "These unreasonable activities and use of the property substantially interfere with public health, safety and welfare and are a public nuisance."

Diener was convicted of maintaining a drug trafficking place earlier this year after being arrested a day after the Dec. 6 search warrant when he admitted to knowing drugs were being sold inside 1402 Walnut St. and that he used narcotics inside the home.

An affidavit from police narcotics investigator Zachary Wilkens gives a timeline of the drug activity since November. Wilkens reported there have been multiple controlled buys of methamphetamine and crack cocaine at the house.

Bissett ordered the property remain closed and that no individuals be allowed to visit, occupy or reside at the property for any reason unless authorized by the court.

Reinert is just one of several people

that have been arrested after the search warrants and if convicted on all counts could face up to three years in prison followed by up to four years of extended supervision.

At Reinert's initial appearance, court commissioner Eric Heywood set her signature bond at \$1,000 and online records show she is no longer in custody.

According to the criminal complaint, around 11:30 a.m. June 5 the search warrant was executed and alleges "drugs were located in nearly every room of the house, and drugs and drug paraphernalia were found in the common areas of the house."

Investigators allegedly found 1.5 grams of methamphetamine, prescription pills and paraphernalia. The complaint alleges, "It did not appear that Reinert was making any effort to dissuade people from using or keeping drugs at the residence, despite prior police involvement at that location."

Reinert is scheduled to be back in court Thursday and a hearing is scheduled in the civil lawsuit for July 30.

Poker run supports K9s for Warriors program

The inaugural Bago Big Bet poker run, which will bring the powerboating community together in support of the K9s for Warriors program, is set to launch this Thursday through Sunday.

Bago Big Bet, sponsored by Mercury Racing, will feature live entertainment and activities designed to engage and entertain attendees while raising awareness and support of K9s for Warriors, an organization that provides service dogs to military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and other challenges.

The four-day event for participants starts Thursday with a boat parade at 4

p.m. in downtown Oshkosh that ends at the Leach Amphitheater followed by live music.

The poker run starts at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pioneer Marina and goes to Winneconne, Fond du Lac and Stockbridge before returning.

The powerboat poker run will give participants a special experience on Lake Winnebago, collecting their poker hand with each stop.

Participants directly support the training and placement of service dogs with veterans.

For more information, visit bagobigbet.com.

Latest edition of Rustic Roads Guide released

The 2024 Rustic Roads Guide has been released featuring two new roads and the work of photographers from around the state.

"Wisconsin has quiet, rural roads all over that take visitors and travelers alike to some of the most beautiful scenes our state has to offer," said Gov. Tony Evers in announcing the latest edition. "The new Rustic Roads Guide reflects years of local efforts to welcome travelers to explore all of Wisconsin, and I want to thank the state and local officials, photographers, and all those involved who have worked to keep this great program growing."

Rustic Roads is one of the state Department of Transportation's oldest programs, started in Taylor County in 1975 and now featuring about 760 miles of scenic, lightly traveled country roads through 61 counties.

Brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially designated rustic roads, which range from two miles to 37 miles in length.

New additions include Rustic Road 125, which spans 9.4 miles near the American Birkebeiner Trail in northwestern Wisconsin's forests, and Rustic Road 126, which crosses Honey Creek in Walworth County and passes what was once a one-room schoolhouse.

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Boat landing pay stations up and running

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All seven Winnebago County boat landings now have pay stations that accept cash or credit card for daily, annual and multiyear permits.

County boat landings include Asylum Point, Black Wolf, Boom Bay, Grundman, Lake Butte des Morts, Eureka and Lake Poygan. All other boat landing permits outside of these seven need to be purchased from the municipality where the landing is located.

Those buying an annual or multiyear permit must bring the receipt to the Win-

nebago County Parks office at 625 E. County Y within 14 days of purchase to receive the permit sticker.

The Parks Department collects boat landing trailer parking permit fees from mid-April through the end of October. Warnings and citations for violations of the program rules also will be issued during this time.

All revenue derived from the Boat Trailer Parking Permit Program is directed toward an account reserved for the maintenance and improvement of Winnebago County boat landings.

