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Students will be back in class Thursday

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area School District students will be back in the classroom on a limited basis starting Thursday for all grades, the district announced Nov. 4 as it tries to find a balance between pandemic precautions and the overall goal of getting students back to face-to-face instruction.

The hybrid learning model being used was adjusted from an earlier format by having the two alternating groups attend classes on the same two days each week. Revised Model 3 sets Mondays and Thursdays for Group A attendance, Tuesdays and Fridays for Group B. Wednesdays will be a virtual learning day for all students.

District administrators have been hearing opposing views from groups representing hundreds of families and students who either support getting back to classroom instruction or see the virtual model as an important health precaution for vulnerable residents.

Additional information was provided to district families and staff and is available on the OASD website.

The Lourdes Academy school system, which has had in-classroom instruction this semester, will shift to online learning beginning Nov. 30 to the end of the semester Jan. 15.

Lourdes president John Dinegan said in a message to families that the holidays, along with cold and flu season, were factors leading them to take some “preemptive steps of precaution” before returning to in-person learning.

Incumbents, schools win out

Voter support shifted from 2016 election

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Turnout wasn’t as high in the city as you might have thought. Oshkosh residents are surprisingly supportive of local schools. And yard signs don’t matter.

Those were some of the takeaways from the Nov. 3 election, in which city voters more than doubled the Democrat’s margin in the presidential race, gave the green light to two school construction projects and

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returned the local incumbents to the state Legislature.

Late last month The Washington Post featured Oshkosh on its front page, focusing on a single ward where in 2016 Hillary Clinton lost by the slimmest of margins — one vote — to Donald Trump.

The question the paper raised was what would happen this time around—would that same neighborhood, an inverted “L”

running from Murdock Avenue up Bowen Street and over to the Oshkosh Defense plant, remain so closely divided?

The answer was — not by a long shot.

In 2016, Ward 25A cast 227 votes, 114 of them for President Trump. This time around voters there cast 311 votes, with 56 percent going to former Vice President Joe Biden.

Those votes helped to improve the Democratic margin among Oshkosh voters in the presidential contest from 1,365 in 2016 to 2,777 this year, according to unofficial

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Judge looks back on time well served

Karen Seifert steps down from Winnebago bench

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Judge Karen Seifert is resigning from her position Jan. 4 after nearly 30 years in Winnebago County’s judicial system.

“It has been an absolute privilege to be in this position,” she said. “The world has changed so much in the years I have been a judge. I’m sure we will continue to see amazing changes.”

Of notable changes throughout her career, Seifert spoke about drug court, which was introduced in Winnebago County 15 years ago to curb tough-on-crime drug prevention programs. Seifert has presided over the court the past five years.

“I have seen it change lots of people’s lives in amazing ways,” she said. “People getting their children back in their homes, finishing high school degrees or college degrees. Really amazing things have happened with the drug court program.”

She described the treatment-based program as the best community effort to prevent a crisis during her time in Winnebago.

A second major change Seifert experienced through her time in the judicial system was the introduction of electronics.

“We went from paper filings to electronic filings,” she said, laughing at the memory. The electronics have resulted in a less crowded court building, allowed electronic signatures to validate warrant requests, and helped prepare the court to operate during the coronavirus, she said.

The Winnebago County judicial system is a court of general jurisdiction and subsequent cases, Seifert said, which is one of the reasons she appreciated her career here so much.

A general court allows a judge to preside over civil, criminal, felony and juvenile cases, and requires a judge to study multiple disciplines, which Seifert called exciting.

Seifert said a noticeable change in the court recently has been from civil cases. She said plaintiffs and defendants prefer to negotiate privately, without civil jury



Photo by Michael Cooney

Winnebago County Judge Karen Seifert is retiring at the end of the year after serving nearly three decades in the local judicial system.

trials.

Seifert said negotiating processes can take time to begin, however, and that without a judge motioning for a jury trial, parties will not proceed their civil cases speedily.

“People want control over the outcome,” she said, “and mediate an outcome rather than leave it to a jury.” She said it’s up to a judge to get the case going.

Seifert said she recognized that her time on the bench had come to an end when the pandemic changed the world. She did not want to end her career during a term, but in Wisconsin judges are elected to six-year periods, and she said it was hard to predict how her life would change six years ago.

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School district gains facilities funding

Two-part referendum OK allows for \$115M initiative

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The Oshkosh Area School District gained the needed public approval for \$115 million in facilities and operations funding to begin safety and infrastructure work in schools as early as next spring.

A two-question referendum approved last Tuesday included \$107 million in capital spending on a long-range facilities plan that includes about \$35 million for a new elementary school and \$53 million for a new middle school among other facilities improvements. The other request was for operational funding of \$7.95 million for annual support of programming and operations that had been approved in 2014 and 2016 referendums.

"We are so grateful to our community for this show of support, especially during a pandemic," said Vickie Cartwright, superintendent of schools, in a statement. "Both our strategic plan and our facilities plan were developed with help from our community, and these votes reinforce those commitments."

Cartwright also praised district staff at all levels during the board's Wednesday meeting for guiding the process that helped residents make an informed decision.

"This was a team effort and that includes so many of our teachers, paraprofessionals, custodial, clerical and so many others," she said.

Question 1, which sought renewal of the district's existing operating funding of

\$7.95 million annually through the 2029-30 school year, passed with 57 percent approval (22,242 votes) to 43 percent against (16,680 votes). Funds will support academic programs, technology for learning and student support services, and will involve no tax increase because it renews funding previously approved.

The \$107 million question passed by a similar margin — 57 percent (21,985 votes) to 43 percent (16,832 votes) — and gives the green light to phase one of the district's long-range facilities plan to improve and modernize schools.

Funds will impact most all schools in the district except Oaklawn Elementary, which is the newest. A new middle school at the Merrill location and a new elementary school at the Webster Stanley site are among the three locations that house what have been deemed aging or outdated facilities for five schools. The other project emphasis will be on enhancing school safety and security, and catching up to deferred maintenance and infrastructure work.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach said immediate safety upgrades outlined in phase one of the facilities plan will be followed by a new middle and elementary school project that he said would continue to seek community feedback.

