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Middle school land rezoning denied

Vel Phillips outdoor space plans derailed by city

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council voted against allowing a zoning change for the site of the former Merrill Elementary School to become an athletic facility and green space

for Vel Phillips Middle School.

The proposed ordinance would have changed the site from institutional zoning and single-family residential to institutional district with a planned development overlay. This would allow the Oshkosh Area School District to build a place for Vel Phillips students to play outside for recess.

Plans called for a track and athletic field

along with basketball courts and a storage building.

Council member Paul Esslinger said it was poor planning on the property and that the former school should have been converted into housing.

"To tear it down for this use, I think, is inappropriate," Esslinger said.

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Photo by Steve Schultz

Dragon team power

The Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Festival returned to Oshkosh on Saturday with boat races and a cultural celebration along the Fox River. Co-organized by the Northeast Wisconsin Chinese Association (NEWCA) in partnership with the city, the festival featured teams demonstrating their strength and synchronized paddling. Proceeds benefit programs through NEWCA and the Oshkosh Area School District.

Board approves updated U.S. regulations against discrimination

Revised Title IX rules for schools challenged

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

After weeks of discussion, debate and legal questions, the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education approved accepting the new Title IX regulations.

Title IX was established in 1972 to ensure female athletes had the same opportunity as their male counterparts. The U.S. Department of Education released new regulations earlier this year to expand the scope of the law's prohibition on sex discrimination and also applies to discrim-

ination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The resolution passed 5-2 with board members Kelly DeWitt and Tim Hess voting against the updated regulations. Board members Stephanie Carlin, Barbara Herzog, Molly Smiltneek, Christopher Wright and Beth Wyman supported the new regulations.



Davis

The district's attorney, Mark Kapocius of von Briesen and Roper, answered questions from the board regarding the new

regulations that are facing legal challenges in multiple states. He explained the issue appears to be on the fast track to being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We're in uncharted territory with this case," Kapocius said when asked about the district potentially losing federal funding.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said the district cannot apply for federal funding if they are not in compliance with the new regulations. The district receives around \$5.5 million in federal funding each year from food service, special needs education and other programs.

Last week's Board of Education meeting was moved to the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School to

accommodate the large number of people interested in the topic and participating in public comment. Residents were allowed to speak and give their opinions on the new regulations.

Eight lawsuits have been filed in response to the new rules that 26 states have joined. Defendants in the case include the federal government, U.S. Department of Education and Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

Moms for Liberty is the plaintiff in a Kansas case where an injunction has been put in place. The injunction excludes schools with children of families

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Shelter hosts open house for new facility

Community invited to see expanded Christine Ann

Oshkosh Herald

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services is hosting an open house from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday for residents to visit its new facility at 240 Algoma Blvd. in downtown Oshkosh.

Guided tours will be offered at the top of every hour, or guests can walk around at their own pace. A ribbon cutting by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce will take place at 4 p.m.

In honor of the agency's 40th anniversary, the first 40 visitors will receive a gift, and donations of \$40 or more will earn a decorative paper leaf to hang in the vestibule.

The organization seeks to close the remaining gap toward its \$7 million fundraising goal, with those donations matched up to \$600,000 thanks to Otto Bremer Trust and the Christine Ann board of directors.

The first floor, newly renovated by CR Meyer, includes staff offices, meeting rooms and community spaces. The second floor will serve as an emergency shelter with 64 beds for individuals and families in imminent danger due to domestic abuse. On the third floor, a transitional housing program will help survivors break cycles of abuse and poverty.

"One of the most significant benefits of this new facility is the ability to offer an on-site transitional housing program –



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Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services is moving into a bigger space to expand services and programs for the people it serves. An open house Thursday invites the community to see the new space.

something that has been in our strategic plan but out of reach until now," said Alicia Wenger, Christine Ann executive director. "These transitional living units will give survivors more time to build the life skills necessary to become self-sufficient and break generational cycles of abuse and poverty."

Christine Ann occupied the nearby facility at 206 Algoma Blvd. for more than 33 years but outgrew the space with growing demand for their services.

"Not only will we be able to house more

survivors, we will be able to provide private apartments to ensure families and children have a sense of comfort and normalcy during a very difficult time," Wenger said. "Also, our pet-friendly rooms will ensure no one has to leave their beloved pet behind as they seek safety."

With this move, the agency becomes the fourth state shelter that can house survivors and pets together.

More information on services can be found at christineann.net or by calling 920-235-5998.

Local candidate forums set by League of Women Voters

Oshkosh Herald

Voters are invited to a forum with candidates for Winnebago County register of deeds set for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave.

Democrat Christopher Larson and Republican Susan Snyder will answer questions submitted by the audience. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of

Winnebago County and Oshkosh Media, the forum will air live on Oshkosh Media Gov TV on Spectrum Cable Channel 10 in Oshkosh and on Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse.

It will also stream live on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel and on the free Oshkosh Media apps on Roku, Amazon Fire TV and Apple TV.

The forum will be available on demand on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel and re-air several times before Election Day on Gov TV.

Candidates for Wisconsin Assembly District 53 will appear at another forum at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Neenah Public Library.

Republican Dean Kaufert and Democrat Duane Shukoski will respond to questions submitted by the audience. This forum, sponsored by LWV of Wisconsin, LWV of Winnebago County and LWV Appleton/Fox Cities, will be available for later viewing on YouTube and at lwvwinnebago.org.

Questions must be intended for both candidates and will be reviewed to prevent duplication and ensure clarity. Before the forums, questions may be directed to wLWVinfo@gmail.com.

Assembly and Senate district boundaries were recently redrawn; visit tinyurl.com/wisconsinmaps to verify the district boundaries.

A forum invitation was sent to candidates for U.S. congressional District 6, state Senate District 18 and Assembly districts 54 and 55. LWV officials said all Democratic candidates agreed to participate while Republican candidates either refused or didn't respond. LWV policies do not allow a forum to be held with only one candidate.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Sept. 15, 1959

Auto Reported Stolen Four Years Ago Pulled From River:

A car reported stolen in 1955 was pulled from the Fox River this morning. Black water gushed out of the vehicle when a police officer pulled a door open while spectators peeked anxiously to see if

the car had any occupants. The auto contained about a foot of muck and the weight of the vehicle buckled the gear of the utility truck being used to recover the vehicle. The car was discovered at the foot of State Street by a diver making an annual inspection of underwater pipes. A number of snapped fishing lines, hooks and sinkers were seen hung onto the cars bumpers and handles, the unfortunate result from the efforts of local fishermen over the years. Bystanders quickly grabbed them.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Sept. 15, 1959

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Medical supply support

Oshkosh Elks Lodge No. 292 recently made a cash donation to Father Carr's Free Medical Clinic to be used for needed medical supplies. From left are Elks secretary Colleen Sosinski, clinic volunteer Vicki Waters, clinic manager Diane Rengsdorf, clinic support specialist Sam Brahm and Bob Sosinski, Elks leading knight.

Active Aging Week returns to YMCA

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is hosting several activities and events to celebrate Active Aging Week starting Monday through Sept. 27.

Initiated in 2003 by the International Council on Active Aging, the weeklong campaign celebrates the positivity of aging with free programs for anyone over age 55.

Along with daily group exercise classes, there will be a lunch and presentation Monday, an Urban Pole Walking class

Tuesday, a Community Resource Fair from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 25 at the 20th Avenue location, and a fall prevention presentation Sept. 27. The fair will feature local organizations and businesses, including the Oshkosh Public Library, Senior Stride Homecare, Winnebago County ADRC, Jirschle Insurance, Board on Aging and Long-Term Care and Care Patrol.

Preregistration is required for the lunch and fall prevention presentations at the YMCA front desk or calling 920-236-3380.

Illegal fireworks to draw bigger fines from city

Oshkosh Herald

After weeks of discussion, the Common Council unanimously approved a new fine system in hopes of reducing the amount of fireworks being set off in the city. Anyone violating the new ordinance could be fined up to \$1,000.

The council heard from several residents over the summer regarding the abundance of fireworks being set off day and night.

"This year was the worst year of fireworks I've ever experienced in Oshkosh," resident Carmen Scott said at the Aug. 14 council meeting. "Between the M-80 type bombs at 9 a.m. to loud aerials exploding at 2 a.m., it never ended. The police did respond but the perpetrators would scour away like cockroaches in light and not get caught. When the police left, they would start all over again."

After discussion the council asked city staff to write up an ordinance with potential fines up to \$1,000.

Since that meeting, the council heard from Police Chief Dean Smith on what can be done and the difficulties in finding perpetrators. He said the most common time fireworks are shot off are in the summer around Independence Day and New Year's holidays.

The council discussed the tiered fine system and how long the fines period should last. Smith said having the fine period as a year wouldn't be as effective as a three-year period because of when fireworks are used.

The ordinance states the first violation of the fireworks ordinance will generate a \$125 fine, the second offense \$225 and a third violation within a three-year period resulting in a \$1,000 penalty for adults.

Juveniles caught violating the ordinance will be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$150 for the second and \$500 for a third violation within three years. The previous fine was \$75 for adults and \$50 for juveniles.

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Complaint details attempted armed robbery at station

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man remains in custody on \$500,000 bond after attempting to take an armed guard's gun.

Jaymin C. Blankinship, 22, has been charged with attempted first-degree homicide, attempted armed robbery and three counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety.