School board member stepping down

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education member Liz Szilagyi recently announced she will be resigning her seat on the board later this month.

Szilagyi made the announcement at the end of the June 12 school board meeting. She has accepted a position of school counselor in her hometown and it's an opportunity to move closer to her family.

"It was an opportunity that just came that was both exciting and hard because I

love the Oshkosh community. I've loved serving on this board and my children have had amazing experiences in our schools with absolutely phenomenal educators," she said.

She will be a board member for one more meeting with her last day being June 28.

Szilagyi was first elected in 2019 and won her re-election bid in 2022. Her current term expires next April.

District communications director Katie Nieman said more information on the process to fill the vacated seat will be available after the June 26 board meeting. The policy in place allows for people to apply for the seat. The board will then vote to appoint a new board member and that person will serve until the term ends.



Szilagyi

Student scores

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students' proficiency in math compared with other students in the district. In 2024, just 11% of Black students were proficient in math on the iReady assessment. White students were 54% proficient, Asian students were 42% proficient, students of two or more races were 35% proficient and Hispanic students were 32% proficient.

Director of elementary schools Erin Kohl said she was not surprised by the data and said the growth has remained stagnant over the last couple of years.

"This data is not anything that I'm surprised by," Kohl said. "We have a lot of work to do."

This is her first year in the position. In November different practices were being put into place such as learning walks and monthly math meetings with principals and teachers.

Learning walks are when principals sit in on classes to provide effective feedback to teachers.

Assistant superintendent of instruction Sam Coleman noted that increased professional development of teachers is part of the plan to increase scores.

Board member Barbara Herzog said she appreciated the detail in the plan, which included learning walks where principals coach the teachers, and said increasing professional development of teachers should lead to better math and reading scores.

"We should see an improvement to our scores, not simply because the score is important but there is a child behind each one of those and we have a guiding principle of students first, and we need to remember that," Herzog said.

Newly elected board member Tim Hess wanted to see better scores and said he wanted to cringe when he heard Kohl say the numbers didn't surprise her.

"This is disappointing and at some point the community is going to be beyond frustrated," he said.

Hess said part of his frustration was the lack of accountability of students not achieving the goals set by the board in January for improved scores.

"If we see this next June, I don't know what to do here," Hess said. "I'm at a loss for words."

Board member Chris Wright asked Kohl and Coleman about the positives they've seen in their first year in these roles.

Kohl said she is optimistic after going with principals into classrooms to observe teaching and providing critical feedback.

Coleman talked about literacy during the meeting and said when students are confident in those skills that translates to confidence in other subjects. He added that increased literacy correlates with math scores.

"We know when students are more proficient in literacy that that confidence and ability to use those literacy skills to understand directions and to decipher what they're being asked in a word problem," he said. "That (confidence) also increases with increased literacy skills."

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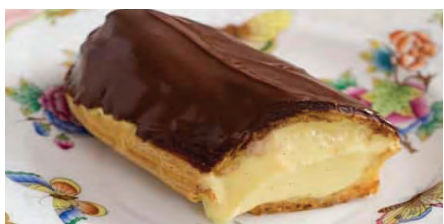
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Stay safe amid array of activities around water in summer

ThedaCare Communications

Pools, lakes and waterways are staples of fun during summer months in Wisconsin. From swimming to tubing to canoeing and boating, kids and families have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the water.

To help keep children and families safe, it's important to follow safety tips.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning poses a big risk for children. For kids ages 1 to 4, it's the leading cause of death. For children ages 5 to 14, drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury and death, after motor vehicle crashes.

"Staying safe with aquatic adventures requires awareness, preparedness and vigilance," said Dr. Angie Amos, a family medicine physician with ThedaCare Physicians-Waupaca, who is offering a splash of timely tips.

Amos recommends taking advantage of that summer free time and sign up kids for swimming lessons.

"Learning to swim is a fundamental skill that can save lives," Amos said. "It instills confidence in the water, and also equips people with essential survival skills."

To further minimize the risk of drowning, parents and other supervising adults should keep a close eye on young children near water, even if young ones know how to swim. Drowning can happen quickly and silently, so constant supervision is key.

