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The Garden of Edna, located at 2949 W. 20th Ave., is maintained in honor of siblings Jim and Janet Mueller's late mother. The privately-owned park is open to the public during daylight hours, offering a quiet sanctuary of generosity, memory and springtime color. The three-tier fountain is a new addition to the garden this year. Jim Mueller said vases are provided at no cost for visitors to take flowers, and donations of vases are accepted.

Hintz shares vision ahead for county

New leader maps out a path for the future

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz doesn't rush his words.

In a recent interview after taking over as the county's leader, long pauses filled the space between questions and answers. For a man who once led state Democrats as minority leader, the quiet seems almost strategic.

Hintz's demeanor and thoughtful communication style reflect a broader shift in county leadership. While former County Executive Jon Doemel was known for his fast-paced, outspoken approach, Hintz brings a more measured, reserved tone to the role.



Hintz

Hintz was sworn into office on April 15, joined by his wife Liz and their two children, Beatrix and Gethin, who were there to support him.

The 51-year-old former state legislator represented the Oshkosh area in the Assembly from 2007 to 2023. Most recently, he worked as the director of a nonprofit labor-management partnership, before returning to local government.

"I've always been motivated by public service, and I thought I could make a real difference in improving lives and creating opportunity in Winnebago County," he said.

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Judge dismisses citizen group's assessment lawsuit

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Winnebago County judge has dismissed a lawsuit surrounding special assessments on properties recently annexed into the city.

A group of citizens sued the city over the special assessments they received. The assessments covered the cost of installing city utilities into the area of Clairville Road that was annexed into Oshkosh in 2024.

Court documents filed in Winnebago County alleged the residents were not

properly annexed out of the town of Algoma into Oshkosh.

The special assessments, which were approved by the common council in Nov. 2023, ranged from \$18,000 to \$57,000 per property. One property owner on Clairville has two properties on the street and their combined amount owed for the assessments is more than \$100,000.

Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge Michael Rust dismissed the case without prejudice after the attorney for the plaintiffs failed to file a motion objecting to the city's motion to dismiss the case, according to the

dismissal order signed by Rust on May 1.

"The Court determines there has been no valid objection to the motion and is therefore deemed admitted," Rust wrote. "The persistent and egregious pattern of non-responsiveness in this matter by the Plaintiffs is grounds for this matter to be dismissed."

Since the case has been dismissed without prejudice, it means the case is not permanently closed and the plaintiffs would be able to refile later.

Plaintiff Steve Klinger told the Herald the plaintiffs are working with their at-

torney to get the case re-opened. Jeremy Vanderloop, who is representing all nine plaintiffs, did not respond to a request for comment from the Herald.

The plaintiffs' attorney had not filed any communication in the case since November. Rust pointed out the plaintiffs did not submit anything in response to the second motion to dismiss in the case after 287 days.

Former judge Teresa Basiliere heard the first motion to dismiss the case. She re-

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Oshkosh Garden Club to hold plant sale

Oshkosh Herald

With spring planting in full swing, an event to find a wide selection of plants and support local beautification efforts is taking place Saturday.

The Oshkosh Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Garden Club member Kim Willman says funds raised from the sale will be used for landscaping at the museum and tree planting on public land.

“A wide selection of hardy, Wisconsin-proven plants, donated by club members and friends, will be available for purchase,” Willman said. “Shoppers will find sun-loving favorites like sedum, iris and ornamental grasses, along with shade-friendly varieties such as hostas, May apples and ferns.”

In addition to plants, she said the sale will feature a “gardener’s rummage sale” offering gently used gardening tools and accessories at bargain prices.

According to the club, “Whether you are an experienced gardener or just starting, there is something for everyone at the plant sale. Our knowledgeable volun-



Submitted photos

The Oshkosh Garden Club will hold its annual spring plant sale on Saturday on the grounds of the Oshkosh Public Museum.

teers will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on plant care and gardening tips.”

Proceeds benefit the club’s many community initiatives, including two annual \$1,000 scholarships for students pursu-

ing horticulture or environmental science.

The club also maintains the museum gardens and sponsors the annual Oshkosh Garden Walk in July, showcasing outstanding private gardens.

One dead in single-vehicle Town of Oshkosh crash

Oshkosh Herald

Authorities found the driver deceased inside a van after the vehicle rolled into a ditch Saturday evening.

Around 9:13 p.m., dispatch received multiple reports of a single vehicle accident on Highway 45, north of County Trunk Y in the Town of Oshkosh. Deputies from the Winnebago County Sheriff’s

Office arrived on the scene and located a utility van on its roof, partially submerged in water in a ditch.

Preliminary information points to the van traveling northbound on Highway 45 at a high rate of speed before entering the ditch and then rolling. The single occupant of the vehicle was deceased when they were removed from the vehicle.

As of Monday, the name of the driver has not been released as the next of kin has yet to be notified.

The highway remained closed for two and a half hours for the investigation. The Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner’s Office were on scene.

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Correction

MARCH 19, Page 18: The Lourdes Academy girls basketball team won its WIAA state semifinal in 2012. The Knights were the Division 4 state runner-ups that season.



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Annual BikeOsh25 returns to Oshkosh on Saturday

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Students in the Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School have recently completed a variety of projects that reach out into the school and community. Every year juniors in the Communities Program choose a project in order to help impact the community around them. The program's semester of service allows students to branch out into a project that compliments their skill sets and their passions.

Among the projects, students Evelyn Voss, Caden Lederhaus and Sullivan Snow are hosting BikeOsh25 with the help of city planners. The annual city-wide biking event promotes biking infrastructure, local business and healthy living.

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday with a final pit stop celebration from noon-1 p.m. at Oshkosh North.

During the event, participants will use pedal passes to receive stamps at various pit stops around the city. Participants then turn in their passes for a chance to

Police department offering Youth Leadership Camp in July

Oshkosh Herald

Young students interested in learning more about law enforcement careers will have an opportunity this summer to build their leadership skills.

The Oshkosh Police Department has a Youth Leadership Camp scheduled for July 7-11 for kids ages 12-15 who attend Oshkosh Schools.

An application needs to be completed and turned into the Oshkosh Police Department, 420 Jackson St. ATTN: SRO Office. Applications are due June 1.

win prizes.

Participants can pick up their pedal pass from City Hall or at one of the 20 pit stops the day of the event.

Another Communities Program project involved students Eli Vang and Antonio Thompson partnering with Bob Poeschl from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Oshkosh to help promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

They collaborated to create youth-produced brochures and a social media campaign through the NAMI Oshkosh social media accounts.

To start off Mental Health Awareness Month, Thompson hosted a yoga session on May 1. The yoga session was open to all students at Oshkosh North for a duration of 20 minutes. Thompson led the group through a collection of yoga movements, including the tree pose, warrior 2, salute the sun and many more.

When asked why mental health is so important for youth to focus on, Thompson said, "Your childhood is about your devel-

opment and growth on a mental, and especially emotional level and a huge part of this development is learning healthy ways to manage your mental health. As you grow older you tend to deal with more stressors in life, so it's important to learn how to deal with them."

As part of their project, Thompson and Vang have been collaborating with Poeschl to create youth-designed brochures, one for youth and another for adults. The brochures were developed over the course of seven weeks. With critiques from their partner, Thompson and Vang produced products that were distributed at the NAMI SK on May 3.



The annual city-wide BikeOsh25 event is scheduled for Saturday with pit stops throughout Oshkosh.

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In addition, other projects this year involved high school students planning to host a Fishing Basics seminar for third graders at Oaklawn Elementary School and rock painting with seniors at Park View Health Center.

The hands-on seminar was designed to introduce the younger students to the fundamentals of fishing, including fish identification, knot tying, casting and other essential skills. The goal is to spark interest in the sport and provide young learners with the knowledge and confidence to begin fishing.

The painted rocks will be used in the outdoor space at Park View.

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SEPO continuing literacy mission with added support

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

As students across Wisconsin and Oshkosh are struggling to learn literacy skills, one local group is focusing on developing reading outside of the classroom.

Sam Coleman, the assistant superintendent of instruction at OASD, is working with students on the importance of literacy as part of SEPO's Building Literacy and Academic Confidence cohort for high school students, even though it's also his day job.



Subulwa

SEPO stands for sustainability, education and progress as one. Its founder and director, Mushe Subulwa, has put a focus on literacy, which he said

has a great impact on individuals and the community. Since the high school cohort wrapped up, SEPO is already holding a similar cohort for middle school students.

SEPO is run primarily by volunteers, and the group works closely with World Relief as many of its students are refugees and immigrants. With the federal funding freeze, SEPO struggled earlier in the year, but continues to receive support from local groups like the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and other donors.

SEPO's mission

Subulwa started literacy cohorts in Oshkosh a few years ago after recognizing that almost 90% of Black students in OASD did not know how to read at all, including recent high school graduates.

After the first cohort finished, he said the students who were three grades behind in reading had made incredible strides to catch up to their grade level.

"I was crying. Crying tears of joy. You could see the path they took and saw the progress as it was happening," Subulwa said.

When Coleman learned about SEPO and its mission, he wanted to get involved with the organization.

"I became interested when I learned SEPO, as a community organization, was taking an innovative approach to help with literacy skills needs in middle school and high school students," Coleman said.

Coleman praised the work SEPO was doing before he was involved, which was primarily done by Subulwa and his wife, Ang, and LaKeisha Haase.

"They've been partners and advocates for literacy and particularly improved literacy outcomes in the school district,"



SEPO photo

Dr. Sam Coleman teaches high school students during the SEPO Building Literacy and Academic Confidence cohort. SEPO recently started a similar cohort for middle school students.

Coleman noted. "They also have a program that supports and addresses literacy concerns outside of the school day."

It was his opportunity to get involved because Coleman has a passion for literacy and all the chances it can bring to a young person.

"When I look at my trajectory and my journey – being from the north side of Milwaukee and now being a professional with three master's degrees and a PhD, literacy has been the outlet for me to express who I am but also been an important tool for me as a reader, as a volunteer in the community, as a mentor and as a role model, but also as a scholar," Coleman said.

Outside the classroom

SEPO leaders said a lot happens outside of the classroom and that the school district is not the only one responsible for caring for students – it takes the whole community to support the young people in our society because they will one day be on the Oshkosh Common Council or on the Board of Education.

Subulwa, who was born and raised in the Naloyela Village in western Zambia, shared a quote.

"A child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel its warmth," Subulwa said. "That means if we don't care for them now they could come back and destroy this village. Don't we want to see Oshkosh as a vibrant village in 20-30 years and not a run-down place?"

Subulwa said once SEPO started the high school cohort, the younger siblings of those students immediately wanted to join because they were eager to learn to read.

Coleman said literacy can also help students find out more about themselves. Literacy can lead to careers as a doctor, lawyer, pilot or even a teacher. Students in the cohort learned about how reading and literacy are essential in all of those jobs.

"It's important to have the confidence to read the material and present those ideas in their coursework on that journey in any career," Coleman said. "I was helping make that connection the goals and dreams you have and the role that literacy plays in helping you reach that – and many students don't often make that connection."

Coleman and others in the community have noted the importance of representation in the classroom.

Coleman said it's also about students seeing themselves in their instructors. He said it's important for students to have a diverse idea of who can be a teacher.

A 2020 Wisconsin Policy Forum study showed that in Wisconsin the percentage of students of color has risen from 23.6% in 2009 to 30.7% in 2019. Over that same time frame, the percentage of teachers of

color has risen from 4.5% to 5.6%.

"We have to give students some examples and some models so that seed can be planted in them," Coleman said. "Then maybe they'll say, 'Maybe I might be able to be a teacher one day.'"

Subulwa said it's imperative to have representation because there are cultural differences between Black and white families.

"I have kids in the district and I get an email every week about this issue and that issue. Sam Coleman and I would have a conversation with a student and it's fine. But because of the cultural differences, a white teacher might see that conversation differently and think the student was yelling at them," Subulwa said.

New curriculum

The OASD Board of Education recently approved using new CKLA curriculum after a one-year field study brought back positive results from students and positive feedback from teachers. However, the uphill battle continues with trends at the state level.