If convicted on all counts, Blankinship could face more than 100 years of imprisonment with the bifurcated sentence of 85 years in prison and 50 years of extended supervision. The case is set for a preliminary hearing Thursday.

Two women and a man were inside a

service station when Blankinship attempted to take the guard's gun and help detain the man while they waited for police.

At Blankinship's initial appearance, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set a cash bond of \$500,000 and ordered him to have no contact with any of the four victims, cannot possess any dangerous weapons and cannot leave the state.

According to the criminal complaint, on Sept. 6 Oshkosh police responded to reports of a robbery at a gas station at West 20th Avenue and Oregon Street around 1 p.m.

Police spoke with the three individuals that helped detain Blankinship as well as the armed guard and manager of the gas

station.

The armed guard told police he had been servicing the two ATMs inside when Blankinship entered the station and gave the guard a "funny feeling."

When the guard shut the door to the ATM, Blankinship attacked him and attempted to get his gun. The complaint does not mention any weapon that Blankinship used during the altercation.

The guard's gun holster has a retention feature that locks it in the holster to prevent someone from grabbing the gun. As the guard struggled with Blankinship, bystanders helped to get him off the guard, who was then able to hold Blankinship at gunpoint until police arrived.

Two women bystanders kept Blankinship immobilized as the man had Blankinship in a chokehold. The bystanders are

identified as victims 2, 3 and 4 in the complaint and linked to the three second-degree counts of recklessly endangering safety against Blankinship.

One of the victims told police Blankinship was shouting while detained that he would have shot everyone in the station if he got the gun.

Another victim told police Blankinship allegedly said, "You're lucky I didn't kill you; I should have just robbed the store."

The store manager told police that Blankinship had been living in a car in the service station parking lot for about a week and earlier that day they put a note on his car that it needed to be moved or would be towed. Blankinship entered the store to complain about it and ripped up the note.

Prison ordered in pub crawl gun case

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man has been sentenced to serve a year in prison for felony possession of a firearm during a campus area pub crawl.

Lamont A. Brown, 21, has been in custody since April when he was arrested on gun and drug charges. Last week he was found guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony bail jumping as part of a plea deal.

The deal included dismissing a pair of misdemeanor drug offenses. Brown plead no contest to the two charges and was found guilty by Winnebago Circuit Court Judge Michael Rust.

Brown received a one-year prison sentence and five years of extended supervision. He will also serve a concurrent jail sentence of nine months for felony bail jumping.

According to the criminal complaint, on

the night of April 13 there were reports of multiple shots fired in the area of Scott Avenue and Wright Street. An officer spoke to witnesses who believed the shooter was in their house.

One told police after he heard shots fired a man came into their home saying he was trying to get away from the shooting. Brown allegedly showed one of the witnesses a black handgun.

When officers cleared the residence they saw a man matching the description that witnesses gave police of Brown. He was searched by police and 3.6 grams of marijuana was found. Another search at the Winnebago County Jail found 2 grams of MDMA.

Officers searched the house and found a black pistol with an extended magazine with a 31-round capacity and 25 live rounds in the gun, and one in the chamber.

Bird counters sought for Winnebago County

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago Audubon's annual September bird count is set for Saturday throughout Winnebago County, where observers will help record all birds seen or heard in a 24-hour period.

The county's annual bird count, conducted every September since 1995, is an opportunity to identify birds not only visually but by their songs. The effort contributes to ongoing bird research around the world.

Anyone can participate in the bird

count and the amount of time committed can vary. It can include watching feeders in a yard for an hour or all day, or walking, biking or boating in a certain area. The more dedicated birder can survey one of the 30 designated county areas.

Participants will record the number of each species seen or heard, the time spent watching and distance traveled, and the names of all observers. Unusual species and their numbers should also be documented.

For more information, contact Tom Ziebell at thomasziebell@gmail.com or 920-312-1976.

ADA accessibility on roadways under DOT review

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) invites public review and feedback on the agency's 2024 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, which shares information on efforts to continually improve accessibility throughout the state highway system.

The Transition Plan is an update on the policies, procedures and practices that

fulfill the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Public comments will help guide ADA improvements moving forward in areas that include roadside facilities, navigability within public rights of way and public input processes.

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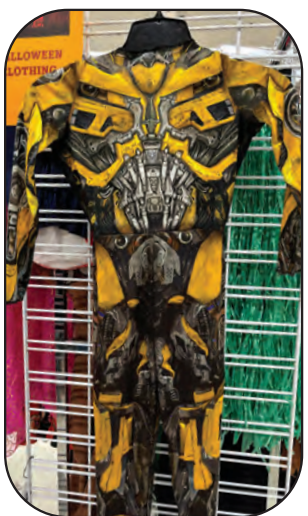
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Plymouth Church celebrating 175 years of providence

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The 175th anniversary of Plymouth Church in Oshkosh will be celebrated Sept. 29 with a traditional hymn sing and special worship service on the following Sunday.

Zion Welsh Church, as it was first called, was organized Dec. 19, 1849, by nine Welsh pioneers at the home of Richard R. Jones residing on what is now South Main Street. The Rev. David Lewis and his wife came to the Oshkosh and Neenah area to help early settlers establish churches, where he walked a Native American trail to minister to the Welsh founding members for seven years.

Meetings for the Zion congregation were first held in a schoolhouse in a marsh on the south side of Oshkosh near South Park and South Main streets. It was recorded that services were sometimes disturbed by the nocturnal music of frogs in the surrounding marshes.

In 1856, the congregation built their first church at Church and Franklin streets. The first seven pastors were Welshmen, and all the services and meetings were conducted in the Welsh language. The decision was made in 1868 to conduct services thereafter in English and to call an English-speaking pastor.

A second frame structure was erected in 1876 with a capacity of 225 and included a basement for fellowship and potluck dinners. A third church building was built in 1894 at Church and Franklin at a cost of \$17,000, according to church records. The name was changed from Zion Welsh Congregational Church to Plymouth Congregational Church.



Plymouth Church photos

Above: Plymouth Church has been at 1325 Georgia St. since the early 1980s.

At right: Zion Welsh Church, which preceded the current Plymouth Church in Oshkosh, built its second structure in 1876 that included a basement for fellowship and potluck dinners.

Members in 1981 decided to relocate their church building to its present location at 1325 Georgia St. and change the name to Plymouth Church while carrying on its evangelical and missionary convictions. The church is not affiliated with any national organization and has its own constitution that governs activities. Senior pastor is Rick Hopkins with associated pastor Brian Bradley.

The Sept. 29 hymn sing begins at 6 p.m. The Oct. 6 worship service begins at 9 a.m. and will have traditional hymns of worship, special music by the choir and a guest speaker. At 10:30 a.m. church history will be celebrated with songs by Sunday school children, a short

history on DVD, a shared recollection on how Plymouth ended up on Georgia Street and a testimony from a former member on how Plymouth influenced his life. A potluck dinner using recipes from the commemorative cookbook will be held at noon.

“We rejoice in the gracious providence of God which initially led to our founding in 1849 by godly and devout servants of Christ,” church officials stated. “This has been consistently supplied in succeeding generations of men and women of the same high spiritual caliber which has made Plymouth Church a church that is a missionary-minded church with a strong evangelistic spirit.”



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Education initiatives continue to grow through chamber

By Shannon Seaman

The Education & Talent Department of the Oshkosh Chamber is excited to grow its impact on the local education system by adding an innovative networking series called Link2Learn and expanding its eighth-grade career exploration event, now called FutureYOU.

Link2Learn is a casual platform for educators and business leaders to come together to share insights and resources with the hope of developing stronger educational programs and opportunities. The inaugural event will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Sept. 27 at Oshkosh West



High School. The event will include a light breakfast, a short presentation on the importance and implementation of CBLEs(Career Based Learning Experiences), and plenty of networking opportunities.

Additionally, participants will have the chance to tour the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms, gaining firsthand insight into the current programs and facilities available to students.

Arena sets job fair for positions at venue

Oshkosh Herald

Venuworks Oshkosh is holding a job fair from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Oshkosh Arena for people seeking employment in event management and entertainment.

Venuworks is hiring for a variety of positions to support arena events and opera-

tions. Full-time positions include marketing manager, box office manager, business manager and operations supervisor.

Available part-time positions include ushers, security, ticket scanners and sellers, bartenders, concession workers, parking, hospitality, housekeeping, cooks and set-up crew.

In return, this experience will hopefully create connections that allow educators to gain valuable insights into industry trends and expectations, allowing them to tailor their curriculum to better prepare students for future careers.

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the return of its eighth-grade career expo, now named FutureYOU. This successful career exploration event will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center for its return this year Nov. 12 with plans to include 50-60 local businesses to inspire Oshkosh's 800-plus eighth-grade students.

The goal of FutureYOU is to expose students to a wide array of potential career opportunities through engaging in meaningful interactions with the people who work the jobs. Participating businesses are encouraged to have impactful spaces with interactive elements that represent what they do.

The collaboration fostered through

Link2Learn and FutureYOU can lead to the development of innovative educational programs that provide students with practical, hands-on experiences, making learning more relevant and engaging. By participating in these events, businesses can play a crucial role in shaping the future workforce, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills needed to thrive in today's competitive job market.