"In addition, don't overestimate swimming abilities or push yourself or others beyond their comfort zone," Amos said. "Be sure to stick to designated swimming areas and avoid waters with strong currents or hazards."

Slips and falls can pose a significant

risk, particularly on wet surfaces like pool decks or boat docks.

"Wearing appropriate footwear with good traction can help prevent slips and falls, reducing the risk of injuries," Amos said.

Common injuries include ankle and wrist sprains and strains. Falls can even result in more serious injuries such as torn ligaments in the knee, back, or shoulder. Staying cautious and avoiding running and reckless behavior near water can help reduce the risk of accidents.

Understanding boating safety is vital. Amos underscores the importance of following boating regulations and using proper safety equipment.

"Life jackets are a critical piece of boating safety equipment that can mean the difference between life and death in an emergency," she said. "Everyone on board any watercraft should wear a properly fitted life jacket."

Before embarking on a boating excursion, ensure that your watercraft is equipped with essential gear. This includes life jackets, navigation lights and a first aid kit.

It's also best to avoid consuming alcohol while boating. Alcohol use can affect judgment, vision, balance and coordination.

Swimmer's ear and swimmer's itch are common complaints associated with recreational water activities.

Swimmer's ear is a bacterial infection typically caused by water that stays in the outer ear canal for a long period of time, providing a moist environment for bacteria to grow. Anyone can get swimmer's ear, but it's more common in children.

"After swimming, gently dry your ears with a towel, and avoid inserting objects like cotton swabs into the ear canal," Amos said. "This can damage the eardrum or promote infection by breaking down the delicate skin of the ear canal."

If you suspect swimmer's ear, contact

your doctor's office. Prompt treatment can help prevent complications and more serious infections.

Swimmer's itch is a rash that can occur after spending time in water outdoors. It's most common to develop swimmer's itch after swimming in freshwater lakes or ponds, but it can occur after swimming in saltwater as well.

Showering after swimming can help remove any parasites or bacteria that may linger on the skin, reducing the risk of swimmer's itch. If you or child do develop swimmer's itch, and it doesn't resolve within a week, contact your doctor's office.

"Water activities offer endless opportunities for summer fun," Amos said. "If we all remain alert and take precautions, it can help keep everyone safe."

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Music on Main: Daddio, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, June 20

Live at Lunch: Janet Planet, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Los Lonely Boys, Chuck Prophet & The Mission Express, Newski, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Bago Big Bet boat parade, 4 p.m., from downtown to Leach Amphitheater

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series: Bazooka Charlie, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation

Museum

Friday, June 21

Oshkosh Creates! and Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Art Festival, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum grounds

Sweet Summer Solstice, 5 p.m., Bowen-street Market, 2837 Bowen St.

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

Saturday, June 22

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition, 4:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

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

Sunday, June 23

Oshkosh Century Bike Ride, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA 20th Avenue

Plein Art Festival reception and sale, The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

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

Tuesday, June 25

Read Elementary School playground grand opening, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Music on Main: Brent Bel, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band summer concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, June 27

Live at Lunch: Cody James, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Steely Dane, Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound, The Fox Menagerie, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, June 28

Family Outdoor Movie Night, gates open 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

"Creature From Haunted Sea," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, June 29

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

HeadsUp Fox Cities fundraiser, 11 a.m.,

Barley & Hops patio, 663 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Pride 2024, 2 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Tuesday, July 2

Climb Theater's "Country Mouse, City Mouse," 2 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library Children's Department

Wednesday, July 3

Music on Main: Julio Reyes, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Fireworks over Fisk, dusk, Fisk

Thursday, July 4

Oshkosh Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m., downtown

Fourth of July Celebration, 3 p.m., Menominee Park

Friday, July 5

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

Saturday, July 6

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

"O Brother, Where Art Thou," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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Museum event marks centennial and arts

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Museum continues the celebration of its centennial year with a free community celebration that welcomes families to create art and memories together on the first day of summer this Friday.

Oshkosh Creates! will include several outdoor art activities for all ages, professional artist demonstrations and free museum admission from 1 to 8:30 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, the rain date is June 28.

