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Federal fund priorities roll out

Local service groups set to get ARPA help

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

While not confirmed and subject to change, city council members received a first look at City Manager Mark Rohloff's initial plan to allocate some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward

non-infrastructure projects.

In 2021, the city received notification it would be receiving about \$20.5 million in ARPA funds to be used toward certain projects to aid recovery from the pandemic. The council directed Rohloff to allocate 75% of these funds toward infrastructure-related needs while the remaining 25% was asked to be used for non-infrastructure recovery.

Five possible non-infrastructure re-

lated applications were passed along by Rohloff to the panel for the public's knowledge and for the council to review before it makes the agenda for an official

The organizations he determined fit criteria for these funds included the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for \$1 million; Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services

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Oregon Street in Oshkosh has become a thriving spot for local retail businesses.

Oregon Street creates own business scene

Retail district anchors south-side activity

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Residents that frequent the south side of Oshkosh may view Oregon Street as a second Main Street. With new and continuing efforts by the city and area businesses, revitalization could allow the his-

MToxins Venom Lab owner Nathaniel Frank, 717 Oregon St., opened in June 2020 and has since seen a rise in attendance in the area, not just at his location.

"The beautiful walking trails continue to bring more people in," he said, "and we get on board with many Main Street project objectives to champion them in this area."

Salon Amour owner Kelly Schwochert at 917 Oregon and Cardboard Legacy owner Nic Wienandt at 923 Oregon both see potential in the historic buildings.

"A lot of businesses have been popping up around here and it's starting to become the same as Main Street," Schwochert said. "It's a pretty popular area with a lot of foot and vehicle traffic. And just in the last year I've been here, I've gotten quite a few new clients just from walk-ins."

Wienandt and Schwochert are among several business owners in the Oregon Street corridor who opened a new store-

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Open discussions shine light on substance use

Early conversations keep families trusting

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Ashley lost her fiance to an overdose about a year ago. She said he had struggled for about half his life with substance use, something she hadn't dealt with herself or with anyone she knew before.

"It was a very private and isolated walk for both of us," Ashley said. "We figured it out together as best we could. It was challenging for me not having gone through something like that. I didn't open up

or talk to anyone about it because I wasn't sure how it COURAGETIUS was going to be perceived."

Just a few weeks ago, she struck up

breakwater

Last in a series

a conversation with some new neighbors who then asked if she was married. All she could think about is how she would respond if they asked where her fiance was. "I didn't know if I wanted to share that with them," she said.

After her fiance died, there were only a few people she felt comfortable with sharing that intimate information. In the back of her mind, sheworried about encounters with others who may be "close-minded to the fact that this is a disease."

Ashley actively chooses not to use addictive substances. But when she's in situations when she has to tell others that she doesn't – such as gatherings where alcohol is served – she's met with inquisitive looks.

"It's something we continuously have to explain and it's frustrating that it can't be accepted," she said. "They look at (substance use) as if it doesn't affect them, that they don't need to pay attention to it."

Knowing what she does now, Ashley encourages everybody - regardless of how they may be affected by substance use in the community - to find resources that will help those in recovery and broaden

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Overdose report shows steady rise

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The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team released its 2021-22 annual report last week, noting a continued jump in overdose fatalities between 2020 and 2021.

Over the course of 2021, the overdose fatalities included 29 males and 12 females. Most of the deaths occurred in Oshkosh, along with nine in both Neenah and surrounding smaller communities.

Since 2017, fentanyl has been the leading cause of overdose deaths in the county – 28 of which in 2021 were laced with the substance.

According to Winnebago County coroner Cheryl Brehmer, there have been 15 confirmed overdose deaths and 10 other suspected overdose deaths this year, ranging in age from 16 to 68 and with substances such as alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, cocaine and prescription medication, oftentimes a combination of several.

In July alone, there were at least seven suspected overdoses in the county.

The OFR, established in 2018 and funded by the state Department of Health Services, note a few themes from the fatalities, including childhood trauma, mental health history,

early onset substance use – at times before age 12 – and community conditions such as passing away alone in the homes of family and friends.

Priorities continue to include improved community support and access to treatment and resources. In addition, the Winnebago County Health Department began distributing fentanyl test strips in partnership with Vivent Health, which allows people to identify if the substance is present before use.

They are available at no cost at the WCHD, 112 Otter Ave., second floor. For more information, call 920-232-3000.

UW Oshkosh, Moraine Park align degree programs

Moraine Park Technical College and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh signed an articulation agreement that will allow students pursuing associate of arts and associate of science liberal arts degrees to transfer from Moraine Park and continue their education at UW Oshkosh with confirmed junior status.

The agreement was signed Friday by Moraine Park President Bonnie Baerwald and UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andy Leavitt at Moraine Park's Fond du Lac campus.

"It is another example of our long-term and ongoing partnership with the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance (NEW ERA) and MPTC," Leavitt said.

"In effect, it strengthens our relationship with MPTC and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to enhancing opportunities and access to higher education for citizens of northeast Wisconsin and, specifically, those in Fond du Lac."

Moraine Park will offer the liberal arts degrees beginning this fall.

"The agreement demystifies transfer and creates a smoother transition from the technical college to the university by guaranteeing that not only certain courses transfer but also that they count toward the university's general education requirements," Leavitt said.

"This helps students complete their bachelor's degree in a timely manner. And it, ultimately, helps us in our critical efforts to raise the level of educational attainment in the region."

Earlier this year, Moraine Park signed an articulation agreement with Lakeland University.

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Three service members to be memorialized

The area chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is inviting the public to a monument unveiling at 1 p.m. Aug. 27 at the South Park Memorial complex at Ohio Street and 11th Avenue.

The memorial honors three Oshkosh area servicemen who gave their lives during the 1991-2001 period from the Gulf War to the war on terrorism. They include:

• U.S. Army Sgt. Andrew Wallace, who lost his life Sept. 26, 2005, when his vehi-

cle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Shaibah, Iraq.

- U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Brent Vroman, who lost his life Dec. 13, 2004, during an attack in Babil Province, Iraq.
- U.S. Army Capt. Benjamin Jansky, who lost his life July 27, 2005, in Taqqad-

The event is sponsored by the VVA and associate members of Chapter 437 in Osh-

Fire displaces residents at Court Tower

An apartment fire last Thursday evening at Court Tower, 100 Court St., resulted in no injuries but left 14 Oshkosh residents without a home.

