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South Main site OK'd for housing

Land sale for \$1 based on development plans

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A vacant 1.3-acre lot has been sold by the city to an Appleton developer for just \$1 that will be turned into affordable housing and retail options on the south side.

A combination of apartments, townhomes and retail space is all part of the pro-

posal that is counting on state tax housing credits to complete the project.

The site on South Main Street between West 7th and 8th avenues was owned by the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) and several separate parcels that have been combined. The site has been investigated extensively for contamination due to a gas station formerly on the site.

The \$1 purchase price is partially due to the city's need for more affordable housing. The proposal includes apartments, townhouses and space for retail. Planning

services manager Mark Lyons explained the site had a previous applicant apply for WHEDA housing tax credits for the site and twice was denied.

That proposal was just for apartments and the new proposal from Millenium Construction with commercial space and townhomes could give it a better score to receive the tax credits.

Jarrett English of Millenium Construction said the project being called The

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Making music

Gavin Adcock brought his blend of country to the stage for the inaugural Xroads41 this weekend. Saturday night was headlined by Journey to wrap up the three-day festival in Oshkosh. See story on Page 17.

Habitual, low-level offenders focus of new DA program

Those who don't take services will face jail

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new program from the Winnebago County district attorney's office is set to launch next year with the goal of offering services to help people living a life of crime in and out of the court system.

The high-frequency, low-offender initiative will be a diversion program for people who are accounting for more than 10% of local crime in recent years. The

program would offer services and those that don't take advantage of the program could face six to 12 months in jail under the habitual offender state statute.

Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett said these are lifelong criminals and this program is being developed to get them out of that lifestyle and begin contributing to society and their community.



Gossett



Oswald

"Our team has met a couple of times and will continue to develop and discuss the program over time as we determine what the criterion will be," he said. "When we look at these cases and the services provided it comes down to these four underlying issues: mental health, AODA, employment and housing."

The DA's office has invited United Way to be a part of the program to connect

people with these services.

"We will not just look at someone and say they've got an addiction problem and let's work on that," said Beth Oswald, United Way chief executive. "We'll be seeing if the person has any prior education that could help them get a job."

Oswald said the holistic approach United Way uses will be helpful as it will not just look at one service for people.

"We are at the table and part of the team as the nonprofit representative," she said. "We will be connecting people with the

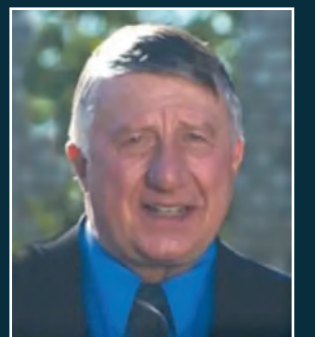
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New school board member named

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The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education last week appointed Molly Smiltneek to fill a vacancy created by board member Liz Szilagyi's resignation in June.

Smiltneek, a parent in the district who serves as an immigration attorney and Afghan legal services coordinator for World Relief Wisconsin, was selected from among four candidates who interviewed during a special meeting Thursday. Her term will run through April before she has the option to run for a full term.

"Molly Smiltneek's commitment to education, focus on literacy and experience in community engagement make her an

excellent addition to our board," stated board president Beth Wyman. "Her analytical approach and fresh perspective will enhance our decision-making process. We're confident Molly's contributions will help us continue improving educational outcomes for all students in the Oshkosh Area School District."

District officials said Smiltneek has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service and community engagement through leadership roles in organi-



Smiltneek

zations such as Oshkosh Allies in Literacy, Emmeline Cook Elementary School PTO and the OASD Literacy Committee.

"My vision for the Oshkosh Area School District is rooted in the belief that every student has the right to a quality education and they have a right to learn," Smiltneek said in a statement. "As a board member, I recognize our duty to students, employees and taxpayers. I am committed to engaging in constructive dialogue and making informed decisions that prioritize the best interests of our district, starting with our students and staff."

Wyman expressed the board's gratitude to everyone who stepped forward seeking to serve on the board.

Oshkosh man dies from stabbing early Saturday

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Two men are in custody after the death of a man from an apparent stabbing.

Early on Saturday morning Oshkosh police responded to a call in the 500 block of High Avenue around 2:30 a.m. Officers

discovered during the preliminary investigation that there was a physical altercation among several people.

A 20-year-old man from Oshkosh was stabbed during the fight and transported to a hospital for life-threatening injuries

and later pronounced dead.

The name of the victim has not been released.

The police have not named the 22-year-old suspect arrested and at press time no charges have been filed. The police did name another person of interest in the case they had been looking for.

Police announced Saturday they had been looking for Sybastian Crossman, 23, of Oshkosh, who was arrested Sunday morning without incident.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office assisted with the arrest.

Although charges have not yet been filed in this case, this is the third homicide the Oshkosh Police Department has investigated this year. The first was a man who allegedly beat another inmate to death at a mental health facility in May and the second was a shooting on Wisconsin Avenue in July.

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New tax incentive district would add infrastructure

Lake Butte des Morts Drive area upgrades proposed

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh is proposing a new mixed-use tax incentive district (TID) that would fund new public utilities in northwest Oshkosh near the recently approved Lake Butte des Morts Drive residential development.

TID No. 44 would sit on 392 acres and the main reason for its creation would be to help fund installation of utilities. It was endorsed by the Plan Commission but still needs Common Council approval and a joint review board made up of taxation entities.

The joint review board represents each of the taxation jurisdictions where the TID is situated, which would include Winnebago County, the Oshkosh Area School District and Fox Valley Technical College.

Planning services manager Mark Lyons said there is a potential for \$162 million being generated for the tax roll over the TID's 20-year lifetime. TIDs allow municipalities to divert future property tax revenue within a defined district toward economic development projects, such as infrastructure.

The TID would be identified as mixed-use – residential, commercial and industrial. The TID would not change anything regarding the city's comprehensive plan or zoning in the area.

The proposed improvements inside the TID include water mains and a sanitary sewer relay. A 36-foot road is proposed on the east side of the highway for potential commercial expansion. Infrastructure plans also include a 10-foot-wide pedestrian trail to connect the area with existing neighborhoods in the TID.

These infrastructure improvements will cost an estimated \$16.9 million and the TID would help cover those costs.

There would also be a 5-foot-wide sidewalk constructed from the Wiouwash Trail to Slew Bridge and another sidewalk connecting Ryf Road to the new housing development being built on Lake Butte des Morts Drive.

That housing project is the \$22-unit Red Earth Development that would sit in the proposed TID. Lyons said developers of that project would not get financial benefits from the TID.

That development was approved earlier this year despite opposition from neighbors contending it didn't fit in the area and other residents promoting the need for more affordable housing.

Lyons explained a developer could request funding after the TID is created.

Developers went back and forth with the city on whether the project would have three- or four-story apartment buildings. Representatives from Red Earth requested \$5 million in TIF money, which was denied, as the developers said the project would not be financially viable with three-story buildings. The project was later approved for four stories.



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Prehistoric treats

Animatronic dinosaurs roamed the Lowe's parking lot last week in Oshkosh as part of an I Heart Cookies Co. food truck pop-up promotional event for children and families that visited various locations around the state.



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Vinland couple's sunflower field blooms into attraction

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

By the time you read this, the vibrant, golden-yellow sunflowers blooming in a field just outside the city will have faded, but their seeds will continue to provide nourishment for birds all winter long.

This marks the fourth year Paul and Heather Kuehnl of Vinland Farm Co. have cultivated a sunflower field on part of their 50-acre property in the Town of Neenah. They also welcome the public to enjoy the field for one special day each year.

While in previous years about a hundred people would show up, this year the sunflowers generated a buzz of an estimated 1,000 people who visited to take pictures, learn about agriculture and enjoy the brilliant blooms.

Paul loaded the back of a pickup truck with fresh-cut sunflowers that visitors could purchase and the line to snag one stretched to the road. While visiting the sunflowers, patrons also walked past field corn and sweet corn crops.

"People not only saw sunflowers, they asked questions about, why does this corn look different than that corn?" Paul said. "It's nice to get people out and experience local agriculture more than just the sunflowers."

Paul shared that the inside of a sunflower head is packed with hundreds of tiny flowers within its central disk. The florets attract pollinators, including honeybees seen collecting nectar from the blooms. Each floret may develop into a seed.

A fourth-generation farmer, Paul said he and wife Heather decided to start growing black oil sunflowers for something different to put in their farm stand at their home property near the intersection of County A and Nelson Court in Vinland.