"The new middle school on the Merrill site is expected to open for the 2023-24 school year, while the new elementary school on the Webster site is expected to open for the 2024-25 school year," Gundlach said.

"Listening to our community and inviting stakeholders to be a part of our story has been our recipe for success. We remain

committed to engaging with community members and helping the public connect with and better understand our schools — that includes the incredible things happening every day, as well as the challenges and opportunities we are navigating. As we move through the implementation of our capital referendum we will continue to listen and provide opportunities for feedback."


Property taxes will increase \$4 per month for each \$100,000 of home value next year, then by \$6 per month in 2022 and \$7 per month in 2023.

A community-based Facilities Advisory Committee developed the long-range facilities plan by reviewing documents, data and community input to determine a strategic approach for dealing with the aging and small schools. The oldest school was built in 1880 and the average age of district schools is 66 years.

Within the plan was a focus on equity that add an emphasis on east-side schools, which are among the oldest and serve the most diverse children in the district.

The resulting facilities plan was unanimously approved by the Board of Education in February before being put on the general election ballot. The goals of phase one are to enhance school safety and security across the district, address priority building infrastructure and maintenance needs, reduce the number of schools to maximize use and efficiency, and build a new middle school and a new elementary school to replace five aging and outdated schools.

More information about the referendum requests is at oshkosh.k12.wi.us/referendum.

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By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city's Plan Commission recommended approval of two conditional use permits last Tuesday for a home on county property to be used for convicted sex offenders being released from prison.

The first approval had been requested by Winnebago County with regard to the pre-manufactured home at 851 County Y, just west of Jackson Street, which now has one

occupant. City ordinances require another permit to add a second person at the residence. There are two bedrooms in the unit.

The Common Council had authorized a conditional use permit for the property in December 2018 with the home installed in 2019. At the time of approval, the building was limited to one paroled sex offender.

A representative for Winnebago County said the unit is near the sheriff's office and has not created any problems for the area. There are no nearby residents or other enti-

ties in the neighborhood that would create legal problems, such as a school or park.

Commission member Tom Perry raised questions about the property, as he had when the commission was approached in 2018, as to how those living there would be monitored.

Mary Anne Mueller, county corporation counsel, said the county owns the property and does not use a private contractor to monitor the tenants. She said the state electronically monitors the tenants, who during their first year cannot leave the property unless accompanied by a parole officer.

In other action, members unanimously recommended approval of a residential group development in the 2600 block of Witzel Avenue that would add 12 multi-family buildings for a total of 144 units,

as well as a detention pond, clubhouse and green space on 18.5 acres adjacent to the Mercy Medical Center. The property is owned Moorehead Barr Properties of Oshkosh.

The land was owned by Ascension Hospital for future expansion.

Steve Boorman, representing the applicants, said his company is ready to proceed and has met with the neighborhood in the past. One resident, James Rabe of 176 Barton Road, raised questions dealing with stormwater runoff and potential problems during a heavy rainstorm.

City staff said the development would have to meet all city requirements dealing with stormwater management. They also recommended other changes in the development plans and supported the project.

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Librarians Justine Elliott and Michael McArthur present Great Reads of 2020 starting at 10 a.m. Friday on the library's YouTube channel.

"What should I read next?" is a question posed to staff at the library daily and the Great Reads program has become an annual favorite with book lovers.

"People are always looking for that next great read and they love to see if any of

their favorites made our list," Elliott said. "We also want to hear which books had the biggest impact on readers in our community in 2020."

The list is a diverse collection of novels and nonfiction, covering territory so broad that any reader is sure to find selections that appeal. The entire reading list will be posted at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org and will be available on request.

For monthly reading recommendations from staff, subscribe to the eNewsletter or check the For Readers tab on the library website.

Salvation Army seeing fewer bell ringers

As the Red Kettle season opened last week in limited locations, the Salvation Army of Oshkosh is reporting a significant decline in bell ringer signups compared with the same time last year.

"The COVID situation is naturally making people more cautious about signing up to ring bells this holiday season," said Corps Officer Lt. Ross Anderson. "We want to assure our volunteers that every precaution is being taken to keep them safe. We will have personal protection equipment like masks, gloves and wipes at every ringing location and no volunteer will ever be asked to handle money."

The Salvation Army relies heavily on revenues generated to fund programs and services year-round. Its food pantry provides emergency food assistance to about

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Stevens Park was city's early brewing center

German immigrants brought along an industry

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh beer culture was born in the old 2nd Ward. Its cradle was bounded on the north by Washington Avenue, on the east by Lake Winnebago, south by the Fox River, and west by Bowen Street. Today it's called the Stevens Park Neighborhood.

This is where Oshkosh beer had its true beginning. The city's first breweries were established here. Then came saloons and beer-bottling plants. And behind them all were scores of German immigrants who brought their love for beer along with them from the Old World.

The story of the Stevens Park Beer District begins with its breweries. The first three established in Oshkosh were in that neighborhood. In all, there have been five legal breweries in this part of town and at least one wildcat brewery. The earliest of those breweries began in 1849.

Konrad's Lake Brewery: Oshkosh's first brewery was established by Jacob Konrad. He was born in 1823 in the ancient city of Koblenz in western Germany. After training as a brewer, he left for America arriving in Milwaukee in 1847. In the summer of 1849, Konrad took possession of about two acres of land on the shore of Lake Winnebago. There he built what would come to be known as the Lake Brewery. The brewery stood on a parcel that's just south of Ceape. It wraps around what is now addressed as 74 Lake St. The Lake Brewery would remain in operation there for the next 19 years.