"We took inspiration for this event from

the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association's Plein Art Festival the same weekend," says curator of education Neal Matherne. "Rather than just leave the artmaking to the pros, we are inviting the entire community to Oshkosh Creates! as we celebrate our '100 trips around the sun.'"

Also happening during Oshkosh Creates! is the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Festival. Professional artists participating in the festival will paint at the museum from 1 to 5 p.m. along plein-air watercolor activity for kids and families.

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UW Oshkosh photo

The peregrine falcon chicks hatched at the UW Oshkosh nesting box atop Gruenhagen Hall as seen May 20, have been named after the Great Lakes.

Falcon chicks preparing to leave nest

UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is home to an impressive family of peregrine falcon chicks that were inching closer to their first flights earlier this month.

Falcons Gaylord and Julia produced five offspring that have been living in the nesting box at Gruenhagen Conference Center. The box is visible from Wisconsin Avenue. It also may be watched via live stream on YouTube.

The five peregrine chicks were banded

May 20 and have been named Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario after the five Great Lakes.

Greg Septon, peregrine researcher and founder of the Wisconsin Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project in 1986, was on hand May 20 to attach the identifying leg bands and examine the young falcons.

The nesting box is among more than 30 active peregrine nests around Wisconsin and produce more than 100 chicks annually.

Absentee voting

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the different wards and polling locations and have them counted on election day.

The council unanimously approved the central location for counting absentee ballots but some had questions about election integrity and ballot security during the discussion.

Council member Paul Esslinger said there is a perception about recent elections and had questions about the new process regarding openness.

“The perception is you’re taking this from a place where I go to the polls and I can see those ballots – and you have a Republican and a Democrat, and they’re opening (the absentee ballots) up and putting them in there – to now they’re going to City Hall,” he said.

He asked Bartlett whether she could settle his fears of the public perception.

“It’s going to be wide open. There are observing locations that we will have just like at polling locations,” Bartlett responded. “We will have representatives from both parties working up here in this loca-

tion. It’s going to be an exact duplicate of another polling location.”

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said this move will keep the election as secure as possible and should lead to a smoother election day for in-person voting without absentee ballots being at every polling location.

The fall primary election will be held on Aug. 13 with early absentee voting beginning at 19 E. Irving Ave. on July 30. The general election is on Nov. 5 with early absentee voting starting Oct. 22. For what will be on your ballot go to myvote.wi.gov.

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Spring sports all-conference roundup

SOFTBALL

Four Spartans, two Wildcats earn first team honors

Oshkosh North landed four players on the all-Fox Valley Association first team while Oshkosh West had a pair of players garner top-team honors.

Earning the honors for the Spartans were juniors Emma Niemczyk and Anna Borst and sophomores Olivia Borowitz and Allie Leib.

Niemczyk, an outfielder, batted .450 on the season, while leading the team with 24 runs scored, three triples and two home runs. Borst, the team's catcher, finished the season with a .364 batting average with 17 RBIs. Borowitz, an infielder, led the Spartans with a .507 batting average, while also pacing the team with 37 hits and 19 RBIs. Leib, who was selected as a utility player, posted a batting average of .407 and had 21 runs scored, while striking out just four times in 76 at bats.

Niemczyk was a repeat first-team selection, while Borowitz and Borst were each second-team honorees last season.

The Wildcats' first-team selections were senior pitcher Alayna Sadowska and junior first baseman Emmy Reichenberger.

Sadowska finished the season with a 10-4 record and posted a 2.80 earned run average in 95 innings pitched, while also finishing with a .288 batting average. Reichenberger was the team's leading hitter with a .405 batting average, while also leading West with nine doubles, two home runs and 22 RBIs.

Sadowska was a second-team all-FVA last season.

Collecting second-team honors this season were senior infielder Lauren Geer and junior pitcher Brooke Peters of Oshkosh North and sophomore outfielder Colleen Fitzpatrick of Oshkosh West.

