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Zoo birds

The Menominee Park Zoo welcomed visitors at last weekend's opening of the season. New and ongoing exhibits had a special focus on birds Saturday with Oshkosh Bird Fest returning to the park. Bailey Smith of Oshkosh (above) visits one of the two Rio Grande wild turkeys with her father, Brett. A male bald eagle named Cayuga, recently acquired from Cornell University Wildlife Health Clinic, also drew many visitors. Park hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.



New school board set with duties

Assignments made, search for superintendent outlined

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District school board got right to work after two meetings last week, determining new roles and receiving key updates on the search for a new superintendent and progress in implementing its referendum-backed building projects.

Top posts were determined at a special meeting last Monday, with members voting 5-2 in favor of new board president Bob Poeschl, beating out newcomer Beth Wyman.

Former president Barb Herzog was narrowly chosen over Wyman for the vice presidency, splitting the vote 4-3.

Board member Liz Szilagyi unanimously became board treasurer and Wyman secured her position as board clerk over Stephanie Carlin by a 5-2 vote.

Building projects

At their regularly scheduled meeting last Wednesday, the board was updated on the 2021 summer safety and security reports regarding November's passed referendum to fund and renovate several schools for secure entrances and revamped front offices.

There are two projects slated to be completed in the next two summers at both high schools, according to Drew Niehans, the district's executive director of business services. Oshkosh West also will be remodeled while North will be expanding.

Bids have been made and Miron Construction Co. was the district's top choice. Bray Architects is in the process of vetting

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Chief statue history update sought

Diversity panel hears about plaque additions

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee discussed an educational expansion to the Chief Oshkosh statue at Menominee Park and opened up its future meetings to public comment.

Starting with the group's May 24 meeting, the public will be allowed to provide comment on both agenda items and general statements, both limited to five minutes apiece per speaker with the option to extend at the committee's approval.

Pascale Manning, assistant English professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, presented alongside Menominee Nation tribal members David Gri-

gnon and Arnold Chevalier to propose the addition of five plaques on each cardinal side of the Chief Oshkosh statue.

A special committee was formed in 2018 by Mayor Steve Cummings to further include the tribe's history to the city. With an added emphasis on the factual history of the chief's legacy, Manning, Grignon and Chevalier discussed the romanticization and stereotypes of what a "true" Native American was purported to convey in American culture.

"The statue presents a generic image of a stoic warrior rather than seeking to remember Oshkosh the person," Manning said of the monument dedicated in June 1911. "It limits the subject to a set of stereotypes."

Four plaques will include subjects crucial to Chief Oshkosh, who led the tribe from 1827 until his death in 1858, and

the land that was coined after him: land, steward, statesman and biographical. A meta-plaque will be included to describe the purpose of the additions.

Manning estimated the cost to be about \$5,000 per plaque, to which John Fitzpatrick suggested bringing the presentation to other committees for backing and funding options.

Several goals are in mind with the addition – inform visitors, provoke questions, enact exchange and interchange – while providing dialogue in an informative and corrective way, Manning said.

Committee members asked Grignon and Chevalier if they considered proposing removal of the romanticized figure and replacing it with a more accurate representation, to which they responded their intent to keep it and provide insight to

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The Chief Oshkosh monument at Menominee Park was funded 120 years ago by community leader Col. John Hicks, one of many statues he provided to the city.



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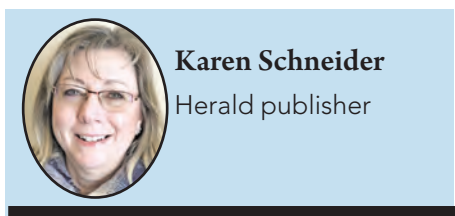
Kid Scoop team promotes reading

Oshkosh Herald is launching its third annual summer reading program in collaboration with a growing list of child care partners. We all share the same goal of increasing reading proficiency for our young people.

Last month a midyear report on achievement gap reduction (AGR) scores was shared from four elementary schools in the Oshkosh district. Reading assessment averaged around 40 percent proficiency for third-grade level and mid-30 percent for math proficiency.

Literacy and learning equity is a passion of mine and sometimes you learn something and just can't let it go. For me it was hearing that fourth-grade reading scores are used to predict prison population. The One World Literacy Foundation has found that two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. It also predicts that if a child is not reading proficiently by that time he or she will have about a 78 percent chance of not catching up.

And fewer than 50 percent of



fourth-graders in Oshkosh read at or above grade level.

The Herald continues to invest in our Newspaper in Education (NIE) program with our partners because studies have shown that using newspapers in education can increase reading levels up to 10 percent and nearly 30 percent for at-risk children.

This summer we are partnering with the Oshkosh Public Library to create synergy between its Summer Reading Challenge and NIE. The YMCA, Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and area teachers are incorporating NIE for their students offering a fun reading program to deliver additional tools and resources to slow the summer slide and increase reading proficiency.

NIE/Kid Scoop content includes interactive games, activities and puzzles

and supports Common Core State Standards, which provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn. This summer Literacy Tips from the library will be included on our Kid Scoop page with additional activities posted on our social pages and at www.oshkoshherald.com/kidscoop that encourage students to read more of the community content in the Herald.

The summer program encourages participants to take part in the weekly activities and save their work in the tote bag generously provided by 4Imprint. At the end of the summer the students will exchange their summer work for goodies – including an age-appropriate book to keep the joy of reading growing.

Any financial support the public can provide toward the program will be used to advance young people's access to these reading and literacy tools. If you are able to help this effort please contact Karen@oshkoshherald.com or mail donations payable to OASD Educational Foundation c/o NIE Kid Scoop, 923 S. Main St., Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902.

Lights to shine on female Native Americans

Bridge lights in the city will turn red at dusk today (Wednesday) to commemorate the Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, a national day to draw attention to the disproportionate rates of violence against Native American females.

Community members are invited to a vigil and lighting ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at Riverside Park. The event will be livestreamed on the Esther Fox Valley Facebook page.

The National Crime Information Center reported nearly 6,000 cases of missing American Indian women and girls in 2016 while the U.S. Department of Justice was tracking only about 100 cases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the third leading

cause of death among Native American women between ages 10 and 24 and the fifth leading cause of death for ages 25 to 34.

The local proclamation was made at the Common Council's April 27 meeting. Similar resolutions were made in Menasha and Green Bay, and in Brown, Menominee and Shawano counties.

Grand holds Broadway-themed auction

The Grand Oshkosh is holding a virtual silent auction called Oshkosh Off Broadway that opened this Monday and continues until 9 p.m. Saturday.

The annual fundraiser in past years would have local celebrities singing and dancing on The Grand Oshkosh stage to

raise funds for arts programming to benefit the United We Grand Fund.

This year each silent auction package includes Broadway-themed items or experiences.

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City’s mask ordinance extended through May

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The recently reorganized Common Council discussed an array of topics at last week’s meeting that ran nearly four hours, including the ongoing face mask ordinance that it voted to extend through the end of May.

The council passed an amended resolution 5-2, with Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer and Bill Miller opposing, to either end the mask ordinance May 31 or lift it when the Winnebago County Health Department reports 50 percent of county residents have been fully vaccinated.

“I hope people get vaccinated; I hope people are kind to each other,” said member Mike Ford, who proposed the 50 percent vaccination amendment.

Both Mugerauer and Miller noted surrounding counties and communities who do not have a mandate and have low or consistent COVID case numbers. Mugerauer added that a mandate is not needed while the public is already doing what’s right.

Another contested agenda item involved granting the Northside Bar N Grill a conditional use permit to hold four outdoor entertainment events. The Plan Commission had split its vote last week to deny the permit 5-4.

The permit resolution for the 2126 Algoma Blvd. location was in contrast to a new ordinance read for the first time at the April 27 meeting for Karmali’s Bar & Grill to be able to add outdoor seating. That item was not voted on.

Miller cited conversations with neighboring residences of Northside whose

main concern was the potential noise later at night with small children in close proximity.

Though in line with the city’s noise ordinance weekend cutoff of 11 p.m., member Aaron Wojciechowski amended the proposal to be 10 p.m. all week along with a one-year sunset clause for review.

The vote was 5-2 for the conditional use permit, with Mayor Lori Palmeri and

council member Courtney Hansen objecting.