Schussler's Oshkosh Brewery: It wasn't long before Konrad had competition in the neighborhood. Like Konrad, Joseph Schussler was born and trained as a brewer in Germany. By 1846 he was making beer in Milwaukee. In the fall of 1849, Schussler moved to Oshkosh. He built the Oshkosh Brewery on the north bank of the Fox River between Bowen and Frankfort streets at what is now 1031 Bay Shore Drive.

The brewery was short-lived. But following its failure in June 1852 another German brewer came along and took up the Oshkosh Brewery mantle.

Loescher's Oshkosh Brewery: Bavarian-born brothers George and Frederick Loescher traveled what was becoming a well-worn path to Oshkosh. After training as brewers in Germany they immigrated to America in 1851 and headed for Milwaukee. After a short time there, they walked to Oshkosh. Yes, they walked it — about 90 miles on foot.

In September 1852, the brothers purchased land on Bay Shore Drive (then Riv-



An 1889 map of the Stevens Park neighborhood.

er Street) just west of Eveline. Their plot was just a couple of blocks east of where Schussler's Oshkosh Brewery had been. The Loescher brothers began building the new Oshkosh Brewery.

Frederick would soon leave Oshkosh to take over a brewery in Menasha. Brother George would go on making beer at the Oshkosh Brewery until 1878 when he accidentally burned the place to the ground.

Rahr Brewing: The end of the Civil War in 1865 triggered another burst of brewery activity in the Stevens Park Neighborhood. In 1856 Charles Rahr migrated to America from northern Germany. His family had been making beer there for generations. After Rahr landed in America he headed straight for Wisconsin where his uncle Wilhelm had a brewery in Manitowoc, and his brother Henry was about to open a brewery in Green Bay. Charles Rahr worked in both those breweries before going off to fight in

the Civil War.

When the war ended, Rahr set his sights on Oshkosh. In July 1865, he and brother August purchased five acres of land at the end of what is now Rahr Avenue on Lake Winnebago. The Rahr Brewing Co. of Oshkosh was born.

It would be Oshkosh's longest-lived, family-owned brewery. It had been in business 91 years when it closed in 1956. Old-time Oshkoshers used to say the Rahrs made the best beer in the city.

Gambrinus Brewery: While the Rahrs were getting their brewery up and running, the Lake Brewery was in the midst of a transformation. The keys to Konrad's old brewery had changed hands a couple of times before they were handed to Gottlieb Ecke in 1865. Ecke was a German immigrant who had been making his living cutting meat in Stevens Point before removing to Sawdust City to pursue his fortune as a brewer.

Ecke had larger ambitions than the little brewery on the lake could accommodate. In 1868, he began building a more modern brewery two blocks west of the Lake Brewery at what is now 1239-1247 Harney Ave. Upon its completion, Ecke's new brewery became the largest in Oshkosh but he didn't have long to enjoy it. He died in 1871, two years after the brewery's completion.

In 1875, Lorenz Kuenzl — a Bohemian-born immigrant who had just completed a stint as the brewmaster for the Stevens Point Brewery — moved to Oshkosh and took over the Ecke Brewery. Kuenzl branded it the Gambrinus Brewery. The massive facility in the heart of the Stevens

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Beer district

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Park Neighborhood would serve as a landmark for years to come.

In 1894, Kuenzl merged the Gambrinus Brewery with two other Oshkosh breweries to form the Oshkosh Brewing Co. Brewing operations were moved to the south side and thereafter the Gambrinus Brewery operated as a bottling plant. In 1914 the brewery was dismantled.

Loescher's second brewery: After burning down his first brewery in 1878, Loescher built a new one just up the street at Frankfort Street and Bay Shore Drive. But the breweries on the south side of Oshkosh were ramping up at a pace Loescher couldn't match. And Loescher, known to have an unhealthy exuberance for his own product, died just four years into the new brewery's production run. His wife, Regina, and their son William would keep the brewery going until 1890.

Sitter's Wildcat Brewery: The last brewery launched in the Stevens Park Neighborhood was supposed to be a secret. And for a time it was. Mathias Sitter had grown up on Harney Avenue in the shadow of the Gambrinus Brewery. His father, Johann, had worked at that brewery before going off on his own to become an independent beer bottler in the early 1890s. Matt Sitter followed in his father's footsteps, working as a beer distributor and bottler. When Prohibition came in 1920 his livelihood was taken away. So he went underground — literally.

Sitter established a bootleg beer brewery in the basement of his home at what is now 1255 Harney Ave. In conjunction with his wildcat operation, Sitter ran a soda distribution business. It was the perfect shield for all those clattering bottles of bootleg beer being hauled out of his basement.



Photo from Lee Beverage of Wisconsin

The Gambrinus Brewery on Harney Avenue is shown in this photo from the late 1800s.

Sitter's brewery met its end when federal agents raided the Sitter home on Aug. 24, 1927. The jaws of those agents must have dropped when they saw the full-scale production facility Sitter had squeezed into that modest basement. The feds also found more than 350 cases of bootleg beer on hand. Matt Sitter was arrested and his brewery was put out of commission. But he returned with the end of Prohibition and Sitter Beverage continued to operate well into the 1940s.

Before the 1900s, small breweries like those in Oshkosh often avoided bottling their beer. It was just too much work. But people still wanted bottled beer. Independent beer bottlers stepped in to fill the gap.

During the late 1800s and into the early 1900s, Oshkosh had at least 21 independent beer bottlers. Many of them were clustered in the Stevens Park Beer District. The bottlers would buy wooden kegs full of beer from local breweries and cart them back to their bottling plants on horse-drawn wagons. The beer from those kegs was then drained into bottles that were usually embossed with the name of the bottler. The beer may have been made at the Rahr Brewery but you wouldn't find

the Rahr name anywhere on the bottle.

Like a few of the bottlers in the district, German immigrant and Civil War vet Charles Noe treated his bottling plant on Rosalia Street as if it were a saloon. In 1892, his neighbors complained and Noe was arrested for selling beer for on-premise consumption. It didn't seem to hinder him. His bottle house was still going in the late 1890s.