First responders were dispatched to the building where they found a sprinkler had extinguished a small fire on the ninth floor.

According to the Oshkosh Fire Depart-

ment, there was extensive water damage on the eighth and ninth floors.

According to the American Red Cross of Wisconsin, the displaced dwellers received aid for lodging, meals and other help at the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church. Most Court Tower residents were able to return to their units.

Grothman advances in re-election bid

Oshkosh Herald

U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman defeated Republican competitor Douglas Mullenix in the state primary election last Tuesday, topping his challenger by more than 10,000 votes in Winnebago County.

Specifically, Grothman secured 13,868 votes to Mullenix's 3,305. He will have no designated Democratic challenger in the Nov. 6 election.

Local races for state representatives were also on the ballot ahead of the midterm elections for governor and U.S. Congress.

Democratic candidate Lori Palmeri and Republican candidate Ronnie Herman were uncontested in their primary races to replace Assembly Rep. Gordon

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Hintz, who is stepping down in District 54. District 53 Assembly Rep. Michael Schraa will not be challenged in his bid for re-election to the state Legislature.

Body found on High Avenue

Oshkosh police are investigating a death at a building in the 100 block of High Avenue when the person's body was discovered at about 10:45 a.m. Friday.

Officers said they received information of possibly a deceased person but had not identified the person as of Monday. Police said it appears to be an isolated incident and that the public isn't in danger.

Anyone with information regarding the incident are asked to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700.





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Local sports supporter Dick Naslund dies at 97

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Richard Naslund, a local businessman and longtime all-around local sports enthusiast and coach, died Friday at age 97.

The retired appraiser and real estate manager grew up and spent most of his life in Oshkosh, playing and watching sports practically every day.

Naslund played pickleball and 3-on-3 basketball in the Wisconsin Senior Olympics and National Senior Games up until recent years, and was a national silver medalist in pickleball three straight years, while also finishing high in basketball. Naslund was named as the National Senior Games male athlete of the year in 2017 at age 92.

Naslund grew up on Jackson Street in Oshkosh, pitched at Villanova University for two years, played semi-pro ball in California and received his college degree from what was then known as Oshkosh State Teachers College and is now UW Oshkosh.

"Back then, everything was held at the Jackson (Street) Athletic Field," Naslund once told the Herald. "They even held boxing matches there – boxing was big in the 1940s. They would put up a ring and hold boxing matches. Jackson Street was just a hotbed for so many great athletes and coaches."

He had ownership in the Oshkosh Comets semi-pro football team and Oshkosh Stars basketball team, which had a stint between the All-Stars and Flyers that he shared with the late Major League umpire Dutch Rennert. Rennert and Naslund both relocated to Las Vegas in the 1950s and were roommates and teammates on a variety of athletic teams.

Naslund's 101 Algoma Blvd. building is one of the better-preserved examples of 19th-century below-sidewalk spaces found downtown, some of which continue to be used as an art studio. The Naslund family was honored by the city's Landmarks Commission in 2014 with its Acanthus Award for interior restoration work at 317 and 318 Market St. within the North Main Street Historic District

See Page 23 for his obituary and service details.



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Construction has begun on the new home for the Day By Day Warming Shelter.

Warming shelter board starts new location build

Oshkosh Herald

Groundbreaking for the new Day By Day Warming Shelter took place recently at an informal ceremony with community leaders and the shelter's board of directors at its 420 Ceape Ave. location at Broad Street.

The board announced TR Karrels and Associates as the architect and Cardinal Construction as general contractor.

The single-story shelter will be 12,900 square feet and include enhanced security, a fire suppression system, be ADA compliant and have a 50-bed capacity. The shelter will be open year-round.

Additional amenities will include showers, a learning and computer lab, conference and classroom space, administrative

offices, warming kitchen, beds that are off the floor, on-site storage, a walk-in refrigerator and freezer, and laundry facilities.

Day By Day Warming Shelter was established in 2011 by a coalition of residents concerned about the lack of shelter for people experiencing homelessness. As a seasonal overnight facility, the primary focus was on providing shelter and a warm meal during the coldest months of the year for homeless individuals.

Since that time, the need for services all year long, as well as an increased capacity, has been identified as an urgent need. The shelter's focus has grown to encompass helping guests with life skills to achieve an independent lifestyle and the ability to care for themselves.

Covey welcomes two new directors

Covey, a nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for individuals with disabilities, has announced the appointment of Taylor Reetz and Allison Bucciferro to its board of directors.

Reetz is a commercial banking officer at Nicolet National Bank. He has degrees in psychology and business administration from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

Bucciferro is a vice president of ac-

counting and finance at Verve A Credit Union. She earned her bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

"I'm honored to welcome Taylor and Allison to our board," said Pam Schutz, chief executive officer of Covey. "Allison's strong financial background as well as Taylor's experience serving on previous boards will bring new perspectives and insight to Covey."



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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 22, 1927

Lindbergh and His Famous "Spirit of St. Louis" Pay Visit to Oshkosh:

Shortly before 12:25 pm on this date, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his silver-winged monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis" arrived in Oshkosh. For more than 15 minutes, Lindbergh scribed huge circles over the city, giving thousands of residents a chance to see the world-renowned monoplane.

"Lucky Lindy" dropped an unofficial greeting with a message in a canvas bag decorated with a long, orange streamer. The bag landed near the Fraternal Reserve association building on Washington Blvd. Perfect weather allowed Lindbergh to swoop down low on several occasions, roaring at an altitude of only a few hundred feet. Oshkosh factory whistles voiced out a throaty welcome to the famous aviator. The Oshkosh "flyover" was part of a nationwide celebratory tour marking Lindbergh's feat of being the first to cross the Atlantic non-stop from New York to Paris in May earlier this year.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 22, 1927



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Financial educator finds steady personal payoff

Kemp's investment classes help all ages

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

A financial investment educator who has offered his expertise to Oshkosh residents going on three decades says the satisfaction of providing residents with the tools of money management is more than enough payment for his services.

Jeff Kemp is again offering his Adventures in Investing classes - this time to the Oshkosh Seniors Center - from Sept. 14 through Oct. 19 that are free and open to all age groups for up to 75 participants.