In addition to the above two events, the Education & Talent Department is continuing in efforts to match up all local schools with primary and community business partners through the Adopt-A-School program and is actively working to rekindle its business and education partnership council. If interested in learning more about any of the current education initiatives or would like to participate in Link2Learn or FutureYOU, please contact Shannon Seaman at shannon@oshkoshchamber.com.

Business news roundup

Oshkosh Defense announced last week that the U.S. Army Contracting Command – Detroit Arsenal has placed a \$72.9 million order for additional medium tactical vehicles. This is Oshkosh's fourth Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) A2 order this year, including a \$108.9 million order in May for the U.S. military and its international partners. The FMTV A2 supports the Army's operational and logistical needs in various terrains and mission sets. To date, the Oshkosh Corp. division has received orders for 2,677 FMTV A2s.

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Miravida Living welcomes **Andrea Bowers** as its new licensed nursing home administrator at Eden Meadows Rehabilitation Suites and Green House Homes. Miravida Living stated in announcing Bowers' selection that she has made a significant impact in skilled nursing facilities, leading teams and ensuring residents receive high-quality care, and brings experience in resident care, having pioneered programs that empowered residents to engage with their community and foster personal growth. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in long-term care management.

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UW Oshkosh police chief earns alumni honor

By Grace Lim
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Police Chief Chris Tarmann, of Neenah, a 2014 graduate with a degree in human services leadership, will be presented with a 2024 UWO Outstanding Alumni Service Award on homecoming weekend this fall.

During his 15 years with the UWO Police Department, Tarmann has worked to foster relationships between the UWOPD, the campus community and the community at large.

“Chief Tarmann seldom misses an opportunity to offer assistance to other University departments and organizations so their functions or events can run smoothly,” UWO Police Lt. Greg Weitz said. “By consistently working to improve these relationships, Chief Tarmann has put our department in a position where community members are familiar and comfortable with our officers; many UWO students know our officers by name.”

Tarmann co-created the popular Run with the Cops, an annual event that has raised nearly \$500,000 for the Special Olympics Wisconsin in the past decade. The run has seen as many as 1,000 people coming together for a good cause.

Bryttany Bieseimeier, director of development for Special Olympics Wisconsin, marvels at Tarmann’s work ethic.

“His ability to work efficiently under stressful conditions and nerve-racking deadlines speaks volumes to his hard work and determination,” she said, adding that Tarmann puts in countless hours planning the run route each year,

jumping through bureaucratic hoops to secure the needed approvals. “Chris’ ability to move mountains for his passion and mission-driven work is unlike any other I have seen before.”

Jennifer Skolaski, facilitator of Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team, of which Tarmann is a member, has seen Tarmann’s handiwork in many community projects.

“I have watched Chris go above and beyond in so many situations that I’ve lost count,” she said. “I have been in rooms where he’s spoken up to advocate for those without voices or those who don’t have a place at the table, that I have left many meetings in tears because I’ve been inspired by what he has done and said.”

Tarmann, Skolaski said, was instrumental in starting the Narcan program at UW Oshkosh, which provided free Narcan and training to the campus community.

He initiated many efforts at the university and his community.

Tarmann helped create the We Heart You mobile app, which connects to substance abuse resources and assistance for people of Outagamie, Winnebago and Calumet counties.

He also created Wisconsin Law Enforcement Guardians, a free mobile app that provides 24/7/365 wellness resources for law enforcement in Wisconsin. Currently, there are nearly 5,000

law enforcement professionals using the app.

Tarmann has brought a national active threat response conference to UWO and is a nationally recognized instructor.

He said he’ll never forget being selected and experiencing the opportunity to run with law enforcement personnel from across the country to carry the torch for the Special Olympics USA Games in Florida in 2022.

After graduating from the criminal justice program at Fox Valley Technical College in 2005, Tarmann worked as a police officer for the Winneconne and the Montello police departments. He then served as a deputy and 911 operator for the Marquette County Sheriff’s Office before coming to UWO.

Tarmann, who had early experience as a UWO student Community Service Officer, was hired as a UWO police officer in 2008 and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2011. He was appointed acting police chief in June 2022, as Chief Kurt Leibold was appointed to another leadership role on campus. Tarmann was sworn in as chief in December.

Tarmann completed his bachelor’s degree in human services at UWO in 2014 and graduated in 2021 from the Wisconsin Command College—an in-residence, six-week nationally accredited leadership and development training program.

During the early days of the COVID pandemic in 2020, Tarmann and other law officers were deemed essential workers and worked in-person on campus while most went home to shelter in

place. Despite the rising deaths globally, Tarmann was unshaken in doing what he had to do.

His willingness to do what was needed was defined in Campus COVID Stories, a multimedia project about the pandemic. His comments in 2022 for the book, brought him back to his hiring at UWO:

“It was January of 2008. I walked into the old police department on Rockwell Avenue and High for my interview to be a police officer here. A group of people interviewed me, and they gave me a chance. I think about that regularly. Somebody, almost 14 years ago, gave me an opportunity to work here at UW Oshkosh. So, it doesn’t matter if it’s a virus or a dangerous person or a tornado or whatever, I’m going to step into it, I’m going to do whatever it takes. I signed up to be whatever this place needs me to be to help keep people safe.”

The UW Oshkosh Alumni Association will celebrate the talents and successes of 13 alumni during Homecoming weekend Oct. 18-19.



Tarmann



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Bringing the heat

Artists from the Cowyard Studio held an aluminum pour workshop in downtown Oshkosh at the Saturday farmers market in front of ArtSpace, where they helped people create their own metal sculpture pieces.

Vietnam veterans Wall coming to Sunnyview

Oshkosh Herald

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 70 will be hosting the Traveling Wall from the American Veterans Traveling Tribute from Oct. 10-13 at Sunnyview Expo Center. The Traveling Wall is a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., that measures 8 feet tall at the apex and 360 feet long. The memorial honors service members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War, those who died in service in Southeast Asia and

those unaccounted for (missing in action) during the war.

The wall will arrive Oct. 9 and be escorted under colors by the American Legion Riders and various local police and fire departments to Sunnyview Expo Center. A special addition this year will be a Vietnam-era Huey that will provide an aerial escort. The opening ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Oct. 10.

The Traveling Wall will be open continuously from 3 p.m. Oct. 10 until noon Oct. 13.

Importance of regular rest days stressed

ThedaCare Communications

If you're playing a team sport, or training for a half marathon, your goal is often the same: reaching your physical best. While it might seem counterintuitive, taking regular rest days is part of optimizing your physical performance.

"Helping your body recover is key to preventing injury," said Samantha Vandenhouten, a physical therapist with ThedaCare. "That means taking either short-term/active recovery or long-term recovery, depending on your situation or chosen activity."

Short-term recovery, also known as active recovery, is for athletes who engage in endurance activities, such as running six miles or more per day.

This type of recovery involves cooling down with low-impact physical activity that increases the blood circulation moderately. That's important to help the body remove waste products in the muscles that get created during a heavier workout, Vandenhouten said.

The presence of those waste products can cause muscle soreness. Injuries can also occur more easily when an athlete has increased soreness and stiffness in the muscles and joints.

"When you have that chronic soreness or tiredness – all of that can mean you feel weaker or more fatigued, and then it can impact your form," Vandenhouten said.

When form suffers, it can affect stride and other types of movement. That can also lead to injury.

"If you do that active type of recovery, it can improve blood flow, get nutrients to those muscles, and helps them build and repair," Vandenhouten explained.

Some good low-impact activities during the short-term recovery period can include biking, stretching, foam rolling or yoga.

A long-term recovery is best for those who regularly participate in sports or engage in other activities such as dance, track, swimming or weightlifting. It usually means planning for one rest day with no activity every seven to 10 days, at least.

Vandenhouten works with people of all ages in the clinic, as well as with athletes in area high schools. She often sees knee injuries like patellar tendonitis and Achilles tendonitis, as well as more significant injuries like ACL tears or patellar dislocations.

Persuading students to take time off can be tricky. It's sometimes hard for an athlete to imagine sitting out of a game.

"I say, 'Yes, you don't get to play in this game tonight, but you'll feel better and you'll get to play the whole season,'" Vandenhouten said. "What I stress to them is recovering the proper way – using one or two rest days within a week – can help prevent injury in the future."

For those who play multiple sports throughout the year, Vandenhouten encourages taking a week or two off in between.

"You don't want to cause injury that will prevent you from playing in the future," she said. "I try to have them look at the broader scope of how will this impact them long term if they don't take a break today."

And in the off-season, cross-training is key to keeping muscles and joints conditioned.

"I love when kids play multiple sports," Vandenhouten said. "I think it's a lot better for them because they're using all different muscles and joints."

Funding goes to students for menstrual needs

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary recently received a \$3,000 Rotary district grant to deal with "period poverty" at North and West high schools and will be used to purchase a cabinet and supplies for each school.

High school females with limited financial resources will benefit from this project. Period poverty is the lack of access to menstrual products, education and safe sanitation facilities. An estimated 16.9 million people who menstruate in the U.S. live in poverty, and two-thirds could not

afford needed products in the past year.

Rotarians will be involved in setting up "empowerment stations," providing the ongoing replenishment of supplies, and conversations with school staff to maintain the provision of educational opportunities such as pamphlets, posters and workshops.

The Rotary and its members are also coordinating with the Oshkosh Herald and Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, which ran a Bare Essentials Campaign earlier this year.

POW/MIA recognition ceremony at South Park

Oshkosh Herald

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 of Oshkosh will hold its annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday at the South Park War Memorial at Ohio Street and West 11th Avenue.