Data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress shows that Wisconsin has the widest disparity in math and reading scores between Black and white students, according to data released in January.

The Oshkosh Area School District is about 9,100 students, with 66% white, according to 2023-24 district data, and the remaining approximately 33% are made up of Asian, Black, Hispanic, and students of two or more races.

Subulwa and SEPO have put a spotlight on OASD by releasing a report in 2023 showing, with data from the Department of Public Instruction, that students of color are more likely to be suspended or expelled.

"I don't care if they've been suspended. There is a place for them here," he said.

District data also shows that almost 57% of white students are proficient in reading compared to just 12% for Black students. Subulwa said it's a statewide issue, and it's unclear what the solution is, but in Oshkosh, SEPO is leading the charge on literacy.

"It is easy to say that the problem is just poor Black kids or poor students of color, but that is not the case – we're seeing across all students there is difficulty with literacy in Oshkosh," Subulwa said.

For Coleman, it's about students having those reading and literacy skills to tackle the challenges students may face along their journey.

"I believe that I'm positioned to play a small part to make sure that our students inherit a future that honors who we can be as a city here in Oshkosh," Coleman said.

More information on SEPO can be found at sepoishope.org.

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U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Cesar Salazar Jr.
Wisconsin Army National Guard Spc. Vincent A. Bird jumps into the water and begins his water treading evaluation May 2 during the combat water survival test event of the National Guard Region IV Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy.

Oshkosh soldier competes in regional best warrior competition

Oshkosh Herald

Spc. Vincent A. Bird, of Oshkosh, a military police officer with the 32nd Military Police Company, 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, competed along with 13 other soldiers from across the Midwest April 30-May 3 during the 2025 Army National Guard Region IV Best warrior competition, at Fort McCoy.

Bird and his fellow Guardsmen represented their respective states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

During the four-day event, the soldiers were pushed to their limits while being measured in their proficiency in warrior skills, military procedures, physical fitness and mental fortitude. Each of them first competed in and won at their respective state-level competitions to earn a place in the regional competition.

Bird is a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree in homeland security at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He

enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in March 2023.

Bird spoke about what it means to be a part of this competition.

“It means a lot to be able to represent my company and military police as a whole,” Bird said. “As far as I’m aware, no one from my unit has made it this far into the competition before, so I hope I’m paving the way for more people at my unit to find success in this competition.”

The competitors were celebrated by Wisconsin state leadership with an award ceremony on May 3. Staff Sgt. Brandon M. Byrne, of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, and Spc. Logan J. Rutledge, of the Michigan Army National Guard, were recognized as the winners of the competition.

Byrne and Rutledge will go on to represent the region and compete in the 2025 National Guard Bureau’s Best Warrior Competition, scheduled for July 11-20 in Maryland.

Business news roundup

Keith Allman has been appointed as independent chair of the board of Oshkosh Corporation. Allman has served on the board since 2015. He succeeds Steve Newlin, who served as chair since 2020 and is leaving the board after reaching the mandatory retirement age. Allman has been president and CEO of Masco Corporation since 2014. He recently announced his retirement, effective July 7, following 27 years with the company.

Catalpa Health, which has offices in Oshkosh and Appleton, has launched the Catalpa Foundation, a fundraising arm to help expand mental health services for children and teens across Northeast Wisconsin. The Foundation set a 2025 fundraising goal of \$1.8 million. The Foundation is expected to help expand pediatric mental health services based on the greatest needs, such as same-day urgent care services for children and teens in crisis; wraparound support and care coordination for families; workforce

development for mental health professionals, including fellowships and training; and Catalpa Cares, a safety net fund that helps families who cannot afford care. Amanda Charais, a former Regional Development Director at ThedaCare, will be the Foundation’s first executive director.

Lakeland Care is planning to become part of the CareSource family of companies, pending regulatory approval. The organizations said the integration will strengthen managed care services for older adults and adults with disabilities receiving long term services and support through Wisconsin’s Family Care program.

Barb LaMue plans to retire as president and CEO of New North, which serves as the regional economic development corporation for 18 counties in Northeast Wisconsin, including Winnebago. She will remain in the position into September, or until a successor is in place.

Musical theater program cites students, high schools

Oshkosh Herald

Several local students and high schools will be recognized as part of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center (PAC) 2024-2025 Center Stage High School Musical Theater program.

More than 2,100 students from 34 high schools in Northeast Wisconsin participated in the program this school year.

Participating high schools include Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North.

Julia Skinner is being recognized for honorable mention in a lead role in Oshkosh West’s production of Footloose.

Evy Pamenter is being recognized for outstanding performance in a supporting role in Oshkosh North’s production of Catch Me If You Can.

Oshkosh West director Bethany Meyer is an Influential Theater Educator nominee.

Schools and recognition recipients will be celebrated during a showcase at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the PAC. Two nominees will be announced as regional representatives to The Jimmy Awards/The National High School Musical Theatre Awards June 13- 24 in New York City.



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Oshkosh police released a video of the alleged suspect tagging a dumpster on the south side of Oshkosh.

Police looking into string of graffiti

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating several graffiti incidents that took place last week on the south side of Oshkosh.

According to OPD, the graffiti tags are in the area of the 1000-1400 blocks of Oregon Street and in the 100 block of West Seventh Avenue. The graffiti was reported on several dumpsters, the backs of street signs, a barrel and on a building and on a window.

“Video surveillance in the area recorded the suspect vandalizing property. Officers are currently working diligently on identifying the individual involved with these complaints,” public affairs officer Kate Mann said.

The department also released surveillance video of the suspect walking through a well-lit parking lot to a dumpster, tagging it and walking away. The police hope releasing the video will help catch the suspect.

The suspect, if caught and charged, would likely face criminal damage to property charges. Wisconsin statute says it can be a misdemeanor or a felony depending



Several graffiti tags are being investigated by Oshkosh police.

on where the graffiti is located. “The impacts of graffiti on our community are multifaceted with broad implications including financial burdens related to cleanup efforts and undermining the aesthetic integrity of our neighborhoods. We urge residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity - See Something, Say Something,” Mann said. If you have any information about these incidents or the individual involved, contact OPD at 920-236-5700.

Attorneys want attempted homicide charge dismissed

Teen allegedly fired gun into or at Oshkosh home

Oshkosh Herald

A Menasha teenager remains in a juvenile detention center as her case makes its way through the criminal justice system.

The 16-year-old suspect allegedly fired a gun into her stepfather’s house on Jefferson Street multiple times in March. The only reported injury was to a dog at the residence, according to court documents.

The suspect is being held on a separate juvenile matter as she faces charges as an adult of one count of first-degree attempted homicide, three counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of intentionally mistreating animals.

The Herald is not naming the teen suspect in this case, as there is a potential for the case to be moved to juvenile court. If the defense decides to appeal the case to be moved to juvenile court and the judge agrees, public access to the case will no longer be available.

Public defenders Ricardo Leon and Brienne Patzer were appointed to the case to defend the Menasha teenager. They filed a motion to have the case dismissed and argued that the witnesses and evidence presented at the preliminary hearing did

not meet the low threshold that a felony was probably committed and the Menasha teen probably committed it.

According to the criminal complaint, around 9:30 p.m. March 14 police arrived at a home in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street. One victim told police the teenager fired a gun through the door multiple times. Court documents state there were at least four people, including two children, in the home at the time.

The teen’s stepfather showed police footage from surveillance cameras allegedly showing the girl banging on his home’s front door while holding a gun. The video shows the teen firing one shot at the storm door of the home, then the teen and another female run onto the sidewalk and the teen fires another three shots toward the home.

K-9 handler officer Cody Rukamp was able to provide medical care for the dog before it was transported to an animal hospital.

A witness provided a statement saying they had driven the Menasha teen to Oshkosh and heard the teen fire three shots. The witness said the teen was the only one they saw with a gun that night and alleged the teen had been drinking.

A hearing is scheduled for later this month to address the defense’s motion to dismiss the case in front of Winnebago County Judge Michael Gibbs.

Suspected fentanyl dealer gets new attorney

Oshkosh Herald

A Milwaukee man facing multiple drug charges including selling fentanyl finally has an attorney for his case that could be going to trial in August.

Jerry Slack, 35, has remained in custody on a \$10,000 cash bond for over a year after being arrested in February 2024.

Sara Christensen is Slack’s fourth attorney in the case, which involves a number of confidential informant drug purchases. During the proceeding Slack’s three previous attorneys all had conflicts of interest from representing one of the confidential informants on separate matters.

The confidential informant’s identities were revealed to each defense lawyer. Their identity will not be made public until the trial when the informants could testify to their actions during the controlled buys.

Slack is facing six felony counts in the case ranging from possession with intent to sell fentanyl, manufacture/deliver cocaine and one count of possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

Christensen was appointed as Slack’s public defender just two weeks before the hearing last week and was not prepared to argue the motion that Slack filed while he



Slack

was acting as his own attorney after his last attorney recused themselves from the case.

According to the criminal complaint, police set up several controlled buys of fentanyl and crack cocaine. The buys took place last year in late January and mid-February. The informants did not know Slack’s name as he was often referred to as “Highway Jay.”

The complaint alleges 12.3 grams of fentanyl and a half gram of cocaine were purchased during the four controlled buys.

On Feb. 19, 2024, the vice and narcotics unit, criminal investigation division and SWAT team had planned to execute search warrants at two residences connected to Slack on West 16th Avenue and the other on Evans Street. Slack was seen walking near Jefferson Street and Irving Avenue, and as he approached his vehicle, an officer told Slack he was under arrest.

Slack allegedly began to run away but was taken into custody. Officers reported finding almost \$4,000 in cash and two phones when searching him.

When officers searched the home, they allegedly found a firearm and ammunition. In the Evans Street apartment police allegedly found 11.7 grams of fentanyl and 2.8 grams of fentanyl pills. A woman inside the apartment told officers Slack would have her package the drugs for delivery.

A plea and sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 30.

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Strong schools have to start with a strong culture

Organizations, be they public or private, tend to grow and evolve in predictable ways.

One of the more popular models for describing the lifecycles of organizations describes five different stages of organizational development.

The first is the startup phase where an organization is new and attempting to find its footing. Then comes the growth phase, where an organization expands and aligns its activities with customer needs.

The maturity phase is where organizations stabilize, and is followed by the decline phase where organizations atrophy. Finally, the renewal or failure phase is where organizations either adapt to changing needs and environments or shut down.

I have been thinking a lot about organizational lifecycles as a way to understand the changing school environment in Oshkosh.

The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) student body is getting more demographically diverse. The challenges facing our students, including the distractions of social media, the rise of AI, the ongoing legacy of the COVID disruption and more, are changing what we expect and need out of our school system.

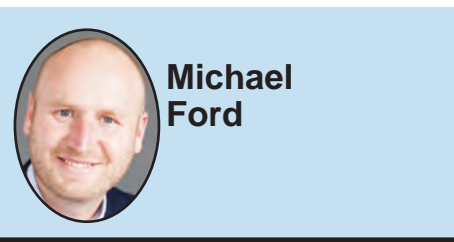
The most visible reminders of these changes are the creation of new schools, including Vel Phillips, Menominee and what will be the third new school at the Shapiro site.

New schools, like any new organization, must overcome the liability of newness faced in the startup phase. Liability of newness simply refers to the litany of challenges facing a new organization attempting to establish itself.

And a new school has no shortage of challenges.

As we are currently seeing in Oshkosh, the first major challenge is public acceptance. People have strong opinions about public education that are rooted in personal experience.

Schools serve as community anchors, and replacing a longstanding institution with which many share a common history is a massive challenge. That challenge is made more difficult given OASD's new schools were approved via contested public referenda.



Michael Ford

To be blunt, many are being asked to support schools they did not want in the first place.

The second major challenge is getting the new school up and running in an efficient manner. While course scheduling, the logistics of student pick-up and drop-off, and staff placements can all be planned out ahead of time, it is inevitable that things that worked on paper prove not to work in practice. The first year of any new school is going to be filled with fits and starts and norms and processes take shape.