Oshkosh is well known for its neighborhood taverns. But the corner-bar phenomenon didn't begin to flourish here until the 1880s. Before that nearly all city saloons were clustered around the commercial centers of North Main, South Main and Oregon streets.

In the Stevens Park Neighborhood, things were different. Breweries there often operated as defacto saloons. They served beer directly to their customers in much the same way that brewery taprooms do today.

The oldest surviving saloon in the neighborhood is Jerry's Bar at 1210 Ceape Ave. This tavern goes back to at least 1878. It opened as both a saloon and bowling alley. Jacob Wenzel was a German immigrant who came to Oshkosh in 1868. He started

out here as a sign painter, but in the winter of 1883 he purchased the saloon and bowling alley on Ceape. After Wenzel's death in 1910, the bar was leased to Gustav "Jerry" Wesenberg. Jerry's Bar has been with the Wesenberg family ever since.

Mick & Sue's, the tavern at the northeast corner of Ceape and Rosalia, was launched in 1884. The first owner was Andreas Kuenzl. He was the brother of Lorenz Kuenzl, owner of the Gambrinus Brewery on Harney Avenue.

Woodchuck's Bar & Grill is another Stevens Park Neighborhood tavern that originated in the 1880s. The first saloon at what is now 351 Rosalia opened in May 1888. The proprietor was Peter Auler, who had come to America from Germany in the mid-1860s. The tavern became Woodchucks in 2008 when David Krueger took over.

The lineage of Jansen's Bar and Restaurant stretches back to 1892. The story is tangled up with a saloon that stood directly to the south of Jansen's across Winnebago Avenue. In 1892, German immigrant Martin Gerth sold his business at 336 Bowen and launched another new saloon/grocery just across the street. This was the beginning of what is now Jansen's. In 1896, Gerth sold the business to his son Robert. A year later, Robert sold it to August Horn, president of the recently formed Oshkosh Brewing Co. The saloon ran as a tied house for Oshkosh Brewing.

Today if you step into Jansen's you'll see plenty of memorabilia from the brewery that used to own the bar. The place retains a sense of history without any pretense. It's one of the surviving treasures of the district.

Walk along those streets now and you'd never suspect that around almost every corner there once stood a brewery or bottling plant. There's not a trace of those places left. All that remains are the bars. They're the abiding reminder of the early days and ways of the Stevens Park Neighborhood.

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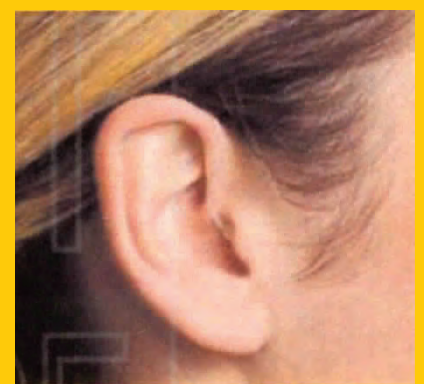
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Incumbents rule the day in local election races

Oshkosh Herald

Strong voter turnout in Oshkosh and Winnebago County brought with it solid support for incumbents who retained their seats in the state Legislature and Congress. More than half of city voters cast their ballots before Election Day, according to City Clerk Pam Ubrig, which led to an 88 percent overall turnout from among 36,518 registered Oshkosh voters.

Assembly minority leader Gordon Hintz won his re-election bid for the 54th Assembly District with a victory over Republican newcomer Donnie Herman, marking his eighth term in the state Legislature since first being elected in 2006.

"Thank you everyone for your support of my re-election," Hintz said. "It remains an amazing feeling to represent my hometown. Shout out to Donnie Herman for putting his name on the ballot and running a positive campaign."

Hintz won the district with 15,487 votes, or 54 percent of the vote, against Herman, a small business owner who captured 13,063 votes. Herman defeated Peter Kohlhoff in the Republican primary in August with 66 percent of the vote on the message of restoring small business voices in Madison.

"I just wanted to send a huge thank you

for all of the support and encouragement I have received during my run for public office," Herman said. "I am very proud of the positive campaign we ran, never once saying anything negative about my opponent or any of his supporters."

Hintz, who has been a champion of health care issues, said the biggest challenges the state will face in the coming year are handling the coronavirus pandemic, supporting school, college and university funding, as well as funding for essential municipal services.

In recent months Hintz sponsored pro-choice legislation and worked to pass bipartisan legislation that allowed financial relief to small businesses and health care providers. He is a member of the Oshkosh Rotary Club, Oshkosh Public Museum, WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition, Winnebago County Safe Streets Committee and Oshkosh Food Co-op.

The outcomes of this election will influence the state's redistricting process after the 2020 U.S. Census. The Legislature is responsible for drafting congressional and

legislative district plans. Both are subject to gubernatorial veto.

Republicans hold a 63-seat majority in 99 Assembly districts. The Assembly received some national spotlight recently for passing just one bill in the previous six months. While it's normal for state legislatures to be slow at times, only three other state bodies in the country passed fewer bills.

Hintz said he looks forward to getting to work.

"The most optimistic time in politics should be the period after an election, when there is an opportunity to hit reset, start over and work toward the outcomes we would all like to see. As impossible as that seems in this moment in time, it remains a goal worth pursuing."

Incumbents were equally successful in other races on the state and national level.

U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman won a fourth term in Congress with a victory over Democratic opponent Jessica King. The Republican from Fond du Lac retained the 6th District seat with 59.3 percent of the vote. In Winnebago County, Grothman had 44,064 votes compared with 40,616 for the former state senator and Oshkosh Common Council member.

State Sen. Dan Feyen also retained his 18th District seat in the Legislature by holding off Aaron Wojciechowski with 59.1 percent of the district's vote. Feyen secured 24,217 votes in Winnebago County versus 21,164 for the Democratic challenger Wojciechowski, who served two terms on the Coun-

ty Board of Supervisors.

Feyen will enter his second term in the Senate, where he is assistant majority leader and chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Trade.