"It's really been quite a journey for me because it's been like a second career, just one that you don't get paid for," Kemp said in an interview. "But I get paid in ways that I never get in my business career. It's just been so fulfilling to me."

Kemp's six-session classes cover the basic areas of investing - mutual and index funds, bonds, asset allocation, and economic factors that drive stock and bond markets. Lessons include investing with taxes in mind and how to build a simple, diversified portfolio.

Despite the program's focus on investing and making money, Kemp's personal payoff for his efforts has been to empower people, which started in the early 1990s when he began talking with grade school kids at Jacob Shapiro school where his sister had children attending.

Through game playing and having students track the movement of individual stock prices in the newspaper, Kemp captured their interest in how money can make



Jeff Kemp brings his annual Adventures in Investing classes to the Seniors Center next month.

money along basic lessons on inflation, interest rates and how banks work.

"It was amazing how third- and fourth-graders were interested in it," Kemp said. "I couldn't believe it."

He said that "lit that idea in my head" to offer investment education to anyone interested, which launched the ongoing series that started in the back room of Red's Pizza and quickly outgrew that space. Sessions moved to Traeger Middle School, then needed more room, shifted to North High auditorium and now will be accommodated by the Seniors Center.

Among the praise and appreciation he receives from those taking the classes includes, "You have given us knowledge, peace and confidence. Instead of feeling emotion, we realize the opportunity to rebalance to our comfort level." Another offered, "Thanks for the insight and peace of mind. You tell it like it is without the hype."

The longtime Oshkosh resident also has been sharing his expertise with young people at local high schools and universities such as Ripon College since 2000, influencing more than a few to pursue financial careers. He said that once students get a taste of financial fundamentals they stay interested.

Financial education has come naturally to

Kemp and it's a talent he is happy to share in a relatable way.

"It's basically trying to teach people how to have enough basic knowledge of investing that they can make really good choices no matter what their age," he said.

He has seen the public's investing expertise grow over time with more tools and information made available, and on a local level said the Oshkosh school system has been progressive about financial literacy going back for decades.

Kemp said a financial planner once tried to shut down his program by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, assuming Kemp was making money and taking advantage of people in some way. A call from a finance department chairman at a university where Kemp was an instructor to the department's director made it clear that wasn't the case.

"It ended up that the Department of Financial Institutions gave me the Governor's Award for Financial Literacy for the state of Wisconsin," Kemp noted. "It was sweet justice."

He said most financial planners appreciate his efforts because they get clients who come in with a better understanding of investment planning by having basic knowledge from attending the program.

Kemp said he has believed since he "quit working" in 1991 that the satisfaction he derives from providing help gives him steady dividends.

"When you have the opportunity to change people's lives, I cannot express to you in words how fulfilling that is," he said. "I get such personal satisfaction that I can actually help people."

Kemp has also been offering the annual classes at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac while keeping people updated on his Adventures in Investing Facebook

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Musical theater classic

Kristopher Ulrich portrays Harold Hill in Jolly Jester Community Theater's presentation of "The Music Man" that was staged Thursday through Saturday at Alberta Kimball Auditorium and sponsored by the Oshkosh Recreation Department. The major roles were performed by two different casts. A large supporting cast offered many of the young actors their first opportunity on stage.

Aviation speaker series updated

The first woman to fly an F-16, a Strategic Air Command pilot for the Convair B-58 and others are among the speakers for the 2022 Aviation Adventure speaker series at the EAA Aviation Museum.

The monthly series is open to the public, with presentations at 7 p.m. Admission is free for EAA members and \$5 for nonmembers.

The schedule for these additional speakers:

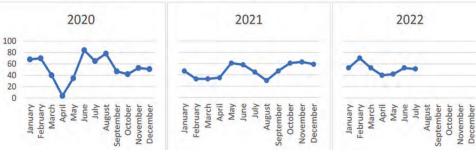
Thursday – "Betty": Sharon Preszler is the first woman to fly an F-16 and will describe her experience as a fighter pilot for the USAF. Preszler was also the first woman to instruct in the F-16.

Sept. 11 – 9/11 Hero: Heather Penney is a retired member of the 121st Fighter Squadron of the Air National Guard. She will talk about her experience on 9/11 and how she was involved by flying an F-16 fighter jet that day to help protect Washington D.C. and the Pentagon.

Oct. 20 – B-58 Hustler – The Legend of Strategic Air Command: Charlie Hooker will speak about what it is like to take the Convair B-58 Hustler aloft.

Nov. 17 – Adventures in Hot Air Ballooning: Mike Beck will speak about how he started his aviation journey with hot air balloons and share his passion about aviation with those who fly with him.

Number of evictions filed monthly in Winnebago County in 2020-2022



Eviction rates, vehicles as refuge discussed

Oshkosh Herald

The city's Rental Housing Advisory Board received information from staff regarding vehicle residencies around Oshkosh for those experiencing homelessness.

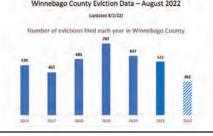
Community development director Kelly Nieforth told the group that the Oshkosh Police Department does not issue parking violations to inhabitants of vehicles parked on city lots and emphasized that enforcement on private properties is out of their purview.

Many times, according to Nieforth, officers may approach a car to perform a wellness check but will not issue citations unless necessary.

"At this point, it's not an issue in a negative way," she said.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Northeast region communications manager Mark Kantola, though, said the same does not apply to Park & Rides along DOT-owned highways.

According to State Statute 86.025, "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to camp in wagons, tent or otherwise on the public highways or lands adjacent



thereto ... Any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$10 or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding 30 days, or both."

Further description of "camping" includes persons living out of vehicles, tents or campers for a sustained period of time.

In addition, Common Council liaison Lynnsey Erickson told the advisory group that evictions through July this year – 362 – are just about on par compared with last year. Summer months are typically times with the highest number of evictions.

Last year, evictions topped out in April and May at around 60 each month. In this year's data thus far, the highest number of evictions occurred in February at around 70.

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Oshkosh Country Club photo

The Oshkosh Country Club's new OCC Event Center had its grand opening.

Oshkosh Country Club unveils new event center

Oshkosh Country Club has opened its new OCC Event Center for consumers, businesses and event planners in the Fox Valley area.

The 5,600-square-foot center is a steel wood hybrid structure with architectural elements that merge traditional and modern and has the capacity to host 275 people, with the ability to separate the venue into two halves.