If you've ever driven the Lake Winnebago lake road between Neenah and Oshkosh, you've probably seen the little red self-serve farm stand that's open year-round and seasonally stocked with sunflower seeds, deer corn, sweet corn, pumpkins and gourds.

Both Paul, 45, and Heather, 43, have full-time jobs. The farm stand provides supplemental income and a hobby.

"There's good days and bad days," Heather said. "You know, farming definitely takes a lot of time and dedication."

Paul added that it can be frustrating when the couple want to go and do something but instead needs to tend to the crops while the weather is good.

Last week, the sunflowers stood tall in the sunshine, ranging from just a few feet, to 6 feet or more. A rustic barn created a picturesque background as the flowers shifted and swayed in the summer breeze.



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Above: A sunflower field at 3073 County G attracts visitors each year before the flowers are turned into seeds to be sold at a local farm stand.

At right: Heather and Paul Kuehnl of Vinland Farm Co. have opened their sunflower field to the public each of the past four years.

The breathtaking sight has quickly become a popular spot for photographers. Brooke Bornemann of Borne Brave Photography in Omro traveled there to take photos of Ripon High senior Sienna Dahlvig.

Bornemann said she and Dahlvig showed up at a sunflower field in Ripon but the flowers were too far past their prime for photos.

"I cannot thank Vinland Farm Co. enough for allowing us to come out tonight to soak up all the beauty of their land," she said.

This week, the sunflower heads – called inflorescence – are beginning to droop in the farm field on County G as the flowers form seeds.

In early fall, the seeds will be harvested, stored in 20-pound bags and placed for



sale in the farm stand. An acre of sunflowers yields about 2,000 pounds of seeds that provide a variety of wild birds with an important food source, especially during the cold Wisconsin winter.

Though the stunning visuals of the sunflowers in bloom have faded, those interested in seeing them will have an opportunity again next year as Paul said the couple plan to continue growing them. Information on the field and farm stand is shared

on the Vinland Farm Co. Facebook page.

"I like to get people back in touch with agriculture because that's what's changed," he said. "If you go back to my generation or even two or three generations, everybody was more in touch with agriculture."

The sunflower field stands as an example of how a bright idea can blossom into something beautiful.

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Law enforcement experiences can have personal impact

By Kyle Sorensen

As the saying goes, time goes by like the blink of an eye. It feels just like yesterday when I began my law enforcement career. While saying the year was 2010 seems like nothing, saying it was over 14 years ago already makes me feel somewhat shocked.

Fresh out of college and the police academy, I found myself in my new, crisp uniform, full duty gear, boots shined and the feeling of eagerness to begin responding to calls for service in the small Wisconsin community I was serving. As I would quickly find out, it wouldn't take long to

get sent to my first call for service.

It was a cool spring night, and I was just an hour or so into my first ever shift when my badge number came over the radio.

To say I was excited would certainly be an understatement. My excitement quickly turned into severe concern as it was a medical call in reference to a 17-year-old male who was pulseless and not breathing (PNB).

When I arrived, I was met by the father of the patient who was screaming, crying and absolutely distraught. As I tried to pull information out of the father about what had happened, we found ourselves in the attic of the residence where the father had found his son with a needle in his arm, overdosed on heroin. This was before the

About the series

August is Fentanyl Awareness Month, highlighting the impact of a drug that has contributed to 59% of the more than 150 overdose deaths in Winnebago County from 2018 to 2022. Many of these deaths were unintentional and the number is rising. The Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News are sharing personal essays of people who have been impacted by fentanyl and other dangerous drugs.

Winnebago County Public Health, sponsor of the fentanyl awareness series, has resources at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/node/13313 or by calling 920-232-3000. Substance use harm reduction services are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

availability of Narcan. At this time, only some paramedic units stocked Narcan in their ambulances, certainly not law enforcement officers.

As the medical call progressed, lifesaving measures were performed and it felt like an eternity due to response rates in the area at that time. When paramedics and first responders arrived and took over, I watched as what seemed to be a lifeless body began to show life. The male was transported and ultimately made a full recovery. The family put their son into treatment and I'm happy to report that after 14



Pink fentanyl and related drug paraphernalia were seized during a Winnebago County drug case earlier this year.

Photo from Kyle Sorensen

years, he is alive and thriving.

This problem hits everywhere, from large cities to small. From young to old, from rich to poor. Addiction has no boundaries. Addiction doesn't care where you live, where you work or what your life story is. While I have been involved with countless drug related calls and investigations in my career, this next example has stuck with me and is a testament to my claims that addiction has no boundaries.

Back in early 2019, I was dispatched to a welfare check involving a family who had just moved into the community I was

servicing. The house they built was the nicest on the street, with eye-catching design, pristine landscaping, you name it. There was turmoil in the family and the husband and wife decided to divorce.

I learned that the couple's children had reported that "mommy" was spending a lot of time in the bathroom. They referred to a cupboard in the bathroom as "mommy's corner." A somewhat older child had taken a picture of what she had seen within mommy's corner and showed it to me. Un-

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Programs await families looking for the help they need

By Sally Patterson

Please be aware that drug abuse can happen in any family. Abuse does not target one age group, nationality, sex, economic status or religion.

We were a "normal American family." We raised our three children in Neenah — small town, safe. We had a dog and cat and cottage at Lake Poygan. I was very involved in our children's lives — in PTO, room mother, chaperone on field trips.

The DARE program was invited to Neenah schools to equip the students with knowledge about drug abuse and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. Parents were invited to attend the sessions so they also could learn more about these issues and become aware of the signs of possible experimenting, the smell, etc.

I did not attend these DARE program sessions — my children would never be using drugs, I told myself. When Ryan, our middle child, was in third grade he attended his first DARE program. He came

More information

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) is a nationwide education program that tries to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs and violent behavior. (<https://dare.org>)

The **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** of Oshkosh is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support to those affected by mental illness. NAMI Oshkosh partners with local crisis, law enforcement, social services agencies and community groups (www.nami.org).

home very excited and said, "Mom don't ever use drugs. — they can fry your brain." I replied, "Thank you. I will remember that."

A few minutes later he came down from his bedroom and pasted a sign he had been making on the wall. It was a no-smoking sign. He said, "Mom, no one smokes in our family.



Submitted photo

Sally Patterson and her son Ryan.

I am putting this sign up in the dining room in case visitors come that do smoke. They will know it is not allowed in this house."

Ten years later, Ryan was a freshman in college and his life started turning and so did ours. The children's bedrooms were upstairs and after Ryan had come home from college on a holiday visit I went up the stairs. There was a terrible odor. I asked Ryan about the smell and he said one of his roommates smokes and the smell must

have gotten into his suitcase.

We went on a family vacation that winter. We would come back to our rental and often there was this "smell." I asked two of our children who were with us about it and no one seemed to know anything.

Our awareness continued — bad grades, estrangement, walking around "doped up for 20 years." My message besides being aware is that there is always hope. Our family has had counseling, NAMI education classes and support groups, 12-step programs like Al-Anon and CoDa, church services, Bible studies.

Drug abuse can be turned around into a new life, a better way to live through supportive groups, healthy relationships. Or drug abuse can end in death, suicide or living an empty, isolated life.

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Greek Revival architecture of 19th century visible in city

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Oshkosh has historic buildings of many architectural styles. The earliest was Greek Revival, where there are still examples for us to reference.

Although we do not know the architectural style, Joseph Jackson (1812-1881) built the first frame house in Oshkosh in 1844 on the present site of New Moon Cafe. In 1837-1838, Jackson designed and built a classic Greek Revival home for Morgan L. Martin in Green Bay called Hazelwood where the Martin family lived until 1931.



Martin helped draft the Wisconsin Constitution in this house in 1847; today Hazelwood is a museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

There are reports that Jackson built other homes in Green Bay before permanently settling in Oshkosh. There are no accounts that he built homes in Oshkosh, although he is lauded as "one of the really gifted architects of the Greek revival period in Wisconsin" by the Wisconsin State Journal in June 1942.

Greek Revival was inspired by classical architecture and known as America's national style. Americans associated with the ancient Greek democratic ideal and similar democratic ideals upon which their own country was founded. It was the dominant architectural style for U.S. homes from 1820-1860 and used in Oshkosh until 1875 or later.

This style features a symmetrical shape,



A home owned by Steve and Dede Cummings at 1124 Bay Shore Drive is a Greek Revival style circa 1855. Cummings used historic tax credits to restore this early gem.

gabled or hipped roof of low pitch, the pediment which is a triangular space at the end of a gable supported by a wide horizontal entablature, elaborate door surrounds with side windows, gable returns, porticoes supported by columns, and pilasters. Very few Greek Revival homes in Oshkosh incorporated all these grand architectural features.