Third, and most important, is the establishment of a school culture. Culture for an organization is akin to personality for an individual. As we all know in our personal lives, some personalities are easier to deal with than others.

Some personality traits set people up for success, while others hinder progress. And let's face it, some people have personalities that are difficult to the point where we just want to stay away from them.

While difficult to measure, a good school culture is a defining feature that differentiates a high-performing school from a struggling one. But culture, like personality, takes time to develop.

In cases where there is a degree of public skepticism about a new school, like in

OASD, the timeline for getting culture right is accelerated. So how can new schools develop strong cultures?

It begins with school leadership. Do the principal and senior staff have a clear vision for the school? Do teachers and building staff understand and support that vision?

If so, school activities can be aligned toward common goals. If not, the school will be a mix of priorities and activities that do not add up to progress. From the student standpoint it is important to find ways for them to feel part of something bigger than themselves. Extra-curricular activities like sports and arts are a great way to build community and belonging.

When kids feel part of something, they

will respect it and seek to play a role in its success. When kids do not feel part of a school community, they act out and/or disrespect their surroundings.

As we move forward with new schools in Oshkosh it is important that we articulate what we want these schools' cultures to be and communicate to the public how the cultures will be established. It is not easy to get past the start-up phase, and for the two newest schools in Oshkosh we are still very much in that phase.

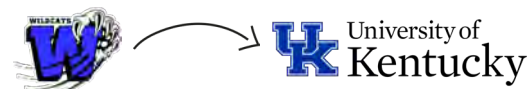
But a strong culture is the foundation for the results our community demands and our kids deserve.

Michael R. Ford is an Oshkosh school board member and director of the Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue

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Highway 91 project to begin work in late May

Roadwork will address deteriorating pavement

Oshkosh Herald

Motorists using Wisconsin Highway 91 will need to find an alternative route if they are traveling between Oshkosh and Berlin after Memorial Day.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be holding a virtual information meeting on the Highway 91 project at 4 p.m. on May 19 for people to learn about the project and ask questions.

The DOT stated the reason for the roadwork is to address deteriorating pavement and failing drainage structures. Approximately 30 culverts need to be replaced along the 14.6 mile stretch of Highway 91 that will be under construction this summer.

The project will span Highway 91 between Wisconsin Highway 116/County M and Wisconsin Highway 44.

Construction is scheduled to begin on May 27 and is expected to be completed by October. Work will be suspended from July 20 to July 28 for EAA AirVenture.

Highway 91 will be closed throughout

the project with limited access to non-local traffic. The DOT has designated a detour for semi-trucks and larger vehicles. The detour will have vehicles go south on County Road M towards Pickett and then take Highway 44 to get to Oshkosh.

Local traffic and passenger vehicles may be able to find a shorter route other than County M to Highway 44 by using the local road system, but heavy semi-trucks and equipment should use the DOT detour route. The construction area will remain open to emergency vehicles, property owners and businesses along the route.

The DOT plans to have much of the roadwork done by July with the road being open with flagging operations until the end of the project.

The DOT said the benefits of the project include an improved, smooth ride for drivers and adding wider shoulders with rumble strips on the shoulder and the centerline. The culvert replacement is anticipated to move water more efficiently in the event of flooding due to significant rainfall.

More information on the construction project, including details on how to attend the May 19 meeting, can be found at projects.511wi.gov/wis91nepe.

Headliners announced for Oshkosh Pride celebration

Oshkosh Herald

Organizers of Oshkosh Pride announced last week that the alt-pop trio Kat and the Hurricane will be the headliners for the upcoming festival.

According to the event organizers, the group is known for their genre-bending

sound and high-energy shows.

Joining them will be The Traveling Suitcase, the Khob Li Cua dance troupe and Jessica Bee and friends.

The annual Pride celebration is scheduled for 2-7 p.m. June 29 at the Leach Amphitheater.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

This year's Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride for Men's Mental Health and Cancer Research is scheduled Sunday in Oshkosh.

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride slated

Oshkosh Herald

Becket's will be hosting the Oshkosh ride for the world's largest motorcycling charity event.

The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride for Men's Mental Health and Cancer Research starts at 10 a.m. Sunday at Becket's, 2 Jackson St. DGR encourages riders to dress dapper and ride classic motorcycles through their cities to raise awareness for these important causes.

Becket's co-owner and local event orga-

Oshkosh Public Library hiring summer intern

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library is hiring a summer intern to explore what a career in libraries looks like.

The intern will work with library staff over the summer on tasks ranging from community outreach to library operations. High school students who are 16 years or older are eligible.

The paid internship is a commitment of 10-15 hours a week from June 9 to Aug. 31. The intern will earn \$14.25/hour over the summer with the position being funded through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The chosen candidate will gain valuable experience exploring library careers, working with teens and kids, supporting

nizer Kris Larson said the Oshkosh ride has been the largest in Wisconsin with over 100 participants in each of the past two years. Larson added nearly \$30,000 in donations has been raised.

This will be the sixth year for the event in Oshkosh. The rides have raised over \$50 million for men's mental health with rides each May in 121 countries and over 500,000 riders.

Registration is free. More information can be found at gentlemenstride.com.

library programs, and completing a Connected Learning Project based on personal interests. Previous projects have included tech workshops, cultural events and teen-focused resources.

The intern will work closely with the youth services staff. During the internship the student will complete a Connected Learning project based on their own personal interests. Some of the past Connected Learning projects include creating a Latinx teen book club and implementing digital literacy training for Chinese-speaking senior citizens.

Applications are due on Thursday, May 15. More information can be found at oshkoshwi.gov and follow the Employment link.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

May 10, 1911

Horses Enjoy Free Lunch at Opera House Square: Concerned citizens are voicing their concern over the situation at the Soldier's Monument in Opera House Square. It seems that drivers of horses are permitting their animals to graze on the tender grass while they are busy attending to business elsewhere. Great care has been taken this spring by city

employees to promote a luxurious growth by keeping the grass watered and evenly cut. Of course, the horses are not to blame as their appetite far exceeds their civic pride. The responsibility falls squarely on the shoulders of the drivers who appear to be indifferent to the matter. The horses have nibbled away at the grass until the general appearance of the monument lawn has been ruined. A local citizen made his concerns known, "I am righteously indignant at the way drivers of horses permit their animals to stand around the enclosure and eat the grass. It is high time this should end!"

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, May 10, 1911

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Lourdes Academy names new elementary/ middle principal

Oshkosh Herald

Daniel Moore has been selected as the new elementary/middle school principal at Lourdes Academy.

Moore, who will begin July 1, brings 28 years of experience to the position. His background includes more than 20 years in various leadership roles, including assistant high school principal, high school principal and elementary school principal in the Oconto Falls school district.



Moore

He also served one year as an assistant

high school principal within the Oshkosh Area School District, three years as a high school principal at the school district of Sturgeon Bay and four years as a high school social studies teacher at the New Holstein school district.

Moore attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh where he received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history along with a bachelor of science degree in broad field social studies. He earned a master of science degree in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison along with a specialist certificate in administrative leadership.

Moore replaces Amy Geffers, who spent 18 years in the position.



File photo

Kids will be able to enjoy another Oshkosh YMCA mud run on Sunday, June 1.

YMCA to host Kids Mud Run June 1

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh YMCA is offering a chance for kids to join in on wet, muddy fun during an upcoming event.

The YMCA says kids ages 4-16 can complete a one-mile course that includes 20 obstacles during the 10th Annual Kids Mud Run at the 20th Ave. YMCA on June 1. Race-day registration will be available.

There will also be a free Mini Mud Run for youth ages 1-3. No registration is required.

Proceeds from the event support the

For All Financial Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to youth, families and individuals for memberships, programs and childcare.

Entertainment includes Ed's DJ Services from noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., along with Mischief Magic from 1-2 p.m. on the stage and a foam zone. Food trucks will be on site.

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Hintz’s vision

FROM PAGE 1

Hintz’s campaign platform focused on collaboration, accountability and restoring public trust after what was seen by some as a rocky few years of county government, marked by an administration that faced criticism for a lack of transparency in the use of federal pandemic relief funds and difficulties in communicating with municipalities.

Now a few weeks in, Hintz is settling into a new role that focuses on evaluating county operations and taking a deliberate approach to issues.

He’s leading the county with one less key staff member than his predecessor. Doemel ran as an Independent for the nonpartisan role, but just days into office, created a new chief of staff position and appointed former Republican communications aide Ethan Hollenberger to fill the newly created role – without County Board approval.

Hollenberger resigned after Doemel’s election loss and chose not to stay on with the new administration. Hintz has yet to hire a replacement.

“We’re sort of evaluating roles and responsibilities,” Hintz said. “There are things that the county is working on, county initiatives (and) some policy initiatives or decisions that may have been priorities for the previous administration, that we will evaluate and decide if that’s the direction we want to continue to go with.”

Hintz plans to deal with long-standing issues facing Winnebago County that require strong intergovernmental relationships and careful fiscal planning. He is prioritizing communicating with municipal leaders, noting the “north-south divide” between communities like Neenah, Menasha, Fox Crossing and Oshkosh.

“The county does need to do a better job of communicating what we are doing as a county with the public, but also with

the municipalities,” he said.

His approach involves bringing county services directly to communities.

“You can’t expect people to come to you,” he said. “We need to do a better job of bringing our services to where people are, especially when people are unfamiliar with what the county does.”

Hintz steps into the role inheriting both the successes and challenges of his predecessor, key among them being the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities campus in Menasha, which is shutting down in June after classes end.

Though jointly owned by both Outagamie and Winnebago counties, Outagamie supervisors were expected to vote Tuesday on approving a deal that would give ownership of the campus to Winnebago in exchange for the contents of the Weis Earth Science Museum, which will be donated to Appleton’s History Museum at the Castle.

Hintz said he shares community members’ disappointment over the loss of both UW Fox Cities and the Weis Museum.

“That said, the collection will remain in the area, and the viable space presents a new opportunity next to the Barlow (Planetarium) for something new, and we will want the creative minds to be involved in that,” he said.

Hintz is optimistic about preserving key community assets at the campus like the planetarium and child care center. Once Winnebago is in sole possession of the property, he plans to hold a forum or community listening session to answer questions, gather input and share information.

The campus acquisition comes with complications. Hintz acknowledged the county will face immediate costs, including utility expenses, while seeking ways to generate revenue and maintain critical services.

The additional expenses come as the county faces the potential of increased debt due to federal funding cuts.

“We’re looking at a loss of funding for programs we currently do have, and then



Photo by Michael Cooney
Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz is shown in his downtown Oshkosh office with a map of the UW Fox Cities campus in front of him.

we’re looking at the potential of more loss of funding for programs that we’ve done for years,” he said. “And then we’ve got things like UW Fox, which are additional increased spending to the budget. You can imagine this is all creating a challenging situation for the county.”

Hintz said Winnebago County remains in a good financial position, with a healthy fund balance for more than a decade.

“That gives us the ability to absorb some cuts, but at the same time, it’s not sustainable,” he said.

Multiple grant-funded programs face potential elimination, including the STAR (Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery) program, which offers recovery resources to jail inmates, and the HELP (Homelessness, Evictions and Loss Prevention) program, which provides homeless prevention services. Public health vending

machines in Neenah and Oshkosh that dispense overdose-reversing Narcan could also be on the chopping block.

“Local government is sort of the last line of resort in terms of the services that we provide,” Hintz said. “If we’re faced with a lot of federal cuts, we need to do our best to try to protect the public from those impacts.”

Hintz acknowledged that the county has unappropriated Spirit Funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). According to the county’s Spirit Fund Dashboard, about \$8.9 million is still available. However, Hintz is uncertain whether the one-time ARPA funds can be used for expenses, or if the costs would need to come from the existing fund balance, noting those decisions will need to be made by the Board of Supervisors.

While major shifts like the closure of UW Fox Cities and potential funding cuts will challenge the county, Hintz remains focused on what lies ahead. For him, these issues are opportunities in areas like redevelopment, housing and regional collaboration, where the county can take an active role in shaping its future.