Area players named to the honorable mention list were senior outfielder Ava Hanson and junior infielder Sophia Housworth of Oshkosh North and senior infielders Chloe Tritt and Savannah Swanke and freshmen infielder Alexia Monroe of Oshkosh West.

Kaukauna junior pitcher Karly Meredith was a repeat choice for Player of the Year in the conference.

Knights' Proud earns another first-team nod

Lourdes Academy senior Reagon Proud earned first-team all-Trailways North first team honors for the fourth time in her career, leading a trio of honorees for the Knights.

The shortstop led the Knights in batting with a .511 average while finishing the year with eight doubles, three triples and 24 runs scored.

Sophomore catcher Aubrey Schettle earned second-team honors, while junior infielder Reagon Jaber was an honorable mention selection.

Senior Aly Lamonska of state-qualifying Oakfield was named Player of the Year in the conference.

BASEBALL

North's Angell lands first-team honors

Oshkosh North senior Colton Angell was the lone area player to first-team all-conference recognition from the Fox Valley Association.

Angell was named to the first team as a shortstop after batting a team-high .306 this season with 26 runs scored, six doubles, two home runs and 12 RBIs. He finished first or second on the Spartans in all four statistical categories.

Junior pitcher Zach Kiffmeyer and senior utility player Carson Steinbeck each earned second-team honors for the Spartans, while senior third baseman Shaun Gavin was named on the honorable mention list.

Oshkosh West had a pair of players garner honorable mention all-conference honors in senior outfielder Gavin Ruh and junior second baseman Landon Ubrig.

Kimberly junior Sawyer Deering was named Player of the Year in the league, with Kimberly senior Brady Koester and Appleton West junior Loren Georger sharing Pitcher of the Year honors.

Stelzer, Roberts lead Knights' selections

Seniors Hunter Stelzer and Michael Roberts earned second-team all-conference honors in the Trailways North to lead a handful of selections from the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian squad.

Stelzer was one of two pitchers named

to the second team, while Roberts was one of three outfielders tabbed for the list.

Earning honorable mention honors for Lourdes/Valley were senior Eli Humiston, sophomore Parker Slusarski and freshman Nolan Gibson.

SOCCER

Seven Knights earn all-Flyway recognition

Senior defender Charley Mullen and junior attacker Delaney Ruedinger each earned first-team all-conference honors in the Flyway Conference to lead a group of seven players to receive recognition for Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian.

Mullen earned first-team honors for the second straight year, while having earned second-team honors as a sophomore. She finished with five goals and four assists this season. Ruedinger was the team's leading scorer with 15 goals and seven assists and earned second-team honors last season.

Senior defenders Melanie Tushar and Katie Wallace along with freshman attacker Ellie Koch were second-team honorees for the Knights, while senior defender Ailish Mains and junior defender Natalie Edwards were named to the honorable mention list.

Weibel, Gehri headline all-FVA choices for West

Seniors Brenna Gehri and Laney Weibel each landed a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Weibel, a returning first-team all-FVA selection at forward, led the Wildcats in goals (11), assists (7) and points (31) this season. Gehri, a midfielder, picked up four goals and was second on the team in assists with five this season for the Wildcats.

Earning second-team honors for the Wildcats were senior goalkeeper Hannah Wolf, junior defender Taylin Heiman and sophomore forward Elaina Butz along with Oshkosh North junior defender Hailey Trochinski.

The Spartans also had a pair of players earning honorable mention honors in senior midfielder Hailey Rees and sophomore defender Ellie Auler.

Kimberly senior Senah Hanes was named Player of the Year.

GOLF

McLaughlin reigns again in Trailways Conference

Three-time state qualifier Cooper McLaughlin of Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian was named Player of the Year in the conference and was the North

Division Player of the Year for the third straight season.

McLaughlin, who earned first-team all-conference honors all four years, led the North Division this season with a 39.78 scoring average. That mark was nearly five shots better than any other player in the field.

Knights' freshman Jackson Buttke also earned first-team honors and finished second in the conference in scoring average.

North's Chopp garners all-FVA recognition

Oshkosh North senior Dan Chopp was the lone player from either Oshkosh high school to earn a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association list.

Chopp totaled 43.5 points this season to land on the honorable mention list for the conference.