These homes were usually painted white to copy the white marble used by the Greeks. The Paine Mausoleum (1904) at Riverside Cemetery is designed in the Greek Revival style.

The grandest example in Oshkosh is the Abraham Briggs Bowen home at 1010 Bay Shore Drive, built in 1856 and

listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Recent removal of the round, slender columns has altered the graceful surrounding porch.

Lumberman, August Stille House, at 217 High Ave., was built in 1864. "The pediment treatment of this Greek Revival design is the most elaborate in Oshkosh; dentils and modillions line the cornice" (Wisconsin Historical Society). There are eight Greek Revival homes in the Irving Church District, including a brick house at 543 Jackson St. (1858), which is rare in Oshkosh.

A modest example at 1337 Jefferson has cornice roof returns, wide entablature and pilasters at each corner. The small,



A rare brick Greek revival home from about 1858 stands at 543 Jackson St.

enclosed porch is a later addition. The Cyrus Webster house (1857) at 1409 Catherine St. has cornice roof returns on the side gable pediment and a graceful full front porch supported with Doric columns; it is potentially eligible for the National Register. The tall railings on the front porch are a recent addition.

Cities founded after the 1860s will not have Greek Revival architecture as we do in Oshkosh. It takes commitment and resources to restore and preserve the architectural details of these historic homes that define Oshkosh's early history.

As we travel through our city, we can be grateful that we can still experience our early history through the Greek Revival architecture that also pays tribute to our democracy. Support saving our history whenever you have the opportunity.

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Woman convicted of years-long theft from hockey club

Former treasurer given three years of probation

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh woman was found guilty of stealing more than \$60,000 from the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association after pleading no contest and was sentenced to three years of probation.

Randi R. Burris, 42, was found guilty of five counts of misdemeanor theft-false representation last week in front of Judge Bryan Keberlein, who sentenced her to probation instead of jail to give her more time to repay the victim in the case.

Burris was initially charged with felony theft in a business setting greater than \$10,000 but that was dismissed and read in for sentencing purposes.

During sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Tracy Paider noted the seriousness of the offense and said the crime did rise to the felony level. Burris, who committed these crimes while serving as the hockey association treasurer, was ordered to pay more \$94,000 to the group.

Paider, who said she also has served as a treasurer for an organization, said it can be easy to steal money in those positions and found Burris' behavior offensive. She also noted that even though Burris turned

herself in to police, that could have been because she was about to get caught.

Paider also noted Burris stole money that was for children and instead used it "for her own personal use" at stores such as Jo-Ann Fabrics and Target.

"Jail is warranted in this case, but it's not going to help the hockey association," Paider said.

Burris gave a brief statement during the sentencing, saying she was remorseful and felt shame and guilt over what she had done. She added she had no valid excuse for her actions.

Keberlein said other small businesses and nonprofit organizations should note this case as a reason for not having just one person overseeing their funds.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police were contacted March 29 about a woman who wanted to confess to theft. Burris admitted she had been stealing from the organization for about eight years as its treasurer, which gave her access to the accounts and she would use the organization debit card and take money out

of an ATM.

She used the money on personal things such as gas, groceries and gifts.

Burris told the officer she started by taking small amounts of money, then it became a "slippery slope" and allegedly would withdraw about \$500 once or twice a month.

An official with the association said they were unaware Burris was taking money and that no one in the association consented to her withdrawing the funds.

The association worked with a volunteer accountant who reported the association suffered an estimated loss of about \$104,000 when they looked at bank statements from January 2017 to March 2023.

The accountant, Scott Stryer, told police his estimates were based on "questionable purchases." This did not include funds allegedly taken by Burris from fundraisers.

Between June 1, 2017, and March 28, 2023, the ATM withdrawals totaled more than \$40,000; the withdrawals and questionable purchases totaled \$66,201.

Keberlein ordered Burris to pay

\$94,437.92. The terms of the restitutions state just over \$35,000 will go to the hockey association, \$50,000 will go to an insurance company and more than \$8,000 to the county as a surcharge.

If Burris receives any tax refund it will go toward restitution.

"This is your opportunity to do the right thing," Keberlein said before closing the record on the case.

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By Colan Tremi
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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The Economic Development Program can assist clients in all these ways due to the guidance of the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC), which aims to keep the program focused on different initiatives from year to year.

The council is made up of commercial bankers, real estate developers,

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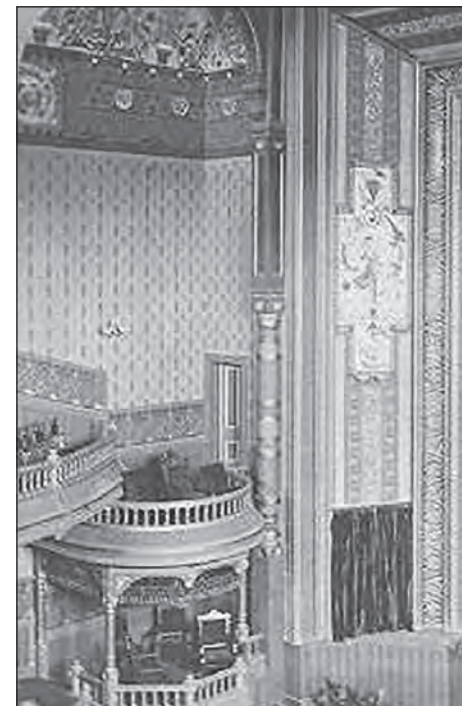


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This photo from 1885 shows the inside of the Grand Opera House in its early years.

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fortunately, after viewing the photo, I knew exactly what was in mommy's corner.

I ultimately ended up drafting a search warrant for the residence and served it a few hours later. As we entered the residence, I'll never forget how clean it was – spotless. There were family pictures on the walls, the rooms were nicely decorated, the pantry and fridge were fully stocked... I had an odd feeling, wondering if what I had witnessed in the picture could actually be located in a residence such as this. I made my way to the main bathroom and over to the dark corner where the cupboard was located. As I opened the cupboard, it was like I had entered a different world.

There were several forms of drug paraphernalia strewn about. A glass mirror seemed to be the main focal point of the cupboard that held the contraband. As I opened a large unlabeled pill bottle, a somewhat sizable chunk of heroin sat at the bottom.

As I would later find out, the female's husband was a doctor. Throughout their

marriage, the wife had become addicted to prescription pain killers, which drove her life. During the divorce, the source for the pain killers had apparently dried up, causing withdrawal symptoms and unbearable cravings. Instead of getting treatment, she turned to heroin.

While the female went to jail that day, then later to several months of intense in-patient treatment, I never heard from her again. From time to time, I will check records, and to date, I have yet to see another opioid related charge on her record. I like to think she succeeded.

Looking back, it's safe to say opioid-related cases have certainly impacted my career. Some of these, however, have turned positive, and those are the ones us as law enforcement officers love to see and experience.

I know there are those that can certainly be helped if given the right environment to do so; I have seen this. While I unfortunately believe opioids will remain a serious problem in our society for the unforeseeable future, individuals who have fallen victim to this type of addiction can and do prevail.

There are a variety of resources available in our county. If you or someone

More information

Winnebago County Public Health (www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health) provides substance use harm reduction services from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday with offices at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh and also has an office in Neenah at 211 N. Commercial St. The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team reviews local fatal overdose data and offers recommendations for preventing overdoses in the county. Free Narcan training sessions are offered periodically.

Solutions Recovery Inc. provides sober living, peer support and a recovery center. Staff are available at 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and there is also a 24/7 Recovery Hotline to assist with addiction-related needs at 866-465-0010, or by stopping by the facility or going to solutionsrecovery.org and through its Facebook page for more information.

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you know is struggling with opioid addiction, you can contact a Winnebago County Public Health office near you: Oshkosh – 920-232-3000 or Neenah –

920-727-2894. You can also contact your local police department to request guidance, while remaining anonymous, if you choose to do so.

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Nursing students learn EpiPen use from family of sting victim

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For anyone allergic, a bee sting can cause serious—and potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis reaction—without quick intervention.

It's something a Mishicot family knows too well. In 2014, Dillon Mueller, 18, died due to an unknown, undiagnosed bee venom allergy and a lack of epinephrine by volunteer first responders.

The need for a quick response by trained individuals is something faculty and students in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Nursing are taking seriously. After Mueller's parents' push for more lifesaving education, they've joined a growing legion of Wisconsinites who are trained in the use of epinephrine pens and keep the lifesaving medication on hand – available should there be a need.