Founded in 1899, the Oshkosh Country Club's added benefits to the event center are meals prepared by executive chef Michael England of TJ's Highland Steakhouse, Jon Cameron's specialty cocktails and Vito Gambini's award-winning wine list.

"We invested in a new event center at OCC to allow people from my hometown to host weddings and other celebrations with first-class unique cuisine and bar service with stunning views at affordable prices," said owner TJ Rodgers.

Most recently, the club hosted the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for its annual EAA dinner and the second annual OCC Golf Classic.

Oregon Street

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front within the past year. Wienandt said there's "a lot of action going on right here right now

"Things have been coming back," he said. "Realistically, I think (Oregon Street) has never been in better shape than it is right now."

A major reconstruction project starting in 2018 to replace sanitary sewer lines and overhaul the street surfaces closed Oregon to regular traffic through that summer and impacted retail activity in the process. Some businesses were forced to close while others later moved in to be a part of the fresh start that the project offered.

According to Oshkosh community development director Kelly Nieforth, the historic corridor was considered as an addition to the city's Sawdust District master plan but ultimately was turned down.

But with it being in close proximity, Nieforth said any success the Sawdust District sees will seep into the Oregon Street corridor, which is not currently affiliated with any redevelopment plans in the city.

"There's also a lot of unique historical buildings that people are realizing they can rehab and help bring this corridor back to life," Nieforth said.

One of which is at the Birch Art Gallery,

1677 Oregon St. Owner Dee Oehlke took over after her friend passed and has plans to combine the studio with a small coffee shop. She hopes to have the operation open by mid-September.

"I see revitalization coming. Let's all be part of the community and support each other," Oehlke said. "I think the city has small business' interests at heart; they're trying to do their best for the little guys."

While Nieforth also said Oregon Street doesn't have a master plan or an equivalent organization to North Main Street's Business Improvement District (BID), she said that's not entirely out of the question.

City staff have discussed the possibility of forming one but "it's not something the city wants to push from the top down," she said. "We want to make sure it's a grassroots effort, that the business owners want it."

Wienandt and Schwochert expressed openness to being involved in a redevelopment district on Oregon Street if the opportunity arose.

"The more the street gets these new businesses, that just keeps building foot traffic," Schwochert said. "(These new businesses) are going to bring a lot more people down this way. It would be cool to get more people to feel comfortable to park and walk the street how you would down Main. It's slowly but surely getting to that point."

ARPA funds

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for \$350,000, COTS for \$250,000, the Oshkosh Food Co-Op for \$220,000 and Advocap for \$130,000.

Rohloff said at a previous meeting he is not prepared to allocate the entirety of the ARPA non-infrastructure funds. The first grouping he showed at this meeting totals about \$1.95 million, leaving about \$3.1 million to be determined.

ARPA fund guidelines state municipalities must allocate all its received funds by Dec. 31, 2024.

The Boys & Girls Club has been working on a major facilities expansion of its Parkway Avenue location, which will cost just under \$16 million. The ARPA allocation of \$1 million would pay for specific rooms to accommodate services that benefit city residents.

Christine Ann recently announced its capital campaign to move its headquarters to the Beach Building at 240 Algoma Blvd. from 206 Algoma Blvd. This move will allow the organization to provide transitional housing for its clients, something that cannot be accommodated at its current location.

The Oshkosh Area Community Foun-

dation has been working with Appleton-based COTS since its purchase of a building near Father Carr's Place 2B on North Koeller Street and continued work to expand into the city. The funds are proposed to go toward the COTS capital campaign to assist people who have recently been released from prison.

The Food Co-Op, after being open for a year, has had difficulty in meeting its target performance as initially envisioned, Rohloff's memo to council members read. The ARPA funds are being proposed to pay off a revolving loan fund issued to the co-op by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp.

Advocap's funding was proposed to go toward an eviction prevention program in cooperation with the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA) Program for at-risk households. The ARPA funds will not be used directly for rental assistance but rather toward a temporary prevention specialist to provide aid as needed to clients from Oshkosh.

Rohloff said he has been continuing conversations with organizations that have applied but did not appear on this initial suggestion process. There is no specific date for when the council will take an official vote on these proposed allocations.



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Photo by Michael Cooney

Beach Boys in town

Waterfest attendance last Thursday rivaled its largest ever when the Beach Boys came to play for a full house at the Leach Amphitheater. Concert organizer Mike Dempsey, who said the Rock & Rock Hall of Fame band had been a fan request for years, said the group was impressed with the audience's enthusiasm.

Columbine shooter's mother to speak on mental health

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation have partnered to bring "Sue Klebold, A Community Conversation" to the Oshkosh Convention Center on Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

The mother of Columbine High School gunman Dylan Klebold in Littleton, Colo.,

in 1999 is the author of the New York Times best-seller "A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy" and an advocate for mental health.

Klebold also will be speaking earlier in the day to staff and teens from area school districts and Boys & Girls Clubs staff.

"The goal is that parents leave feeling

more knowledgeable and able to recognize when someone is in crisis and for youth to feel empowered to ask for help," said Tracy Ogden, Boys & Girls Club chief executive.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person or \$50 for a table of eight. Register at women. oshkoshareacf.org/sue-klebold-event.

Verve president to give TELTalk

Verve, a Credit Union's president and chief executive Kevin J. Ralofsky will be the featured speaker at the Today's Emerging Leader Talk (TELTalk) available online at noon Aug. 24. Registration is free and open to the public.

TELTalk is a series of seminars conducted by business and nonprofit leaders

discussing how their organizations positively impact the community. Oshkosh Area United Way Emerging Leaders members connect with the community and other leaders through professional development, education opportunities,



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volunteerism and networking events.

Ralofsky's TELTalk, Creating an Exceptional Workplace: How Leaders Champion New Ideas, will highlight how the culture at Verve has embraced the employees as individuals and how this has impacted the credit union's billion-dollar growth during the past decade.

"I look forward to sharing how our intentional focus on serving others translates into an exceptional workplace," Ralofsky said. "Understanding and championing our team member's strengths allows these individuals and our organization to thrive which positively impacts the wellbeing and overall health of our community."

Registration at oshkoshunitedway.org/august24teltalk will be available until Aug. 19.