Republican state Rep. Michael Schraa retained his 53rd Assembly District seat representing parts of rural Winnebago County surrounding Oshkosh with 11,025 votes compared with 5,752 for independent challenger Joseph Connelly.

Winnebago County register of deeds Natalie Strohmeier, running as a Republican, held off independent challenger Seth Reid to keep her seat that she has held since 2016. County voters gave Strohmeier 52,724 votes compared with 31,525 for the data security specialist.

Winnebago County District Attorney Christian Gossett ran unopposed as a Republican for the seat he has held since 2006.

County Clerk Susan Ertmer also retained the seat she has held as a Republican since 1998 by running unopposed, as did County Treasurer Mary Krueger who won her sixth four-year term.

More than 76 percent of Winnebago County voters supported an advisory referendum on the ballot that urged the state Legislature to support passage of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that "seeks to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unlimited political contributions and spending."



Hintz



Feyen



Grothman

Museum names education assistant

Tanya Schmidt, an Oshkosh Area School District teacher, has joined the Oshkosh Public Museum staff as an education assistant

She will work on the creation of new curriculum materials that connect with long-term exhibitions, generate field trip activities and work with staff to produce

traveling trunks of reproduction artifacts for use in elementary schools. The trunk project is supported by a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Schmidt's position is underwritten through the museum's membership program and continues in 2021.




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Green Fund keys on rare tree species

By Kaitlyn Scoville
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The UW Oshkosh Green Fund implemented one of its student sustainability projects behind the Arts & Communications Center by planting several rare heirloom apple trees.

There were about 200 varieties of heirloom apple trees locally, but now there are only 18 left.

"These heirloom trees are almost extinct in Wisconsin," Green Fund student chair Sarah Kleinschmidt said. "So by planting these trees here, we're able to actually preserve some of that genetic DNA and bring those trees back to Wisconsin and hold the important piece of history that we thought was going to be gone forever."

This Heirloom Apple Orchard project was proposed in spring 2019 by Jasmine Lopez of the Sustainable Solutions for Tomorrow club and approved for \$2,414.

"The UWO Heirloom Apple Orchard will meet the UWO's food production goals, food supply goals and education/collaboration goals," the proposal stated. "This project supports the university's sustainability goals, the university's core value of sustainability and the vision of UWO as it pertains to 'Enrichment and Leadership that emphasizes intellectual, civic, ethical, and personal development for students, faculty, and staff.'"

The proposal also said that the Heirloom Orchard would provide habitat for native arthropods, many of which serve as pollinators of wild and domesticated plants.

Marcel Dijkstra of the engineering technology department said that heirloom apples are not like the stereotypical ones you see at the grocery store.



Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

UWO professor Marcel Dijkstra of engineering technology returns dirt to the hole dug for a Ratzburg apple tree sapling while Lisa Mick of facilities management assists.

"In a supermarket, we've got like 10 to 15 varieties and they all have the same characteristics: They're crunchy, they're sweet, they look good, they transport well, they keep forever and that's basically it," Dijkstra said.

"(Heirlooms) don't fit in a mass production system because the mass production system on these apples make them all the same shape, all the same size and they look good.

"This one might have one flaw, and that is it doesn't look very good. I mean, it looks nice, but it doesn't look like what people want in an apple. And so this variety is doomed until people are like, 'I want something that tastes a little different than just my red delicious.'"

These trees are important to preserve because once its genetic material is gone,

it's gone, Dijkstra said. These trees have grown up when there were no pesticides, and that's an important feature, that they can resist diseases.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said that adopting this rare tree species helps solidify all three of its campuses as part of Tree Campus USA.

"It's certainly part of a comprehensive approach to the beautification and sustainability of the campuses," Leavitt said. "That's something that we take great pride in. It's my understanding that there are very few of these particular species of trees that are left, and we're going to help preserve them right here."

The Green Fund hopes to eventually have the apples of these trees available to the campus to have students pick and enjoy themselves.

Surge testing site unveiled on campus

Creation of a federal coronavirus surge testing site at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for its campus and the community was promoted Friday at its Culver Family Welcome Center location at 625 Pearl Ave.

U.S. Surgeon Gen. Jerome M. Adams, UW System President Tommy Thompson, state Department of Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm and UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt toured the new federally supported testing site and held a news conference to explain its development and goals.

The new surge testing site is one of 13 across Wisconsin at UW System campuses. Thompson, a former Wisconsin governor and Health and Human Services secretary under President George W. Bush, said he believes the rapid testing initiative that can provide a 15-minute turnaround on COVID-19 results could become a model for the nation.

Thompson and Adams noted that UW Oshkosh and other campuses have been reporting a test positivity rate much lower than the state at large.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is providing 250,000 of the rapid-results antigen tests. UW System campuses are the first to use the new Abbott BinaxNOW test as part of a federal surge effort. The test procedure involves a self-swab method.

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Election lessons

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numbers from Winnebago County.

But that surge in voter turnout in Ward 25A, 3 percent, was not matched by a city-wide increase of the same magnitude. Total voting in the city rose to 32,114 ballots cast, compared with 31,777 in 2016. But that shift was just 337, or 1 percent, more than the votes in 2016.

By contrast, countywide voting rose by 6,897 ballots, an almost 8 percent increase, helping Trump to victory over his Democratic opponent. Although the Republican prevailed in areas outside of the city, his margin narrowed across the county, from seven percentage points in 2016 to roughly three and a half percentage points this year.

Given the economic dislocations so far this year and the disruption in school schedules caused by COVID-19, even the city's strongest advocates for public education had their doubts about how two referendum questions would fare.

They need not have worried.

"The community overwhelmingly said yes to better public schools," said Karl Loewenstein, a former school board member who is now a leader in a group called Support Oshkosh Students.

The first referendum question was considered noncontroversial, as it would simply extend existing tax levels. But the second question, which would allow the Oshkosh Area School District to spend \$107 million on two new buildings, was criticized as ill-timed by parents, business owners and the Chamber of Commerce.