Thirty-two participants, mostly students in UWO's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) nurse anesthesia emphasis program, participated in the first of two training sessions offered at the University. Another UWO session follows Monday.

The Dillon Mueller Memorial Fund was established in 2015 by his parents, Angel and George Mueller, and offers the Do It for Dillon certification program for any group that is interested. More than 5,000 people across the state have received free training and are authorized to carry epinephrine, ready to administer to anyone in need.

"I attended one of the courses that was held at Bear Creek Fire Department and received my epinephrine carpjects," said Mayka Rambo, a faculty member of the UWO nurse anesthesia emphasis program who said she has a passion for rural health care. "After learning that most rural ambulance services do not carry EpiPens, I thought it would be a great idea for the students to be able to carry their own since they are driving all over the state for clinicals. They may come across a situation that may require them to utilize it."

During a first summer training at UWO,



UW Oshkosh photo

Matt Olsen, a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh nurse anesthesia student, holds a practice EpiPen during a Do It For Dillon training session.

students sat in rapt attention as Angel Mueller's recounted her last moments with her son.

"As I stared down at Dillon in his ICU hospital bed in a coma on life support, I made the decision right then and there that I was going to do everything in my power to make sure that no other family has to endure such tragedy," Mueller said to the students. "You can save someone's life."

On a fall day in October of 2014, Dillon was helping a friend with yard work when he was stung. Within minutes, he asked his friend to call 911 before going unconscious. Volunteer first responders did not have epinephrine. After a week of artificial cardiopulmonary support, the family made the difficult decision to let their son pass and improve the lives of others

through organ, eye and tissue donation. Dillon's parents decided they would do everything they could to prevent similar situations from happening to another family.

Their dedication led to a team working to create Dillon's Law, allowing trained individuals to carry and administer epinephrine auto-injectors. Mueller said since their Do It for Dillon training program began, 15 lives have been saved.

Matt Olsen, a first-year nurse anesthesia student from Reedsburg, was moved by the Mueller story.

"Dillon would have been around the same age as me," had he lived from the bee sting, said Olsen, who had been working as a surgical ICU nurse in St. Paul, Minnesota, before attending UW Oshkosh. "As a healthcare provider, it's good to be able to

help people out, in and outside the clinical setting."

Fellow first-year nursing anesthesia student Andrea Sommer of Racine applauds Dillon's parents efforts in raising awareness that anaphylaxis – a sudden and severe life-threatening allergic reaction – can happen anytime, and that having early treatment with epinephrine could be lifesaving. Sommer, who has worked as ICU nurse in Chicago before coming to UWO, said of the Muellers' push to get more people epi-certified, "I think Dillon would be very proud."

The next Do It for Dillon Epinephrine Training Course will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in UWO Clow Nursing Building, Room 151.

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The chapel was first established in 1856 and was one of five Welsh churches in the rural area by the end of that century.

Events begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 24 with a family history session called Shaking

Branches where photos, stories and ancestry are shared. Danny Proud will present Welsh folk dancing at 3 p.m. and a Welsh meal served at 4:30. The Peniel Quartet and Covenant Bell Choir will present a concert at 6 p.m.

Sunday morning worship starts at 11:30 a.m. led by the Rev. Mary Council-Austin. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m., Dylan Piper entertains with bagpipe music at 1 p.m. and the Gymanfa Ganu begins at 2:30 p.m. led by Ann Lemmenes of Waupun.

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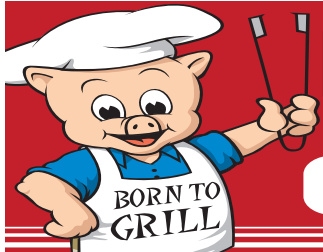
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This illustration shows a proposed housing development on South Main Street between 7th and 8th avenues.

South Main

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Meridian would consist of 92 residential units, 98 parking space and four commercial units.

The estimated project cost is \$28.1 million.

A mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments would be on West 7th Avenue and the townhomes would be on West 8th with businesses and an open plaza space on South Main. Lease rates have not been released but English said he anticipates the units to qualify as affordable housing.

English said if the project is approved for the WHEDA tax credits next spring the goal would be to start construction next summer.

The redevelopment authority approved the property sale after a brief discussion about how the development will benefit the area.

“It’s interesting for that space and downtown. Conceptually, I’m definitely on board with the idea in that space,” Mayor Matt Mugerauer said of the mixed-use proposal.

Jason Lasky of the RDA added, “Overall, this is an interesting concept. It’s new to us and not necessarily new to the state or region. It’s great to see that it fits within the parameters of what the area is intended to be.”

Nieforth said city staff recommended the property transfer to private hands for several reasons, primarily because mixed-use development will add to the city’s housing inventory.

“In the past, when the proposed development is offering affordable housing, the city and RDA have offered the property for \$1,” Nieforth said.

“Another factor that the city and RDA consider is whether or not the property is contaminated. Typically if the property is contaminated it is less desirable for other developers. If there is a developer willing to work through the remediation process, we want to encourage that and support the developer.”

Just across the street, The Mill on Main housing project – three buildings totaling 291 units – continues to be delayed. Construction is now set to begin by November with an estimated completion date of spring 2026.

Nieforth also updated the RDA on other projects on the south side, including expanding the Froedtert/ThedaCare hospital already being built on West 6th Avenue. There has been an amended site implementation plan in which the 85,000-square-foot facility is looking to add a third story and 28,500 square feet for medical offices

“It’s exciting that this early in the process they want to add on,” Nieforth said. “It’s a good sign that things are going really well.”

Nieforth also noted the Boatworks property in the area of Michigan and 4th avenues is awaiting a land purchase from developers Tim Hess and Chet Wesenberg to build multifamily housing on that site. The developers are expected to meet with the Common Council in closed session to request financing assistance from an existing tax incremental district.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Music on Main: Jay Edward Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, Aug. 15

Live at Lunch: Natural Satellite, noon, Opera House Square

“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Waterfest: Better Than Ezra, Alex McMurray Band, Lil’ Davy Max, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

EAA Speaker Series: The AC-208 – The Cessna With Teeth, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, Aug. 16

“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Saturday, Aug. 17

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Freemasons and Oshkosh Masonic Center community fair, noon, Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show, 8 a.m., 1351 Egg Harbor Lane
Ruby’s Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road

“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 2 and 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

“The Great Muppet Caper,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 18

Race the Lake Bike Event, circles Lake Winnebago and through downtown Oshkosh

Van Dyne Small Town Day & Car Show, 11 a.m., Van Dyne Lions Park

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Eagle and Friends with Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, 11 a.m., Menominee Park
Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Waterfest: Danny Seraphine & Chicago Transit Authority, Child’s Anthem, The Music of Toto, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, Aug. 23

Family Outdoor Movie Night: “Trolls Band Together,” gates open at 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Buffett’s Margaritaville: A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

Saturday, Aug. 24

Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

Winnebago County Democratic Party annual corn roast, noon, South Park pavilion

Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 1 p.m., downtown Oshkosh

Take Five (Minutes to Shop) arts & crafts fair, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Welsh Weekend, 1 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Sunday, Aug. 25

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

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Habitual offenses

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services available to them, as United Way has a lot of connections in the community when it comes to those four factors.”

The team includes members of the DA’s office such as special program coordinator Molly Roffers-Susa and crime data analyst Caitlin Wehing. Other members are law enforcement officials such as Sheriff John Matz.

Most of the details are still being worked out by the team but right now the program would be offered as a diversion program and require two case managers.

This would be offered to people once they have been arrested. Gossett said the DA’s office will not be compiling a list of offenders and having them arrested.

“They would be in place if arrested for a new crime before they are offered this program,” he said, “and they would have to meet the criterion, which we will still need to determine.”

The possible criteria could be any person with nine criminal referrals within three years, 12 criminal referrals within four years or 15 criminal referrals within five years.

In most diversion programs the individual gets one strike and they’re out, but this program would give people several repeats.

“These are people living an alternative lifestyle and they become criminally minded,” Gossett said. “Eventually this population just fall through the cracks and end up in and out of court.”

The crimes are usually misdemeanors and low-level felonies that often conclude with time on probation – retail theft, disorderly conduct, obstructing/resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia,

bail jumping.

“The goal is to stop walking away from these people and going, ‘We don’t know what to do with these people’ and instead try to assist them by engaging or incarcerating them,” Gossett said.

He spoke of the social contract of people doing their part and having an obligation to contribute.