Appleton North Jon Huenink led the FVA in all-conference points with 88.5.

TENNIS

Four Oshkosh West players net FVA honors

A quartet of players from Oshkosh West landed spots on the all-Fox Valley Association teams.

The Wildcats' No. 1 doubles team of senior Ryan Jorgensen and junior Yoseff Edsell were on the second team, while junior Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and sophomore Kole Stauffacher at No. 2 singles were on the honorable mention list.

Kimberly swept the four first-team singles spots, while Neenah's three doubles team were the first-team honorees.

Kunde, Millar earn WCTC accolades

Danny Kunde and Ethan Millar of Valley Christian each earned all-conference recognition from the Wisconsin Combined Tennis Conference.

Kunde was the conference champion at No. 1 singles and was the first-team all-conference honoree.

Millar was named to the second team at No. 2 singles.

TRACK AND FIELD

West's Nelson, Ambati headline all-FVA honorees

Oshkosh West's Sydnee Nelson and Jevan Ambati led the area honorees on the all-Fox Valley Association lists based off results from the conference meet this spring.

Nelson, a sophomore who won the state tc-

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tle in the 100-meter hurdles, earned first-team honors after winning the conference title in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

Oshkosh North sophomore Alai Awak also earned first-team honors by winning the high jump.

Oshkosh West freshman Kyle Triebold earned second-team honors in the 400 meters.

Ambati won both the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump to earn top honors for West, while the Wildcats' 400-meter relay team of Chase Brandl, Morgan Tibbits, Damarion Williams and Reid Polak were also conference champions to earn first-team honors.

Jarrett Alger in the 300-meter hurdles and Ethan Pinkerton in the pole vault earned second-team honors.

Oshkosh North was led by senior Jelani Hernandez, who was second team in the 200 meters, while junior Devon Williams in the 400 meters and junior Logan Schettle in the 100 meters were each honorable mention.

The Spartans also earned second-team honors in the 400-meter relay and honorable mention honors in the 800-meter relay.

Moore, Konop, Yaggie earn conference titles for Knights

Junior Erin Moore finished first in a pair of events at the Trailways Conference meet to earn all-conference honors and lead the Lourdes Academy honorees.

Moore, who was the Division 3 state champion in the 800 meters, earned all-conference honors in the 800 meters and 1,600 meters by winning both events.

Junior Natasha Konop also earned first-team honors by winning the 300-meter hurdles.

The Knights also had three conference championship relays with the 800-meter relay team consisting of Bree Kane, Sabur Machiros, Kylie Rietz and Konop, the 1,600-meter relay team consisting of Dasha Averkamp, Konop, Moore and Rietz and the 3,200-meter relay team consisting of Averkamp, Annie Moore, Allison Stromske and Melanie Tushar.

For the Lourdes Academy boys, sophomore Mat Yaggie was the lone conference champion, winning the 110-meter hurdles.

Legion rolls past Sheboygan

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Shaun Gavin hurled a three-hitter as the Oshkosh Legion improved to 2-1 with a 7-0 win over Sheboygan last Thursday.

Gavin struck out six and walked only one while pitching all seven innings in the win. The righthander had faced the minimum 12 batters through four innings and did not allow a runner past second base the entire game.

Oshkosh backed Gavin's gem by scoring all seven runs over the final three innings.

Oshkosh got on the board with a run in the fifth when Greyson Spanbauer scored on a Sheboygan error. Then, in the sixth, Oshkosh erupted for four runs, highlighted by Alex Duel's two-out, two-run single.

The Legion then capped the scoring

with two runs in the seventh.

Oshkosh was coming off an 18-1, five-inning rout of Neenah where Gavin led the way with three hits – including a grand slam – and eight RBIs. Carson Steinbeck also had three hits in the game, while Fisher Mackenzie finished with a pair of hits.

Hunter Stelzer allowed just two hits and struck out seven to earn the win.

Oshkosh opened the season with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to Bay Port in eight innings.

Avery Mosloski and Duel combined for a three-hitter with Mosloski notching five strikeouts in five innings and Duel fanning four in 2 1/3 innings.