The county is also facing decisions about its facility infrastructure. Hintz said he is skeptical about a proposed plan under Doemel to centralize county services to one campus, citing potential negative impacts on downtown Oshkosh and service accessibility.

“It’s hard to imagine human services providing their services in the middle of nowhere,” he said. “It’s hard to imagine three large abandoned former county buildings in downtown Oshkosh and the loss of workers without it having a negative impact on the city.”

Despite the obstacles, Hintz remains optimistic.

“I’d like to bring some structure back to county government,” he said. “What I mean is getting our departments to collectively share the county’s mission of service by really working together again and feeling supported by the administration.”

Lawsuit dismissed

FROM PAGE 1

tired at the end of her term in Aug. 2024 and that is when Rust inherited the case. Attorneys for the city argued in that first motion to dismiss that the city was not properly served with the entire complaint

from a process server.

Basiliere stated it could not have been the plaintiff’s fault that the papers were not served in their entirety and added that the paperwork was available online for the city to review.

Vanderloop argued that the city attempting to get the case dismissed for this reason wasted the court’s time and the

plaintiffs’ money.

“This is why people hate lawyers; in no world would it be equitable for these poor people living on Clairville to have to pay this shocking and ridiculous assessment to this kind of alleged mistake,” Vanderloop argued during a hearing in June.

Attorneys for the city filed a second motion to dismiss the case on the grounds that the plaintiffs missed the state requirement of appealing the special assessment within 90 days.

In a November court filing, Vanderloop called the city’s claim to dismiss the lawsuit a waste of time.

“The motion to dismiss for the alleged minor procedural issue is, and was, a waste of everyone’s time,” Vanderloop wrote.

Special assessments

In 2024, the Oshkosh Common Council, after years of discussion, eliminated special assessments for road projects. In the past, the high costs of special assessments could lead property owners to pay upwards of \$10,000 to \$20,000 for projects in the city.

The residents on Clairville Road, located on the city’s west side, were all assessed between \$18,000 and \$57,000 due to the size of the lots in the more rural part of the city compared to lot sizes in the more densely populated areas of the city.

The council approved replacing the high-priced special assessments with a vehicle registration fee that went into effect in July 2024 in addition to increasing utility rates.

The vehicle registration fee, often called a wheel tax, is \$35 for every passenger ve-

hicle registered within the city limits. The council also voted to increase utility rates to help cover the cost of the special assessments.

City staff estimated the fee would generate around \$1.5 million. The annual total cost of special assessments averages around \$3.75 million, so the city also increased utility rates to cover the remaining costs.

However, Clairville Road residents would have received the same special assessment because the Clairville project included installing new water utilities as the properties were being brought onto the Oshkosh water system.

After the special assessment estimates were mailed to Clairville residents, some were outraged. Steve Foust, who is a plaintiff in the case, told the council last November the assessments were “totally insane.”

Foust received an assessment for \$170,000 for his property on Clairville Road.

“Not a single landowner along (Clairville Road) needs it and you’re destroying our lives,” Foust said.

Clairville annexation

The section of Clairville Road from State 91 to West 20th Avenue was annexed from the town of Algoma in 2024. This annexation was part of an agreement between the city of Oshkosh and Algoma in 2004.

The 2004 agreement states that in 20 years the area will be developable, as at the time it was “mostly vacant farmland.” It continues that land north of 20th Avenue will likely be developed into residential areas and south of 20th Avenue could possibly be targeted for industrial use.

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Calendar of events

Thursday, May 15

Carden International Circus, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Friday, May 16

Bike to Work Day, 7 a.m., Opera House Square
Bare Bones Comedy Night, 7:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Saturday, May 17

Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum grounds
BikeOsh 2025, 9 a.m., Lakeshore Park
Festival of Spring, Paine Arts Center & Gardens, 9 a.m.
Ruby's Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Rd.
Wisconsin Water City Wrestling Con, 3:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Fox Cities Roller Derby, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, May 18

Van Dyne Country Breakfast, 8 a.m., Van Dyne Lions Park
Distinguished Gentleman's Ride For Men's Mental Health and Cancer Research, 10 a.m., Becket's Restaurant
Clash at the Theater – UWO Student Short Film Showcase, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Tuesday, May 20

Oshkosh Silent Book Club, 5:45 p.m., Planet Perk Cafe, 100 City Center C

Wednesday, May 21

EAA AirVenture Hiring Event, 4-7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
Modern Jungles: A Hmong Refugee's Childhood Story of Survival, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library
Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, May 22

Climate Reality, 6 p.m., Oshkosh

Public Library

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: The 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
Little Mania Wrestling, 7 p.m., Sunnyview Exposition Center

Saturday, May 24

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Menominee Park Zoo Opening Day, 9 a.m.
Quad Con Oshkosh Toy and Comic Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, May 25

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Monday, May 26

DAV name reading, 7 a.m., South Park Veterans Memorial
AMVETS Auxiliary ceremony, 8 a.m., Riverside Park
Procession and memorial service, 9 a.m., Algoma Blvd. to Riverside Cemetery
Memorial Day Brat Fry - Sons of the American Legion Squadron 70, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., American Legion Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Wednesday, May 28

Military Veterans Museum & Education Center's Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne

Saturday, May 31

CARRnival for Kids, 10 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.
Monsters in May Event at the Time, 11:30 a.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Wednesday, June 4

Golf to Give Outing for the Oshkosh Area United Way, 7:30 a.m., Westhaven Golf Club, 1400 S. Westhaven Dr.
Music on Main featuring The Water City Jazz Orchestra, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Friday, June 6

Food Truck Friday, 4:30 p.m., South Park

Saturday, June 7

Local Author Children's Book Fair, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center



Christopher Koehler (left) is shown in the courtroom May 1 with his attorney.

Contractor fraud case sentencing postponed

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Fond du Lac contractor accused of taking payments for construction work he never completed was in court May 1 for a sentencing hearing that was rescheduled to June as the defense works out a restitution agreement.

Christopher Koehler, 45, owner of Elite Construction, faces two felony theft charges in Winnebago County after business owners in Oshkosh and Neenah reported paying him a combined \$38,486 for work that remained unfinished or was never started at all.

Koehler was hired in 2022 to repair the roof and replace windows at Satori Imports in Oshkosh, and to install new windows at The Tailored Hide in Neenah after a drunk driver crashed into the building. Both business owners told police they paid large deposits and spent two years trying to get Koehler to follow through, only to be met with repeated excuses and delays.

One of the victims, Kay Bahr, wrote in an impact statement that the historic building housing Satori Imports suffered further damage while waiting for repairs. The other, Leeann Wasinger, said she lost significant retail space and had to delay retirement due to the financial hit.

Koehler admitted to an investigator that he used the money from the Neenah and Oshkosh jobs to cover a separate siding project in Jackson, which he claimed became his priority. Neither business has received a refund.

Koehler also faces a separate contractor theft charge in Fond du Lac County involving between \$5,000 and \$10,000. He is scheduled to appear in court June 4 in that case, and June 11 in Winnebago County, with plea and sentencing hearings set for both.

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Jaber has been hitting machine for Lourdes Academy

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Reagan Jaber takes a simple, uncomplicated approach to hitting. She comes out swinging. That aggressive style has helped the Lourdes Academy infielder become one of the toughest outs in the Trailway-East Conference.

Jaber has been a highly productive hitter the past four years and seems to be saving her best softball for her senior season. Her batting average was a ridiculous .706 after eight games with an on-base percentage of .737 and an off-the-charts slugging percentage of 1.118.

“I really don’t wait for the perfect pitch,” she said. “Anything close and I’m swinging.”

The swing-away approach has helped Jaber compile .300-plus batting averages in each of her four seasons at Lourdes. She hit a robust .480 as a junior, while leading the Knights in RBI (21) and stolen bases (11). Even as an underclass performer, Jaber was punishing pitchers, hitting .390 (with eight steals and 11 RBI) as a sophomore and .313 (with nine steals and 12 RBI) as a freshman.

“I just love to hit,” said Jaber, who received all-Trailways-East honorable mention last season. “Consistency is what I strive for and I’m not just looking to get on base. I’m looking to deliver big hits.”

Jaber – a right-handed hitter with speed and power - is delivering more than her share of big hits. She is also anchoring the Knights’ infield defense at shortstop: a new position for her after playing first base and outfield her previous three seasons.

“Shortstop is a position I had never played before, so I’m learning as I go,” Jaber said. “It’s an athletic position with a lot of responsibility and a lot of balls come your way. I’m really enjoying that.”

Jaber is one of only two seniors on a youthful Knights’ team and is a team captain. She embraces the leadership role she has taken on.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Reagan Jaber is a three-sport athlete at Lourdes Academy who has excelled on the softball diamond during her career.

“Reagan is not only a great ballplayer through her talents, but through her leadership abilities,” said Lourdes coach Kadence Saladin. “She is always communicating and helping her teammates out, whether they’re asking for help or if she notices the need for it. She takes the initiative to support her teammates any way she can. She’s the type of student, player and teammate that you’re proud to have in class and on your roster.”

Jaber is a three-sport athlete at Lourdes. She lettered in volleyball for four years, playing a key role as a defensive specialist. She was also a two-year letterwinner

in basketball. Softball, though, is her preferred sport.

“I’ve been playing softball for so long – since I was four or five,” said Jaber. “It’s such a team sport. Just hearing your teammates cheer and support you when you step to the plate, I love that.”

“I’ve played a lot of volleyball over the years, too, starting when I was nine. Basketball was probably more of a fun sport for me. I did it when I was younger, then stopped. But I came back out when Ali Starr came back as coach because I had always heard it was really exciting to play for her.”

Senior Spotlight

Softball has always been big in Jaber’s family. Reagan’s mother, Carie (Ewert) Sommerfeld, was a second baseman for Oakfield’s highly successful softball program during her prep days.

“Softball is pretty big at Oakfield and I believe they went to state a few times when my mom was there,” Jaber said. “Ever since I was young, she’s always worked with me off the field and she will give me good advice on what I can improve on. My older sister, Ali, also played softball at Lourdes for a few years and my grandma played softball, too.”

Jaber is reluctantly nearing the finish line of her career as a competitive softball player.

A strong student with a 3.5 grade-point average, Jaber will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall where she plans to major in psychology.

“Psychology really interests me and Kentucky has a really good psychology program,” she said. “I really want to understand why people think the way they do. I like to try and figure people out. That’s something I’d love to be able to do the rest of my life – just understanding why the brain works the way it does.”

“Going to such a big school that is so far away is a little intimidating, but I’m very definitely excited. It will give some good independence.”

Jaber might dabble in some intramural softball or volleyball, but won’t be playing college sports.

“I’m really going to miss softball – it’s always been my favorite sport,” she said. “I might keep playing volleyball at some level. I really enjoy playing beach (volleyball) and I think my friends and I might get into some tournaments this summer.”

“Volleyball is kind of a life-long sport that you can always play in a rec or bar league. I would love to be able to play it with my kids someday.”




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Miscues haunt Oshkosh West in loss to Watertown

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The signs are there that the Oshkosh West softball team is capable of turning a corner and being a force as the conference season comes to a close and the WIAA postseason tournament begins.

But there are also the struggles that continue to haunt the Wildcats when they take the diamond.

West pounded out nine hits and made some sparkling defensive plays against a Watertown squad that is just outside the top 10 rankings in Division 1 but also committed five errors that led to seven unearned runs in a 13-5 nonconference loss on Saturday.

“That’s the story of our season right now and we just talked about it,” West head coach Tim Kohl said after the game. “We made some great plays today but we make it tough to pitch for this team when we are giving up two or three extra base runners every other inning. We have to figure that out.”

Centerfielder Colleen Fitzpatrick made a sensational diving catch after earlier throwing out a runner at third base to end a scoring threat by the Goslings.

Right fielder Skylin Quella and second baseman Kylie Hielsberg also made diving catches in the game, while Quella joined Fitzpatrick in notching an outfield assist in the game.

Yet, it’s the defensive hiccups that proved to be too much to overcome and have hampered the Wildcats throughout the season.