In other action, the council:

- Unanimously passed a general development plan for the southwest corner of West South Park Avenue and West 20th Avenue, the former location of the now closed Packers Pub and La Sure’s Cafe and Catering.
- Approved the former Cabrini School

redevelopment in the 600 block of Merritt Avenue with the goal to turn the space into 35 low-income senior housing units.

- Agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Education tentatively set for May 20 to discuss an update to the Merrill School redevelopment, accessible student busing, and a joint resolution to respond to anti-Asian incidents reported nationally.

Sisters share longevity at Bethel Home

Oshkosh Herald

As the two oldest Miravida Living community residents, Mary Gabert and Ruth McKone share more than just longevity and a little bit of wine.

Gabert, who is 102, and McKone, 100, are sisters who grew up together in Oshkosh and now reside at Bethel Home. They enjoy many of the same activities there – bingo, pokeno, entertainment, happy hour, rosary and Catholic Mass – along with visiting each other.

Gabert and McKone were the only children of parents who also enjoyed longevity at 100 and 87, but have a son and grandchildren, respectively, who live in the area. McKone has lived at Bethel since 2006 and Gabert since 2018. They were both at the Simeanna apartments before both moving to Bethel.

McKone worked at Lourdes Academy as a secretary for 35 years and also at 4imprint for 10. Gabert worked for a local telephone company.

“It is a remarkable privilege to have a glimpse into the lives of Ruth and Mary.



Ruth McKone (left) and Mary Gabert celebrated birthdays that were in late December and early January at Bethel Home.

The love they share is captured in their smiles and laughter,” said Theresa Bertram, Miravida Living chief executive. “Miravida Living is inspired by them and honored to provide them with these opportunities.”

Carrie Kiekhaefer, director of marketing and communications, said both are in good health and the facility benefits from the sisters’ “200 years of wisdom, beauty and life experiences shared between these two amazing women.”

Congratulations to this year’s Celebrate Education grant winners! Thank you to our sponsors for making this celebration possible: Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, UW-Oshkosh, and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

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Addiction recovery group expanding, sets fundraiser

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Solutions Recovery Inc. (SRI) announced a new addition to its sober living facilities, the third in Oshkosh since its inception in 2007, and is looking for donations through its Opening a Door to Hope campaign.

The nonprofit organization at 621 Evans St. worked with several major donors, organizations, foundations and others to make the project happen and will be campaigning for funds through June.

Among other collaboration efforts was a grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, which is supported by the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the J. J. Keller Foundation and other community partners.

Longtime SRI supporter Gloria West has pledged to match all donations dollar for dollar up to the first \$5,000.

The new sober living home on Franklin Street will provide space for six additional women to start their recovery journey, set to open in August. SRI's first two homes on Parkway Avenue include 11 beds collectively to accommodate the 12-step sober living program, lasting from six to nine months.

"We want women in our sober living homes to feel like it is a place they can heal and be loved," said Megan Reinl, Sober House program director. "When you support sober living you are giving these women their lives back."

SRI executive director Trevor Fenrich further emphasized the opportunities that lie in the third home.

"We need the support of our community now more than ever," Fenrich said. "That's why we will be showcasing the impact of the sober living program, and the amazing participants through Opening a Door to Hope."



Submitted photo

Denver Scott shows his shirttail that marked his first solo flight from Wittman Regional Airport.

Young pilot gets his wings through dedication, EAA

Oshkosh Herald

Usually students at age 16 get excited about having the freedom of acquiring a driver's license. One 16-year-old, however, achieved his first solo airplane flight at the youngest age EAA will allow.

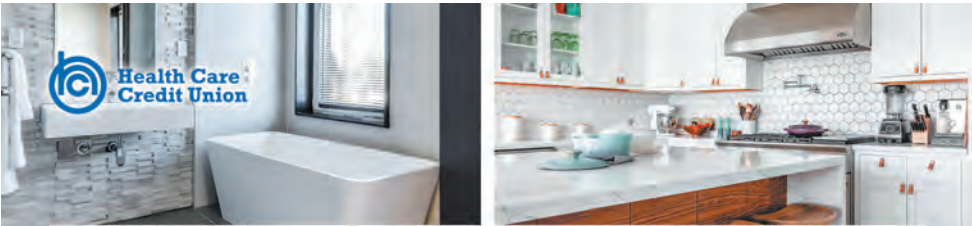
Denver Scott garnered his interest in flight by attending EAA AirVenture and riding an Eagle Flight as a child. He then became a member of his local chapter and explored how he could become a pilot himself.

Scott, son of Mike and Lisa Scott of

Oshkosh, built his own computer to practice flying on a simulator for more than 300 hours before taking on in-person instruction.

Scott took off from Wittman Regional Airport on April 18, in the Winnebago Flying Club's Cessna 172, according to EAA's website.

He said he plans to log more than 200 hours of flight time before he graduates high school in preparation for obtaining an aircraft pilot's certification, or checkride, within the next year.



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EAA recalls first moon mission pilot Collins

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Experimental Aircraft Association noted the passing of former NASA astronaut Michael Collins last week, who was part of the first moon landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969 and later visited AirVenture on two separate occasions.

The mission's command module pilot, who appeared at EAA's last AirVenture in 2019, died Wednesday at age 90.

"We are saddened to hear of the passing of Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins," the organization said on its Facebook page. "We were fortunate to have him join us at AirVenture 2019 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and share his story."

Collins was part of Apollo 11's three-man crew with Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, who were the first to walk on the moon. He was an Air Force pilot, then an astronaut in the Gemini program and the third American to perform a spacewalk. NASA said Collins logged 266 hours in space.

Before his 2019 visit to AirVenture, Collins was at 1994's fly-in as one of 15 Apollo astronauts taking part in the Salute to Apollo program on the 25th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Chris Henry, the EAA Aviation Mu-



Former Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins (left), speaks during an appearance at EAA AirVenture in 2019.

seum programs representative, was the primary liaison with Collins during his most recent visit and recalled Collins was excited to be back at Oshkosh after a long absence.

"He had been doing three weeks of interviews and activities for the Apollo 11 50th anniversary throughout July," Henry said of Collins. "But he was very happy to be at Oshkosh. He kept calling it the desert for him after a long month with all the media interviews."

Henry also noted Collins' appreciation for being able to get another look at other aircraft that he had flown.

"We also had a little time before his evening presentation at Theater in the Woods that evening, so we toured the grounds and looked at the aircraft types that Mike had flown in the Air Force," he said. "He kept saying that he was so grateful to be able to show his family the airplanes he had flown and that they were represented here at AirVenture."

FVTC begins its search to replace president May

Oshkosh Herald

The Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) board of trustees has begun its search for a new president after Susan May announced her retirement after serving in the role for 13 years.

The presidential search committee plans to make a selection by the end of June with a targeted Aug. 1 start date. The college's president reports to the nine-member board.

Board chair Patty Van Ryzin said the search committee is made up of internal stakeholders to represent faculty, staff and students at the college, community partners and the board itself.

"The board of trustees is dedicated to ensuring the execution of a strong recruiting process that will attract a diverse pool of candidates at a statewide and national level," Van Ryzin said.

According to FVTC's presidential

search webpage, the position acts as chief executive of the educational institution, highly recognized for its "occupational, hands-on training for the workplace."

Additionally, the board seeks a "stakeholder-focused, innovative leader who will advance organizational equity and growth while serving the ever-changing workforce needs of our district."

Challenges the new president may face include enhancing access to support an increasingly diverse student population, growing enrollments and graduates, developing a new multiyear strategic plan with a wide range of stakeholders, and implementing new administrative computing systems.

Next steps in the search include a May 14 application deadline, narrowing down to two or three finalists by May 31, final decision by June 21 and announcement by June 28.

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Oblio's, a longtime beer hall, revives on Main St.

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When Oblio's Lounge reopened April 12, it marked the beginning of another chapter for one of Oshkosh's best-known and longest-lived bars.

Oblio's had been closed for more than six months beginning in October when COVID-19 infections were spreading rapidly in Oshkosh. Locking the door was a step that owners Mark Schultz and Todd Cummings didn't take lightly.

"We thought that what we were doing was right for us and the community," Cummings says. "I don't begrudge anybody for staying open. We have 42 years of business here so it's a little bit different for us. It was just what we thought was right for us and our customers."