The ceremony honors those who were held prisoners of war and returned, as well as those who remain missing in action.

The speaker will be Josh Andreine, who is a community mental health provider and an Operation Iraqi Freedom war veteran.

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Title IX update

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from that organization who are enrolled from complying with the new regulations. Moms for Liberty is a political organization that advocates against school curriculums that mention LGBT rights, race and ethnicity, critical race theory, and discrimination.

There are five Oshkosh Area School District schools on the list with Moms for Liberty students: Perry Tipler Middle School, Oakwood Elementary School, Oshkosh West High School, and Carl Traeger elementary and middle schools.

Those five schools will keep the 2020 Title IX regulations in place while all other district schools will comply with the new regulations.

"We don't always agree on everything, but we need to respect our differences and find our commonalities so that we can do what we're here for and that is to educate our children to the best we can by putting children first," board member Barbara Herzog said.

Hess called the new regulations a failed opportunity by the Department of Education to affect positive change for the LGBTQ community in a school setting.

Smiltneek said the district is breaking the law and has a duty to protect transgender students.

"We must put students first," she said.

The board had previously voted on the regulations at a July meeting, which was a 3-3 tie. Davis said the board was not holding a re-vote on the topic but voting on a new resolution as other schools had been adding to the injunction.

Davis said transgender students have been protected from discrimination in

district policy for seven years and will continue to be protected regardless of the vote that evening.

Two LGBTQ advocacy groups, Fair Wisconsin and GSAFE, have filed a joint complaint against the Kettle Moraine School District claiming it is not following the new Title IX regulations.

Fair Wisconsin executive director Abigail Swetz said in the news release that action must be taken.

"We must show the children of Wisconsin — our trans and nonbinary kids and all of their peers — that we are ready to protect their rights and ensure their safety," Swetz said in the release.

"We know that access to supportive adults in our schools can and does make a difference in the mental health of our children," said Tyrone Creech, Jr., Executive Director of GSAFE.

Boards for the Green Bay Area Public School District and Appleton Area School District unanimously approved the new regulations in August before the school year started. The Neenah Joint School District approved the new regulations over the summer break.

School space

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Other council members stated similar sentiments. Joe Stephenson said he anticipated the space being an open green space and that an athletic facility has limited uses. He added that the plan doesn't follow the landscaping requirements the city has in place.

"Two years ago this plan should've come before us," Stephenson said. "Then we should've talked about a track then. It feels a little like we're trying to fit this very large track into a relatively small space."

Council member Jacob Floam said this is an instance of the government — the school district in this case — not listening to people.

"It's really a shame this is where we're with this property," he said.

The zoning change was voted down 4-3 with deputy mayor Karl Buelow, Mayor Matt Mugerauer and council member DJ Nichols voting in favor of the change. Esslinger, Floam and Stephenson were joined by council member Kris Larson in opposing the rezoning.

The council was set to vote on the site

implementation plan later in the meeting but since the zoning change had been denied the council did not vote on that plan.

The Board of Education voted in June to demolish and build a track and field on the site. It is set to cost just over \$900,000 to demolish the school. It is unclear how much it would cost to build the athletic facility as Point of Beginning, the applicant for the site implementation plan, had not determined the estimated cost.

The Herald previously reported during a June meeting that several board members spoke of the importance for a green space on the north side of Oshkosh and said Vel Phillips students were playing in the parking lot at recess.

District officials plan on engaging with the city to deal with its concerns, according to a statement after the vote.

"Our primary focus remains on ensuring that our nearly 800 Vel Phillips Middle School students have access to safe and appropriate outdoor spaces for physical education and recreational activities," the district stated. "If the rezoning plan for the former Merrill site is not approved, Vel Phillips students would not have access to adequate and equitable outdoor areas."



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Back-to-back golds

John Dake and his bocce ball team – Jacob, Connie and Teal – brought home gold medals at Special Olympics Fall Games in Wisconsin Dells last Saturday. This is a repeat for Dake, whose team also won gold at last year’s fall games.

Aretha Franklin tribute comes to Grand

The Grand Oshkosh stages a fiery tribute to Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 with “Portrait of Aretha” by CeCe Teneal.

Teneal has four Independent Music Awards nominations (winning 2011 Best Gospel Song, 2011 Best R&B Album winner, and 2018 Best Soul/Funk/Fusion Song), 2015

Touch the Mic “Muse” award, and a 2017 Orlando Music Trailblazer award.

The show is part of the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series. The Grand Lounge will host an after-glow performance by local musicians.

For more information, call 920-424-2350 or visit TheGrandOshkosh.org.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Music on Main: Jazz For 90s Kids, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Saturday, Sept. 21

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Touch a Truck, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Ruby’s Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road

Ho Fest, 2 p.m., Winkler’s Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

“Rocky Horror Picture Show, 6 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Repair Cafe, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Job fair, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Music on Main: Tae Popour Du, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

“Flight” author Neil Hansen, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Friday, Sept. 27

The Prince Experience, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday Night Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s, 8:30 a.m., Lakeshore Park pavilion

Ukefest on the Fox River, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

What it’s Worth: Antique Appraisals, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Portrait of Aretha, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

“The Kite Runner,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Walking with Ghosts with Amy Bruni, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Time of Your Life Senior Expo, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Ben Wendel Quartet, 7 p.m., The Howard

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Fox Valley Take Back the Night, 5 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 3

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

Friday, Oct. 4

Morgan House Evening Tours, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Auto Show, noon, Sunnyview Expo Center

Haunted Illusions, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

“Hocus Pocus,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Family Friendly Ghost Tours, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, Oct. 10

Angelica Contreras artist talk and reception, 5 p.m., Allen Priebe Gallery, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

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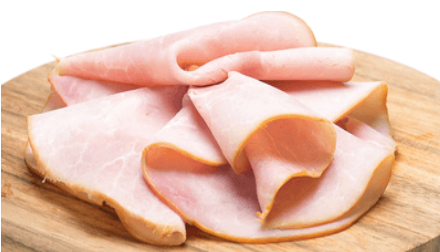
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Patience pays off for Lourdes Academy's Averkamp

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Dasha Averkamp's first cross country race was almost her last.

Averkamp was a sixth-grade student at Traeger Elementary School and not exactly enamored with cross country.

"After my first race - I wanted to quit," said Averkamp with a laugh. "I told my mom, 'I don't want to do this again. It's terrible.'"

Averkamp didn't quit. She stuck with distance running and eventually fell in love with it.

Lourdes Academy girls' running programs have benefited from Averkamp's patience. She is the No. 2 runner on an outstanding Knights' cross country squad and a top mid-distance and relay runner on the track and field team.

"Dasha's progress has been awesome," said Lourdes coach Tim Moore. "She understands what our program is focused on and has always been one of our leaders. I think she will make a big impact again during the championship part of our season."

Averkamp has been a key member of Lourdes' cross country teams that placed third (2021), second (2022) and seventh (2023) in Division 3 at the WIAA state meet.

Lourdes should remain a Division 3 power this fall and could make a serious run at a state title. The Knights are loaded with talent and experience. They return their top four runners in junior standout Erin Moore, Averkamp and sophomores Annie Moore and Tessia Mroczkowski.

"As a team, we're hoping to win state and I think we have the momentum to do that," Averkamp said. "We're doing a lot of running on hills because the course at state is very hilly."

Averkamp is just as successful on a flat, circular track. She ran a leg of the Knights' 3,200-meter relay that won a Division 3 state track and field championship in 2023 and was also a member of Lourdes' fifth-place 1,600 relay. Averkamp is also a threat in open 800.

"We worked really hard for that state championship," Averkamp said. "It got to the point where we could almost feel we were going to win it. That was a great memory."

Erin Moore, one of the area's elite runners, is Lourdes' No. 1 cross country runner and has inspired Averkamp the past few years.



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Lourdes Academy's Dasha Averkamp (center) is a multi-time state qualifier in both cross country and track and field.

ner and has inspired Averkamp the past few years.

"Erin is amazing," Averkamp said. "She's incredibly good. When I see her running in front of me, it gets me thinking that I have to keep up with her. It's inspiring to have someone that good on your team."

Just being a part of the Lourdes' decorated cross country program is rewarding

enough for Averkamp.

"Coach Moore is one of the best coaches ever," said Averkamp. "He always knows what his runners need, whether it involves exercise or food. He knows what he's doing. Not only is he a great coach but he's a fun guy who makes sure that everyone enjoys the experience and is able to laugh."

"He and his wife (Polly) put their whole

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heart into the cross country and track programs. It's really going to be hard for me when I leave here and no longer have him as my coach."

Averkamp gives track an edge as her preferred sport, primarily because her strength as a runner is mid-distance events.

"Track and cross country are a little different," she said. "Cross country is more demanding mentally because you're running a longer event. Track involves more speed. I'm so competitive and like to run as fast as I can. Track allows you to use your speed more than in cross country where you're still running fast, but pacing yourself."

Averkamp may never have even pursued running had it not been for her mother, Paula, who urged her to sign up for cross country in elementary school. Paula also encouraged Dasha to stick with the grueling sport after that memorable first race.

"Looking back at my first cross country race is pretty funny," Averkamp said. "Early in the race, I was thinking, 'Well, this isn't so bad.' Then, I realized I had another mile and a half to go. I was like, 'Why am I doing this to myself?'"