“We just have to catch and throw the ball – some of the fundamentals,” Kohl said. “If we are going to give up seven or eight runs off of three or four errors every game, that’s going to be tough to overcome.”

West does field one of the youngest lineups in the Fox Valley Association with only one senior starter and only two seniors on the entire roster.

With the bulk of the roster sophomores, Kohl expected there to be some growing pains this season but at this point of the season was hoping to lean on the experience the team has gained thus far.

“We are growing and we are learning but when are we going to be that better team?” Kohl said. “I thought we were there. We just have to compete better. That’s something we were doing earlier but that’s something now other teams are getting better at and we just aren’t on the same curve of getting better.”

West and Watertown are in the same WIAA Division 1 sectional and could meet again down the road and Kohl said



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West third baseman Avarie Tritt goes to put the tag on a Watertown runner to record an out to end the second inning on Saturday.

his team can learn from Saturday’s loss. “We can use what we learned here to hopefully face them again in the playoffs. We try to play a tough schedule for that reason,” Kohl said. “We are going to do everything we can to be ready if we see them in the playoffs.”

Watertown struck first against West, scoring four runs in the first inning and taking a 7-0 lead after three frames.

The Wildcats then got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Izzy Kramer led off with a double to the fence in left-center field and Emmy Reichenberger followed with a double to the gap in right-center.

Two batters later, Sam Frank’s ground out scored courtesy-runner Peyton Dorn for the second run of the inning.

Then, in the fifth, Quella blooped a double down the left-field line and scored when Hielsberg followed with a single up the middle to trim Watertown’s lead to 7-3.

Hielsberg finished 2-for-3 in the game and has been swinging a hot bat of late for the Wildcats.

“It’s good to see Kylie succeed and couldn’t happen to a better player,” Kohl said. “You like that in the No. 9 spot (in the batting order) but you start to think that maybe we have to get her up in the

order and get her on for some of the other hitters to hit it her in.”

The four-run margin would be as close as the Wildcats would get though as Watertown tacked on six runs – only one of which was an earned run – in its final two at bats to extend the lead.

Kramer, who also chipped in a pair of hits in the game, drove in two runs with a single up the middle in the bottom of the

seventh to account for the Wildcats’ final runs.

Fitzpatrick also finished with two hits for West.

“There are plenty of good things about this team,” Kohl said. “We have girls who can hit with power, we have speed on the bases, we have three young pitchers. I hope teams are going to overlook us moving forward.”

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TENNIS

Valley/Lourdes captures conference crown

Danny Kunde and Brady Day each captured singles titles and Valley Christian/Lourdes Academy finished off the Wisconsin Combined Tennis Conference title on Saturday in Beaver Dam.

The Warriors finished with 75 points between the conference tournament and season dual meets to finish eight ahead of Wayland Academy for the title. The conference also includes St. Mary’s Springs and St. Lawrence Seminary.

Kunde defeated Gavin Slinde of St. Mary’s Springs in the championship match at No. 1 singles, while Brady Day dropped only one game to win the title at the No. 3 singles flight.

The Warriors’ No. 1 doubles team of Dawson Miller and Sam Vilski placed second as did Ethan Millar at No. 2 singles and Zikri Kallio and Briana Mueller at No. 3 doubles. Earning third place medals were Maliha Demler at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Bella Birr and Sebio Maldonado.

North finishes 1-2 at Beaver Dam invite

The Spartans cruised to a 5-2 win over host Beaver Dam to finish 1-2 on Saturday at the Beaver Dam invite.

Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski rebounded from a first set loss to win at No. 1 singles against Beaver Dam, while Nico Flandin at No. 2 singles and Kallum Larson-Poeschel at No. 3 singles also picked up wins.

Quasi Alaqwasmi and Payton Rockteschel at the No. 2 flight and Gavin Poquette and Shepherd Johnson at the No. 3 flight added doubles wins.

The Spartans lost a close tussle with Hartford, 4-3, as Flandin and Larson-Poeschel collected singles wins and Alaqwasmi and Rockteschel notched a win at No. 2 doubles.

Oshkosh North then fell to Sheboygan North, 6-1, with Larson-Poeschel pulling out a three-set win at No. 3 singles for the Spartans’ only win.

North also picked up a 5-2 win over Appleton West during the week, sweeping all three doubles matches in straight sets to key the win.

Brannick Larson and David Tjugum at the No. 1 flight, Alaqwasmi and Rockteschel at the No. 2 flight and Poquette and Johnson at the No. 3 flight posted the doubles wins for North. Larson-Poeschel at the No. 3 flight and Allan Koji at the No. 4 flight notched singles wins.

West posts pair of FVA dual meet wins

The Wildcats knocked off Appleton North on Thursday and Appleton West on Friday by identical 5-2 margins last week.

Against the Terrors, the three West doubles teams lost only four games total to key the victory. Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner won at the No. 1 flight, while Quenten Prickett and Jacob Lemke at No. 2 doubles and Isaiah Wilson and Jordan Schroeder at No. 3 doubles also collected easy wins.

Kole Stauffacher at No. 3 singles and Jace Koepsell at No. 4 singles also posted wins.

In the win over the Lightning, Prickett at No. 3 singles and Koepsell at No. 4 singles each won three-set matches to help boost the Wildcats to the win.

Jacob Stinski picked up a straight-set

win at No. 1 singles, while Stauffacher and Yoseff Edsell at No. 1 doubles and Potter and Steiner at No. 2 doubles were also winners.

TRACK AND FIELD

Williams, relays pace North boys at invite

Devon Williams won a pair of events, while Oshkosh North also earned a pair of relay wins as it finished third in the large school division at the Seymour Invitational last Thursday.

Williams finished first with teammate Joshua Zietlow taking second in the 200 meters. He also led three Spartans in the top five in the 400 meters, taking first in that event with Jaykwon Jones finishing third and Cooper Snell taking fifth.

North also won the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with the foursome of Evan Auler, Jamare Scott, Zietlow and Tyler Farnsworth. Scott added a victory in the 100 meters with Auler taking fourth.

The Spartans were also second in the 3,200-meter relay.

Andrew Oehler placed in the top five in both throwing events taking second in the discus and fourth in the shot put. Harrison Bell finished third in both the 110-meter hurdles and long jump, while Jones added a fourth place in the long jump.

Other top five finishers for the Spartans were: Jay Weber, third in the 3,200 meters; Jose Diaz, third in the 300-meter hurdles; Reid Anderson, fourth in the 800 meters; and Tremaine Chapman, fourth in the 110-meter hurdles.

The North girls, who finished sixth in the team standings, were led by Lehna Mitchell, who placed first in the 3,200 meters.

Noelle Dutscheck picked up a second place in the discus and a fifth place in the shot put. Dahlyla Darden finished third in the 100 meters, Promise Shehi was fourth in the triple jump and Savannah Rust in the 100-meter hurdles, Ariana McDowell in the 300-meter hurdles and Lanie Zellmer in the triple jump were each fifth.

The Spartans also finished fourth in the 400-meter relay.

Lourdes Academy girls take third at Freedom

Erin Moore and Annie Moore each posted individual wins and the Knights also placed first in a pair of relays to take a close fourth among 13 teams at the Freedom Invitational last week.

Erin Moore earned her win in the 800 meters, finishing more than 15 seconds ahead of the rest of the field in her victory. Annie Moore also had a dominant showing in winning the 3,200 meters.

The Knights also claimed a victory in the 1,600-meter relay with a quartet of Natasha Konop, Erin Moore, Dasha Averkamp and Kylie Rietz, while the foursome of Annie Moore, Averkamp, Allison Stromske and Erin Moore won the 3,200-meter relay by nearly a minute.

Konop added second-place finishes in both hurdle events for the Knights, while Rietz in the 200 meters and Bree Kane in the high jump were each fourth. Lourdes also finished fourth in the 800-meter relay and fifth in the 400-meter relay.

The boys had a trio of top-five finishers at the meet as Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters, Henry Spanbauer in the 3,200 meters and Mat Yaggie in the 300-meter hurdles were each fourth.

Valley Christian shines in relays at invite

The Valley Christian boys won three

relay races, while the girls added another win at the Hilbert Invitational last Friday.

Joshua Johnson, Brady Patterson and Isaiah Hyvonen were a part of all three relay wins for the Warriors, while Landon Loeck rounded the winning teams in the 400-meter and 800-meter relays and Ethan Robson completed the foursome on the winning 1,600-meter relay team.

Loeck in the 100 meters and Ho-su Isom in the 300-meter hurdles added wins for the Warriors, while Jonah Menet took second in the 3,200 meters and third in the 1,600 meters for Valley Christian.

The girls’ relay win came in the 800-meter relay with a team of Haley Hill, Made-lynn Busch, Raven Meyer and Alaina Wojtowski. The Warriors were also second in the 400-meter relay.

Wojtowski added a second place in the 100 meters while Mya Moran finished third in the 800 meters.

The girls finished sixth among the 10 teams at the invite with the boys placing fourth.

West boasts three top finishers at FVA Relays

Oshkosh West had a trio of top individual finishers as both the boys and girls placed sixth at the Fox Valley Association relays last week.

Sydnee Nelson posted the top time in the girls 100-meter hurdles, while Kayana Turner had the longest leap in the girls triple jump for West.

Landen Egnoski finished first in the boys pole vault, clearing 13-feet, 6-inches while no other competitor cleared a height higher than 11 feet.

Emma Liebergen added a third-place finish in the triple jump and Camile Phillips finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles for West. The Wildcats also finished third in both the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

The West boys had three of the top six finishers in the 1,600 meters with Celso Collins taking second, Carter Crowe finishing fifth and Juan Collins taking sixth. Clark Howell and Jackson Kasper finished second and fourth, respectively, in the triple jump, while Colden Searles tied for second in the pole vault and Kasper in the long jump and Connor Gibbs in the high jump each placed sixth.

West also finished fourth in the distance medley relay.

The North boys, who placed ninth overall, won both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with Evan Auler, Jamare Scott, Josh Zietlow and Dalton Clark making up both relay teams. The Spartans also placed fifth in the 1,600-meter relay.

Jay Weber took third in the 1,600 meters, Andrew Oehler was fourth in the discus and Harrison Bell finished sixth in the 110-meter hurdles.

The North girls were led by a second-place finish in the 1,600 meters from Lehna Mitchell while the Spartans were also fifth in the 800-meter relay.

Warriors, Knights notch wins at Trailways Duals

Both Valley Christian and Lourdes Academy racked up plenty of victories at the Trailways Duals held last week at Horicon.

The Valley Christian boys went 4-1 in duals on the night with Joshua Johnson leading the way. Johnson finished first in both the triple jump and long jump and then teamed with Isaiah Hyvonen, Ethan Robson and Landon Loeck in winning the 400-meter relay.

Loeck in the 100 meters, Hyvonen

in the 200 meters, Ho-su Isom in the 110-meter hurdles and Ben Curtis in the discus were each second, while Brady Patterson in the 400 meters, Jonah Menet in the 3,200 meters and Isom in the 300-meter hurdles each took third.

Valley Christian also took second in the 3,200-meter relay and third in the 1,600-meter relay.

The Lourdes Academy boys finished 3-2 in duals and got wins from Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters, Mat Yaggie in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles and the 800-meter relay team of David Agosto, Brett Maki, Quin Ruark and Isaak Rucinski.

Rucinski in the long jump, Matthew Loker in the triple jump and Zach Foster in the 800 meters were each second, while Kapral in the 100 meters, Johnny Santiago in the 200 meters and Henry Spanbauer in the 1,600 meters were each third.

The Knights also took second in both the 400-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

The Lourdes Academy girls dominated the meet, winning all five dual meets at the event.

Four Knights each won two individual events to highlight the meet. Dasha Averkamp won both the 400 and 800 meters, Erin Moore won the 1,600 and 3,200 meters, Natasha Konop won the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles and Bree Kane finished first in both the high jump and triple jump.

Kylie Rietz and Christina Agosto posted a 1-2 finish in the 100 meters, Annie Moore was second in the 800 meters and Kane also picked up a third place in the long jump.