"That was the thing," Schultz says. "We think what we did was the right thing for our situation. Some people disagree. That's their right to disagree. But we were both on the same page this whole time."

It was just the second time in the past 135 years that the beer stopped flowing at 432-434 N. Main St. The building that is home to Oblio's was built in 1884 from a plan drawn by noted Oshkosh architect William Waters. The first saloon there, the Schlitz Beer Hall, took up residence shortly thereafter. Schlitz Brewing purchased the building in 1886.

At the time, there were already more than 80 saloons in the city. All but six of them sold nothing but locally made beer. The Schlitz Beer Hall was one of the few places where variety was featured.

It became the 19th-century equivalent of a craft beer bar. Everything from Pil-



Mark Schultz (left) and Todd Cummings reopened their Oblio's Lounge last month after a six-month shutdown due to the pandemic.

sners and Vienna lagers to porters and stouts was served there. It was a precarious start for a location that would go on to have more influence on the beer culture in Oshkosh than any other series of saloons or taverns in the city's history. But that high profile wasn't always advantageous.

At the turn of the century, the Beer Hall became the target of prohibitionists who lobbied city hall to have its saloon license revoked. When Prohibition arrived in 1920, the Beer Hall became a speakeasy.

The now renowned taproom was the site of the first raid in Oshkosh by federal agents on a doomed mission to stem the flow of illegal liquor here. In 1927 – the depths of Prohibition – the bar was finally forced to close. It remained closed for the next nine years.

Though the recent six-month closure of Oblio's was comparatively brief, it felt much longer for Schultz and Cummings.

"It's become such a part of our DNA after doing it all these years," Cummings

says. When he and Schultz purchased the building in 2005 they became just its fourth owner. By that point, the two of them had already been running Oblio's for 16 years and had managed to again make the bar into a destination for beer enthusiasts. The roots of craft beer in Oshkosh were established at Oblio's. But at the moment, things are different. Almost half of the 27 tap lines are not currently being used.

"After we closed, we emptied all of the beer lines and had the distributors take the kegs back," Schultz says. "We're gradually building the lineup back up. At this point, we want to make sure we're only putting fresh beer on."

"We're also doing smaller barrels," Cummings says, "which is quite a bit more expensive. We want to keep the beer flowing and fresh. We're trying to ease back into it with a nice balance of beers."

Balance has long been a hallmark of the Oblio's tap list. It's become something of a rare take in a craft-beer market besotted with gimmickry.

"Our demand isn't that great for those sorts of beers," Cummings says. "We've dipped our toes into that, but overwhelmingly that's not what our clientele is asking for. Maybe it's a clientele that's a little more experienced; or knowledgeable. I don't want to sound condescending, but I think Oblio's customers come in looking for certain types of beer. We're not pushing an agenda; we're more trying to provide what our customers want."

It's that relationship with the customer that Cummings and Schultz say they missed the most during the time Oblio's was closed.

"There was never the thought of not reopening," Cummings says. "It's more than just Mark and me, it's this building and its history and the generations of people who come here. There's a lot of feeling of family here."

"We really missed everybody," Schultz adds. "It's so good just to see them again."

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



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Making the most of the nonprofit sector in Oshkosh

My first job after college was with a nonprofit organization. When I excitedly told my parents about the offer, my dad asked, “Is this volunteer thing?” I assured him that no, it comes with a salary, benefits and even a water cooler in the office.

I share this story because there has been a lot of talk about the nonprofit sector in Oshkosh lately, and I find its nature and role is often misunderstood.

First and foremost, nonprofit organizations are defined by their IRS status. While there are several types of nonprofit organizations, the most common are 501(c)3’s, which are often referred to as charitable organizations.

These organizations cannot be operated for private benefit, must put any money they make back into the organization, and cannot directly campaign for or against political candidates. Charitable organizations are also tax exempt, and donations to 501(c)3’s are tax deductible.

Here in Oshkosh we have, according to the most recent data from the IRS, 289 charitable organizations with more than \$305 million in annual revenues. As can be seen in the accompanying table, the largest number of organizations are categorized as human services (examples include Day by Day Warming Shelter, EAA and the Christine Ann Center), while the largest revenues are generated by health organizations like Mercy Hospital. So, while nonprofit organizations share an IRS designation, the sector itself is incredibly diverse.

Understanding the relationship between the nonprofit sector and government requires understanding the differ-



ences between charity and philanthropy. Charity refers to the immediate relief of suffering, while philanthropy is a more coordinated effort at systemic change. Charity of course adds value to our community (and any community), but it is no substitute for government.

Utilizing the nonprofit sector to supplant or support government service delivery requires coordination, goal setting, performance measurement and oversight. In short, making the most of the nonprofit sector requires organization.

Here in Oshkosh we have some of that organization – the United Way and Community Foundation being just two examples – but there is more to be done on the government side. Simply stating the nonprofit sector should be more involved, or listing area nonprofits with government contracts, is not enough to actually move the needle on our community’s biggest challenges.

We need a governance structure with buy-in from local government and willing nonprofits to set measurable goals, track progress and direct our finite community resources toward making a collective impact. In public administration we call this type of framework meta-governance, which in plain language is a staffed entity with real authority that is in charge of

Breakdown of Oshkosh nonprofits

Organization Type	Number	Percentage	Total Annual Revenues
Arts, culture, and humanities	26	9.0%	\$ 6,466,612
Education	28	9.7%	\$ 34,400,000
Environment	7	2.4%	\$ 1,110,184
Health	17	5.9%	\$ 123,015,429
Human services	106	36.7%	\$ 119,758,168
International	2	0.7%	\$ 32,605
Mutual benefit	1	0.3%	\$ 0
Public and societal benefit	35	12.1%	\$ 16,016,128
Religion	61	21.1%	\$ 4,153,152
Unknown	6	2.1%	\$ 59,238
Total	289	100.0%	\$ 305,011,516

Source: IRS

herding cats.

Government is not always best-positioned to provide services to the community. Nonprofits have the potential to be more focused, more efficient and ultimately more effective. But the nonprofit sector, like government, is not inherently good or bad. At its best, the nonprofit sector can be an effective tool for accomplishing community goals. At its worst, the nonprofit sector can be a donor-driven population of siloed organizations that pursue narrow interests rather than the common good.

The good news for Oshkosh is that we have a population of nonprofit organizations staffed with passionate experts in their collective fields. My hope is that our local governments can take an increased leadership role in coordinating our collective efforts. I believe we have only scratched the surface on what we

can accomplish through public-nonprofit collaborations.

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Drowning case details from Dec. 20 released

Oshkosh Herald

John Scherbert of Berlin jumped into the Fox River on Dec. 20 to save his wife, Jill Scherbert, after she had fallen into the frozen Fox River after a holiday celebration at a nearby restaurant, according to Oshkosh police records.

The report released last week details the rescue effort and attempt by emergency medical personnel to revive Jill, who later died at Mercy Medical Center. The Fond du Lac medical examiner determined the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

The Scherberts had arrived at Becket's at 5 p.m. to celebrate a company Christmas party and left at 11 p.m. with work colleagues, according to the police report.

John had left to put items from the Christmas party into his vehicle while Jill sat on an outside bench, the report states,

before she tripped on the pavement, fell and rolled headfirst into the frozen water.

Her husband went into the water, grabbed Jill and swam toward a pier piling while trying to keep her above water for 10 to 15 minutes before police officers arrived and pulled first Jill then John from the water. Emergency workers began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and regained a pulse before transporting her to the hospital.

Investigators determined the death was accidental and that she registered a blood-alcohol content above the legal driving limit.

According to her obituary, Scherbert was born Dec. 14, 1962. She graduated from De Forest High School in 1981 and furthered her education at Madison Community College with a degree in marketing and computer programming while raising six children. Her obituary said she cherished her time with family and friends.

and Eva Under Fire, followed by Sunday's groups Chevelle, Sevendust, Fever 333, Dirty Honey, Tetrarch and Austin Meade.

DWP said it plans to host select concerts at Ford Park Live to re-establish the site as an outdoor music destination with hopes of developing new annual festivals there with wide appeal in the region. Rock USA and Country USA were forced to cancel last year's events due to the pandemic and their promoter Hypervibe later filed for bankruptcy protection.

Tickets will offer pod seating in quantities of four to six people.