"I hated it and definitely wanted to quit. But my mom knows that I don't like to give up on things and that I like to be good at whatever I do. She said to give it at least half a season and see how it goes because I might get better. And I definitely got better."

Averkamp's stopwatch times may be low, but her grade-point average is high at 3.75. She plans to attend college next fall and is open to the possibility of running at the next level. She is interested in the sports medicine field and considering a physical therapy major.

"I'd love to run in college - that's always my dream," she said. "I'd love to be able to run on a scholarship, if possible, but we'll see what happens. Right now, I'm looking more at schools in the warmer weather states. I've always been interested in physical therapy, and I think I would really enjoy working with other athletes."

If she doesn't run collegiately, Averkamp won't let her running shoes collect cobwebs.

"I always feel so much better when I run," she said. "There are days when I don't feel like doing it, but running just helps me get all the icky feelings out of head and body. It just helps me relax."

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Wildcats can't get offense cranked up in loss to Lightning

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Five plays into Friday night's matchup against Appleton North, Oshkosh West's Christian Kunde pounced on a Lightning fumble to give the Wildcats an opportunity to grab an early lead.

But on a night when things weren't bouncing West's way, the turnover didn't lead to any points and a scoreboard advantage.

"Absolutely it changes things (if we score there)," West coach Joseph Ray said. "That's kind of been our Achilles' heel this season. When we get (into scoring position), we tighten up a little bit. We have to be better at finishing."

The missed early opportunity prevented West from getting some early momentum and the Lightning were able to take advantage in handing the Wildcats a 24-7 loss at Titan Stadium on Friday night.

Despite the loss, Ray was pleased with what his team was able to accomplish against Fox Valley Association co-leaders. The Wildcats stood toe-to-toe with the Lightning for much of the game but just a handful of breaks that went North's way proved to be the difference.

"I told our guys that it was about five plays in the game that went their way and not ours and if we get those five plays it's a different story," Ray said. "We had a great week of practice and we did enough to win; we just have to execute more."

It doesn't get any easier for the Wildcats either.

West will travel to face perennial playoff qualifier Neenah on Friday with another state-ranked opponent and FVA co-leader looming in Kaukauna in two weeks.



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Oshkosh West's Christian Kunde recovers a fumble along the sidelines as teammate Elliott Reed looks on during Friday's game against Appleton North.

"I told our kids at the beginning of the year that we don't have a bad team on our schedule. We don't have the luxury of having an easy game," Ray said. "We have to come out ready to go every game."

The rugged FVA slate makes it difficult to build any season momentum but Ray believes that his team is showing improvement and will be better in the long run, despite the current three-game losing skid.

"I think it would be easy for our team to fold it in, but they didn't. We focused on us and our process and how we do things," Ray said. "We try to find the moments where we did things our way and try to show them our process and focus on what

we do and not what the other teams do. We can build confidence that way. There are a lot of clips from tonight we can show them and hopefully we can continue to build on that and get one of these."

West's defense kept the Lightning in check, allowing North just seven points in the first half.

North then scored 10 points in a span of about six minutes in the third quarter, although the Wildcats forced a field goal after turning the ball over in their own territory as the Lightning stretched the lead to 17-0.

"I thought we tackled really well across the board tonight. They are physical but we challenged our kids to match that," Ray said. "We're getting our best 11 on the field and doing some things a little differently. We created a couple of takeaways tonight so a lot of stuff to build on."

West sliced the Lightning's lead midway through the fourth quarter when Jake Balog powered into the end zone on a 2-yard

run, capping a 13-play drive. Landon Ubrig connected with Owen Heim for a 6-yard gain to convert a fourth down on the march.

Ubrig, who played the second half at quarterback, finished 11-of-19 for 92 yards and was picked off once. He helped lead the West offense to 154 yards of total offense in the second half, while driving the Wildcats to the score and into position for another before the Lightning blocked a field goal attempt.

"Landon is a kid that does everything right," Ray said. "He's a great kid and a great leader and we just felt that it was time to make that switch and get a spark from a different look."

Balog was West's leading rusher with 45 yards on 11 carries, while Heim had seven catches for 34 yards and Joey Ware picked up three catches for 35 yards.

Zach Bartels paced the West defense with 11 tackles, while Derek Van Thiel added eight.

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Knights drop Trailways shootout to Johnson Creek

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy fought back from a 17-point first-half deficit to take the lead but couldn't hold on for a victory.

The Knights took a three-point lead on Mat Yaggie's 36-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter but the Bluejays scored a pair of touchdowns over the final nine minutes to pull out a 41-30 victory over the Knights in a Trailways Conference tussle Friday night at Titan Stadium.

"We've really struggled defensively and can't get off the field and if our offense isn't perfect it feels like the mountains are falling," Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. "In a game like this, you have to be perfect when you are trailing and that's a hard thing to do. I love the fight. We made a couple of plays defensively in the second and third quarters to keep us around but it's disappointing. I feel like we are a lot better than our record shows."

The Knights, who drop to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the Trailways Conference, trailed 13-0 after the first quarter and were down 27-10 when they got the ball after a Lucas Neuens interception at their own 2-yard line with 1:38 left in the half.

Instead of just running out the first-half clock, Lourdes Academy went to work as two completions to Brayden Studinski, one to Yaggie and a short run by Wade Lindahl to pick up a first down moved the ball to the 43-yard line.

On the next play, Lindahl – who threw for 303 yards while connecting on 23 of 36 attempts – hit a streaking Yaggie behind the Bluejay defense for a 57-yard touchdown pass.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Lucas Neuens breaks free after making a reception against Johnson Creek on Friday night.

"That was huge. Mat came through when we needed. That was the start of a big push that we needed," Lindahl said. "This team has a lot of heart. The outcome wasn't the outcome we wanted but I think we did a really good job of battling through adversity."

The Knights went into halftime trailing 27-17 but Johnny Santiago recovered an onside kick to start the second half and Lindahl hit Studinski for a 33-yard touchdown on the next play to bring the Knights to within three points.

"To get the onside kick to start the sec-

ond half, we felt we had a shot there," Wopat said. "That touchdown before the half gave us some momentum to get back in the game and then the touchdown to start the second half really got us going."

The Knights' defense came up big on the Bluejays' next possession with an interception from Michael Santiago.

That turned into a 28-yard field goal from Yaggie to tie the score late in the third quarter while his third field goal of the night – following a fumble recovery by Neuens – gave the Knights their first lead of the game at 30-27 with 9:32 re-

maining.

However, Johnson Creek answered with a touchdown less than a minute later to regain the lead and then, after forcing a Knights' three-and-out, mounted another touchdown drive to pull ahead by two scores with 2:26 remaining.

Lindahl added a team-high 69 yards rushing on the night, while Yaggie, Studinski and Neuens each finished with six catches. Yaggie led the team with 96 yards receiving.

The Knights finished with more than 400 yards of total offense but had some drops and penalties that bogged down Lourdes during the game.

"Consistency is a big thing and hopefully we are going to get over that peak this week," Lindahl said. "We're going to keep working each week and hopefully pile up some wins."

That won't be easy this week as the Knights will travel to face another perennial Trailways powerhouse in Cambria-Friesland.

The Hilltoppers are averaging more than 300 yards per game rushing in conference play and the Knights will have to strengthen their run defense to avoid an 0-3 start in league play.

"Since I have been at Lourdes, we haven't faced this type of adversity and now we get a very good Cambria-Friesland team in here that's going to be very similar running the ball to Creek and we have to find a way to get a win," said Wopat, who is in his ninth season as the Knights' head coach. "We need to get going with some positive momentum. I love the fight this team has but we have to find a way to finish and we're not doing that right now."

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West cruises past rival North in FVA tussle

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West's volleyball team plans on competing with the best teams the Fox Valley Association has to offer.

A sweep of rival Oshkosh North was simply a way to let future opponents know.

"(Beating North) is super important because we're trying to send a message to all of the teams that we are here to win," junior setter MaKaelyn Clark said. "With the talent we have this year, everyone is trying to do their part and that makes it easier to keep the momentum going."

The Wildcats jumped all over the Spartans in their annual FVA tussle last Thursday night, scoring a 25-7, 25-15, 25-14 win inside the Oshkosh North Fieldhouse to improve to 2-0 in conference play this season.

"We really want to send a message to the conference that we are here to compete," first-year West head coach Will Brydon said. "We know this is a competitive conference and we need these kind of matches. Any FVA team can beat any FVA team on a given night. North responded after a tough first set and really came after us because that is going to make us better."

The Spartans actually scored the first two points of the match before West seized control of the action.

Olivia Warren's spike through a North block attempt followed by a Rilyn Polakowski ace helped the Wildcats score 10 of 11 points to take the lead before another run of five points on Emma Polishinski's serve gave West a 15-4 advantage.

West closed out the opening set on a Sydnee Nelson spike and then grabbed the early lead in the second set and led the



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West players (from left) Elaina Butz, Sydnee Nelson and Emma Polishinski celebrate after winning a point against North last Thursday.

entire way to taking a 2-0 lead.

The Spartans were able to mount some offense in the second set, but West's scrambling defense kept North from putting any long strings of points together.

"We have been practicing tenacious defense where we are just going to relentlessly pursue the ball to the last contact and be stopped and balanced (on defense) so we can get to those balls," Brydon said. "It was night and day to how we were playing defense before and I like what we're seeing."