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Emergency planning report finds need for better input

By Natalie Johnson UW ОSHKOSH TODAY

When a public health crisis, extreme environmental hazard or other disaster strikes, socially vulnerable groups are the most likely to suffer the consequences. A new report released last week by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research calls for increased input from such at-risk groups to better account for their needs in emergency planning.

The report by the center's Deputy Director Samantha Larson and Renee

Christensen, UWO research assistant and public administration graduate student, assessed the social equity of emergency plans in six Wisconsin counties: Barron, Brown, Columbia, Marathon, Outagamie and Winnebago.



Larson

"For decades, emergency management scholarship has shown that people from historically underrepresented communities bear the brunt of everything from heat waves to hurricanes," Larson said. "Lack of resources makes it nearly impossible to take action and stay safe during such events, let alone recover in their aftermath. Think of the record-breaking temperatures this summer. Young children and the elderly, especially those in low-income households and people of color, have been at greatest risk."

Students in a fall 2021 master of public administration course on equitable and resilient communities helped conduct the research for the report titled "An Assessment of Social Vulnerability and Resiliency in Wisconsin Emergency Management Planning."

The report's findings identified lan-

guage barriers, location of residence and lack of transportation and financial resources as factors that impact socially vulnerable groups during an emergency.

The study recommends engaging socially vulnerable groups in the emergency planning process to identify specific needs and barriers to providing a more equitable disaster response.

Larson said the important first step is using data, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index in order to "understand who the most vulnerable folks are and where they live."

"Designing an outreach strategy that includes those groups is key. And engagement should begin by going to them," she said

Work on this topic is continuing as the center and Matt Richie, an assistant professor of criminal justice, have received a \$20,000 grant from UWO's Sustainable Institute of Regional Transformations (SIRT) to conduct a broader study in collaboration with community organizations.

This second project will map social vulnerability, resilience and adaptive capacity in 14 east central Wisconsin counties with a particular focus on public health and safety risks that are exacerbated by climate change, such as intense heavy rains, storms and extreme heat.

"Our team is thrilled at this opportunity to expand on this preliminary study. We are especially excited to host focus groups with emergency management professionals in four counties. The hope is to gain a better understanding of their strengths, needs and ways the Whitburn Center and SIRT may be able to partner in the future to enhance equity and build resiliency in the Fox Valley region," Larson said.



Oshkosh Area School District photo

A group gets a tour of the school district's Sheldon Nature Area recently.

Nature area eyes more educational role

Tucked behind Oakwood Elementary School, the Sheldon Nature Area recently drew nearly 50 community members to learn about the local ecosystem and its potential.

The opportunity was made possible by volunteers of the Sheldon Nature Area Committee (SNAC), Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) and the OASD Education Foundation.

Encompassing 26 acres, the Sheldon Nature Area has at least eight native Wisconsin ecosystems existing or under development including prairie, wetland, wet-mesic forest, old field, evergreen forest, oak savanna, pond and stream.

The area was donated to the district in 1991 and with help from volunteers and a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Sheldon was cleaned up and redesigned. Improvements and investments have included planting native species, creating two miles of gravel trails and bridges, constructing a floating classroom in the pond, and an outdoor classroom and pavilion.

Visitors are welcome to explore and enjoy the area. Additionally, the pavilion can be reserved through the Oshkosh Recreation Department's facilities reservation

request process.

The OASD and SNAC volunteers are committed to preserving and enhancing the area, including having it designated as a school forest for teachers and students to learn in the outdoors, as well as benefit from Department of Natural Resources support, including curriculum resources and land management assistance.

The Sheldon Nature Area is experiencing a severe infestation of the Emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle that has decimated ash trees across the Midwest. About 95% of the seven-acre forested area is green ash and much of it is already infested and dead or dying due to the invasive species. Solutions are being sought to stop the spread and preserve the area.

The school forest designation will go to the Board of Education for approval on Aug. 24. Questions regarding the nature area can be directed to: Steve Maassen, president of Sheldon Nature Area Committee, at maassen@charter.net, or Drew Niehans, OASD executive director of business services at drew.niehans@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

More information and progress reports will be available on the OASD website.









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Calendar of events

"The Nature of Light: An Exploration After Dark," Paine Art Center, through

Wednesday, Aug. 17

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Craft Cocktails: Drinking through History, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Jim and Nancy, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, Aug. 18

Waterfest with Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue and Gov't Mule, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Chris Okkerse, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Michael Sullivan, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Friday, Aug. 19

Wilz

stance use with young people.

between adults and youths?"

"When we grow up, we don't really talk

about the impacts of substance use and it

becomes a sheltered, isolated topic," Wilz

said. "How can we start building that trust

She said while not everyone may be

aware of how connected they are to the effects of substance use, starting the con-

versation at an early age with youths can help create healthy coping mechanisms

and allow them to find the right resources

"Substance use has always been seen as an individualized problem. Some people

feel shame or isolation in that way," Wilz

said. "It's hard for someone to come out

and people with whom they trust.

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

Be Courageous

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the public's understanding on the effects.

associate it with negative behaviors and

choices," she said. "That all leads back to

a lack of education and awareness. I feel

like when I do talk about it with others, it

makes them uncomfortable and I have to

assume that's because

Hannah Wilz start-

ed about a year ago

as Breakwater's Drug-

Free Community co-

ordinator and initiated

a conversation with

some coalition mem-

bers on the importance

of talking about sub-

they're just unaware."

"I think there's a natural reaction to

Speakeasy Comedy Show, 7 p.m., 404 N. Main St.

Living Water Church family event, 7 p.m., 1585 S. Oakwood Road

Swamp Water Boogie, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Bobby Evans, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Kenny James and Reverend Fish, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Backstage Pass, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Square Fare, 8 a.m., downtown

Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show & Pig Roast, 8 a.m., Skipper Buds, 2060 Omro Road

Sawdust City Classic basketball tournament, 8 a.m., UW Oshkosh Student Recreation Center

Fox Valley Open disc golf tournament, Winnebago County Community Park

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 491 Old Oregon Road

Ruckus, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Soul Revival Trio, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Sam 377 Blues Revue, 6 p.m., Game Time Sports Bar, 2836 Fond du Lac Road

Sunday, Aug. 21

Bubble Bonanza, 1 p.m., Menominee

Sawdust City Classic basketball tournament, 8 a.m., UW Oshkosh Student Recreation Center

Fox Valley Open disc golf tournament, Winnebago County Community Park

TJ and Lynn, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Fire on High, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Jordan Blanchard, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Michael Sullivan, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee

Wayne Neumann, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Thursday, Aug. 25

Waterfest with Dirty Honey, Alex Mc-Murray Band, Mac Saturn, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Ardy & Ed's Summer Cruise Night, 5 p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

That Song in Your Head, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

she said. "They're willing to listen and be an ear while you're trying to navigate this very difficult situation you're in. If you don't find it right away, keep reaching out.