Rock shows returning to Ford Park

Oshkosh Herald

A national promoter that took over the lease at Ford Festival Park to fill the void created by the cancellation of Rock USA and Country USA festivals is presenting a two-day rock lineup this summer headlined by bands Chevelle and Halestorm.

Danny Wimmer Presents (DWP) announced the June 26 and 27 shows at the 200-acre site now called Ford Park Live. The Saturday lineup will feature Halestorm, Myles Kennedy, Black Stone Cherry, Ayron Jones, From Ashes to New

United Way investment grant applications sought

Oshkosh Area United Way will be accepting applications for the 2022 Community Investment Grant starting June 1 from organizations in the United Way's service area.

The service focus areas include mental health, childhood development and steps toward a living wage.

"The application process allows organizations throughout our area to educate us on programs they are cultivating, and the impact those programs can have on our community," said Mary Ann L. Dilling,

Oshkosh Area United Way president.

One in 3 people in the Oshkosh area benefit from United Way supported programs with funding for 38 programs from 22 organizations.

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization recognized by the IRS as 501(c)3 or hold a similar tax exemption. The deadline to apply is June 30.

Organizations interested in applying must take part in training before submitting an application. To sign up, contact oaaw@oshkoshunitedway.org.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 3, 1922

Ask Place For Museum: The Winnebago County Archeological and Historical Society wants to have the museum now occupying space at the Oshkosh Public Library given a place at the Sawyer Foundation. Edgar P. Sawyer recently

gifted his home to the city, and the historical society feels it would not only be an excellent location, but would allow the collection to be considerably extended. A formal communication was sent by the historical society to the mayor and councilmen, urging them to consider the proposal. The city has agreed to give matter consideration and has asked for time to review it. In the meantime, visitors to the library will be asked to write their views on the transfer of the collection.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 3, 1922

Walk With Ease classes offered at center

The Oshkosh Seniors Center and Winnebago County Wellness Plus Collaboration are bringing the Arthritis Foundation's Walk With Ease class to the center starting Monday through June 16. A certified leader teaches how to safely make

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Titan Thunder marching band to debut at UWO

UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has announced plans to add a marching band to its repertoire, with the expectation of a 100-piece unit to make its debut in fall 2022.

The Titan Thunder Marching Band will be an integral part of UW Oshkosh Titans game days and other campus and community events.

“Making this announcement during our sesquicentennial year is particularly impactful for our university,” said Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. “A marching band, and its pep band component, will help us add to the excitement and camaraderie that only music can create at our athletics and special events. This component of our music program will meet the stated interest of our students and prospective students.”

Development of a marching band has been on Leavitt’s priority list since he took the helm at UWO in 2014. A former marching band participant in his college days, Leavitt connected with Music Department Chair Alison Shaw soon after his arrival in Oshkosh. As the institution prepares for a fully open fall and the region moves out of the pandemic, now is the time to move this initiative forward, he said.

UWO has begun a search for a marching band director, with a target hiring date of May. That will give the director more than a year to build the program from the ground up. The new hire will play a key role in the formation of the band – including its style, instruments and uniforms.

“The music department is beyond excited to welcome the new marching band di-



Photo from UW Oshkosh

The new Titan Thunder Marching Band will join UW Oshkosh Titans game days and other campus events.

rector to our team,” Shaw said. “Marching band directors are some of the most dedicated educators around, and their love of music and learning is infectious. This person will take 100 or so diverse students and turn them into a group of friends, a beautiful sounding music machine and a point of pride for the university.”

Student recruitment for the Titan Thunder Marching Band – Titan Thunder for short – will begin in the 2021-22 academic year. More information on the process and the timeline for assembling the band

will be available in the months ahead.

“Marching band can bring people from widely diverse backgrounds together for a purpose that reaches beyond the individual and creates community,” Shaw said. “Just like choir and other concert ensembles, it requires discipline, dedication and teamwork. These are just a few of the obvious things that will benefit the students who participate.”

The work to establish the Titan Thunder at UWO comes as the university celebrates its sesquicentennial. A pep band,

made up of musicians from the marching band, also is expected to be formed for the purpose of playing at smaller indoor events, possibly as early as the 2021-22 academic year.

“The new marching band at UWO will be exciting, dynamic and a lot of fun,” said director of bands Devin Otto. “Students will have the opportunity to engage with each other musically and socially, and to help start new traditions that will have a positive impact on campus life for years to come.”

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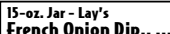
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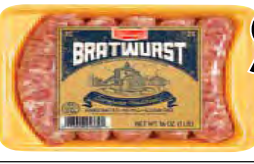

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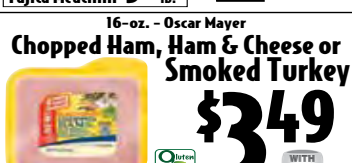

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Front office and secure entrance remodeling projects involve Carl Traeger Elementary and Middle schools; Franklin Elementary School; Emmeline Cook Elementary School; Lakeside Elementary School; and South Park Middle School.

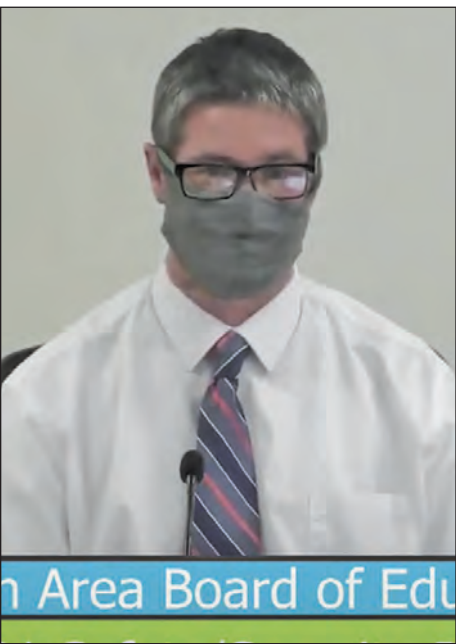
District leader search

CESA 6 chief executive Ted Neitzke provided a workshop for the board to provide insight to how the superintendent search will proceed.

Described as a “consensus process,” Neitzke emphasized CESA 6’s intentions to choose candidates that reflect the results of a recent survey.

Among the 931 respondents, the search team consolidated key values the public would like to see in an effective school board and superintendent, including a focus on policy, leading as a united team, sharing beliefs and values, and committing to a vision of high expectations.

The team’s goal is to present five high-



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Bob Poeschl is the new Board of Education president after a 5-2 vote last week.

ly qualified candidates for review by the board in mid-May to begin the interview process and have three finalists decided by May 24.

A press release reporting the final three candidates will be announced before the presentations and final decision.

“I’m very honored we’re having this conversation,” she said.

Grignon, the tribe’s historic preservation officer, cited noteworthy actions of the chief that kept the Menominee Nation where it is today. He and Chevalier expressed their willingness to help launch the project.

“Chief Oshkosh did a lot for our people. If it weren’t for him we’d be in Minnesota,” Grignon said. “He made it so we could stay on our ancestral territory. These plaques represent the honor we should bestow on Chief Oshkosh.”

Youth Choir in concert at Leach

The Oshkosh Youth Choir is presenting its first live concert in more than a year next Tuesday at the Leach Amphitheater.

Choir director Jennifer Jensen said 96 students were accepted into the three choirs during the 2019-20 school year from grades 3 to 12 with every school in the district represented. She said when the pandemic and shutdowns began they had to put a halt to attempts to perform while allowing graduating seniors the opportunity to perform solos.

Five of the eight graduating seniors were able to get into a recording studio and have their performances filmed.

Open auditions were not held for new students and existing students were allowed to continue with the choir. Rehearsals began in September with 41 singers, less than half of the roster from the previous year. Jensen’s 35,000-square-foot office building was used with students lined up on tape marks 10 feet apart with singers wearing masks.

Capacity for Tuesday’s concert featuring 1980s music is limited to 500 – including singers – and tickets can be ordered at musicepiphany@yahoo.com and picked up at will call on the night of the performance.