The Spartans had their best run of play to start the third set getting an ace from El-

lie Auler and a kill from Katelyn Schneider to trail just 9-7.

A spike from Caitlyn Potratz ignited a run of six straight points for the Wildcats – a streak that was capped by a kill from Emma Liebergen and an ace from Elaina Butz – to push the lead to 15-7 and the Wildcats stayed comfortably ahead the rest of the way. Hailee Marchant's spike off a North dig attempt provided the final point in the West win.

"We talk about respecting our opponents all of the time by playing our brand of volleyball," Brydon said. "We want to

make sure that we are locked in because that is how we are going to get better and start to reach our potential. North was a big game for us to show what we can do."

North head coach Stephanie Korell believes the Spartans have the ability to compete with their FVA opponents but didn't have their best showing against the Wildcats.

"We can be a fantastic volleyball team. We have a lot of seniors and a lot of experience but tonight was just not our night," Korell said. "I'm hoping to see the girls work together and I'm hoping to see them believe in themselves. They have to believe they are good and can play well as a team. I try to tell them to believe in yourselves, do the best you can, swing away and be aggressive."

The Spartans did get setter Ava Lee back from injury in the game, which should help the squad moving forward, while North was led at the net by Schneider and Brinna Paulson.

"Katelyn and Brinna are really good at hitting a powerful ball and our setter Ava was just back from injury so it's just trying to find that comfortable groove again," Korell said. "I think going forward this is a good learning experience for them."

The Wildcats were led by Nelson, who finished with 10 kills, while Olivia Warren had seven. Clark, who has taken on the role as the sole setter on the squad after sharing the duties the past two seasons, finished with 26 assists.

"It definitely gives me more responsibility," Clark said about being the lone setter. "It's the same in that I have to try to keep leading and getting my hitters the ball where it needs to be."

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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

North held scoreless in loss to Menasha

Playing without starting quarterback Bryce Ott, Oshkosh North was limited to just 106 yards of total offense and fell to Menasha 20-0 last Thursday night.

The Spartan defense blanked the Bluejays in the second half but North was unable to mount a comeback after halftime.

Jamond Thompson-Schreck led the Spartans with 38 yards rushing on 11 carries, while quarterback Charlie Clark finished 5-of-11 for 57 yards.

Andrew Oehler paced the North defense with 12 tackles, while Hunter Davis added 10. Jaykwon Jones had an interception in the game for North.

Warriors fall in overtime for first loss

Derek Wallace rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown to lead Valley Christian but the Warriors fell in overtime to Williams Bay, 26-20.

Ethan Millar added 64 yards and a score for the Warriors, while Matthias Behling also had a touchdown run in the game. Wallace also had two catches for a team-high 29 yards receiving.

Mason Everts and Aaron Harness each finished with 15 tackles to lead the Warrior defense, while Wallace and Sam Gloude-mans each finished with 13 stops. Brady Patterson had an interception for the Warriors.

VOLLEYBALL

Clark reaches milestone as West wins tourney

MaKaelyn Clark reached 1,000 career assists as Oshkosh West finished 5-0 to win the Beaver Dam Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats won all five matches in straight sets beating Campbellsport (25-16, 25-15), Germantown (25-18, 25-22) and Valley Christian (25-16, 25-20) in pool play. West then topped Beaver Dam in the semifinals (25-21, 25-14) before winning a rematch with Germantown (25-16, 25-17) to take the title.

Clark totaled 81 assists in the five matches to surpass the milestone in lead-

ing the Wildcats.

Sydnee Nelson paced West with 27 kills followed by Kirsten Klatt and Emma Liebergen with 23 kills apiece. Klatt also led the team with 7.5 blocks.

Nora Pakula with eight aces and Elaina Butz with 23 digs also posted team highs.

Spartans post pair of wins at invite

Oshkosh North knocked off both Montello and Rosholt in three sets at the Wautoma Invitational on Saturday.

The Spartans beat Montello 25-11, 24-26, 25-11 while topping Rosholt 25-16, 16-25, 25-16.

North lost to Weyauwaga-Fremont and Rhinelander at the tournament, while the result against Wautoma was not available.

Knights earn conference win over Dodgeland

Lourdes Academy had three players finish with double-digit kills as the Knights scored a 25-17, 23-25, 25-14, 25-19 win on the road over Dodgeland last week.

Delaney Ruedinger led the way for Lourdes Academy with 13 kills, followed by Anika Lietch with 12 and Kate Lynn with 10. Sabur Machiros chipped in nine.

Celia Ralofskey and Grace Meyers finished with 30 and 22 assists, respectively, while Libby Guerrero led the Knights with 32 digs, followed by Ruedinger with 22 and Hannah McDowell with 17.

The Knights also posted a win at the Appleton West Terror Invite on Saturday, beating Appleton West 25-14, 25-12.

Lourdes Academy lost to Waupaca, Freedom and Green Bay Southwest at the tournament, while the results for a match against Wisconsin Rapids were not available.

Valley Christian finishes 2-3 at Beaver Dam

The Warriors went 0-3 in pool play at the Beaver Dam Invitational on Saturday but responded by knocking off Horicon and Campbellsport.

Valley Christian scored a 25-13, 24-26, 16-14 win over Campbellsport with Raven Meyer leading the way with six kills and Alaina Wojtkowski and Lizzie Fink each tallying five. Maliha Demler totaled 16 assists in the win.

In a 15-25, 25-16, 15-10 win over Horicon, Anna Giannopoulos finished with eight kills, followed by Fink with seven. Demler had 19 assists, while Aubryn Lehman finished with 11 digs,

The Warriors also improved to 2-0 in the Trailways East with a 25-20, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22 win over Oakfield last week.

Fink led the way with 21 kills, followed by Giannopoulos with 11. Giannopoulos also led the team with seven aces and 23 digs. Demler finished with 40 assists in the win.

SOCCER

Wildcats pick up shutout win over Patriots

Owen Ervin made four saves in goal to lead Oshkosh West to a 2-0 win over Appleton East in Fox Valley Association play last Thursday.

Mason Strange and George Miller each scored second-half goals for the Wildcats, while Collin Carns picked up an assist in the win.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats suf-

fered their first loss of the season in a 2-1 decision to Fond du Lac.

Spartans play to tie with Neenah

Mto Wasekye Jean scored both goals for Oshkosh North as it earned a 2-2 tie with Neenah in FVA play on Thursday.

Yohana Bikyeombe and Ehebelo Asende earned assists in the match for North. Lungwe Ramadhani notched six saves in goal for the Spartans.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans played to a 2-2 tie with Appleton East, with Bikyeombe and Jean scoring goals and Asende tallying an assist. Jean scored with about a minute to play to earn the tie.

Knights notch win, tie in Flyway play

Lourdes Academy collected a 3-0 win over Wayland Academy last Thursday. Earlier in the week, the Knights played to a scoreless tie with Winnebago Lutheran.

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CROSS COUNTRY

West squads each finish fifth at Druckrey Invite

Both the girls and boys teams took fifth at the Druckrey Invitational hosted by South Milwaukee on Saturday.

The girls were led by Abby Tercha, who finished 14th overall in the race, while Mila Crowe was 29th and Coraline Strebelski finished 34th. Gwen Liptow and Ellie Trebiatowski rounded out the West scoring runners in 41st and 44th place, respectively.

The boys were led by Carter Crowe and Celso Collins who placed second and third, respectively, while Juan Collins added a top-20 finish in 19th place. Mason Palecek and Owen Moon finished in 59th and 60th place, respectively.

Mitchell leads Spartan runners at Shawano

Lehna Mitchell finished sixth overall to pace the Oshkosh North girls cross country team at the Shawano Invitational on Saturday.

Mitchell was the only finisher in the top 50 for the Spartans, who placed 11th in the overall team standings. Adri Clark placed 54th for North, followed by Tianna Hayes in 67th, Alai Awak in 78th and Nahla Whitley in 85th.

The boys also placed 11th in the team standings with Jay Weber taking 25th and Davante Kieya placing 36th to lead the way. Blake Lederhaus in 58th, Trip Kujawa in 91st and Konrad-Bowlus-Jasinski in 94th rounded out the scoring runners for North.

Knights, Warriors run at Nightfall Classic

Erin Moore finished second overall as the Lourdes Academy girls won the Division 3 level of the Nightfall Classic held at Winagamie Golf Course last Friday.

Moore was one of two runners for the Knights in the top 10 as Dasha Averkamp placed sixth. Annie Moore added a 14th place, followed by Tessia Mroczkowski in 22nd and Allison Stromske in 31st.

The Knights finished with 72 points, to win the title well ahead of Winnebago Lutheran with 134 points.

Valley Christian placed 11th in the team standings led by Mya Moran in 11th place and McKenzie Murphy in 19th. Merian Getz added a 75th-place finish for the Warriors with Kendra Sandahl taking 108th and Eavie Heffernan placing 126th.

In the boys race, Lourdes Academy was eighth in the team standings led by Henry Spanbauer in sixth place. Zach Foster was the next Knight to finish in 33rd place, followed by Cameron Kapral in 35th and Mason Piechowski in 52nd.

Valley Christian did not have a full team to compete but got a 37th place from Jack O'Brien and a 44th place from Silas Johnson to lead the way. Zachary Werner was 75th and Joshua Sandahl was 104th.