"I am a bit surprised by the decisive win in that there were many vocal naysayers, particularly on Question 2," Loewenstein said. "The vote totals, however, suggest, that there were actually very few people (around 250) who actually voted yes for Q1 and no on Q2."

"I love the optimism our community showed during last night's vote, and it sets us on a path to make improvements both inside of our schools walls and out," said Trisha Castle, chairperson of Oshkosh4Education, a group of community leaders that acts as both an advocate and a watchdog of the school system.

"Although many families may feel pinched when it comes to a tax increase,

I believe that the value and appreciation for education and educators has increased exponentially because of shutdowns and COVID," Castle said. "Parents have had a front row seat to the great lengths teachers are going to, to make the best of online learning."

The support for Oshkosh schools crossed party lines. "Within the same county or districts, we can vote for Trump, Hintz and school referendums," said Jon Doemel, owner of Zaronis restaurant, in a reference to Democratic Rep. Gordon Hintz, who successfully defended his seat in the state Assembly.

This voting pattern may defy convention, but Doemel said it is part of a Wisconsin tradition of voting "its own identity." He faulted political pundits for basing their arguments on their own beliefs rather than observing the reality around them.

"The largest separation of reality is the idea that if you vote Republican, you do not care about poverty or minorities," he said. "This is so far from reality. The argument is in the federal government's role in addressing these issues versus the private sector."

He said he was amazed the presidential election was close and that "the narratives from both sides are starkly different."

County Executive Mark Harris noted that the electoral process is there to reconcile such differences.

"Regardless of the outcome of any given race or referendum, free and fair elections are the best way for the public to express their wishes and to impact policy," Harris said. "Winnebago County through its county clerk and her staff have helped to run an efficient and fair election."

In addition to Hintz, Oshkosh voters also returned Rep. Michael Schraa and Sen. Dan Feyen, both Republicans, to the Legislature.

Hintz said he is hopeful that the upcoming Legislature will be more productive than the current one.

With its large concentration of public employees and a large UW System campus, Oshkosh has a lot riding on policy debates in Madison.

One of the biggest debates will be about redistricting the state in the wake of the 2020 Census. Republicans had hoped to elect supermajorities in both the Senate and the Assembly, which would have allowed them to override any vetoes by Gov. Tony Evers, Hintz said.

Although Republicans did maintain control of both houses of the Legislature, their lack of a supermajority will hinder any effort to maintain districts that resemble the current ones, which have been drawn to favor the GOP. The end result may be new districts drawn by court order, which would be less partisan and more competitive, Hintz said.

During the last few weeks many Oshkosh streets sported an array of political yard signs, and Hintz said he had been warned about not having a larger visual presence.

His Republican opponent, businessman Donnie Herman, had numerous signs throughout the community, as did Seth Reid, an independent who unsuccessfully challenged the county's register of deeds, Natalie Strohmeyer.

Although their signage was impossible to miss, both of their campaigns fell short. According to Hintz, this was another key lesson from the 2020 election.

"Yard signs don't matter," he said. "Yard signs don't vote."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner (www.oshkoshexaminer.com).

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Nov. 15, 1953

Oshkosh People Escape Death in Airplane Crash — Auto Dealer is Only One of Six Severely Injured:

A former Air Force captain saved his life and that of five others in a forced landing late Sunday afternoon on the city's west side after the engine of his 150-horsepower Stinson Voyager

airplane failed. Edward Hegner, along with his wife Dorothy, their three children and a nephew escaped serious injury, even death when their plane crashed during an attempted emergency landing in a large field near the Sawyer Avenue Ballpark. The plane struck the electrical power lines before coming to rest just west of Sawyer Street, coming to a halt about 50 feet south of a small house at 97 Sawyer Ave. Many homes in the rural area were without power for several hours. Edward Hegner is the owner of the Nash automobile dealership in Oshkosh.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Nov. 16, 1953

City Hall extends shutdown until Nov. 20

Oshkosh City Hall will remain closed through Nov. 20 as a health safety measure, city officials announced Thursday.

The average number of new daily COVID-19 cases in Winnebago County has remained at a high level and will continue to be monitored by the city. In the meantime, departments continue to offer many online services for customers.

The list of online services can be accessed at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us. The service status of individual departments and services during the COVID-19 pandemic are also posted there.

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County judge

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"I'm still healthy and relatively young," she said. "I have grandchildren and there are still other things I want to accomplish."

Seifert is originally from Minnesota and was living in Iowa before moving to Wisconsin. She earned an undergraduate degree in broadcasting from Mankato State College and a master's in educational media from UW-La Crosse.

With children and a job in advertising, Seifert decided to pursue a juris doctorate from the University of Iowa law school on an accelerated program.

Before moving to Winnebago, Seifert began her judicial career in Davenport in poverty law, negotiating utility shutoffs, Social Security protection and food stamp

appeals. She also ran a project for victims of domestic violence, offering help on divorces and restraining orders.

Seifert began her career in Winnebago County in 1992 by working as a child support attorney. In 1996 she became an assistant corporation counsel member for civil cases. Five years later, she became a court commissioner, presiding over small claims cases.

Seifert's two daughters and a son all sought careers as attorneys. Her son-in-law is also a lawyer. Her husband, who encouraged her to move to the area from Iowa, was a commercial pilot in Appleton. Seifert was first elected to the Winnebago County court in 2006 and re-elected in 2012.

"To have this position as an elected judge has been the best job of my whole life," she said. "I have loved it."

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Happy place for North's Brunk is on links

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Count Hailee Brunk among those who feel golf is a lifetime sport. She can't imagine the day when she won't be swinging the clubs.

That day won't arrive any time soon.



Brunk

The Oshkosh North senior is one of the area's finest prep golfers. She landed first-team honors on the all-Fox Valley Association squad in 2019 and placed third individually at the FVA meet.

"Hailee loves golf and has such a great attitude about the game," said North girls' golf coach Dan Dunn.