Calendar of events

Ongoing “The Other Side: An Installation by Jennifer Angus,” Paine Art Center, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday “The Nostalgia Awakens: Vintage Star Wars Toy Display,” Oshkosh Public Museum Oshkosh StoryWalk, “1, 2, 3 Jump!” The Shops at Oshkosh, 3001 Washburn St.	Saturday, May 8 Star Wars Celebration, 11 a.m., 100-700 blocks of N. Main Street Cornhole Tournament, 11 a.m., Kalbus Country Harbor, 5309 Lake Road The Empire Strikes Back,” 2 and 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St. New Generation Singers, 6 p.m., Paniel Welsh Chapel, 9644 Zoar Road
Wednesday, May 5 NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.	Sunday, May 9 Mother’s Day at Paine, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd. “Mama Mia,” 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St. Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House
Thursday, May 6 Comedy Open Mic, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S	Tuesday, May 11 Oshkosh Youth Choir, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Friday, May 7 Venture-A-Palooza, 6 p.m., The Venture Project, 210 N. Main St. Jay Edward with Jay Stullo, 8 p.m., O’Marro’s Public House, 2211 Oregon St.	

Chief Oshkosh

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how Native Americans have been falsely portrayed.

“The romanticization of Menominee people, and all indigenous people, has to be addressed,” said Chevalier, who is also acting chair of the Wisconsin Humanities Council.

Mayor Lori Palmeri, council liaison for the committee, expressed her interest in the efforts to preserve Oshkosh history.



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Redistricting begins in court

Dane County Circuit Judge Stephen Ehlke voided two taxpayer-funded contracts last week that state Republican leaders had settled with private attorneys two months ago in preparation for the redistricting process.

“Under the plain terms of the statute the defendants did not have authority to enter into the two contracts at issue in this case,” Ehlke wrote and Wisconsin Public Radio reported.

One of the contracts was signed with Consovoy McCarthy, paying \$30,000 per month for “pre-litigation counseling” starting in January and up to \$965,000 in 2021. The other called for paying Bell Gifto St. John an hourly rate of \$375 to argue on behalf of Republican leadership.

The decision won’t prevent GOP legislators from hiring private attorneys later this year, WPR noted, and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said he will challenge Ehlke’s decision.

“It’s certainly no surprise that a Dane County judge gave liberal activists a favorable ruling in this case,” Vos said. “We will appeal the decision and move forward.”

Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu argued that their power to hire attorneys without a filing is granted in state statute and the constitution. Ehlke wrote that the statute was granted in 2018’s lame duck session, and that following their argument would allow political leaders to hire private attorneys at any time based on the chance that a law they passed could be challenged.

The state Supreme Court would have the final say in this case should Republican leadership challenge the ruling.



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Backlot brewing

Darren Reichenberger (left) and Rob Bearwald transfer their hibiscus pale ale Saturday during Big Brew Day hosted by the Society of Oshkosh Brewers as part of the American Homebrewers Association’s National Homebrew Day behind The Cellar on North Washburn Street. The eight beers brewed ranged from German-style lagers and Belgian-style ales to American double IPAs. About 50 gallons was brewed in all.

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Wildcats power past Spartans in spring matchup

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Having a spring football season was anything but normal, but even that couldn't stop Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West football teams from seeing the field together. After the five-week regular season, both qualified for the abbreviated postseason with more than just bragging rights on the line.

The Spartans, champions of Pod D, took on the Wildcats who are the runners-up in Pod C. Both teams knew they were guaranteed one more week after this but wanted to take home the crown of best in the city this year. The Wildcats were the more physical team as they stopped their cross-town rivals, 49-22.

"Tonight was simple," West head coach Duane Hartkopf said. "The kids came into this game expecting to win and we executed the game plan. We had great practices all week and these kids were very well prepared for tonight's game. They played with emotion, toughness and great energy, which is what we were preaching all week."

After topping Sheboygan North last week, the Spartans didn't match that same intensity and head coach Juston Wara gave West credit for that.

"We just didn't have it as a team tonight," he said. "Give credit to Oshkosh West as they are a great football team. They forced us into careless turnovers, which typically doesn't happen to us and we just didn't play our best tonight."

The Wildcats stopped the Spartans on their opening possession before getting the ball. That was when they started to do what they do best as Riley Taylor used his



North's Drake Moxon follows a blocker in Friday night's game against Oshkosh West. Moxon led the Wildcats with six catches for 85 yards and a score.

speed to the outside to move the chains and set the offense up in North territory. Roman Martell took care of the rest as he bounced for the 44-yard score and 7-0 lead midway through the first.

After forcing a fumble, West moved the ball and Taylor scored from three yards out – giving the Wildcats a 14-0 lead. Taylor led West with 72 yards on 13 carries as the Wildcats rushed for 243 yards. Martell had 71 yards while quarterback David Kohl had 54.

Another quick possession led to the Wildcats needing just one play for the next score as Kohl took to the air for a rare pass

finding Kyle Ketter open over the middle for a 46-yard touchdown.

"Our defensive backs had to be disciplined tonight and focus on the receivers and not the backfield," Hartkopf said. "This was one of the few pass-heavy teams we have faced this season, so we needed to stay disciplined. Offensively, our mindset was simple – run the ball until you stop us. This was the best we looked all season, which comes at the perfect time."

Facing their largest deficit of the season, the Spartans moved the chains inside the West 20 but was faced with a four and five with the ball at the 19. North capitalized

on a perfectly executed screen to Drake Moxon for the score to close the gap to 21-6.

On the ensuing kick, North tried to catch the Wildcats off-guard but Ketter scooped up the loose ball and outran everyone to make it a 28-6 game. Kohl added a seven-yard run late in the second before Darnell Williams picked up a fumble near midfield and returned it inside the 20, setting up his 14-yard score with seconds to go and a 42-6 halftime lead.

Wara was left searching for answers as the second half was set to begin.

"We knew they love to run the football, so we wanted to put bigger bodies in on defense," he said. "Granted we did that, but it didn't go in our favor. We need to do a better job of getting those guys to hold up. We had a great scheme in place but unfortunately we couldn't execute it the way we wanted to."

The ground game led to the Wildcats' only score in the second half as Kohl took it himself for 34 yards extending the lead to 49-6.

North's Peyton Lyon finished 21-for-38 for 228 yards and a passing touchdown, along with a rushing touchdown, while Hunter Carlson had 33 yards rushing. Moxon led all Spartan receivers with 85 yards on six catches.

West's Max Pieterick had his 10th interception of the season in the second half, tying a school record and killing another Spartans drive. North refused to cash things in, picking up a pair of fourth-quarter rushing touchdowns from Lyon and Lyndon Hemmrich-Hartman to cap off the scoring.

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Wildcats open softball campaign with close win

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Two years removed from a sectional final appearance; the Oshkosh West softball team was back on the diamond kicking off its 2021 season. It was a nonconference matchup against the Phantoms of West De Pere as the Wildcats were eager to open their season with a win.

There were some first-game jitters and rust from everyone involved after not having a season last year. In the end, it was the Wildcats offense coming through when they needed them and holding off a strong Phantoms team 11-10.

“We certainly played like it was our first game,” head coach Tim Kohl said on the win. “They are a very good hitting team. We did a nice job sticking with them each inning as they battled back. Defensively we have a few things to work on so that we can play at a little faster pace.”

After Tatum Duff tossed a scoreless first inning, the Wildcats offense got to work with both Taylor Emery and Braelee Jodarski earning walks to put the Wildcats in business. Brianna Davis made sure those runners wouldn’t go to waste as her RBI triple gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead after one.

Coming off a perfect game win Tuesday, the Phantoms were playing from behind for the first time this season. They didn’t let that phase them as they responded with a pair of runs of their own in the top of the second. Karleigh Linssen and Morgan De-



Photo by Dustin Riese

West’s Dominique Bauer fields the throw and looks to tag out a West De Pere runner.

groot were credited with the RBIs as things were even at 2-2. Knowing that this would be a shootout, the Wildcats offense was back at it in the bottom of the second backing Duff as best they could.

A leadoff Laina Hammen double generated momentum before an Abigail Curtis single put runners on the corners. Emery laid down a sacrifice bunt putting two in scoring position before Jodarski gave West the lead with an RBI single. Dominique Bauer added an RBI single of her own as the Wildcats offense was rolling 5-2.

The Phantoms were out to show how good of a hitting team they were and

proved that in the third inning. An RBI triple for Ella Arendt helped as the Phantoms ripped four consecutive hits off Duff to take the lead. The Phantoms pushed across five runs in that inning with Nevaeh Wagnendorf, Jannsen and Degroot adding RBIs to give the Phantoms a 7-5 lead. This didn’t surprise Kohl as he knew how good of a hitting team his team was up against.