“We all have this social contract. If you’re down on your luck – if something bad happens and you end up in financial straits or with an addiction issue – as a society and a community we owe it to you to help you, but there’s a limit to that help,” Gossett said, “When are we helping and when are we enabling? If we’re helping you, you have an obligation to take advantage of the help that we’re giving and improve your situation.”

Gossett said this program was an idea about 10 years ago but the data wasn’t readily available to break down. The DA’s office now can analyze data from various law enforcement agencies in the area to compile information on habitual offenders.

“We’re specifically going after that portion of the population that won’t take advantage of the help we’re offering,” Gossett said.

In Winnebago County between June 2019 and June 2024, there were 266 individuals that made up 13% of all criminal referrals in the county. With a county population of around 171,000, according to the 2020 census, these individuals make up less than 1% of all county residents.

Of the 266 individuals, about 73% are



Matz

white and 66% are men. About 80% of the 266 people fall under the criteria of nine criminal referrals within the last three years.

“(It’s) a reminder that most people get zero criminal referrals or possibly one or two throughout their lifetime,” Gossett said.

Matz said he understands the reason for this type of program and was not surprised to learn that fewer than 300 people made up more than 10% of criminal referrals in the county.

Matz said he is in on board with the DA’s office trying something to combat these high-frequency, low level offenders.

“We can’t deal with it with a citation or arrest. They come to jail and get released on a signature bond two days later and continue to commit low-level crimes,” Matz said.

“Ninety days or 180 or 270 days of sobriety – that can be a real game changer for someone. It’s similar to mental health with having medications available every day,” he said. “Life is about building small successes and then suddenly life is going better.”

One concern Matz has is the jail population and what effect there will be if there is a rise in people staying six to 12 months as habitual offenders. Some of these offenders could be offered the STAR program (Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery) in the jail designed to break the

cycle of addiction.

“It will mean more staffing and we’ve had hiring difficulties in the past,” Matz said.

He said that hiring corrections officers has gotten somewhat easier recently and the department is currently fully staffed with some employees still going through training. But he said there remain concerns about the costs of having to hire more people.

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith, who has been invited to the meetings with the DA’s team, said he did not want to comment on the program until he knows all the details. It will be important to have Smith’s support as Gossett said a lot of the people who would be eligible for the program are in Oshkosh.

“The problem needs to be addressed and we’re excited to continue this work and develop the program,” Roffers-Susa said. “We’re going to give it a try and see if it works.”

Gossett said team members will continue to meet on this topic and answer questions as they head toward the expected January rollout date.

“We’ll continue to fine-tune the program and make adjustments moving forward,” Gossett said. “The overall goal will remain to connect people with the resources they need to help them and have them uphold their part of the social contract we have in society.”

Hunting forecast guides are now available

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has released the 2024 fall forecast series, detailing the hunting outlook for popular game species.

These forecasts outline what hunters and trappers across the state can expect while pursuing their favorite game species.

They also include reminders about public land access opportunities, game registration requirements and season dates.

Hunters and trappers can explore fall forecasts for species they are interested in. For more resources and information go to dnr.wisconsin.gov.



Otter Street Fishing Club photo

Otter Street event

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Xroads41 enjoys exceptional weather for inaugural year

By Jonathan Richie
OSKOSH HERALD

It was a beautiful weekend for live music in Oshkosh. Xroads41 had a successful opening year and organizers are already planning for next year along with a new festival next summer.

Owned and operated by Oshkosh Festivals, Xroads41 took over the former grounds that had hosted Country USA and Rock USA. The new owners have big plans for the site but needed to get through the first year and couldn't have gotten better weather to help make it a success.

"It was so exciting seeing the gates open on Thursday," Makenna Mae said. "It's been getting bigger and bigger every day with more people coming out to enjoy the music."

Mae, the ambassador for Xroads41, was born and raised in the Fox Valley and is a singer for the band Grand Union.

The festival kicked off Thursday afternoon with Taylor Holder and opening night featured reggae/hip hop star Shaggy and country band Old Dominion.

"It was incredible to see Shaggy play in Oshkosh," Mae said. "It was a great show and he had everyone on their feet singing along."

Friday night's headliner was Brooks & Dunn and also featured Alana Springsteen and Tanya Tucker. The final night of the festival was headlined by long-time rockers Journey.

John Gourley of Oshkosh Festivals has decades of experience and recruited a team of national talent to organize the festival with people from recognized festivals such as Coachella.

One of the special experiences of Xroads41 is that general admission fans could get right up to the stage.

"That's something you don't get to experience at other festivals," he said.

Jerry Mavroff of Larsen had attended previous festivals on the grounds and was impressed by what Xroads41 had put together.

"It's good to have live music back in Oshkosh," he said. "There are more facilities and they're cleaner."

The grounds were packed with ample restroom areas along with other amenities like water bottle refilling stations, charging stations and lots of open area



Oshkosh Herald

The crowds at the Xroads41 musical festival were treated to some great music and beautiful weather in the first year of the event.

to enjoy drinks in the Wisconsin summer.

One of Oshkosh Festivals' partners is Chet Wesenberg, who the Herald caught up with in the VIP area after Gavin Adcock's Saturday set.

"Gavin just totally lit it up on the stage," he said.

"What we're really excited for is to see who is going to blow up after this - which of the acts is going to make it big and we'll be inviting back to headline Xroads41 in a couple of years."

Organizers are lining up acts for next summer while also planning a second festival next year with a focus on rock music.

"There's a lot of work going into next year's festivals and finding those improvements will be key," Gourley said.

Mae announced on Saturday that tickets are on sale for next year's festival and within moments fans were lining up to buy them.

"We will continue to finesse and improve the festival and we're excited for what we'll be announcing for 2025," Gourley said.

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Business news roundup

Layla Merrifield has been named president of the **Wisconsin Technical College System**, succeeding Morna Foy who announced her retirement after leading WTCS for 12 years, and begins her new position Sept. 9. Merrifield has been executive director of the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association representing the trustees of the 16 state technical colleges' district boards, since 2015. Before that she served as a fiscal analyst for the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, a non-partisan service agency of the state Legislature, then as a WTCS policy adviser.



Merrifield

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The Madison law firm **Levine Eisberner LLC** has opened a location in Oshkosh at 600 S. Main St. Suite 304. Aaron Haller, a shareholder with the firm, has been practicing in the Oshkosh area for the past two years. Nick Levine, shareholder and managing attorney, along with Sarah Butcher, paralegal and office administrator, are also at the new location. Haller, Levine, and Butcher all relocated to the Oshkosh area. Levine Eisberner offers legal services in the following areas: business law, civil rights, criminal defense, estate planning and administration and personal injury.

Fox World Travel based in Oshkosh received 2024 Wisconsin Community Choice Awards with top honors in major market categories, including Top Travel Agency in the Oshkosh and other Wisconsin markets.

Toy Box Boat & RV Storage has opened a new heated storage facility on West 33rd Avenue with 88,665 square feet of rentable space across 141 RV and boat storage units near Lake Winnebago. Amenities include a dump station, power in the



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County officials that included District Attorney Eric Sparr (top right), County Executive Jon Doemel and about 20 other volunteers were on hand Saturday at J&R Auto in Oshkosh to clean up and inspect wheelchairs and scooters. The seventh year of the county's Aging and Disability Resource Center free event included free lunch and live music. "One of the things people don't think about is that people live in these chairs," said ADRC director Beth Roberts, "so to get completely underneath them and get them really thoroughly cleaned is a big favor to people who are in them."

Community Stroke Day draws survivors and care providers

Oshkosh Herald
 Northeast Wisconsin's Community Stroke Day, designed to provide stroke survivors, care partners, family members and friends with a day of learning and networking, is set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7 at the EAA Aviation Museum.
 Keynote speaker will be Kate Adamson, a stroke survivor, inspirational speaker and licensed medical social worker. Using lessons learned from her successful battle with locked-in syndrome – total paralysis – after a massive stroke, she coaches, counsels and inspires people to move past paralysis to personal and professional power.
 Stroke survivor Dr. Bruce Hetzler of

Appleton will join Adamson as a presenter. A professor emeritus of psychology and neuroscience from Lawrence University, Hetzler is also an amateur magician. He will share his stroke experience along with his magician talents.
 Hetzler said he was motivated to return to teaching after his successful recovery. "I didn't want my life to be over after my stroke," he said. "I wanted to return as best I could to some semblance of a normal life."
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Area 11-player football teams kick off practices

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

High school football season has begun. All three 11-player football teams in Oshkosh – Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North and Lourdes Academy – officially opened their 2024 seasons last week with the start of practice and all three head coaches said their teams were excited to be back on the field.