The Knights also won three relays at the meet with Kane, Sabur Machiros, Rietz and Monse Luquin winning the 800-meter relay; Rietz, Konop, Annie Moore and Erin Moore placing first in the 1,600-meter relay; and Annie Moore, Averkamp, Tessia Mroczkowski and Allison Stromske winning the 3,200-meter relay.

The Knights were also third in the 400-meter relay.

Valley Christian finished 3-2 in girls duals with Alaina Wojkowski in the 100 meters and Anna Giannopoulos in the discus placing first in their respective events.

Mya Moran in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters and Lizzie Fink in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles each earned a pair of third-place finishes.

The Warriors were also second in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays.

SOCCER

Wildcats edge Spartans in crosstown matchup

Oshkosh West continued its winning ways with a 2-1 win over rival Oshkosh North in a Fox Valley Association match last Tuesday.

The Wildcats got goals from Ava Pamer and Lyla Wesenberg in the match, while Mykayla Werner and McKenzie Blair each finished with assists.

Emma Last got the win in goal for the Wildcats.

The Spartans’ goal came from Emaly Duran with Elaina Wojahn picking up the assist. Olivia Dennis finished with 12 saves in goal.

West extends unbeaten streak with win

The Wildcats scored a 2-0 win over De Pere on Friday to extend their unbeaten streak to seven games. West is 6-0-1 during that span after starting the year 1-3.

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Blair and Ellianna Noe tallied the goals for the Wildcats,

Last finished with nine saves to earn the shutout win.

North collects win over Seymour

Emaly Duran and Ava Duran each scored as Oshkosh North collected a 2-1 win over Seymour in a nonconference matchup last Thursday.

Jazmine Krebs picked up the lone assist in the game for the Spartans.

Olivia Dennis (3 saves) and Autumn Shelton (1 save) combined for the win in goal.

Lourdes/Valley pulls away for victory

The Knights racked up three-second half goals to pull away for a 4-0 win over Wayland Academy last Thursday.

Four different players scored for Lourdes/Valley as Allie Huizenga, Ellie Koch, Amy Willis and Sarah Hafemeister each scored in the match for the Knights.

Taylin Mecklenberg earned the shutout in net for Lourdes/Valley.

Earlier in the week, the Knights dropped a 1-0 decision to Mayville in a Flyway Conference tilt.

GOLF

Knights play through busy week

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian capped off a busy week by finishing fourth at a Trailways mini-meet held at Fox Lake Golf Course on Friday.

Jackson Buttke shot a 42 to lead the Knights, while Conner Hamill followed with a 48. Ian Simmons and Kaden Okon rounded out the scoring roster with 50 and 53, respectively, as Lourdes/Valley finished with a 193.

On Thursday, the Knights competed at the Adams-Friendship Green Devil Invitational where they finished with a team score of 383.

Lucas Neuens with an 85 and Buttke with an 86 led the way for Lourdes/Valley, while Hamill finished with a 102 and Olivia Gelhar carded a 110.

The Knights had another Trailways mini-meet on Tuesday where they finished third at Old Hickory Golf Course in Beaver Dam.

Lourdes/Valley finished with a team score of 202 – finishing two shots ahead of Randolph – with Buttke leading the way with a 46, followed by Hamill with a 49, Okon with a 52 and Neuens with a 55.

Wildcats fall short in FVA dual meet

Billy Berg led the way for Oshkosh West with a 40 as the Wildcats dropped a Fox Valley Association dual meet to Appleton West, 160-169, at Winagamie Golf Course.

Tyler Mellgren added a 41and Jaxen Lloyd had a 43, while Lincoln Houle and Eli Gelhar each carded 45s for the Wildcats.

On Thursday, Oshkosh West participated in the Manitowoc Invitational at Autumn Ridge and placed 10th among the 17 schools with a score of 373.

Landon Brewer had the low round for the Wildcats with an 88, followed by Lloyd with a 91, Parker Gerlach with a 93 and Collin Carns with a 101.

West also participated in the Markesan Invitational last week and finished with a score of 332 to take third among 26 teams at Lawsonia.

Houle led the Wildcats with a round of 80 to finish in a tie for sixth place. Gerlach was the next lowest scorer for West with an 83, while Mellgren had an 84 and Lloyd finished with an 85.

Seeley, Loewe lead North golfers at invite

Warren Seeley and Wesley Loewe each finished in the top 15 to lead Oshkosh North to a fifth-place finish at the Manitowoc Invitational held at Autumn Ridge last Thursday.

The Spartans finished with a score of 343 in the 17-team invitational, two shots behind Notre Dame and five behind Neenah. Bay Port took the team title with a 323.

Seeley tied for 10th place overall with an 83, while Loewe was in a tie for 13th place with an 84 to lead North. Owen Weber added an 86 and Brady Anderson rounded out North's scoring golfers with a 90.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans fell to Fond du Lac in FVA dual meet at Rolling Meadows, 155-168.

Weber and Loewe each shot 41s to lead the Spartans, while Jack Anderson added a 42 and Seeley finished with a 45.

The Spartans also came up short in a dual meet with Appleton North last week, despite Weber tying for medalist honors with a 37.

Loewe added a 40, Brady Anderson had a 44 and Jack Anderson finished at 45 as the Spartans finished with a team score of 166 compared to a 154 carded by the Lightning.

SOFTBALL

Spartans ride big first inning to win

Oshkosh North erupted for four runs in the first inning and held on to beat Appleton East, 6-5, in a Fox Valley Association game on Friday.

The Spartans pounded out 15 hits in the game, with Emma Niemczyk, Olivia Borowitz and Anna Borst tallying three hits apiece. Kara Cummings and Sophia Fabiano each chipped in two hits.

Borowitz and Ella Seely each drove in a pair of runs in the game for North.

Brooke Peters scattered six hits over seven innings and allowed only one earned run in the game. She walked one and struck out one to earn the win.

North dropped a hard-fought 3-1 game to Neenah on Thursday as the Rockets scored twice in the third inning to break

a 1-1 tie.

Niemczyk and Peters each had two hits in the game, while Borowitz drove in North's only run with a double in the first inning that scored Niemczyk.

Cummings struck out two over seven innings, surrendering eight hits while only one of the runs the Rockets scored was earned.

The Spartans also earned an FVA win with a 12-1 victory over Appleton West. Borowitz finished 4-of-5, including a double and a triple, and drove in two runs to pace the Spartans' 16-hit attack.

Niemczyk, Peters and Dory Butzlaff chipped in a pair of hits, while Sophia Housworth drove in three runs in the win. Niemczyk notched a home run in the game for the Spartans.

Wildcats drop pair of FVA games last week

Oshkosh West managed just three hits in falling to Fond du Lac, 11-1, on Friday in an FVA contest.

Colleen Fitzpatrick scored in the top of the first for West, but Fond du Lac scored in the bottom of the inning to tie the score, added two more runs in the second and then broke the game open with seven runs in the third.

Fitzpatrick, Averie Tritt and Lilly Peter-son had the hits in the game for West.

The day before the Wildcats took a 3-0 lead in the first against Appleton North, but the Lightning scored in each of their final four at bats to hand West a 7-3 loss.

Fitzpatrick and Izzy Kramer each had two hits in the game, while Tritt and Sam Frank each picked up RBIs for the Wildcats.

West opened the week with an 11-1 win over Appleton East, plating five runs in the second inning and six in the third to collect the win.

Emmy Reichenberger finished 3-for-3 and drove in five runs to pace the Wild-cats' offense, while Kylie Hielsberg added three hits and two RBIs. Tritt and Frank also chipped in two hits apiece in the win.

Tritt and Alexia Monroe combined to allow just five hits in the game, while Monroe finished with three strikeouts in two innings.

Lourdes Academy battles through tough week

The Knights were unable to score a run in three losses last week.

Grace Meyers had the only hit in a 15-0 loss to Princeton/Green Lake to start the

week.

Lourdes Academy then dropped a doubleheader to Dodgeland/Hustisford by scores of 20-0 and 19-0. Nomi Bolorsukh had the only hit in the first game, while Libby Guerrero and Brynn McKone each had hits in the second game for the Knights.

BASEBALL

Knights can't hold early lead in loss

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian built a 7-3 lead, but Hustisford/Dodge-land rallied back and scratched out a run in the bottom of the ninth inning to hand the Knights a 12-11 loss on Thursday.

After taking the early lead, Lourdes/Valley needed to score two runs in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 11 but wouldn't be able to score against as Hus-tisford/Dodgeland was able to pull out the win.

Nolan Gibson and Brady Bauer each finished with three hits and two RBIs in the game, while Parker Slusarski drove in three runs.

Bauer allowed just four hits and two runs while striking out five in four innings of relief, but took the loss for the Knights.

The Knights put together a six-run sixth inning against Hustisford/Dodgeland ear-lier in the week but that was the only in-ning they scored in a 14-6 loss. Lourdes/Valley also lost to Hustisford/Dodgeland, 16-7, on Friday.

The Knights opened the week with a 12-2 loss to Princeton/Green Lake.

Wildcats top Patriots to snap losing skid

Oshkosh West pulled out a 10-8 win over Appleton East on Friday to snap a five-game losing streak.

On Thursday, the Wildcats dropped an 11-1 loss to Neenah, with Eddy Schroeder and Landon Ubrig each finishing with two hits in the game. Ian Reichenberger drove in West's only run in the game.

West also lost a 9-8 decision to Apple-ton West earlier in the week.

North suffers trio of FVA losses

The Spartans were dealt losses in three conference games last week.

North lost to Appleton West, 11-0, on Friday after losing to Hortonville, 13-2, and Kaukauna, 1-0, earlier in the week.



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Obituaries

Laura L. Todd

Laura L. Todd, age 59, of Oshkosh, WI, passed peacefully from this life to the next



on May 11, 2025, surrounded by her family after a long and courageous battle with illness.

Laura was born Laura Durkee on March 28, 1966, in Two Harbors, MN to Rachel and Robert

Durkee. She later gained a loving second father, Albert “Al” Hanisko, who played a special role in her life.

She earned her MBA from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where, while working at Hardee’s, she met the love of her life, Jeff Todd. Laura and Jeff built a life rooted in love, laughter, and adventure. They shared a passion for hunting, fishing, long scenic drives, and quiet weekends at their campsite in Wild Rose — especially when their kids came along for the fun.

Laura was smart, driven, and had a sense of humor that could light up an en-

tire room. She believed she could do anything she set her mind to — and she was right. She spent 7 years working in Human Resources and Workman’s Comp at a Residential Care facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. For 25 years, she served as a Technical Support Supervisor with Winnebago County, where she was known for her work ethic and her wit.

Outside of work, Laura had an eye for design and a deep love for home improvement projects. She could outwork anyone on a remodeling job and still find time to roast a mean batch of coffee. She cheered loudly for the Badgers, loved traveling with her family, and especially treasured her most recent trip to Hawaii — one that brought her so much peace and joy.

But the very best day of Laura’s life was July 15, 2023 — the day she became a grandma. The moment she met Steele Garrett Petraszak, she was smitten. Steele brought an entirely new kind of happiness to her life. She adored snuggling him, reading to him, and watching him discover the world. They shared a deep bond — Steele was the President of Laura’s Admiration

Society, and she was most definitely the President of his.

Laura loved deeply and gave endlessly to her family. She was so proud of her son Justin, her partner-in-golf and her steady source of pride. She loved supporting her daughter Sydney in business and life — whether that meant helping with DIY projects or just being her constant cheerleader.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 36 years, Jeff Todd; son, Justin Todd; daughter, Sydney Todd, and her fiancé Garrett Petraszak and her grandson, Steele, the light of her life. She is also survived by her mother Rachel Hanisko; siblings Jim Durkee (Sherry), DuWayne (Mary) Hanisko, and Aaron (Lori) Hanisko; in-

laws David and Susan Todd; sisters-in-law Jennifer Clavette and Emily Todd; niece Sarah (Andrew) Engel and their children Calvin, Wesley, and Isla; nephew Steffen Clavette; and many other beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father Robert Durkee and stepfather Al Hanisko.

To know Laura was to laugh with her. She had an incredible gift for making people smile — even in the most unexpected moments.