"We cannot wait until it affects us to the point of what I've had to go through. It's unfortunate that it took the biggest loss of my life to meet these people and have these conversations. I think that sometimes what's frustrating to family members and friends who have lost someone to substance use is that we feel like we're the only ones who care."

Ashley talks to her 13-year-old son about substance use only when the opportunity arises from TV shows or in passing.

But just because this series is over, doesn't mean these conversations should stop.

"I think we have a long way to go before people like myself and others can feel comfortable having these conversations and not having that thought in the back of your mind," Ashley said. "We need to put more effort behind bringing people together who maybe this hasn't affected

About the series

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Ashley also emphasized that even if a source of trust is found, don't stop there.

"There is such a large community of people that are willing to talk about this,"

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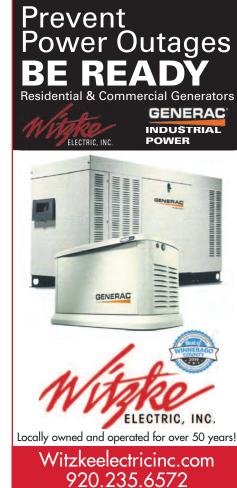
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Friday, Aug. 26

Outdoor Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Cochren & Co., 7 p.m., Dwelling 222, 222 Church Ave.

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Ask Your Mother, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Bearded Brothers, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Saturday, Aug. 27

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 1:30 p.m., downtown Main Street

Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Terrain Race, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds, 3000 Poberenzy Road

Behind the Exhibition: Iridescence, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Redfish, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Sunday, Aug. 28

Winnebagoland BMX Wisconsin State Final, 10 a.m., 4650 Jackson St.

ACW Live Professional Wrestling, 2 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

Frank Childress, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Seth James Duo, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

their life yet, or it isn't something they think about. We need more people to be part of this support."

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Environmental studies interns make summer impact

By Laurie Schlosser UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Three University of Wisconsin Oshkosh environmental studies students are making the most of their summer – combining internship learning with their love of the outdoors.

Kyle Ayers, Emma Laatsch and Juliana Mahler are working to preserve and promote natural environments in Wisconsin and beyond.

For Laatsch, the preparation included knowing bear, moose and poisonous/ non-poisonous plants as well as CPR and first aid.

A senior environmental studies and sociology student from Menominee, Michigan, Laatsch secured a summer internship in Homer, Alaska, where she works as a day camp educator intern at the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Her responsibilities include leading children ages 5-11 Monday through Thursday, to explore the environment in Homer. There is planning of a weekly theme that correlates with the environment along with field trips and activities that educate and entertain the kids whom she calls "young environmentalists."

The center offers programs for students, families and tourists that focus on ecology and stewardship of Kachemak Bay. Education and guided tours reach more than 12,000 annually.

"I can say with my whole heart, this has been the coolest thing that has ever happened to me," Laatsch said several weeks after starting her internship. She said she is excited to use the knowledge she gained this summer and apply it to learning more about the plants and animals in Wiscon-



Environmental studies major Juliana Mahler (right) is spending her summer working as an intern at Mequon Nature Center.

sin—she wants to become an expert educator.

"I have learned to appreciate the simplicity of life and my surroundings of nature and can see myself applying to work here next summer—not as an intern, but an educator," she said.

Mahler, a senior from Germantown majoring in environmental studies, has been working at the Mequon Nature Preserve—a nonprofit nature center north of Milwaukee in Ozaukee County.

The preserve was established in 2002, with the intent of transforming 510 acres of agricultural fields back into their natural habitats. There are several trails and a 40-foot observation tower to observe the

One of Mahler's main responsibilities involves land restoration projects. She's been asked to assist with development of wetland, prairie and forest habitats, planting trees and shrubs, controlling invasive species, seeding and other related tasks.

"Interns also play a large role in research and monitoring on the preserve to ensure restoration efforts are running smoothly," she said, adding that much focus is on water-measuring water levels and testing for different chemicals and elements. Interns also track animal population densities and locations.

Mahler puts her communication skills to work as she assists with educational talks, field trips, volunteer days and other events. She said she was familiar with the preserve and had reached out to its staff in January, two months before the hiring process began.

"...I can confidentially say it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences ever, and I hope others will also get the chance to experience it," she said in an email to UWO Career Services staff.

Ayers is a natural resource management intern at Wild Rivers Conservancy that is part of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway run by the National Park Service.

The junior from Oshkosh who studies environmental studies and geography, is based at Osceola, Wisconsin, on the border with Minnesota, separated by the St. Croix River.

The majority of his work is spent on invasive and non-invasive plant control. Many of the sites are accessed by vehicle or ATV, but some are reached by boat or

Other tasks Ayers performs as an intern are tree planting, seeding with local ecotype seed and installation of erosion control material. He also is involved in monitoring water quality, aquatic invertebrates, zebra mussels and bat acoustic surveys as well as assisting with species research.

"I believe I got this internship because of my prior knowledge of invasive plants, along with control methods," Ayers said. "I also believe my experience with geographic information systems, good general computer knowledge, a past internship and major of environmental science secured my position."

Ayers said anyone planning to apply for an internship should research the position and think about any prior experience or knowledge or professional connections that would make them stand out among applicants. Volunteer work or job shadowing can result in a reference and getting one's name recognized in the field.

Christina Lambie, who oversees internships through UWO Career and Professional Development, said all three students are gaining credit for their experiences through the Environmental Studies 300 Internship course.



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Spartans' Moxon taking aim at another stellar season

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

The lead character in the classic high school football movie "Varsity Blues" was quarterback Jon Moxon, better known in the flick as the Mox.

It's the Mox that leads the fictional West Canaan squad in a halftime mutiny against its head coach and then to a comeback victory to claim the coveted regional title.