“We certainly had to battle back every inning that we gave up the lead,” he said. “It was nice to see the girls stick with it and not get down on themselves. Give credit to West De Pere for they had the same battle every inning that we did.”

The Wildcats battled back in the fourth as the top of the order set the table with Emery leading off with a single before coming home on a Jodarski double to make things 7-6. Jodarski would come home to score later that inning on a wild pitch to tie things up 7-7.

A Davis single kept the line moving for the Wildcats with Bauer reaching on an error putting two runners on base yet again. The biggest hit of that inning came off the bat of Duff as she helped her own cause with the go-ahead, two-run single up the middle giving the Wildcats a 9-7 lead.

Jannsen led off the fifth by getting hit by a pitch, then Josie Frederickson and Degroot had hits of their own with Degroot helping to tie things at 9 with an RBI double. Add in an RBI single for Leah Kocken and the Wildcats were again trailing 10-9.

A leadoff single by Curtis in the bottom of the sixth put the tying run on base. Emery advanced on a fielder’s choice before Jodarski continued her great night with another RBI hit to tie things up 10-10. The Wildcats took the lead for good as another Phantoms’ error in the field allowed Emery to score and put the Wildcats up 11-10.

Oshkosh turned to Brianna Bougie in relief as she had to fend off a couple of Phantom rallies to preserve the win.

“We were able to shut them down in the sixth and seventh inning to finally win the game,” Kohl said. “Brianna Bougie did a real nice job coming in relief for Tatum Duff. She was able to keep some very good hitters off balance just enough to help seal the win.”

Kohl and his team have lofty goals for this season and when you look at how far this team went two seasons ago, they are looking for more this year.

“I am fortunate enough to have a lot of players that made it to the sectional finals two years in a row before COVID,” he said. “Our goal is to try to get back to that game and give ourselves an opportunity again to get to state.”



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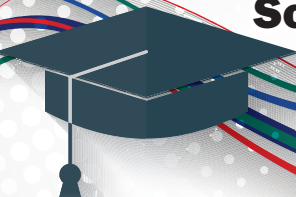
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Prep roundup

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BOYS SOCCER

Spartans blanked by Neenah in home match

The Oshkosh North boys soccer team was shutout at home in a game against Neenah on Thursday, falling 4-0. No additional statistics were available.

West edges Kimberly 3-1 in conference match

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team picked up a 3-1 Fox Valley Association win on Saturday, beating Kimberly 3-1 on the road.

BOYS GOLF

Knights finish third at Whispering Springs

The Lourdes boys golf team finished third in the small division out of six teams in the Oriole Ledger Invitational on Wednesday, which was held at Whispering Springs Golf Course.

Cooper McLaughlin led the Knights after he fired an 81 while Preston Ruedinger added an 86. Peter Chartier added a 95 while Will Frank chipped in a 103 for

Lourdes, which shot 365 as a team. Kohler won the small division with a 330 while Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was second. Kohler's Tanner Thyes was medalist with a 79.

Fondy outmatches North at Rolling Meadows

The Oshkosh North boys golf team went up against Fond du Lac on Thursday, falling to the Cardinals in a match played at Rolling Meadows Golf Course.

The Spartans fired a 233 and was led by Isaac Geffers who had a 48 while Christian Geffers had a 56. Daniel Chopp had a 61 while Sean Cook had a 68.

Fondy shot a 180 and was led by Wyatt Pheiffer who had a 41.

SOFTBALL

Knights fall to 0-3 with pair of weekend losses

The Lourdes softball team dropped a pair of games over the weekend, falling 15-0 to Oakfield on Friday and then 21-3 on Saturday.

Oakfield pounded out 17 hits on both Friday and Saturday as the games were cut short to three innings. The Knights scored three runs in the second but no statistics were available.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

West senior brings his No. 1 game to new season

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

C.J. Counts is considering accounting as a career, so numbers clearly interest him.

The main digit he's focusing on this spring is No. 1. That's the high-profile spot he will fill in Oshkosh West's boys' tennis lineup.

As the Wildcats' No. 1 singles player, Counts is projected as one of the area's elite players. He filled West No.2 singles position two years ago as a sophomore and was a WIAA state meet individual

qualifier who finished 24-6 overall.

Even though he's moving up just one spot, Counts knows it's a big jump.

"I'm going to have to play a lot better," said Counts, who was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association pick.

"At No. 1 singles, they hit a lot harder."

Counts should be able to handle those laser serves and returns. He's a skilled all-around player who seldom gets rattled. He plays the game year-round and is a smart, heady player who can adjust to any style.

"His work ethic and ability to stay level-headed are what makes him a great player," said West coach Kyle Curtis. "He puts in the time and effort, both during the season and out of season, by playing in tournaments and going to camps."

"With the amount of matches he's played over the years, he's learned how to go into a match with a strategy. But if needed, he can adapt very quickly and remain clam during those tense parts of a match."

Counts will replace his brother, Grant, at West's No. 1 singles spot. Grant Counts graduated in 2019 and was also a state meet individual qualifier, finishing 20-10.



Counts

Senior Spotlight

Grant, who is two years older than C.J., is currently playing college tennis at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

"It will probably be a little weird this spring playing without him around," Counts said. "We've played a lot of matches against each other – just for fun. He always seems to beat me."

Both C.J. and Grant were introduced to the game at a young age by their mother, Sheila.

"My mom used to put a headband on me, dress me up like Rafael Nadal and feed me tennis balls in our driveway," said Counts with a laugh. "I was probably about 5 at the time. She played college tennis and got us started early with it."

Counts loves the competitiveness of the game and figures he'll be playing tennis when he's old and gray. College tennis, though, isn't in his immediate plans since next year he will attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, which doesn't have a men's tennis program. A rock-solid student, Counts carries a 3.5 grade-point average.

Counts hopes to close out his organized tennis career in style with a return to the WIAA state tournament. He lost his opening match at state in 2019 to Wausau West senior Luke Bailey, 6-3, 6-4, and is hoping for a longer stay this time.

"I was pretty nervous playing at state for the first time, but it was a good experience," Counts said. "I'd love to get back to state and hopefully finish in the top 16."

Counts has the skills and savvy to pull it off.

"I think I'm a pretty consistent player," he said. "My backhand is really strong – a little better than my forehand. I play all over the court. I'm looking forward to the challenge of being a No. 1 singles player this year."



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West looks to challenge longtime power Neenah

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Neenah has been the dominant boys' tennis team in the Fox Valley Association for years. What's it going to take to topple Goliath?

Experienced players like those on Oshkosh West's roster provide the best chance to dethrone a prep tennis giant that has either won or shared the league title the past 20 seasons.

Boys tennis
PREVIEW
Oshkosh West was the last non-Neenah team to win the FVA title outright – way back in 1999. In the past two decades, Neenah has won the championship outright 18 times. Oshkosh North shared the league title with the Rockets in 2002 and 2004.

Can the Wildcats end Neenah's remarkable streak two decades later? It's tough to tell with no 2020 season to look back on, but West returns four solid players from a good 2019 team and might have enough talent to push the Rockets.

C.J. Counts, Anders Larson, Patrick Gannon and John Koth are the returnees

from a West team that finished third in the FVA in 2019 at 6-2.

Counts, who received second-team all-Fox Valley Association honors at No. 2 singles, is expected to be one of the area's top singles players. He will replace his brother, Grant, at No. 1 singles after Grant's graduation. Grant was also a second-team all-FVA selection.

C.J. Counts was a state meet individual qualifier as a sophomore and finished 24-6 overall.

"C.J. (Counts) is a good all-around player who has the capability to hit many different types of shots given the situation he's put through in a given match," said West coach Kyle Curtis.

Gannon played at the No. 2 doubles spot in 2019, while Larson was part of the No. 3 doubles tandem and received all-conference honorable mention. Koth filled the No. 4 singles spot.

Key graduation losses include singles player Jeremy Fleck, a first-team all-FVA pick at No. 3 singles; the No. 2 doubles team of Danny Rucinski and Aaron Jorgensen; and Holden Robinson, who teamed with Larson at No. 3 doubles. The latter three received all-FVA honorable

mention.