Golf is the lone sport that Brunk plays — and she plays it well. She has shot as low as 39 for nine holes and 81 for 18.

"She hits the ball a long way off the tee, which gives her a big advantage, and her irons game is as good as any," Dunn said.

Brunk has been playing golf since she was in elementary school. She was 6 when she swung her first club and was introduced to the game by her father, Ed, and brother, Mitch, both golfers. Eventually, she took lessons from local golfer Jeff Kemp and her love of the game grew.

"What I like about golf is that it's the one sport that doesn't involve running," Brunk said with a laugh. "I also like that it involves a lot of concentration. You need to keep your head in the game and not get frustrated. If you get frustrated, it's all



Submitted photo

Oshkosh North senior Hailee Brunk hopes to compete on the golf course next spring.

downhill from there."

The only thing that seems to go down when Brunk is on the course is her scores.

"Her strong suit is her ability to not let mistakes affect her mentality," Dunn said.

Brunk doesn't make a lot of mistakes and makes sure that she enjoys her time on the links.

"Golf is something I've always loved — it's always been kind of my outlet," she

Senior Spotlight

said. "It's something I can do by myself and just have some 'me' time. Or, I can do it with my friends. I'll probably be playing my entire life."

With the Oshkosh Area School District's decision to postpone fall sports, Brunk hopes to get the chance to wrap up her prep golf career this spring. She continues to play regularly and hopes to achieve her goal of competing for the first time in a WIAA state meet.

"We learned we weren't playing the day before the season was supposed to start," Brunk said. "That was frustrating, especially since it was my senior year. This was the year I was going to go to state. That was my goal. I hope there is a state meet in the spring, but if not, that will be OK. I just hope there is a season."

The WIAA recently held its fall girls' state golf meet (for schools competing in fall sports) and Brunk admits it wasn't her favorite day. But she handled it just fine.

"It was a bit of a bummer, but I also know that my friend Grace Miller, who is the No. 1 golfer on our team, missed out too," Brunk said. "Sure it's disappointing, but I wasn't the only one going through it."

Brunk isn't sure if she will play golf at the next level. She plans to attend Nicolet Bible Institute in Antigo next year for a one-year program involving Christian studies before moving on to college.

"It's a chance to learn more about the Bible and God," she said. "My faith is important to me. I think it has helped me get through this pandemic."

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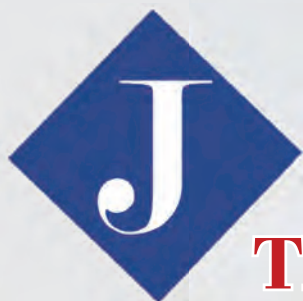
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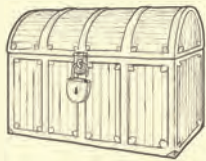
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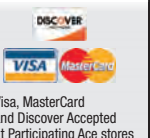
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Obituaries

Donald A. Blaney

Donald A. Blaney Jr., age 72, passed away at home on October 29, 2020. He was born to the late Donald and Sylvia (Drexler) Blaney on November 18, 1947 in Oshkosh. He was an Eagle Scout at an early age. After High School, Donald attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where he was a scholar athlete in tennis. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, he worked with industrial paper companies in the sales department. He married Kathy Flanagan in 2003. After retirement, Don and Kathy enjoyed working in the cafeteria at Lourdes Highschool and St. Francis



Cabrini Elementary. Don was a lover of history, especially Irish history. He was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Donald is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Kevin Blaney, Kerry (Mike) Blaney-Meniell, and Moira (Ed) Blaney-Rossi; Kathy's son, Eric Fonferek; grandchildren, Isabelle, Ethan, Autumn, Lauren, Maddy, Elizabeth, William, and Hannah. He is further survived by his brother-in-law, Chuck (Rellen) Flanagan, and his beautiful Gordon Setter, Molly.

His Irish Setter, Shiloh, preceded him in death.

A private service will be held by the family.

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Stephen Ives Albee

Stephen Ives Albee passed away on October 31, 2020 at Omega House in Houghton, Michigan after a brief courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin July 6th, 1938--the only child of Russell and Jane (nee Ives) Albee. After graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1956, he enlisted in the US Army and served a 4-year tour with the 10th Special Forces Group Airborne in Europe. On January 26, 1963 he married Judith E. Eckstein in Winchester, Wisconsin. He graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a BA degree in 1964 and pursued a Graduate Degree in Urban planning at UW-Milwaukee.



Steve worked in Green Bay and Milwaukee as an urban planner before taking a job with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region in 1971. He worked with local businesses and governments for nearly 25 years to encourage and support economic development in the area. He played a large role in the creation, development and funding of the Keweenaw National Historical Park in 1992. His community focus continued after retirement as he played an active role in numerous community organizations such as the Keweenaw Land Trust, Trout Unlimited and the Copper Country Community Arts Center.

Steve was a lifelong learner; whose pursuit of knowledge included a BS in Forestry from Michigan Tech and frequent participation in Elderhostel/Road Scholar programs. In addition to his career, he was a man of many interests: he was a Boy Scout leader, a cross country skier, an avid

reader, and a supporter of the Pine Mountain Music Festival. He enjoyed traveling with his wife in retirement and spending time with his grandchildren. However, he is probably best known as the Gardener of West Hancock. He brought a love of gardening with him to the Copper Country. In spite of the challenges of poor soil, short summers and cold nights, he persevered. His friends, neighbors, and family were the beneficiaries of the fruits (and vegetables) of his labor. Countless people were able to enjoy the bounties of fresh lettuce, spinach, asparagus, and other delicacies.