“The kids had a great week of practice,” said Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat, who is entering his ninth season leading the program. “The kids have been awesome. They have made it fun each day for the coaches. It is easier to coach when the kids are just busting their butts every day.”

Valley Christian was set to begin its season this week as 8-player programs start a week later than 11-player teams.

Wopat said the Knights have between 32 and 35 kids in the program this season, which is a lower number than what the program has fielded the past couple of seasons.

He said about 10 kids that were expected to be a part of the program either didn't come out or stepped away the first week.

“It's my ninth year at Lourdes and don't remember a kid ever quitting and I had five of them last week,” Wopat said. “We are making a couple of adjustments offensively. We think we have a very bright team, and we think that will be a smooth process.”

Both Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North have seen their numbers increase

Season openers

High School Football Season Openers

(all games start at 7 p.m.)

Thursday, Aug. 22

Living Word Lutheran at Lourdes Academy

Friday, Aug. 23

Ashwaubenon at Oshkosh North
Oshkosh West at GB Preble

this season, with the Wildcats seeing about a 20-player increase to 131 this season.

“I think a lot of the kids are just excited to have the same coaching staff two years in a row,” second-year coach Joseph Ray said. “Kids are way more comfortable and more confident with what we are doing. They were pretty excited and we had a pretty good week.”

Being back for a second year has also been a benefit for the coaches.

“Very much easier. Just the fact we know them a little better and we don't have to spend as much time teaching them how we practice, how we do different drills. They know those things now,” Ray said. “It's more fun to be honest. You get to coach football a little more and not worry as much about learning names.”

Oshkosh North head coach Luke Ott said that the Spartans had 80 kids participating at practice each day last week, which projects to returning to a three-team program – varsity, junior varsity and

freshman.

North's senior class is the smallest number-wise in the program but Ott was pleased with the way the group – along with the numerous juniors who played last season – were already taking a leadership role.

“We had upperclassmen helping with sophomores and freshmen, which was great to see,” Ott said. “Honestly there is a good excitement. We had five great days of practice. Good intensity, good coachability from the kids and a good focus.”

One of the reasons for excitement in the Oshkosh North program is the move out of the rugged Fox Valley Association this season.

The Spartans went winless in conference play last season and won just three games over the past three seasons in one of the top Division 1 leagues in the state. North, which was one of the smallest schools in the FVA, will play its first season in the Fox River Classic Conference-South starting this year.

That league will include Green Bay East, Green Bay West, Manitowoc Lincoln, Menasha, Green Bay Notre Dame, Sheboygan North and Sheboygan South.

“I think our kids are starting to turn the page in believing that things are going to be different than they were,” Ott said. “We still have kids who in the back of their mind are still thinking we are going to get our butts kicked just because of the last couple of years. The kids that know have that attitude that we are going to be able to beat some teams this year.”

Oshkosh North hasn't made the play-

offs since 2016 and haven't won a playoff game since finishing as the Division 2 state runner-up in 2013.

Despite North leaving the FVA, the Spartans and Wildcats will continue their rivalry with a Week 2 matchup at Titan Stadium.

“We might not win every game but if there are any games where we are not in it, it's because of our own doing and not because we are just outmanned,” Ray said. “I think we are on the right path. We talked about the playoffs the first day and that was it but that is our goal and I think we can get there if we stay healthy.”

Oshkosh West last made the postseason in 2021 but have just two playoff appearances since 2010 – both ending in first-round losses. The Wildcats last postseason win came in 2008.

“We have consistency now and the kids are starting to take advantage of it,” Ray said. “It's certainly benefitting us.”

Lourdes Academy extended its playoff appearance streak to seven after qualifying last season but haven't won a postseason game in a non-COVID year since 2019.

Getting back on the field is the Knights first step to stretch the streak another year and potentially get back in the postseason win category.

“Even as you get older (the first day of practice) is your chance to feel a little bit like a kid again. I don't care what sport you're coaching it's a little bit of holiday when it starts,” Wopat said. “It's fun. As a coach, it's what you look forward to – helping them become the best versions of themselves they can be.”

Rec league softball

Aug. 5

MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

LeRoy's def. Community Church 10-6
Oshkosh Trophy def. Jerry's 20-18
Oshkosh Trophy def. Jerry's 25-20
LeRoy's 12-2
Oshkosh Trophy 11-3
Wyldeewood Baptist Church 9-5
Jerry's 5-9
Community Church 1-13

MONDAY VETERANS

Pete's Garage def. Ratch & Deb's 8-6
Game Time def. Mr. Vinyl Enterprises 15-4
Game Time def. Mr. Vinyl Enterprises 11-8
Pete's Garage 8-4
Game Time 7-5
Ratch & Deb's 6-5
Mr. Vinyl Enterprises 2-9

MONDAY WOMEN'S

T&O Lanes def. Jerry's 14-10
Winkler's Westward Ho def. Evil Roy Slades 11-3
Winkler's Westward Ho def. Evil Roy Slades 10-9
Winkler's Westward Ho 10-2
Evil Roy Slades 8-5
T&O Lanes 5-7
Jerry's 2-11

Aug. 6

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

EAA def. Players 14-1
Molly's def. Houge's 21-2
Jerry's 12-1
Molly's 10-3
Trails End 8-4
Jirschele Insurance 8-5
EAA 8-5
Terry's 3-9
Houge's 2-11
Players 0-13

Aug. 7

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Oblio's def. Jockey Club 24-19
Terry's def. Associated Appraisal Consultants 13-2

Evil Roy Slades def. Winners 18-9

Backdoor Sliders def. Players 7-3

Evil Roy Slades 13-1

Winners 11-3

Oblio's 10-4

Jockey Club 7-7

Backdoor Sliders 7-7

Terry's 6-8

Associated Appraisal Consultants 2-12

Players 0-14

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Houge's def. Pioneer Marina 17-10
Fletch's def. Winkler's Westward Ho 12-6
Camera Casino def. Terry's 21-12
Fletch's 12-2
Houge's 12-2
Terry's 8-6
Camera Casino 8-6
Pioneer Marina 1-13
Winkler's Westward Ho 1-13

Aug. 8

THURSDAY COED

4imprint def. Jerry's 8-4
Mr. Brews def. LeRoy's 15-4
The Underdogs def. Mabel Murphy's 12-4
Mabel Murphy's def. LeRoy's 20-3
Oakbrook Church def. Fifth Ward Brewing 9-2
Houge's-Hoffman def. Houge's-Westphal 10-3
Big Daddy's-Heisler def. Big Daddy's-Miller 16-5
Revs def. Houge's-Hoffman 13-6
T&O Lanes 12-0
Jerry's 11-2
4imprint 10-3
Big Daddy's-Heisler 9-3
Revs 8-5
Mabel Murphy's 6-6
Mr. Brews 6-6
Houge's-Hoffman 6-7
Houge's-Westphal 5-7
The Underdogs 5-8
Big Daddy's-Miller 3-10
LeRoy's 2-10
Fifth Ward Brewing 2-10
Oakbrook Church 2-10

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Obituaries

Roger Tiedemann

Roger Tiedemann, age 93, passed away in the early hours on August 10, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born to parents Richard and Maude (Schictl) Tiedemann on December 12, 1930.

In 1960 he married Lola Grahborn, and they had three daughters, Vicki, Mary and Barbara Ann, who died at birth. They later divorced, and in 1972 he married Karen Lawson, and they had two sons, James and Dale.

He is survived by his children Vicki (Craig) Heuser, Mary Walls, James (Kati Katchever) Tiedemann, Dale (Deb) Tiedemann; Grandchildren Chad (Andrea) Heuser, Bradley Heuser, Samantha Cunningham, Kelly (Derek) Haugen and Samuel Forbes; Great-Grandchildren, Caitlyn Heuser, Lily Heuser, Camdyn Heuser, Mayme Heuser, Tamzyn Cunningham,

Madalynn Randolph and Harrison Haugen; Sister Bonnie Grangaard, nephew Glenn Grangaard, and niece Jenny (Andrew) Sorenson.

During the Korean Conflict, Roger was called to action in the United States Army. He served valiantly for two years. During that time, he had been involved in an artillery incident and was injured. He returned to action just a few days later. He found great pride in serving his county.

Roger enjoyed target shooting, and was an avid reader, he was especially fond of any type of War History. He also loved going out to eat at Two Brothers Restaurant and some other local eateries. Roger will be remembered for his sense of humor, his honest nature and the ability to create anything out of metal and wood. He had many friends and acquaintances, and was a friend to Bill W.