GOLF

Wildcats drop FVA dual to Terrors

Oshkosh West carded a 175 in dropping a dual meet to Appleton West, which finished with a team score of 136.

Valerie Mantia led the Wildcats with a score of 41, followed by Hailey Hammen with a 42, Kennedy Footit with a 45 and Ava Wesenberg with a 47.

Oshkosh North takes eighth at Fondy Invite

Maggie Lynch shot a 97 to place 27th overall and lead the Spartans to an eighth-place finish in the 12-team meet held at Rolling Meadows.

Sammie Leib tallied a 103 to tie for 133rd place, while Brooke Peters had a 105 and Willow Stanke shot a 111.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans lost a dual meet to Fond du Lac at Rolling Meadows, 226-234.

Lynch tied for medalist honors with a 46, followed by Leib with a 58, Lia Nicholas with a 63 and Peters with a 67.

SWIMMING

Wildcats, Spartans compete at Terror Relays

Oshkosh West finished fourth, while Oshkosh North/Lourdes took sixth at the Appleton West Terror Relays held on Friday.

The Wildcats were led by the 400-meter medley relay team of Samara Zeinert, Etta Yonke, Kiersten Dietschweiler and Kate Horejs who placed first in the event.

West was also second in the 100-meter freestyle relay, 300-meter backstroke relay and 300-meter individual medley relay, while taking third in diving and the 200-meter medley relay.

North/Lourdes best finishes were fourth places in diving, the 200-meter medley relay and the 300-meter backstroke relay.

Dietschweiler, Zeinert lead Wildcats in dual

Kierstin Dietschweiler and Samara Zeinert each posted a pair of wins but Oshkosh West couldn't match Appleton

North's depth in losing a Fox Valley Association dual meet 112-67 last week.

The Wildcats won seven of the 12 events overall but the Lightning had more point-scoring finishes to earn the win.

Dietschweiler won both the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle, while Zeinert finished first in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke. The two also joined Etta Yonke and Sarah Draxler in winning the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Yonke in the 50-yard freestyle and Neva Schlies in diving also posted wins for the Wildcats, while Schlies, Andree Cardinal and Hanna Kasier earned a 1-2-3 finish in diving for West.

TENNIS

Quandt shines at tourney for Lourdes Academy

Sasha Quandt went 3-0 and posted the only wins for the Knights at the Kohler tournament on Saturday.

Playing at No. 1 singles, the sophomore won her first two matches in straight sets and then won the first set of the third match before getting a forfeit win in the second set. Quandt dropped a total of nine games in the three matches.

The Knights lost to Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Madison Edgewood by 6-1 margins.

Earlier in the week, the Knights used a sweep of the doubles matches to earn a 5-2 win over Mayville.

Monse Luquin and Maya Hawi at No. 1 doubles, Jasmine Saiyed and Lila Gefers at No. 2 doubles and Aoife Mains and Abby Ridenour in No. 3 doubles each won in straight sets to earn the sweep.

Quandt did not drop a game in winning at No. 1 singles, while Claire Trofka posted a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles for Lourdes Academy.

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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Koslowski

Mary Elizabeth Koslowski, 75, of Oshkosh, WI, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.



Mary was born on January 16, 1949, to Roman and Marie Anders. She grew up in Campbellsport, WI along with her ten brothers and three sisters. Mary graduated from Campbellsport High School in 1967 and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1971. She married Michael Koslowski, on May 26, 1973. Together, they raised four children: Tanya Young (Martin Erdman) of Menomonie, WI, Jered (Tamara) of Oshkosh, WI, Terra (Matthew) Bloecher of Menasha, WI and Lisa Koslowski of Los Angeles, CA. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Lauren, Linsey and Brayden Koslowski and step-grandchild, Abraham.

Mary worked as an educator in Winneconne, WI for eight years before dedicating herself full-time to raising her children. Later, she enjoyed working as a Pampered Chef consultant and in retail at JC Penney and Brooks Brothers.

A woman of deep faith, Mary loved sharing about Jesus with everyone she met. She was an active member of New Life Community Church alongside her husband, Mike. Mary had a passion for serving others. She was a dedicated vol-

unteer at Valley Christian School, Director of the Lifestore for 23 years, she prepared food for missionary pilots during EAA through MASA, she raised awareness about human trafficking with Damascus Road, but what she was most well-known her involvement with Operation Christmas Child, where she collected items year-round to fill shoeboxes for children in need around the world.

In her free time, Mary enjoyed gardening, baking (especially her famous "healthy cookies"), bowling, doing puzzles, going to the beach, and watching "The Chosen" and participated in the filming of an episode. She LOVED to learn, especially about health and wellness and sharing that information with others. Her unwavering love and devotion to her children and grandchildren meant that she would always drop everything to support them, no matter the need. She was their cheerleader.

A celebration of life service was held at New Life Community Church in Oshkosh, on Saturday, September 14th at 1pm with a reception to follow. A video of the service is online at <https://bit.ly/marykos>

In lieu of flowers, the family is collecting small toys or school supplies to fill shoeboxes in Mary's honor for Operation Christmas Child or monetary gifts to assist with shipping can be made at www.samaritanaspurse.org.

Mary's life was a testament to love, faith, and service, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her memory will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

Betty Litjens

Betty Litjens left us peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on



Wednesday, September 11, 2024. She was an affectionate, dedicated, hardworking and generous person who consistently put the needs of others above her own. She was born in Pella, WI on July 25, 1937, to the late Rudy and Lenora (Buck) Guetschow. Betty graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1955. In 1959 she was introduced to a Dutch soccer player at a New Year's Eve party, the love of life, Frits Litjens. From there the adventure began and the couple married on October 14, 1961.

Betty worked at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh for 37 years in patient accounts and management. After retirement she worked for Reff, Bavier, Birmingham and Lim for six years. Betty also partnered with her husband running Litjens Construction for over 35 years.

Betty had a passion for volunteering and clubs for 54 years. Some of the many clubs and things she volunteered for include the Miss Wisconsin and Miss Oshkosh Pageants, Winnebago Apartment Association, Tour Guide for Winnebago Senior Tours through the Oshkosh Senior Center, Voting poll worker, Mercy Gift Shop, Red Hats, 20th Century Club, EAA, Sawdust City Corvettes among many more.

She also loved to travel and loved sharing her stories with others about her adventures. Betty loved meeting new people and developed an abundance of friendships through her various endeavors. Her personality brought warmth and joy to everyone she encountered, and her passing shall be mourned deeply by everyone that knew and loved her.

Betty's memory will remain in the hearts of her family and friends and all those that had the honor and privilege to

know her. Betty is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Fred, (Frits) Litjens; children, Lisa Winkler, (husband Greg Spletter), Susan Litjens and Tony Litjens; grandchildren, Alex Winkler, (Jessica), Jack Litjens, (Madelynn) and Abigail Litjens; brother, Dan Guetschow, (Deb); beloved dog, Spooky, who was her constant companion, never leaving her side; granddog, Natalie, who was also a great source of comfort and love to her consistently.

Passing before her were her parents, Rudy and Lenora Guetschow; brothers, Gary, David and Steve Guetschow. She recently lost her beloved Aunt Shirley Calkins and as they grew up like sisters, this was heartbreaking to her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr. with Fr. Ben Pribbenow officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 am until the time of Mass. A private interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Betty, you left us beautiful memories and your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you, you're always by our side. Thank you for loving us and providing us with the inspiration to be good people.

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Barbara L. Nett

Barbara L. Nett (Horton) 83 years old passed away on September 11, 2024. She served in the USMC and worked at Mercy Medical Center.



Mother to Chris (Amy), Guy, and Dean (Elena). Grandmother to Chris Jr, Amber, Logan, and Anthony. She is survived by

siblings Bob, Jerry, Mary Jo, and Sue.

Preceded in death by husband Raymond, brother John, parents Harold and Josephine.

Family would like to thank staff at Ascension Mercy for the care they provided to Barbara on her journey.

There will not be a service per Barbara's wishes.

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Daryl M. Krause

Daryl M. Krause, age 74, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on September 13, 2024, at Ascension Mercy Hospital to be with Jesus with his family by his side after complications with covid.



Daryl was born on October 10, 1949, to Orville and Betty (Baxter) Krause in Oshkosh, WI. He was

proud to have served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Daryl married Mary Rumlow on May 23, 1981. He was a truck driver for many years until, he retired in 2006. One of Daryl's greatest joys was having family over and seeing his grandchildren. In his younger years he liked to go camping, ride his motorcycle, swimming, boating and water skiing.

He was a member of Martin Luther Church.

Daryl is survived by his wife, Mary Krause; Daughter, Jacquelyn Krause-Alten (Adam) of California and 8 children. Son, Jamie (Melissa) Krause of Oshkosh. Daughter, Angela (Kyle) Kunsman of Arcadia. Daughter, Tina Krause of Oshkosh and 3 children. Seven Grandchildren, Hailey Krause, Dante Krause, Emily Krause, Lizzie Krause, Brianna Kunsman, Abby Krause and Maddie Krause; His Sister Kathy (Rob) Deubler; Great grandchildren; Sister-in-law, Charlotte (Gary) Ratajczak; Sis-

ter-in-law, Donna (Phil) Staerkel.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Orville (Betty) Krause; Brother, Butch Krause, Garrett Krause, His Twin David Krause; Sister, Karen Hill; Mother-in-law, Florence Rumlow; Father-in-law, Archie Rumlow; Sister-in-law, Shirley Rumlow.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. We would like to thank ascension for their efforts and compassion.