Mason Dorn finished with a pair of hits in the game for Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

Thomas R. Wyman

Thomas Robert Wyman, 97, passed away peacefully at his home on June 10, 2024. He was born the son of Earl & Naomi (Merke) Wyman on April 9, 1927, in Oshkosh, WI. He attended Exeter Academy, graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1945 and Ripon College in 1949. Tom married his soul mate Shirley Friedrich on September 30, 1950. Together, they had two children who were the lights of their lives.

Together, Tom and Shirley enjoyed traveling, playing tennis, playing cards, spending time with their family, and socializing with their many friends. They cared deeply about Oshkosh and were philanthropic

in supporting the community as a vibrant, wonderful place to live and raise a family. Tom continued the Wyman legacy and was proud that his son and three grandchildren returned and placed their roots in Oshkosh where they are raising their families.

He entered the family business, Oshkosh B'Gosh, from 1949 until his retirement as Executive Vice President in 1993. He was proud to be instrumental in the growth of this local company that achieved international recognition.

Tom served on many boards and committees including the boards of Oshkosh B'Gosh, Ripon College, American Apparel Manufacturers Association, Power Boat Club, Oshkosh Yacht Club, and other civic organizations.

In winter he enjoyed tennis, golf, boating, sailing and fishing at his home at The Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL., where

he was a member of The Card Sound Golf Club, Card Sound Sailing Club, Racquet Club, Key Largo Anglers Club and The Ocean Reef Yacht Club.

From an early age, Tom enjoyed sailing one design sailboats: Snipe, A Scow and his favorite, the E Scow. He was a member of the Inland Lake Yachting Association and was Bilge Puller #377. Tom loved a good regatta. After retiring from sailing, he was always on the water watching his family compete. During post-race family dinners, he would use dining utensils and salt and pepper shakers (boats and buoys) to teach tactics, strategy and how to improve a race finish.

He took pride in his yard at his Oshkosh home, loved big band music, enjoyed annual family ski trips until he was in his eighties, enjoyed going to dinner via boat (especially The Power Boat Club and Jimmy's White House Inn) and took any

opportunity he could to be involved with his family and grandchildren. Tom lived a very full life, was incredibly humble and a true example of a gentleman.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Naomi Wyman, his beloved wife Shirley, and his sister Joyce Wyman Hyde and her husband, Charles Fritz Hyde.

He is survived by his daughter Ann E Wolf (Leonard) in North Carolina, son Bill Wyman (Beth), his grandchildren Will (Kate), Max (Dani) and Kate (Chad) Durkee as well as his five great-grandchildren River, Sophie, Grayson, Harper and Cameron, all of Oshkosh.

A celebration of life will be held for Tom on Thursday, June 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 at The Waters, 1393 Washington Avenue, with a short eulogy by his grandchildren at 5:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Thomas & Shirley Wyman Fund.

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Why is it called Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th. Juneteenth combines the word **June** and the word **nineteenth**.

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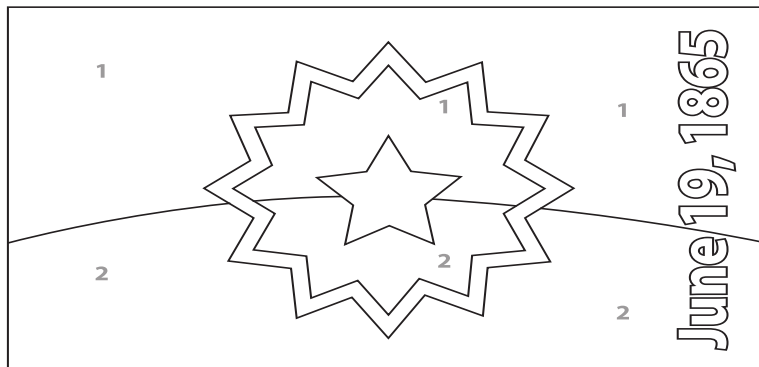
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Juneteenth Celebrations

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While Juneteenth celebrates the freedom, or **emancipation**, of enslaved African Americans in the United States, it's a great day for everyone to celebrate their freedoms.