Preceding him in death was his wife Karen Tiedemann, infant daughter Barbara Ann; Parents Richard and Maude (Schictl) Tiedemann; infant grandchild Ben Tiedemann, and good friend, Terry Lyons.

Visitation will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM, with service to immediately follow. His final resting place will be at Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The family would like to thank the staff at Park View Health Center and the Veterans Administration for helping care for Dad in his last few years.



Gilbert J. Frank

Gilbert J (Gib) Frank, 96, was reunited with his wife Cynthia on Monday Aug 5, 2024. Gilbert was born on June 2, 1928, to Charles and Marion Frank in Oshkosh, WI. Gilbert served his country as an MP in the Air Force after World War II. He met Cynthia while she was in Oshkosh training to be an RN. They were married on August 25, 1951, in Neillsville, WI, her hometown. Together they raised 12 children.

Gilbert started and ended his working career at Morgan Doors in Oshkosh. In addition to Morgan Doors, he also held several part time jobs over the years including creating the best ice-skating rinks in the city of Oshkosh. Gilbert and Cynthia enjoyed taking road trips to visit their children. He also enjoyed fishing with his father-in-law on the Black River in Neillsville as well as helping his children with home improvement projects and their businesses.

Gilbert is survived by his children: Steve (Doris) Frank, Mary Chapman, Sue Wood, Nancy Frank, Pete (JoAnn Aulik) Frank, Barb (Dick) Adam, Jane (Jeff) Steiner, Tom Frank, Joan (Jim) Albert, Paul Frank, Kris (Mike) Cox, Linda (Tom) Ruddy. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his older brother Russ, 2 sisters-in-law, Lorraine Noll and Kathy Negaard, a daughter-in-law, Connie Frank, and a son-in-law, Roy Chapman.

Our family would like to extend a special thank you to Amanda, and Kim from Generations Hospice for the care they provided for our dad during his last days.

Another special thank you to Janet Weier. Dad couldn't have asked for a better friend and neighbor.

We would like to thank Kenny Koch, who for the past several years provided a special friendship to Dad which meant so much to him.

We would also like to acknowledge Steve, Roy, and Sherry from "The Joint."

As they were together in life, Mom and Dad will share a funeral service on Saturday August 17, 2024, at St Jude the Apostle Parish, Sacred Heart site. Visitation will be from 10-11 am followed by the funeral service at 11 am.

Per Mom and Dad's wishes, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to their favorite charity, St. Jude's Children Hospital.



George F. Reischl

George F. Reischl, 85, passed away at The Residence of Oshkosh on July 29, 2024. He was born in Wisconsin to George and Emilie (Harder) Reischl on September 30, 1938.

George worked for many years at Buckstaff until his retirement. He enjoyed gardening, going on car rides and watching the birds.

He is survived by his brother, Edward (Shawn) Reischl; sister, Mary Ann Beyer; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, George and Emilie Reischl; and brother-in-law, Robert Beyer.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held and cremation has taken place.



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Obituaries

Elmer A. Frank

Elmer Arthur Frank, 98, a beloved husband, father, and devoted Charter mem-



ber of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 5, 2024. Born in Oshkosh, WI on February 15, 1926, to the late Richard and Edna (Kloetzke) Frank.

On October 30th, 1948, he married his love Violet Holm and enjoyed 45 years together until her death.

After proudly serving in the Army during World War II, Elmer earned a business degree in accounting and began his career as a bookkeeper for Cook & Brown Lime Company and later for Oregon Trail Appliance Store. In 1966, he changed careers and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years until his retirement in 1991. Outside of work, he found joy in woodworking, bowling, hunting, fishing and shuffleboard. Along with reading, writing poetry, playing BINGO, and feeding the birds; he loved to spend time outdoors and having his own garden.

As an active member of the community, Elmer volunteered at Northpoint Nursing Home. A man of great integrity

and honor, he was also a member of the American Legion Post #70 with the privilege of participating in an Honor Flight in 2015.

He is lovingly survived by his daughters, Amy (Keith) LaPointe, Nancy Guldán (Mike Lechleiter) and Julie (Craig) Semenas. His grandchildren, Jennifer (Nathan) Schaub, Brian LaPointe, Jaime Semenas (Travis Cousert), Camryn Semenas and great-grandchild Jacob Berger. In addition, he is survived by many nieces and nephews. Elmer holds a special place in all their hearts and will be sadly missed and cherished forever.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by his devoted wife Violet and son Eric Elmer; brothers Richard Frank, Donald Melhorn, Daniel Melhorn, William Schultz and their spouses. He was also preceded in death by his long-time special friend and companion Theda Hazen.

A funeral service for Elmer will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (1100 E. Murdock Ave, Oshkosh) on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 11:30AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.



Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI, 54902, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with service to immediately follow. Her final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI, next to her husband.



Robert R. Noe

Robert "Bob" Russell Noe, age 85 of Menasha, passed away at Oakridge Gar-



dens on Friday, July 19, 2024. He was born in Oshkosh on September 20, 1938, to the late Carl and Celda (Weber) Noe.

Throughout his life, Bob embodied patriotism in every sense of the word.

His unwavering dedication to his country and community served as a beacon of hope and unity for those around him. As a proud Green Beret in the United States Army, Bob exemplified courage and commitment from 1957 to 1961. Post-military service, he forged a successful career as a sales representative, spending years at Witco Corporation before retiring.

An active member of the Van Dyne Sportsmen Club, Bob found joy in camaraderie and the great outdoors. His love for family and friends knew no bounds, and he delighted in shared moments filled with travel, a good Friday night fish fry, and the simple pleasures of life, especially grocery shopping and cooking. Bob's spirit of generosity and warmth touched the hearts of many.

Bob is survived by his partner of 23 years, Cheryl Cheslock; children, Heidi (Brandon) Noe and Kathleen Rose; Cheryl's children, Kris (Doug) Keyes and Don (Sue) Jungen; grandchildren, Madeline (Sebastian), Benjamin, Felix, Liam, and one great-grandson coming in December; niece, Christy (Rich) Poeschl.

In addition to his parents, Bob was pre-

ceded in death by his siblings, Gerald and Howard Noe, and Marlene Petri.

A memorial service for Bob will take place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, on August 20th at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service, followed by Military Honors. The burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park after the luncheon.

A very special thank you to the staff at both Island Shores in Neenah and Oakridge Gardens in Menasha, for your wonderful care, allowing Bob to be comfortable for these past months.



Betty Jane Bradley



Betty Jane E. (Schwark) Bradley, age 97, passed away on August 5, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI. Kwiatkowski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



To submit an obituary, email obits@oshkoshherald.com

Carol L. Dolan

Carol L. Dolan, age 85, of Oshkosh passed away on August 6th, 2024. She



was born to parents, George and Mary (Dumpprope) Tiffany on August 25, 1939, in Pearson, WI.

She worked at Mercy Medical Center for 25 years. While retired, she enjoyed teaching country line

dancing, playing bingo, was an avid cribbage player and enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, but most of all, her family and friends meant the most to her.

Carol is survived by her son, Mark; two granddaughters, Amanda and Sabrina; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and many other family members and friends.

Preceding her in death was her husband and best friend, Edgar Dolan; her son, Timothy Dolan; five sisters and three brothers.



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Obituaries

Ronald Paul Ziebell

August 28, 1946 – August 3, 2024

Ron passed away peacefully at his home in Oshkosh on August 3, 2024. Born in Oshkosh, he grew up attending schools in both Oshkosh and Omro, graduating from Omro High School in 1964. He spent two and a half years attending

UW-Oshkosh while working evenings in the print room at Oshkosh Truck. He then transferred to UW-Madison where he earned an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1969. At that time, he accepted an engineering role with Oshkosh Truck, the company with which he would spend his entire 43-year career in numerous positions of increasing responsibility, including the final 25 years in various vice president roles. While there, he also completed an MBA and obtained his Professional Engineer license. This career took him around the world, which he very much enjoyed, and accumulated countless stories while doing so. He was very proud to represent Oshkosh Truck.

It was at Oshkosh Truck in 1969 that he met Nancy Gwinn, the love of his life. They married on April 15, 1972, later welcoming son Steve and daughter Caryn. He retired in 2012 and was

then able to focus on his hobbies and grandchildren. He set a great example by being physically active well into his 70s, participating in events like Race the Lake (bicycling), Race the Fox (kayaking) and 20k runs. He also enjoyed trout fishing, golfing and hiking. He and son Steve took several back-country hiking trips, and Ron enjoyed taking granddog Burt pheasant hunting at public lands. In retirement, Ron found volunteering for the DNR very rewarding, doing stream maintenance and wolf monitoring.