Steve is survived by his wife and their three sons: Tom (Tanya) of Brookfield, WI; James of Fairgrove, MI; Mark (Jen) of Duluth, MN; and three grandchildren: Alyssa, Russell, and Lucy. Steve is further survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law: Everett (Carol) Eckstein, Wild Rose, WI; Art Merry, Oshkosh; Janet (Ed) Fritz, Franklin, WI; Lewis Eckstein, Oshkosh; Curt (Sandy) Eckstein, Green Bay, WI, and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his wife's parents and sister-in-law, Jean Merry. The O'Neill-Dennis Funeral Home is working with the family on arrangements. The family would like to thank the staff of Portage Health System and Omega House for their compassionate care. In recognition of his contributions to the community and the Keweenaw National Historical Park, the Quincy Mine Hoist Shaft will be illuminated evenings the week of November 2nd - 6th. A celebration of his life and internment is planned for next summer at Lake View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steve's name to the UW-Oshkosh Jane Ives Albee Scholarship Fund or his family's church, First Presbyterian Church of Oshkosh or the charity of your choice.

Extended UI benefits program ends

The state Department of Workforce Development has been notified by the U.S. Department of Labor that Wisconsin has met the criteria for turning off the Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits (EB) program at the end of last week.

"Wisconsin's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending Oct. 10 was 4.87 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain on

EB. The EB period for Wisconsin ended Nov. 7 and the state will remain in an off period for a minimum of 13 weeks," the Department of Labor said in a statement.

The state expects to complete system programming for the EB program in December and pay eligible claimants for the weeks in which they qualify retroactively. For more information, visit <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiiben/eb>.

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The team includes voting representatives from county land and water conservation departments and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, as well as non-voting advisory members from the state Department of Natural Resources.

The team works to set the strategic direction for lake management and watershed implementation in the Winnebago Waterways Recovery Area. Members-at-large participate as volunteers.

Anyone interested in serving on the team in 2021 can apply by filling out and submitting a membership application.

Team members should be familiar with the waterways within the Winnebago system and regular attendance at quarterly three-hour meetings is expected.

The application deadline is Dec. 1. Contact Korin Doering, Winnebago Waterways program director at korin@fwwa.org or at 920-851-0948 for questions.



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Jesse Owens

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In 1936, Jesse Owens became the first American to win four Track and Field Olympic medals in one year.

The fact that he was the grandchild of slaves and that he grew up in _____ make his athletic achievements even more remarkable.

The 1936 Olympic Games took place in Berlin, _____. At that time, Germany's leader was Adolf Hitler, a man who thought Jewish people, black people and other groups of people were inferior to the people of Northern Europe.

Jesse _____ not going to the 1936 games because of Hitler's views. But then he thought it would be a chance for him to show the _____, and Hitler's Nazi



party, what a black man could do.

In his first race, the 100-meter sprint, Jesse Owens crossed the _____ line in _____ 10.3 seconds—a new world record! Instead of inferior, Jesse Owens was the _____ of the _____ best!

While the German people cheered him on, Adolf Hitler never shook Jesse's hand or _____ him.

Jesse went on to win three more gold medals in the 1936 Olympics, making him the first track-and-field star from the United States to win four gold medals at the Olympics. He showed the world that people of any race could _____ based on hard work and dedication, not race.

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Why help a competitor?



German athlete, Luz Long, competed against Jesse in the long jump. Even though he was a competitor, it is believed that Luz gave Jesse a tip that helped him win the event with a record-breaking jump of 26 feet, 5 5/16 inches. Luz was the first to congratulate and shake the hand of his new friend.

Why do you think Luz Long helped Jesse?

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Runner's Run-on Sentence

Wow! The story below is a giant run-on sentence! Work with a family member to fix it by adding punctuation and capital letters where needed.



Roger loves to go for a run every morning he wakes up before the sun rises he always stretches his muscles first and then he heads for his favorite trail that is next to a creek as Roger runs he enjoys seeing the frogs birds and butterflies busily beginning their day on weekends Roger runs with his friend Stacy who lives down the street from Roger they both signed up for the big Midtown Park 10K Fun Run it is being held next Saturday afternoon at 1:00 which attracts thousands of runners from all over the state Stacy and Roger will train for the event while also making sure to eat healthy foods and drink plenty of water while also getting a good night's sleep every night.



Standards Link: Language Art: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.



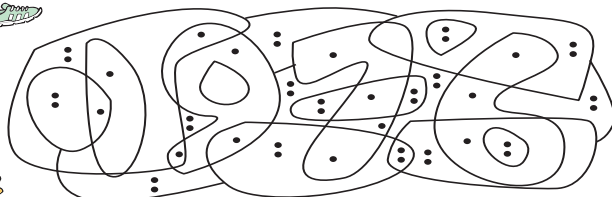
Homecoming

New York City gave Jesse a ticker-tape parade when he came home from the Olympics, but he was still not treated equally in his own country.

"When I came back to my native country, after all the stories about Hitler, I couldn't ride in the front of the bus," Jesse said. "I had to go to the back door. I couldn't live where I wanted. I wasn't invited to shake hands with Hitler, but I wasn't invited to the White House to shake hands with the president, either."

Long-Awaited Honor

40 years later, President Gerald Ford invited Jesse to the White House and gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor a civilian can achieve. **What year was that? Color the spaces with one dot red.**



Jesse went on to win many more awards and he talked to people about the importance of sports, the Olympics and democracy. He never stopped working to be better in his own life and to make lives better for others.

Extra! Extra!

Good Sport

Look through the newspaper for an example of good sportsmanship. Write a sentence summarizing who was a good sport, what they did that showed good sportsmanship, where and when this happened.

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

How many differences can you find between these two postage stamps?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

When Jesse was a child in Alabama, white children and black children were not allowed to go to the same school. When he could, Jesse would walk nine miles to and from the only school for black children. He loved school.

When Jesse was in high school, he won races and set world records for his age group. Colleges wanted him to be on their track teams. Jesse became the first person in his family to go to college. He chose Ohio State University, where he became a member of the Buckeye track-and-field team.

Circle every other letter to discover the nickname Jesse earned in college.

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Double Double Word Search

- COMPETITOR
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- RACE
- GOLD
- BEST
- WIN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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