A memorial service for Daryl will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901, with Pastor John Steinbrenner officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. An inurnment and 21-gun salute will take place at Lake View Memorial Park Oshkosh, WI.

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Obituaries

James M. Steinbruner, Sr.

James M. Steinbruner, Sr., of Oshkosh, WI, passed away at home on September 4, 2024. Jim was born on November 16, 1945, in Battle Creek, MI, to Joseph and Anne (nee Joyce) Steinbruner. He grew up in Battle Creek, Park Ridge, IL, and Manhattan, NY, before moving to Wisconsin for college and—although he didn't know it—to find love and settle down.

Jim married Shari Gilbertson at St. Joseph's Church in Wauwatosa, WI, on September 22, 1973. At the time, he sported Buddy Holly glasses, a large, toothy grin, and a full head of black hair with long sideburns, and he was ready to take on the world with Shari.

The best friends moved to Oshkosh shortly after the wedding, made friends quickly, and started a family. Jim worked at and later co-owned Teela-Zentner, Inc. before founding Steinbruner Heating & Cooling with his wife in 1995. He's known for his creativity, craftsmanship, and custom-made copper home accents. He loved serving the community and was proud to help his clients. Jim was always happy to take an early morning "no heat call" and rush out the door wearing a knit hat—his

"hair piece"—to keep his balding head warm.

When he was younger, he was a member of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police and the Knights of Columbus. He served as school board president at Sacred Heart School and was active in AFS and other foreign exchange programs, hosting over 10 kids from around the world, many of whom are still in contact. He carried pictures of his "kids" in his wallet.

In his later years, he was most often seen in a knit hat, warm flannels, and always with that goofy grin. Jim volunteered for various local organizations and excelled at raising Tips for Scholarships when "slinging" drinks at Rotary fundraising events. In truth, he used his sense of humor and big smile to charm eventgoers into saying yes. After he retired, Jim worked part-time in the lunch line at Lourdes Academy and was proud to make sure the kids got their veggies—again through smiling and not taking no for an answer.

He was fortunate to travel much of the United States, visit Mexico and the Caribbean, was able to take the family to Egypt for three weeks in 1992, and travel to Europe three times. He nearly never took pictures and enjoyed the world with his own eyes. This past June, Shari and Jim took a Great Lakes cruise, and he rode an e-bike around to view the sites on shore. They also took two trips in his beloved

red two-seater Caddy convertible this last summer: along the Great River Road, and to Sunrise Lodge, in Land O' Lakes, WI, where they have been going each summer for decades.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, John (Marg) Steinbruner; as well as by Shari's parents, who loved him like a son; and his sister-in-law, Teri Wegner, whom he loved like a daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Shari; his children, Janet (Martin) Tierney, James Jr. and Jeanne (Joe) Smith; and his grandchildren, Caleb and Alex; as well as by his sisters, Jo-Anne (Jim) Keller and Judy (Hank) Zackin; his sister-in-law, Mary (Dan) Supple; many nieces and nephews;

his exchange student kids; and countless friends from around the world who became family.

In lieu of flowers or memorial contributions, the family recommends a donation to a charity of your choice. Jim especially loved organizations that supported international service and understanding.

Jim's Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St, Oshkosh. For those wishing to greet Jim's family, visitation will be 10:00-10:45 a.m. at the church.



Jill Kuiper

Jill Kuiper, age 72, passed away September 2, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was born to Robert and Helen Swartz (Koepke) on July 19, 1952. She graduated from the University of Oshkosh, Wisconsin and started teaching for the Oshkosh School District in 1975. Jill worked as an Elementary School Teacher for 34 years, retiring from Emmeline Cook Elementary in 2009.

On April 10, 1982, she married Daniel L. Kuiper, and he preceded her in death on October 18, 2020. Jill adored her husband of 38 years. They enjoyed traveling to tropical locations and of course to NASCAR.

Jill also enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, talking with friends and family, and working on crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her stepdaughters, Jodi (Scott) Holbein and Anne (Tony) DeCosta; six grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren as well as her nephew, Erik Swartz and other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one brother, Jerry Swartz.

Per her wishes, no services will be held.



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Kabir and Aisha want kids in their neighborhood to be safe. They are going to take a look at their local playground, the Hometown Playground, to see if it is a safe place to play.

Yikes! They've found many ways in which their playground is not safe. Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to find the hazards in their playground.



How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

Standards Link: Identify initial graphemes and phonemes.

Standards Link: Follow multiple step directions; recognize safe features of recreational activities; connect information in texts to life experiences.

Hazard Hunt Checklist

Circle each hazard you find on the Hometown Playground.

- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
- Splintered wood
- Chipped or peeling paint
- Holes or cracks in plastic
- Sharp corners or edges
- Nails or bolts sticking out
- Open S-hooks or chain links

Dress Safely on Playgrounds

Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

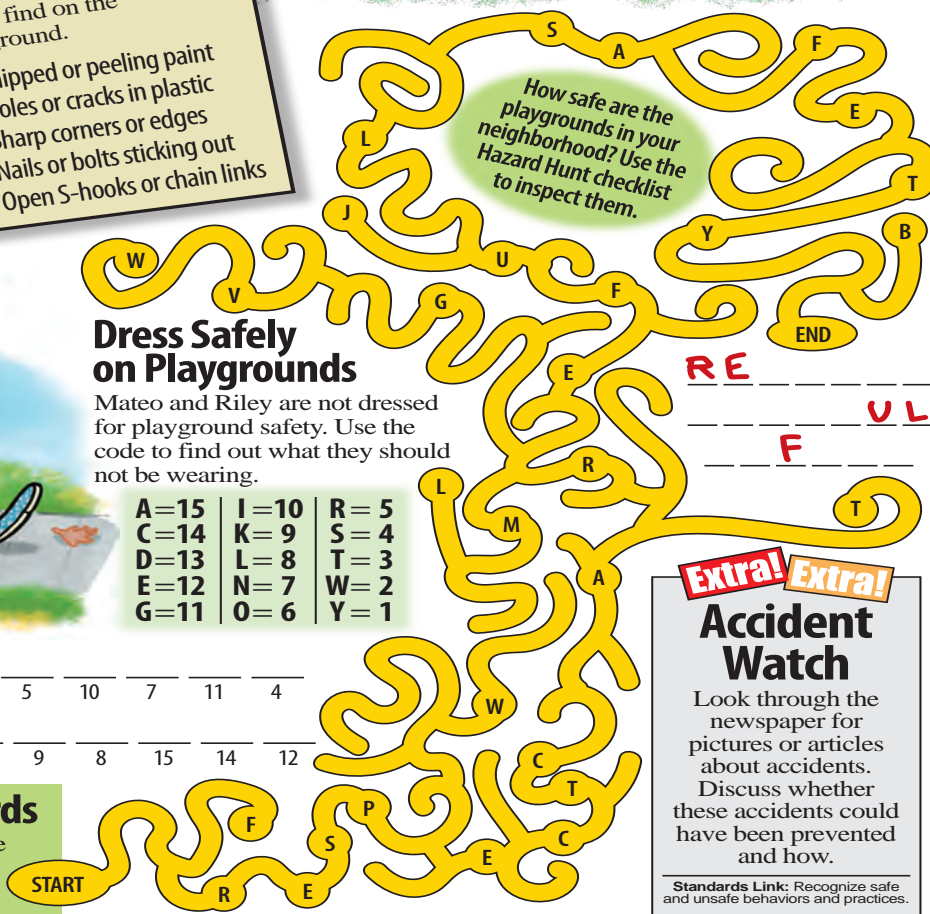
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E=12	N=7	W=2
G=11	O=6	Y=1



13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4
 15 7 13 7 12 14 9 8 15 14 12

Playground Safety Words

Find three important words along the correct path through this maze that are the keys to a great playground.



Extra! Extra! Accident Watch

Look through the newspaper for pictures or articles about accidents. Discuss whether these accidents could have been prevented and how.

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

Kid Scoop Together Missing Words

Work with a family member to replace the missing words in the below article.

LEATHER **BUCKLE** **CAR**
NEW **LAWS** **YEARS**

The First Seat Belt

The first lap belt that resembles the modern seat belt was a _____ strap used on a U.S. Army airplane in 1910. For the next 25 _____, seat belts were used mostly in airplanes.

In the 1940s, studies showed that injuries in _____ accidents were less when a seat belt was worn. Even so, many people did not choose to _____ up.

The government started passing _____ requiring automakers to put seat belts in all _____ cars. By the 1970s, seat belts were used commonly.

A car accident happens almost every minute. Do you think it is a good idea to buckle up?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's something you should wear every time you play outside?



Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!

T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L
 C I B R H R E V C E P A N
 S _____

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BOLTS
- CHAIN
- DRESS
- HAZARD
- INSPECT
- KIDS
- PAINT
- PARTS
- PATH
- PLAYGROUND
- SAFETY
- SHARP
- TRIP
- WEAR
- WOOD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W O O D N I A H C E
 D N U O R G Y A L P
 P A T H O K T Z H D
 F E J C S I E A S R
 P S Z V E H F R T E
 I A T K W P A D R S
 R Q I L Z E S R A S
 T D V N O L A N P Y
 S Z E W T B K R I Z

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

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What are three safety rules students should follow on the playground?

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