"I believe we'll be competitive within our conference," Curtis said. "With the uncertainty of the level of the players coming in as freshmen and sophomores, it's hard to know where everyone is going to play. The only certainty is the No. 1 singles slot with C.J. Counts."

Curtis, though, feels he has sufficient talent to work with.

"I've heard plenty of names at the freshman and sophomore level that have previous tennis experience," he said. "That combined with the upperclassmen we have returning makes me excited about the coming season."

Oh, those Rockets: The earliest date that teams can have a regular-season meet is Friday. The WIAA individual state tennis meet will be held June 17-19, while team state is scheduled for June 25-26.

"Neenah will be tough again this year," Curtis said. "And Appleton North has had a pretty deep lineup the past few years."

Counts added, "Neenah has some really good players back. They're good every single year."

Oshkosh North

The Spartans finished a fifth-place 4-4 in the FVA in 2019 and should remain a competitive squad.

Their top player is expected to be singles player Kauldon Larson, a senior who competed at No. 4 in 2019 and received all-FVA honorable mention. Another key returnee is junior Makylar Larson, who also saw some action at No. 4 singles two years ago.

"Kauldon (Larson) is looking to play

much higher in the singles lineup, or possibly high in our doubles lineup," said North coach Sami Koppa. "We're also looking for Makylar Larson to step into the varsity lineup at either singles or doubles."

Koppa is uncertain which players will fill the remaining spots. Key graduation losses from 2019 are Dane Laufer and Cade Schmitz, who formed the No. 3 doubles team and landed all-conference first-team honors.

"It's hard knowing what to expect without having a 2020 season," Koppa said. "I think that if the athletes work together as a team and practice like they play in matches, we'll have a solid season."

Coaching challenge: Koppa, a former University of Wisconsin Oshkosh player who was an outstanding prep tennis player at Cedarburg, is raring to go in her first season as head coach. Her father, Tim, has been the girls' tennis coach at Nicolet High School for several years.

"I'm very excited to be the new coach at North," Koppa said. "I've been involved in tennis my entire life and have played collegiately and coached at all age levels. I've learned so much from my dad."

Like all prep coaches, Koppa is hoping for an uninterrupted season where COVID-19 won't be a factor.

"By playing tennis, it gives the athletes something to look forward to, and to get outside," she said. "Tennis is one of the safest sports to play according to COVID statistics. I can't wait to see what the season holds."

Immediate-release fishing tourney method promoted

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding fishing tournament organizers that an immediate-release method can be used for competitive events.

More commonly known as catch-photo-release tournaments, immediate release consists of participants measuring and weighing their catch on their boats using bump boards and weigh scales, uploading a photo to a mobile app and releasing the fish back into the water.

This method differs from the more

traditional formats where fish are transported in the angler's possession to an onshore weigh-in location, and eventually released back into the water, but often not in the area where they were caught. This can cause problems for nest-guarding fish such as smallmouth bass as predators can destroy unguarded nests.

Bass and walleye tournaments using the immediate release format has increased in Wisconsin from an average of six per year between 2010-2015 to more than 30 per year from 2015 to 2020, according to the DNR.



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Porath earns All-America recognition

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior guard Leah Porath was named to the 2021 Women's Basketball Coaches Association's NCAA Division III All-America First Team, which honors the top 10 players in the country.

Porath, a 2020 WBCA Honorable Mention All-American, becomes UW Oshkosh's sixth player to receive First Team recognition from Division III coaches and first since Kay Mikolajczak in 2004. Porath is the second Titan to earn more than one WBCA All-America award, joining Taylor Schmidt, who was selected to three straight Honorable Mention Teams from 2015-17.

Porath also was recognized as one of the top five NCAA Division III women's basketball players on the 2021 D3hoops.com All-America First Team. She is the program's first player to receive D3hoops.com first-team honors.

UW Oshkosh concluded the abbreviated 2021 season with a 9-2 record after securing the WIAC regular season and postseason championships. The titles were the program's record-extending 14th in the regular season and record-tying seventh in the tournament.

The Titans, who reached their eighth consecutive WIAC Championship final, have produced a 76-22 record during Porath's four seasons, winning three league postseason championships and a pair of regular season titles to go along with back-to-back trips to the third round of the Division III Championship in 2019 and 2020.



Porath



Photo by Art Eichmann

Back in action

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Titans held their annual spring intersquad practice last weekend at Titan Stadium. The 2021 season opens Sept. 4 at Huntingdon College in Alabama after the cancellation of the 2020 schedule.

Titans forward selected to D3hoops team

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh sophomore forward Levi Borchert was selected to the D3hoops.com All-America Third Team to rank among the top 15 NCAA Division III men's basketball players during the 2021 season.



Borchert

Borchert, a 2021 D3hoops.com

All-Central Region First Team selection

and 2020 regional Rookie of the Year, is the sixth Titan to garner D3hoops.com All-America honors.

Borchert collected four double doubles to help the Titans to a 5-2 record and finish 12th in the D3hoops.com poll. Borchert averaged 14.4 points, 10.3 rebounds, 2.7 as-

sists and 1.0 steals per game while shooting 66.7 percent from the floor during the abbreviated 2021 campaign. He ranked seventh in the country in field goal percentage while listing second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in rebounding and eighth in the conference in assists.

North football field project to be discussed

Oshkosh North High School will be replacing its current football field, located inside the track, with an artificial turf surface. The field also will be used by the Oshkosh Recreation Department and provide residents with additional recreational opportunities. Funding for this project will be provided by North High and the Oshkosh Recreation Department.

The area will also be equipped with an outdoor lighting system and minimal

bleachers/stands on the east side of the track. The updates are expected to be completed by September.

The public is invited to learn more about the project during a neighborhood information session at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the North High School Auditorium (enter Door No. 7).

School and district staff will provide additional information about the project and be available to answer questions.



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Obituaries

Leland Bakken

Leland “Lee” Norbert Bakken passed away April 25, 2021 at the age of 95.



Leland was born to Albert and Hanna Bakken on January 23, 1926 in Sand Creek, WI. He was the youngest of nine children of Norwegian immigrants. He spoke only Norwegian until he started to attend school at the age of five. He graduated from Chetek High School in 1943 and was enlisted in the Army from 1946 – 1948. He returned home to Sand Creek to work on the family dairy farm and purchased the farm in 1952. The same year he married Mildred “Millie” (nee Zuncic) and they were married for 66 years before Millie’s death in May 2019.

After having four daughters, Lee and Millie, stopped farming in 1969 and moved to Chetek where Lee worked as a mechanic. Throughout his time in Northwestern Wisconsin, Lee was an active member of Chetek Lutheran Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed playing softball for his church team, participated in bowling leagues, enjoyed snowmobiling with friends, and looked forward to hunting trips to the Montana and Wyoming.

In 1976 they ventured to Oshkosh, WI to purchase and run a small motel. After selling the business, Lee became a diesel truck mechanic working for Saunders Leasing and retiring from Bauer Truck in 1991.

Retirement didn’t come easy to Lee as he continued to work part-time at various locations in Oshkosh learning pool maintenance, and performing general handyman and maintenance tasks to keep himself busy while Millie continued to work. You could

frequently find Lee chatting up the truck drivers at the local truck stop over a cup of coffee. He was quick to be friendly and share a story. He loved the Brewers and the Packers and could be one of the most vocal arm-chair quarterbacks around!

Lee and Millie initially retired to Chetek in 1998 to enjoy the beauty of the hills and lakes to spend time with friends and family there. They returned to Oshkosh in 2005 to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren.

Leland is survived by daughters, Diane (Jesse) Pedroza of Lake Station, IN, Elaine (James) Kratz of Omro, WI, Joanne (Jonathan) Patterson of McKinney, TX, and Sharon (Shane) Malnory of Oshkosh WI; Grandchildren, David Kratz of St. Paul, MN, Tatum Malnory of Oshkosh WI, Ava Patterson of McKinney, TX; step-grandsons, Jeremy Pedroza, Nathan Patterson, and Benjamin Patterson; and many nieces and nephews.

Leland is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Hanna Bakken; brothers Arvel (Mabel) Bakken, Norman (Harriet) Bakken, Palmer Bakken, Edwin Bakken; sisters Cora (Arthur) Anderson, Agnes (Harold) Thorstad, Edna Bakken, and Ruby (Elmer) Van Dorston.