Ron was known for his drive and determination and ability to succeed in the face of adversity. But more than anything Ron's devotion to his family was immeasurable. He welcomed the opportunity to support his family members in any activity in which they took part, and took great satisfaction in doing the things that assured their safety and well-being. He loved them deeply.

He was the most devoted husband, proud dad and grandfather. Despite a busy work schedule when his kids were growing up, he was always present and involved. He coached sports teams for both of his kids, came to every sporting event he could, created fun traditions, and cheered his family on in every possible way. He later did the same for his granddaughters and took great joy in watching them compete in sports and perform in musical activities.

Ron is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Steven (Amy) Ziebell and Caryn (Brian) Thal; and granddaughters, Addison and Isla Thal. In addition, he is survived by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lois Ziebell, Francis (Lois) Gwinn, Patricia Gwinn, Charlotte Gwinn, Barbara Hollrith, James Gwinn, and David (Mary) Gwinn; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ruth (Bloedorn) Ziebell; older brother, Richard Ziebell; sister-in-law, Patrice Gwinn; brothers-in-law, Paul

Hollrith and William Gwinn; and mother-in-law, Mary Gwinn.

Funeral services will be at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Homes, Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. Visitation will be from 1 to 4pm on Friday, August 16, followed by a 4pm prayer service. A private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice in Ron's memory.

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Gloria R. Moore

Gloria R. Moore, age 92, of Oshkosh, long time resident of Stoney Beach, passed away on August 3, 2024 at Ascension Mercy Hospital. She was born on November 4, 1931 in Oshkosh a daughter of the late George and Marie (Luft) Felker. Gloria married Kenneth Moore on August 13, 1960 in Oshkosh and he preceded her in death on September 26, 2012.

She had worked for and retired from Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company after 39 years and 7 months service. Gloria was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church. She

and Ken greatly enjoyed traveling over the years and she also enjoyed golfing.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and a sister-in-law, Jeanette "Jay" Felker. She was preceded in death by 7 brothers and 5 sisters.

Funeral services for Gloria will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 3 pm in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive with the Rev. John Dorn officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 1 pm until the time of service.

The family wishes to thank both Ascension Mercy Hospital and Compassus Hospice for the excellent care that was extended to Gloria.

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Obituaries

Thomas J. Glatz

Thomas "Tom" James Glatz, 76, passed away unexpectedly on August 3rd, 2024.



Tom was born at Mercy Medical Center on February 13, 1948, the son of John and Blanche (Bruehmueller) Glatz. Tom was a lifelong resident of Oshkosh and lived in the town of Nekimi on the family dairy farm for much of his life. He married his high school sweetheart of 53 years Cynthia "Cindy" Jean Wachholz on July 3rd, 1971, at First English Lutheran Church Oshkosh.

Tom graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1967. During high school Tom served as the FFA chapter secretary and received the UW Agriculture State Farmer Certification.

Tom farmed with his father and younger brother Gerry until 1993. He enjoyed the field work, especially chopping and plowing in the fall. He would reminisce about the John Deere 730 tractor.

Tom was a passionate bowler on the Glatz Bowling Team at T&O Lanes. He also had a passion for his annual deer hunt, fishing, golfing and line dancing. Of course, Tom was an avid Brewers and Packers fan who attended the Annual Shareholders meeting. Tom was very proud to be an ancestor of Glatz Beer and

the Oshkosh Brewing Company.

As a dad, Tom looked forward to his annual Christmas shopping date with his daughter, Jennifer. Tom took great pride in showing his daughter how to mow the lawn "safely" at 8 years old by adding wooden blocks to the pedals. In later years, Tom would chauffeur his daughter and her friends around, embarrassing her with his painted "Country Music" bug shield.

In 1993, Tom and Cindy, alongside partners Ronald (Porky) and Linda Wachholz created a successful ornamental concrete statuary business named Heavy Critters. Because of his attention to detail and meticulous eye for ornamental concrete repair, Tom earned himself the title, VP of "Get'er Done".

While working on a construction site in 2000, Tom was buried in a near-fatal trenching accident. The accident landed him on the nightly news because he was the first person to be rescued using the local fire department's new safety equipment.

Tom spent many happy years attending numerous country music festivals including Hodag and Country USA. Tom's love of classic country led to the title "Mr. Nashville" among the karaoke circuit. His most memorable moment was singing "Family Tradition" on the stage of The Troubadour Nashville.

Tom and Cindy loved to travel, visiting places like Alaska, Hawaii, and Mexico.

Many trips were through the Oshkosh Seniors Center tour group, where travelers would call him "Smiley". One of Tom's favorite trips was through the National Parks of the southwest. Another memorable adventure involved traveling and sleeping in a covered wagon, roping and riding horses through the Grand Teton mountains. Along with being stranded for hours on the Alaskan highway.

Upon retirement, Tom enjoyed his time at their Hunter's Ridge condo. He always had treats for the dogs while out on his daily scooter rides. He also enjoyed "glamping" in Adams County, where he later purchased a cabin and spent his free time grooming the deer trails and spending time with his four grandchildren.

Around 2018, Tom encountered a rare neurological disorder, that typically affects adults over 60, called Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, a very debilitating shingles disease. The disease affects five out of 100,000 people each year in the United States. Tom advocated for those over 60 to get their shingles vaccine.

Tom is survived by his wife, Cin-

dy Glatz, his daughter, Jennifer Marie (Roger) Magnuson. Grandchildren, Clayton Fredrick, Caroline Jolene Rose, Carlton Thomas and Callahan Roger Magnuson, all of Oshkosh, WI. His mother, Blanche Glatz. Brothers, William (Patricia) Glatz, of Venice, FL, George (Maralee) Glatz, of Tioga, PA and Gerald Glatz (Leanne Bloedow) of Oshkosh, WI, and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his father John Glatz, his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lester and Virginia (Waterman) Wachholz, and sister-in-law Mary (Chase) Glatz.

Tom's celebration of life will be on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the Nekimi Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904. We invite you to the prayer service at 4:00pm, followed by a visitation with repast from 4:30 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Ramsay Hunt Syndrome Foundation.



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Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!

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What's an entrepreneur?
 An entrepreneur (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

Entrepreneurial Thinking
 Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



Standards Link: Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

Who wants to make money?
 One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

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SOLUTION:

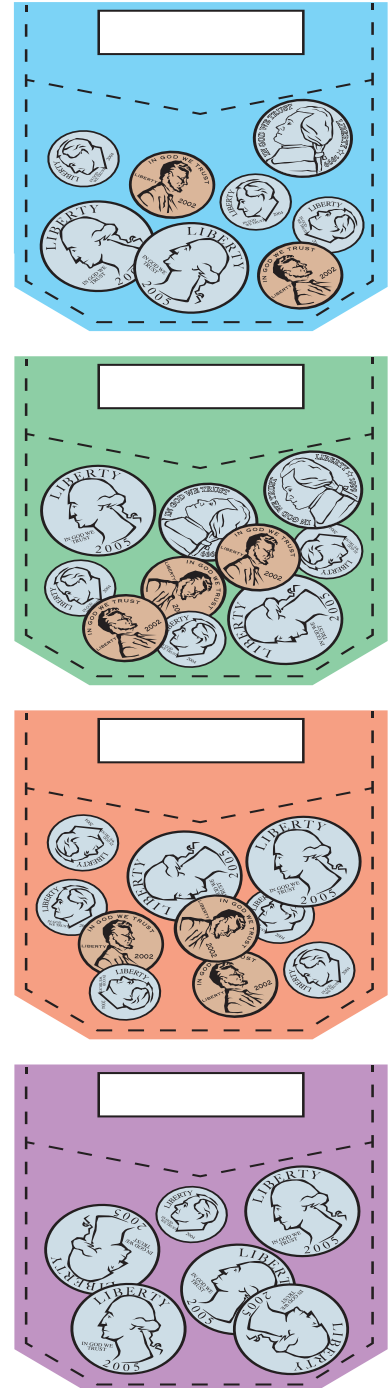
PROBLEM: Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.
SOLUTION:

PROBLEM: Weather heat wave.
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SOLUTION:

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13 + 9 = A 33 + 6 = G 15 + 11 = R
 24 - 6 = D 28 + 4 = H 18 + 7 = S
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Standards Link: Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

Double Double Word Search
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