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<https://oshkoshrecdept.com/facilities/alberta-kimball-auditorium>

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www.oshkoshyouthsymphony.org

Oshkosh Community Band

Providing Oshkosh musicians a venue to perform and the opportunity for the community to hear good band music.

www.oacb.org

Oshkosh Youth Choir

An audition-only city choir with its members ranging from third to 12th grade.

www.facebook.com/OshkoshYouthChoir

Jambalaya Arts

A space for Wisconsin-based artists to display their work and engage with other artists.

<https://jambalayaartsinc.wixsite.com/artfromwisconsin>

Streets of Hope

An immersive art fundraiser for Day by Day Shelter that connects to street culture

<https://www.streetsofhope.art/>

ArtSpace Collective

A non-profit co-op gallery located in Downtown Oshkosh whose mission is to promote and support the arts in Oshkosh and the surrounding area.

www.facebook.com/artspaceoshkosh

Oshkosh Fine Arts Association

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www.oshkoshfinearts.org

Oshkosh Jazz Festival

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www.oshkoshjazz.com

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www.ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/neenah-community-band/

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www.waterfest.org

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www.encorehandbellensemble.org

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Questions! Questions! Let us introduce ourselves!

Who owns the Neenah News?

Neenah News is family-supported by Jeff and Karen Schneider of Oshkosh. Karen is the sole owner of Oshkosh Herald LLC, parent company for both the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News. She has worked at several newspapers since the mid-1980s where she got her start in the A/R department of the Arizona Republic. We are locally owned and operated and not affiliated with any other media organization, nor are we a rebranded News-Record.

Why Neenah?

Schneider likes to say that after receiving many requests to expand the Herald, which debuted in January 2018, in different communities over the years one writer from Neenah/Fox Crossing “caught me at a weak moment” and the expansion to Neenah began in February 2022.

Why did I start receiving it every week in the mail?

Our mission began as a quest to have better-informed communities by filling the void of local news. Originally launched as a subscription model, Neenah News increased its distribution using bulk mail to every address in ZIP code 54956 in August 2023 with a special issue featuring the new Neenah High School. Nearly 1,000 families and several local businesses supported Neenah News from the beginning, knowing community news is vital for a healthy community. What the businesses learned is that “print is not dead” as an advertising vehicle and requested Neenah News to follow the bulk mail model of the Herald.

How many newspapers get mailed every week?

We now mail just over 21,300 copies in ZIP code 54956 of the Neenah News. The Herald has a mailing of 32,000. Together we reach more than 53,000 homes and 88,000 readers in Winnebago County.

Is a weekly newspaper sustainable?

Great question! One thing to understand is the Schneiders’ investment is in paper and postage. Unlike brick-and-mortar stores that may put their capital in equipment and inventory, our investment’s value is in the information we share – which isn’t something you can take to the bank. The newspaper is a “community” product. Its sustainability is based on the support of advertisers and community members who support our mission. The advertising will be sustainable if we “shop local.” We often hear how a reader shops at XYZ because they advertise in the News or Herald. We receive donations from readers and we have a Membership program where readers join for \$50 annually. Members and supporters receive offers throughout the year as a Thank You for their support.

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- July 17 - Rising Phoenix
- July 24 - The Pocket Kings
- July 31 - That 90's Band
- August 7 - Karen's Hit List
- August 14 - The Britins

- June 13 - Guy Parker Duo
- June 20 - Russ Reiser
- June 27 - Grey Fedora
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- July 18 - jim 'n' Nancy
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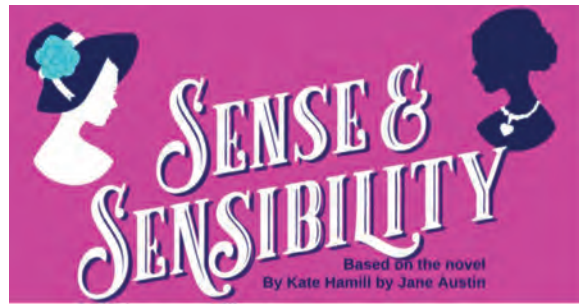


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