A private service will be held, and burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please, consider sending donations to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St. Oshkosh, WI; the American Legion Post #179, Chetek, WI; or the American Heart Association. The family would like to thank all the staff at Parkview Health Center for the love and care they have shown Lee over the last year and a half.



Paul D. Coates

Paul D. Coates, age 63, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2021 at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on August 2, 1957 to Garth and Eunice (Velie) Coates. He was employed with the Universal Foundry in Oshkosh for many years



he was later employed with Advocap Inc. until he started his own business, Precision Contractors as a general contractor specializing in carpentry and repair home remodeling. He took great pride in working with his hands to repair and remodel many homes and small downtown businesses in the Oshkosh area.

He met the love of his life, Donna Mauk in 1986 and together combined their family of seven whom he loved and cherished. Paul enjoyed the simple pleasures in life from small jobs around the house working with his father and grandsons to flipping pancakes and baking cookies, spending time with family and friends to taking naps in his chair. Paul had the ability to reach others with his smile, sense of humor, and long talks teaching others the skills he knew to anyone willing to learn. He will be greatly missed by all who had

the chance to know him.

Paul is survived by his loving lifelong partner, Donna Mauk; his children, Connie Coates, Paula Coates, Sheila Coates, Justin (Becky) Mauk, Andrea (Andy) Kenyon; his grandchildren, Sarah, Brock, Alex, Michael, Brooklynn, Annabella, Cliff, Greta, Benjamin, Archer, and little Abel; and his great grandbaby on the way. He is further survived by his sisters, Kim Mills, Kay (Tom) Bradley, Edith (Denise) Almond; his brothers, David Sr., Garth Coates Jr.; as well as many nieces, nephews, special friends, Tom Rowland, and Gwen Heagle.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Garth Sr. and Eunice; brothers, Mark, and Denny; and sister, JoAnn.

The family would like to thank the staff at Parkview Health Center, especially Julie and Tammy, and the ICU staff at Mercy Medical Center for taking special care of Paul, special thank you to Rose and Ali.

We will miss you “Paulie” “Daddy” “Papa.”

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh on May 14, with a time of gathering from 1 pm to 3 pm and service to begin at 3 pm.



Sheriff’s office joins Project Lifesaver

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office has joined the Oshkosh Police Department’s Project Lifesaver Program, launched in 2017, as an associated agency.

Project Lifesaver is a radio tracking system for people with diagnoses that involve a wandering risk such as dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, autism and Down syndrome.

The client wears an ankle transmitter that emits a unique signal every second that allows caregivers to allow police to deploy search specialists. The radio receivers can detect a signal for up to a mile on the ground and five to seven miles in the air. For more information about the program, contact Sgt Todd Wrage at 920-236-5757.

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Public Notices/ Name Change

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY in the matter of the name change of: MONICA ANN REIGNIER BY MONICA ANN REIGNIER Case No. 21CV186

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Monica Ann Reignier To: Monica Ann Spanbauer Birth Certificate: Monica Ann Spanbauer IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Room 320 – Third floor Date: May 7, 2021 Time: 10:30 am 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: March 31, 2021 /s/ Hon. John A. Jorgensen Run: April 21, 28 & May 5, 2021 WNAXLP



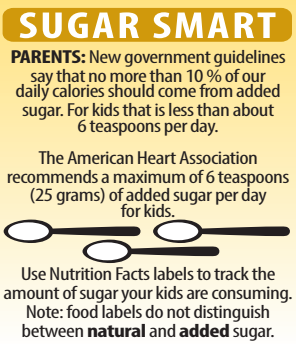
You are sweet enough!

The average American eats about 17 teaspoons of added sugar every day. This adds up to over **57 pounds** of sugar a year!

Eating too much sugar makes it harder for your white blood cells to kill germs. That means that eating too much added sugar can lead to getting sick more often.

Eating more sugar leads to weight gain and obesity. This can cause serious health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

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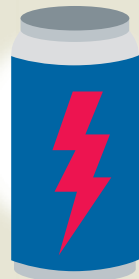
SUGAR SMART

PARENTS: New government guidelines say that no more than 10 % of our daily calories should come from added sugar. For kids that is less than about 6 teaspoons per day.

The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of 6 teaspoons (25 grams) of added sugar per day for kids.

Use Nutrition Facts labels to track the amount of sugar your kids are consuming. Note: food labels do not distinguish between **natural** and **added** sugar.

Do the math to find out the amount of calories each drink contains and how many minutes of walking it would take to burn o° the c alories in each drink.

 One sugar packet = .1 oz (3 g)  Chocolate Milk 8 oz (237 ml) CONTAINS: 9 SUGAR PACKETS 80 + 80 = 160 CALORIES 21 + 13 = 34 MINUTES OF WALKING	 Juice Drink 20 oz (591 ml) CONTAINS: 23 SUGAR PACKETS 150 + 155 = CALORIES 33 + 33 = MINUTES OF WALKING	 Soda 20 oz (591 ml) CONTAINS: 22 SUGAR PACKETS 160 + 82 = CALORIES 20 + 32 = MINUTES OF WALKING	 Sports Drink 20 oz (591 ml) CONTAINS: 12 SUGAR PACKETS 70 + 55 = CALORIES 15 + 12 = MINUTES OF WALKING	 Energy Drink 16 oz (473 ml) CONTAINS: 17 SUGAR PACKETS 140 + 90 = CALORIES 15 + 35 = MINUTES OF WALKING
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Be a sugar detective!

Did you know that some brands of canned tomato soup have 20 grams of sugar? That's as much as two doughnuts!

Always read the Nutrition Facts labels before taking a bite or sip.

Look at these examples. Which food has the most sugar per serving?

Which item had more sugar than you thought?

 Total Fat 16g 24% Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 135mg 6% Sugar 3g	 Total Fat 0.5g 1% Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 480mg 20% Sugar 12g	 Total Fat 1g 25%* Cholesterol 0mg 1%* Sodium 720mg 37%* Sugar 6g *as prepared
 Total Fat 4g 6% Cholesterol 15mg 5% Sodium 105mg 4% Sugar 22g	 Total Fat 6g 8% Cholesterol 5mg 2% Sodium 360mg 16% Sugar 2g	 Total Fat 9g 14% Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 250mg 10% Sugar 2g

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SECRET SUGAR CODE

Did you know that there are more than 50 names for sugar that can be found on food labels? Use the Secret Sugar Code at right to reveal some of the most common.

24 = A	16 = I	8 = R
23 = B	15 = J	7 = S
22 = C	14 = K	6 = T
21 = D	13 = L	5 = U
20 = E	12 = M	4 = V
19 = F	11 = N	3 = X
18 = G	10 = O	2 = Y
17 = H	9 = P	1 = Z

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

D	D	C	S	M	R	E	G	D	D
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E	P	R	N	P	E	T	S	R	M
E	T	U	C	T	U	I	I	E	U
W	T	O	M	A	T	O	V	V	M
S	L	E	B	A	L	E	S	A	E

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



Exercise Story

Have a parent or friend read this story aloud. Each time one of the fruits below is mentioned, do that motion for 30 seconds. Then, trade places as you read the story aloud.

-  = hopping in place
-  = stand on one foot
-  = jumping jacks
-  = run in place
-  = sit ups
-  = somersault
-  = touch your toes

Mr. Citrus' food truck was very popular. The truck was designed to look like a giant **orange** and each day he'd drive to business parks at lunch time. People would buy fresh **watermelon** slices, bunches of **grapes**, **apples** and more.

One day, Mr. Citrus parked on a steep hill. When he opened the truck's customer window, fruit began rolling off the counter and down the hill.

Strawberry after **strawberry** rolled alongside **oranges** and **apples**. Luckily, Mr. Citrus was able to catch a large box of **grapes** before it also tumbled away.

The rolling fruit picked up incredible speed. At the bottom of the hill sat Officer Stan, enjoying a slice of **watermelon** at the park.

Suddenly, poor Stan was pelted with **strawberries**, **lemons**, **apples** and **oranges**, knocking him off the park bench.

As he wiped smashed **apple** bits off his uniform, he called his sergeant on his radio.

“You’re not going to believe this, Sgt. **Pear**, but I was just attacked by an escaped fruit salad!”

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.



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