Her absence leaves a giant Laura-sized hole in our hearts. She will be missed more than words can ever say.

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Ralph A. Stadler

Ralph A. Stadler, age 87, passed away Friday, May 9th, 2025 at his home in Oshkosh with his family surrounding him.



Ralph was born in Oshkosh on May 3, 1938, the son of Leona Stadler. On October 31, 1989 he married the love of his life, Marilyn Lippert.

Ralph graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1956. He was a proud member of the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. In his younger years, he worked for Red’s Pizza before his employment at Kimberly Clark for 40 years and retired in 1996.

During his retirement years, Ralph enjoyed spending time watching the Brewers, Packers and Nascar races, along with traveling. He always looked forward to spending the winters in Florida for the last 24 years.

Most days, you would see him around town in his little white pickup truck. Whether it be playing around with the apartment houses with his son, going to the car shops or the bank. He very much enjoyed talking with others. He also loved going for breakfast on Sunday mornings, he of course would tell everyone he had to buy.

Ralph will be dearly missed by all who had the fortune of being in his life. He was

a loving, trusted friend, father and grandfather to all who knew him.

Ralph is survived by his wife Marilyn, and his children Mark (Mary Eiden), Becky Sawicki (Tim), Scott (Karen) and Lee (Julie). Grandchildren, Lance, Danielle, Hunter, Breanna, Brooke and Brady.

Ralph was preceded in death by his mother, Leona, several aunts, uncles and infant daughter, Cindy.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Ralph’s name at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. All memorial funds can be sent to Mark Stadler, Fiss & Bills-Poklasny, 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

The family would like to thank Senior Stride Homecare, Hospice, and all of those taking care of Ralph in his final days.

Funeral services for Ralph will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral home, 865 S. Westhaven Dr. in Oshkosh. Visitation will be held at 10:00 until the time of service. Service at 12:00 by Father Louis Golamari from Sacred Heart Church. A procession to Calvary Catholic Cemetery will be held following the service.

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Obituaries

Rodney L. Kalata

Rodney L. Kalata, age 65, of Oshkosh, passed away after a long hard battle with cancer. He was a Ripon High School Graduate of Class of 79. Rod enlisted in the military right after high school making it a 20 year career 1979-1999. During his service Rod toured many countries. Two tours in Saudi Arabia, Desert Storm, as a member of the MALS 12 Logistics Team (marauders), Desert Shield, MALS-29 Logistics Squad. Rod also served on the USS Enterprise and the USS Saipan. After retiring from the military Rod went on to get his bachelor's degree and master's degrees. Rod was currently working for Fox Valley Metrology. Rod became a devoted volunteer member of the DAV Chapter 17 (past commander). He was a volunteer for the DAV Department of Finance committeeman 2018-2021. Rod was also a member of the American Legion and the VFW. Rod was a very devoted uncle to his nephew and niece's. Rod was always on the go. Shooting pool, dart league, car shows,



Joan M. Hall

Joan M. Hall, 89, of Sheboygan Falls and formerly of Oshkosh, passed away Friday, May 2, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center in Sheboygan. Joan was born February 21, 1936 in Oshkosh to Eugene and Bernice (Grunewald) Gruse. She grew up in Oshkosh, graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1953. During the 1950's and 1960's, she worked in the Purchasing Department at Oshkosh Motor Truck.



On November 23, 1957, she was united in marriage with Richard "Dick" Hall at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. In 1959, the couple purchased the 160-acre property near Poynette later to be known as the Buckridge Tree Farm. It was selected in 1988 as the Wisconsin Tree Farm of the Year.

Robert D. Schmunk

Robert D. Schmunk, age 88 of Omro, WI, passed away on May 2, 2025 at Gabriels Villa Oshkosh with his family at his side. He was born to Alex and Christine (Lautenschlager) Schmunk. He graduated from Omro High School in 1954. He married Muriel A Danke On May 19, 1956 at Grace Lutheran Church in Omro WI. Robert was employed at E & L Transport hauling new cars until his retirement. Robert enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and his grandchildren and Great grandchildren. He was a Packers fan and loved watching the games. He is survived by his daughter, Ann (Philip) Mittelstaedt; son, William (Pamela) Schmunk; grandchildren, Hannah Burton, Michael (Dani) Schmunk, Matthew (Sarah) Schmunk; great grandchildren, Willow and Violet Burton, Peyton Schmunk, Hudson and Jameson Gilmore and soon to arrive baby brother Harrison Schmunk; brother and sister in law, Sherwyn and Jeanne Danke; sister in law, Elenore Danke, and many nieces and nephews. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, wife Muriel; brothers, Edward (Dolores) Schmunk and Richard Schmunk; brother and sister in law, Martin and Mar-

playing cards, his favorite was UNO house rules during the holidays. Rod helped organize family reunions for a very large extended family. Cousins breakfast for as many people who could show up. He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by a brother, Melvin Kalata; a sister, Ann and James Abraham; nephew, Jeromy and Debbie Dahlke; nieces, Kathy and Wayne Robertson, Laura Kalata, Crystal and Patrick Fabar, Angela and Joey Machovec, Krista and Jeromy Lutz; great-nieces and great nephews, other relatives and many very dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Juanita Kalata; a brother, Kenneth Kalata; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial services will be held on May 17, 2025 at 11 am in the Lake View Memorial Park Chapel, 2786 Algoma Blvd. Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held from 9 am until the time of service. Full military honors with flag presentation to Jeromy Dahlke will follow the service. Cremation has taken place with the assistance of the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home and Crematory.

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A lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Joan was baptized, confirmed and married there. Joan is survived by her son Douglas Hall of Sheboygan Falls; grandchildren Ahren, Spencer and Audrie Hall; sisters Barbara (the late Gordon) Rabe of Oshkosh and Sharon (William) Frailing of Portage, MI; brothers-in-law James Cahil and Robert Robertson, both of Oshkosh; sister-in-law Shirley (the late LaVern) Peterson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Joan is preceded in death by her beloved husband Dick, her parents, sisters Beverly Cahill and Sandra Robertson. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Wenig Funeral Home – Oostburg (920-564-2771) is assisting the family. Please visit <http://www.wenigfh.com> for online condolences.

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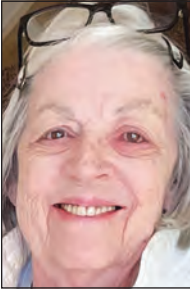
ilyn Williams; and brother in law, Charles Danke. Special thanks to the staff at Gabriels Villa for their compassionate care and to Chaplin Stewart for his regular visits. Private family burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Omro. Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I am tired, I am weak, I am worn Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home

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Rose T. Collier

Rose T. Collier, age 88, passed peacefully the morning of May 6, 2025, after a lengthy decline in her health. She is survived by her husband of nearly 62 years, C Patrick Collier, whom she said she married because he was smarter than her, and of whom she recently described as caring for her with a yeoman's effort. Also missing her are her daughters Sara Collier, Paula Collier (Bret Atiyeh) and Erica Halbleib (Chris); her grandchildren Charlie Collier (Megan Jensen), Leo Peace, Meredith Peace, Margo Halbleib and Nadia Halbleib, and her great-grandson Viggo Collier. From her, they all learned the value of higher education, the love of books, a talent for music, an appreciation for staying active, a smart sense of humor, and the taste for a good cup of hazelnut coffee. In her younger years, she recalled bowling with friends until they laughed themselves sick, and playing tennis weekly with many dear opponents and confidants. She also was a frequent book club member and loved discussion groups, especially when they



agreed with her. Originally from Merrill, Rose studied music at UW-Milwaukee, finishing her bachelor's degree at Stevens Point Wisconsin, and received her master's degree in Education (Reading) from UW-Oshkosh. She taught piano to hundreds of students over the span of 40 years from her home studio in Oshkosh. One of the founding members of the Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association (OAMTA), Rose was passionate about sharing lessons learned and helping set high standards for music educators. She excelled at sight-reading, which made her in demand as an accompanist. Ironically, her sight was the first thing to go as macular degeneration took hold. Near the end, she summarized her life as quite satisfying, despite what her illnesses and aging took from her. She subscribed to the belief that "music hath charms to soothe a savage beast" and "I do the best I can with what I am dealt". Family, former students and friends will gather at Evergreen on May 19 at 1pm in the worship and performing arts center for a few moments of music, sweet memories and coffee.

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Peter W. Gillingham

Peter W. Gillingham, age 74, of Oshkosh WI, passed away at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh on May 8, 2025 due to complications from pneumonia. He was born on February 5, 1951 to the late John and Mary Jayne (Wagner) Gillingham in Oshkosh, WI. Peter's unwavering positivity, boundless love, and steadfast support touched everyone who knew him. He cherished every moment spent with those he loved, especially his family and friends. He was



happiest simply being near the people and pets that meant the most to him. His granddogs held a special place in his heart, and gentle presence brought comfort to all. Peter is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Jamie (Sheliah) Gillingham; and his granddogs. He is preceded in death by many loving family and friends. Per Peter's wishes, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. His kindness, laughter, and love will live in our hearts forever.

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Obituaries

Robert Richard Kosanske
Robert “Bob” Richard Kosanke, age 90, passed away at home with family by his side on April 5, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on July 11, 1934, to parents Robert Lowell and Beatrice Evelyn (Kern) Kosanke in St. Paul, MN. One of four children.

On September 23, 1987, he married Arlene (Kresnicka) Bleichwehl, both being their second marriages. Bob was first and foremost a man who loved and believed in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a very active member of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh since 1987. In the Oshkosh community, he was equally immersed in helping to sustain and enhance growth and prosperity while serving on many different committees and Boards. He also served in the

Army while stationed in Germany for 2 years from 1956-’58. Bob and Arlene excelled in gardening and earned their titles as ‘Master Gardeners’ via Wisconsin’s Master Gardener Program. Tending to his beautiful yard was his passion. The beautiful home he and Arlene shared was on the ‘Paine Garden Tour.’ For years they also owned and operated an Antique and Estate Sales and Appraisal business. He is survived by his dearly loved wife, Arlene Kosanke; children and stepchildren, Christopher Kosanke, Andrea (Terance Kraus) Montgomery and Mary Ellen (Ed Casey) Kosanke; step-daughter-in-law Mary Lou (Scott-deceased) Bleichwehl, step-child, Judy (Tim-deceased) Johnston, step-granddaughters Stephanie Becerra and Erica Peters, step-grandson in-law Alex Becerra, step-grandsons Ben (Leilani) Bleichwehl, Zachariah Bleichwehl, Nate Johnston and Marty Johnston (Allie), step-great granddaughters Analaya

Becerra, Ellie and Nala Bleichwehl, step-great grandsons Lucas Peters, Westley Becerra, Christopher Bleichwehl, Owen and Cooper Johnston, and Levi Johnston, sister, Nelda (Richard-deceased) Caruth, and sister-in-law, Judy Kresnicka, Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert Lowell and Beatrice Evelyn (Kern) Kosanke; sister, Jane Kiekhoefer; brother, Merle “Butch” Kosanke; step-children, Karyn Gunderson, Scott (Mary Lou) Bleichwehl, step-son-in-law, Tim Johnston. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 23rd from 11:00am to 12:30pm at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, with service to immediately follow at 12:30pm. In

lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to Grace’s landscaping beautification program. The family would like to express their love and appreciation for Bob’s step-great granddaughter Analaya Becerra for her relentless round-the-clock devotion and loving care ~Bob, thank you for spending your time with all of us as a family. You were selfless, loving, tender-hearted, quiet man who always welcomed us with your warm smile and big hugs. You are dearly loved by everyone and greatly missed.



David L. Baehman
David L. Baehman, a cherished husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025, at the age of 77 in Bradenton, Florida, due to heart failure. Born on August 24, 1947, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, David’s life was marked by his unwavering dedication to his family, his passion for his work, and his love for life’s

simple pleasures. David graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1965 and soon after began a career that showcased his talent for working with his hands and solving complex problems. He started as a tire changer, then became a mechanic, later advancing to an Automotive Service Manager, and eventually a General Manager. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to become the owner and operator of a family-owned business. David’s work ethic and leadership were an inspiration to many, and his impact on the automotive industry was significant and enduring.