Oshkosh North has its own Mox in senior Drake Moxon. Although the Spartans' version isn't a quarterback but an all-Fox Valley Association receiver and not likely to try and overthrow North's current coaching staff, he has assumed a leadership role with the squad and is looking to lead his squad to some impressive victories this fall.

"(Assistant Coach Chris) Kujawa started calling me Mox my freshman year and I asked him where he got that from," said Moxon, who was born well after the movie was released in 1999. "He told me about it and my dad told me about it. I kind of like the nickname."

The Spartans certainly like what they have in Moxon.

As a junior last season, Moxon averaged 17 yards per reception on his team-leading 41 catches and was named to the second team on the all-FVA lists. His expectations are to be even more productive this year and make a run at the Al Toon Award for the state's best wide receiver, but more importantly to help the team improve on its win total.

"Just anything to help our team win is what I want," Moxon said. "I hope this year as a team we can perform really well and have a better record than last year."

Moxon vividly remembers the 2013 North squad that reached the WIAA Division 2 state title game, falling to Kimberly to finish as the state runner-up. Getting the Spartans back to Madison this year he knows is a tall order but he hopes that this year's group can start a resurgence in the program that will lead to a return to prominence.

"Seeing the state team and going to Madison and watching them play - I want to be like those guys and get North back to where it was. That would mean a lot to me," Moxon said. "Knowing how it was back then and seeing it as a little kid, I want to inspire little kids now."

Moxon isn't necessarily a physically imposing receiver at about 6-feet tall and 170 pounds. But he takes pride in his route running and being sound in what he does on the field.

Opponents may have overlooked him last year in preparing to face North but with his production as a junior, he'll likely be the focal point of opposing defenses.

"I just really work on route running, that's how I get it done. Just getting by that first wave of people and just doing the fundamentals," Moxon said. "I think (teams may have underestimated me) but



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having the stats to back it up I think they realize I can do something. If not, it's better for me."

Drawing the attention of the opponents will make producing that much more difficult for Moxon but first-year head coach Luke Ott understands the need to get Moxon – and all of the Spartans' offensive weapons - the ball in different ways.

"Our offense is going to be trying to get these in the right area where they are going to be successful," Ott said. "We are going to put them in different spots because you have to keep everybody guessing. I like to challenge the guys with different roles and different things and we'll come out and obviously game plan, but throw in some different wrinkles and go from

Moxon is looking forward to sharing the load, too, especially because of the talent level around him at the skill posi-

"We have the weapons and I think we can do a lot of damage," Moxon said. "Game plan-wise, we'll see each week, but Coach Ott is going to find ways to get everyone the ball."

Ott highlighted the way Moxon has picked up the new North offense and is serving almost as another assistant coach in getting the rest of the team up to speed.

"He's being a leader for the group, especially on offense. He's caught on pretty quickly and he's helping the other guys," Ott said. "It's great to have him. He knows what to do and he does it the right way."

A new coach with a new offense and a solid senior class, has given Moxon and the Spartans high hopes entering the 2022 season. But there is also a caveat with those aspirations.

The Spartans play in the FVA - one of the strongest conferences in the state and Moxon knows that anything the team wants to achieve this year it is going to have to earn.

"We get told every year its one of the best conferences. It's tough," Moxon said. "There are no guaranteed wins, no matter who you play. You have to bring your 'A' game every single week and that's what we'll be focusing on."

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Bouzek ready to lead deep, talented West program

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Stepping in to a head coaching role can be a bit of a transition, especially in a tennis program like Oshkosh West where expectations run high and tradition runs

Nikki Bouzek Girls Tennis gets to skip past PREVIEW some of those is-

After four years of serving as an assistant coach for the Wildcats, Bouzek has stepped in to take charge of the program, and feels right at home leading West forward

"It definitely helps a lot that I have been with the program," Bouzek said.

It also helps that the first-year head coach has plenty to work with, starting with a roster of nearly 40 players, a handful of varsity returners and some top-level

Leading the way is senior Hannah Chung, who returns for another season at No. 1 singles for the Wildcats. Chung was a state qualifier last year and finished with 21 wins at the top singles flight.

Bouzek is expecting the same type of production this season but also likes being able to set the lineup without having to worry about that top singles slot.

"When you have a strong No. 1, then you can have everybody else in the position they should be at - which is sometimes a struggle in tennis," Bouzek said. "We lost six seniors from the team last year so it helps to have someone returning to the No. 1 position who has experience

Bouzek is also pretty confident about her No. 1 doubles team, too, even though neither member of the duo played doubles for West last season.

Juniors Kegan Potter and Kate Conger are slated to fill the role of the top doubles pairing for West. Potter was second all-Fox Valley Association last year at No. 3 singles, while Conger missed all of last year due to injury.

Seniors Alayna Sadowska and Angelina Vu are also returning after playing at the varsity level last year but Bouzek isn't sure where those two will be in the lineup.

"With so many positions open, I am still flip-flopping things around to see what works best," Bouzek said. "We are still working that out."

There are plenty of options to chose from as West's roster has plenty of depth to work with.

And even though some of the players stepping into open spots may not have varsity experience, Bouzek knows they have seen plenty of matches.

"Most of the girls have been playing for years, they just weren't at the varsity level, so there is still good experience," Bouzek said. "We have a mix of juniors and seniors as well as a couple of sophomores this year."

Oshkosh West lost only two FVA dual meets last year. The Wildcats fell to eventual state champion Neenah and then dropped a 4-3 heartbreaker to Kimberly.

The Rockets are loaded again which means the rest of the conference is likely battling for the runner-up spot and that's where the Wildcats want to be.

"We should be where we normally finish," Bouzek said. "That's what I'd like to

North looks to improve

Oshkosh North came up short of winning any FVA dual meets a year ago and did not advance any flights to sectionals.

Varsity players from last year returning this year include Maya Walker - who was the No. 1 singles player for the Spartans - Julie Bock, Arianna Bauer, Isabella Lammey and Mallory Ott.

Hogs for Heroes focus of disc golf tourney

Red Arrow Park's disc golf course will be hosting a singles tournament dedicated to raising funds for the Hog for Heroes program, a nonprofit effort that individually gifts a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to a deserving Wisconsin veteran.