Lucas R. Kruse
Lucas R. Kruse, age 31 of Oshkosh, passed away on May 5, 2025, at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. He was born in the Fox Valley area on December 16, 1993, to Tanya Hattermann. He was a dedicated crew member at McDonald’s, where his genuine nature and bright smile made a difference for many. Lucas had a passion for the great outdoors, whether it was fishing, hunting, or simply storm watching. He loved all kinds of music and was known for his big stature and even bigger heart. Everyone who knew Lucas knew he had a special talent for giving the best hugs. He is survived by his father, James De-

Baere, his half-siblings, William (Jennifer) Kruse, and Axel (RJ Willis) Plutz, as well as his two nephews, James and William. Lucas is also survived by extended family members who will cherish his memory dearly. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Tanya Hattermann. A memorial service to celebrate Lucas’s life will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Konrad-Behلمان Funeral Home-Westside, located at 100 Lake Pointe Dr. The service will begin at 12:00 p.m., with visitation available from 10:00 a.m. until the service starts. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Rachael Henn at Oshkosh Family, Inc. for being such an incredible advocate for Lucas.



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Obituaries

Robert A. McKeag
Robert A. McKeag died on May 6, 2025. He was one half of a set of twins born to Arthur and Lillian (Kobs) McKeag of Red Wing, Minnesota, on June 30, 1930. Robert found his interests and life work when he started attending several one-room rural schools that we don't have anymore. He discovered that he enjoyed school and learning different things. He was going to be a teacher. When the family moved off the farm during the "Great Depression" of the 1930's he attended village schools in Dundas, Minnesota and Dennison, Minnesota. He enjoyed those schools as well and when farm labor became scarce during the war he started as a farm laborer, moving to a farm in 1944 as a "hired hand" and returning home in September when school resumed, and the harvest was mostly finished. It was a pattern he was to follow for eight summers. In 1945 he discovered more to learn (he had already learned how to harness a team of horses and operate farm equipment) when farm labor was



supplemented by German prisoners of war. He worked along side of the P.O.W.'s in the fields and learned new things, which he loved! The farmer he worked for could speak German, and the prisoners, 6-8 of them), could speak a little English so he found that there are things to be learned outside of school. Robert graduated from Northfield High School in 1949 and as usual, did far labor that summer and that fall he attended Winona State Teacher's College (today it's called Winona State University) as a freshman. 1953 was a busy year for Robert. He received a bachelor's degree and qualification as a teacher, he married a fellow student, Alice Harkness, and was almost immediately drafted into the U.S. Army. Robert and Alice were married for sixty-eight years when she died in 2021. The army experience was another situation where you learned a lot, not necessarily in school. He was trained at Camp Gordon in Georgia (infantry basic), Camp Pickett in Virginia (medic basic), Fort Sam Houston in Texas, and Fitzsimmons Army Hospital (medial specialist school). He then spent thirteen months in the Marshall Islands with Joint Task force Seven. This unit was in support American testing

"Thermo-Nuclear Weapons" in bikini and Eniwetok. After being released from the Army resumed the pattern of using summer work and the rest of the year for school (except he changed to use the summer for work and the rest of the time to TEACH school). He taught high school in places like Hayfield, Minnesota, Hibbing, Minnesota, and Hastings, Minnesota. At Hastings he started working with student teachers from places like UW River falls, St. Olaf College, and the University of Minnesota. That soon led to becoming a faculty member at the education college at UW-Oshkosh. Along the way, he earned a master's degree from Winona State University, and later a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He continued to learn new things that different experiences offered. He retired from UW-Oshkosh after thirty years, and continued learning, this time from travel. Robert and Alice traveled extensively to Europe, North Africa, Middle East, and Asia. They also learned from travel in the United States, mostly to civil war battlefields and historical places. For quieter learning they used their cabin on Post Lake in Northern Wisconsin. Robert and Alice raised three children

and discovered that you can learn a lot from them also, probably things you cannot learn in a school. Robert is survived by his children: Cynthia (Yoshio Tsukamoto), Timothy (Joby Bednarek), and Kevin (Pensri Vorapuhm). His grandchildren are Sarah (Chris) McKinney, Rebecca (Jon Scott), Yuji Tsukamoto, Michio Tsukamoto, and Matthew, Erin, and Ryan McKeag; and great-grandchildren Lucas and Megan McKinney. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Alice, his twin brother Richard, brothers John, Roderick, and William, along with aunts, uncles and cousins.

Robert has chosen to be cremated with no services or visitation. His urn will be placed in the Wikota Cemetery in Winona County, Minnesota. He was grateful for all the opportunities and things he learned himself. For more information or to share a memory with the family please visit www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com. -- This obituary was written by Robert himself.



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Huge annual sale! All clean and priced to sell. Friday, 5/16 8-2 & Saturday, 5/17 9-1. Tons of Quality clothes & shoes men's size 2X, 3X, M & L and women's L & XL. Jewelry, bedding, rugs, basketballs, tools, holiday items, wood full size head/footboard, cookware, pet items, home decor, canopy tent and so much more! No early sales please. See Marketplace for pictures day before sale.

Rummage Sale-426 W. 16th Ave Oshkosh Friday, May 16 8 AM-2 PM, Saturday, May 17 9 AM-1PM. Only interesting items. You set the price, if fair it's yours. 920-233-5545.

For Sale

2011 Camry Hybrid, grey. Excellent maintenance record. Reliable, comfortable, clean. 203,000 miles. Avg 36 mpg. \$5600 firm 920-379-2611

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Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material -steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer -up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-8776

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DIRECTV OVER INTERNET - Get your favorite live TV, sports and local channels. 99% signal reliability! CHOICE Package, \$84.99/mo for 12 months. HBO Max and Premium Channels included for 3 mos (w/CHOICE Package or higher.) No annual contract, no hidden fees! Some restrictions apply. Call IVS 1-844-724-0738

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-844-406-2647 today!

Don't let the stairs limit your mobility! Discover the ideal solution for anyone

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Grandfather docks serviced in your home-we make house calls. Follow "The Clock Doc" on Facebook. Call 920-509-7527 today to schedule your in home appointment.

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-294-2679 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

VENDORS WANTED for outside Flea Market in Oshkosh at Bowenstreet Market on June 8 and more. Contact 920-379-7132 for details.

Legal Notices

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WAUKESHA COUNTY
SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-314
Case Code: 30303**

MICHELLE SINCERE
9770 W. Edgerton Ave.
Hales Corners, WI 53130
Plaintiff

v.

JANET MUELLER
4393 Country Club Road
Oshkosh, WI 54902
Defendant.

**SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

TO: JANET MUELLER
4393 Country Club Road
Oshkosh, WI 54902

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within forty (40) days after April 30, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the

requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Waukesha County Clerk of Circuit Court, whose mailing address is Waukesha County Courthouse, Civil Division, Room C-167, P.O. Box 1627, Waukesha, WI 53187 and to the Plaintiffs' attorney, Attolles Law, s.c., whose address is 222 E. Erie Street, Suite 210, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (40) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2025.

Attolles Law, s.c.
*Attorneys for Plaintiff,
Michelle Sincere*

By: /s/ *Electronically signed by
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Runs: April 30, 2025, May 7, 2025 and May 14, 2025

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
BROWN COUNTY
Publication Summons and
Notice (Small Claims)
Case No: 2025SC001386**

Kelbe Bros Equipment Co Inc
3101 French Rd
DePere WI 54115
Plaintiff(s)

-vs-
Millennium Construction Inc.
2020 Menominee Dr
OSHKOSH, WI 54901
Defendant(s).

**Publication Summons and
Notice of Filing**

**TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED
ABOVE AS DEFENDANTS(S):** You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Brown County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 920-448-4155 Courtroom/Room Number: B Address: 100 S Jefferson St. Green Bay WI 54305 On the following date and time: Date: May 13, 2025 Time: 3:15 p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgement against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Dated: 4/22/2025
/s/ Colleen Held
Phone: 262-373-2124
Address: 3101 French Rd,
DePere WI 54115

Run April 30, 2025, May 7,

2025 and May 14, 2025

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
NAME CHANGE OF:
Dustin Joseph Keller**

**Notice and Order for Name
Change Hearing
Case No. 2025CV000430**


NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Dustin Joseph Keller
To: Valerie Joseph Moon
Birth Certificate: Dustin Joseph Keller

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. RustPlace: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: June 30, 2025 Time: 3:30 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4811 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. **BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 6, 2025 /s/ Hon. Michael D. Rust**

**Winnebago County Circuit
Court Judge, Branch I
Runs: May 14, 2025, May 21,
2025 and May 28, 2025**


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Water Safety

It's fun to play in water, whether at a pool, beach, lake, river or water park, but it is important to know your limits and stay safe. **Remember, drowning can occur in less than two minutes.**

Swimming Pool Safety Rules

Put a check mark next to the rules that make swimming in a pool safer. Cross out rules that do not make pools safer.

☐ Never go in the water alone. Always be sure an adult who can swim is watching you.

☐ Do not depend on inflatable toys or water wings to keep your head above water.


☐ Dive only from a diving board, not the side of the pool.

☐ Don't crawl or walk on a pool cover.

☐ Stay in the shallow end of the pool if you are not a strong swimmer.

Great job!

ANSWER: Did you check them all?



Find It

Find these things hiding in this picture: a banana, a house, a crayon, a fish, a surfboard and a dinosaur.

Sort It

After finding the hidden pictures, sort each object by the number of syllables.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Recognize syllables in words; decode words with two or more syllables.

SAFE BOATING WEEK

National Safe Boating Week is in May. If you're going to be enjoying boating, be sure to check out the great info and activities at safeboatingcampaign.com.



How many differences can you find between the boat and its reflection?

Fill in the missing vowels.

W _ _ RING WAT _ R
SH _ ES IN LAK _ S
C _ N PROT _ CT
Y _ _ R F _ _ T
FR _ M BR _ K _ N
GL _ SS AND
OTH _ R
UND _ RW _ TER
H _ ZARDS.



Splashy Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A photo that shows a pool, lake or ocean.
- Something that helps you stay cool in the summer.
- Something that floats in the water.

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

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Lifesaver Letter


Use the Lifesaver Letter code to find out what you should always wear when on a boat at the beach or lake.

A I C

▼ ♥ ▲ ● ▸ * ▼ ★ ♣ ▸

CODE:

A=▼ J=*
C=★ K=♣
E=▸ L=♥
F=● T=▹
I=▲ Y=◆



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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


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

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Water Workouts

Gather some friends and try playing some of these games.

They're good exercise and a great way to beat the heat!



Water Cup Relay Race

Two-player teams each have a full bucket and an empty bucket. Place the full bucket at the starting line and the empty bucket at the finish line.

The first team member scoops a plastic cup of water from the full bucket and must walk quickly to the finish line, holding the full cup over their head.

The team member pours the water from the cup into the finish line bucket and runs back to the start, handing the cup to his teammate, who repeats the process.


The first team to move the most water from start to finish is the winner.

Water Balloon Freeze Tag


The person who is IT must protect a bucket filled with water balloons. If other players get soaked by a water balloon, even if one drop hits them, they must remain frozen until another player is able to snatch a water balloon from the bucket and unfreeze them by soaking them with it!

Sponge Volley

String a rope between two trees. Hang a tarp so that players can't see the other side of the court. Have full water buckets and big sponges on each side. Toss soaked sponges over to the other side to see if you can hit the other players.




Write On!



Safety Tips

Write three safety tips to help other kids.

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY BACK 2 SCHOOL CAMPAIGN 2025




The Oshkosh Community Back to School Fair provides over 1,000 low income Oshkosh students with backpacks and school supplies needed for them to start the school year prepared to achieve academic success and we really need your help!

Your support will enable students to receive a school outfit and a backpack with age-appropriate school supplies and hygiene items.

Please donate by completing and mailing your donations by July 25, 2025 to:

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c/o Herald Kicks for Kids
36 Broad St. Suite 300
Oshkosh WI 54901



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