The Hucks for Hogs tournament is set for Sept. 17 with an 8 a.m. check-in for players with two rounds of 18 and cash payouts for gold division entries. There are six divisions for players with a \$60 entry fee for PDGA

members, or \$70 for nonmembers.

Register at discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Red_Arrow_Test_Flight_2022/ register.

Tournament director and local disc golf organizer Zach Bays said the fundraiser is part of the competition Endowment Program through the Professional Disc Golf Association. He said there will be raffles and other activities to help raise money for the Hogs for Heroes program.

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MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

Arts for Kids def. The Grounds Guys 13-12 LeRoy's vs. Community Church 20-8 Wyldewood Baptist Church def. Oblio's Forfeit Oshkosh Trophy def. Here for Beer 16-8 Oshkosh Trophy def. Here for Beer 17-7

Standings: LeRoy's 11-0, Oshkosh Trophy 9-2, Arts for Kids 6-5, Oblio's 5-6, The Grounds Guys 4-7, Here for Beer 3-7, Wyldewood Baptist Church 3-8, Community Church 2-8

MONDAY VETERANS

Greene's Pour House def. Konrad-Behlman 12-8 Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Ratch & Deb's-Nelson 10-9 Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Konrad-Behlman 17-6 **Standings:** Ratch & Deb's-Francour 8-4,

Greene's Pour House 6-5, Ratch & Deb's-Nelson 5-6, Konrad-Behlman 4-8

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Evil Roy Slades def. Jerry's 6-1 Lyons Den def. LeRoy's 7-3 Lyons Den def. Jerry's 3-2

Standings: Lyons Den 11-2, Evil Roy Slades

7-5, Jerry's 6-6, LeRoy's 0-11

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Trails End def. Houge's 21-6



Jirschele Insurance def. Terry's 9-5 Jerry's def. Players 22-2

Standings: Jerry's 13-0, Trails End 10-3, Terry's 6-7, Jirschele Insurance 6-7, Houge's 3-10, Players

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

SNC Manufacturing def. Evil Roy Slades 15-8 The Fountain def. The Hill 9-2 Turtle Suits def. Fifth Ward Brewing 13-1 Terry's def. Players 12-2

Oblio's def. Associated Appraisal Consultants 28-6 **Standings:** The Fountain 11-1, The Hill 10-2, Oblio's 10-2, Evil Roy Slades 7-5, Associated Appraisal Consultants 5-7, Terry's 5-7, Turtle Suits 4-8, SNC Manufacturing 4-8, Fifth Ward Brewing

3-9, Players 1-11 WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Pioneer def. Wally Schmid Exc 6-4 Houge's def. Winkler's Westward Ho 16-0 Camera Casino def. Retros 9-0 Fletch's def. Terry's 11-9

Standings: Camera Casino 11-1, Houge's 11-1, Fletch's 7-5, Wally Schmid Exc 5-7, Winkler's Westward Ho 5-7, Terry's 5-7, Pioneer 4-8, Retros 0-12



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New-look Knights aim to contend again in Trailways

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There will be plenty of new faces taking center stage for the Lourdes Academy football team this season.

The Knights, coming off their third straight Trailways Conference title, will have to replace 10 positions that earned all-conference recognition a year ago as they look to once again contend for the league crown.

"We do have high expectations each year," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "We want to start by practicing hard, being

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coachable, having fun, and taking advantage of our opportunities in practice. If we do all of

those things with a positive attitude, we can achieve our team goals of winning the conference and making a deep playoff run. It is one step at a time."

Although there was talent lost to graduation last year, the Knights' cupboard is still stocked pretty well.

Leading the way is sophomore quarterback Wade Lindahl, a first-team all-Trailways Conference selection a year ago. Lindahl threw for nearly 1,800 yards in his freshman season with 22 touchdowns to just six interceptions, while completing about 70 percent of his passes.

Wopat believes his young signal-caller will be even better this season.

"Wade has worked his tail off to become a more dynamic player," Wopat said. "His ability to be a plus one in the running game this season should give our offense a chance to take off again."

The only other returning player for the Knights to merit all-conference rec-



Lourdes Academy running back Brayden Mecklenburg takes a handoff from Wade Lindahl and looks for a hole behind the blocking of Brett Behnke (left) and Gavin Ostrowski during a scrimmage at Titan Stadium on Friday.

ognition on offense last season is senior lineman Brett Behnke, who garnered second-team honors.

Behnke will anchor a young group up front that will play a key role in the Knights' success this year.

"We need our offensive line to play with an attitude," Wopat said. "We feel if we're good up front, we can be very good. We should have good special teams, and our defense will be solid early, with the potential to be very good. Our (offensive line) play is the wild card."

The Knights will look to reload at its skilled positions where much of last year's production was lost to graduation.

The offense's returning players combined for just 178 yards rushing last year – with Nathan Lewan (77) and Brayden Mecklenburg (72) leading the way and a total of 26 receptions, 16 of which were hauled in by Kyle Ralofsky.

Still, Wopat believes that the new crop of contributors will be able to pick up where last year left off.

"We won't be as big bodied in the skill

positions, but we have good team speed, and kids who're hungry to prove themselves under the lights," Wopat said. "We expect our offense to carry us early as we settle in defensively."

Mecklenberg is the only player returning on defense with all-conference recognition, being named to the honorable mention list at defensive back.

But he, along with Mason Carpenter, Parker Kilde and Behnke, all finished in the top 10 on the team in tackles.

The Knights may be a little light on experience entering the season, but Wopat certainly has plenty of players to choose from as he looks to fill the voids. That depth could definitely be a strength for Lourdes Academy as the season wears on.

"We have good depth for a small program, with each class in the program being able to bring something to the table," Wopat said. "Our incoming freshman class is a very hard working and coachable class, and it wouldn't be a surprise to see some kids from that group get a chance to play on varsity."

Mathe ready to lead senior-laden Wildcats

The past few seasons have been a bit of a coaching roller coaster for Oshkosh West.

Over the past three seasons, the Wildcats have had a total of four head coaches, with Andrew Dittburner and Cole Yoder sharing the role last year after Duane Hartkopf stepped down following a season-opening win over Green Bay West.

Ben Mathe aims to bring an end to the tumultuous times and assumes the head

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Aug 26	Belmont	7:00pn
Sep 2	@ Kickapoo	7:00pn
Sep 10	@ Wonewoc/Weston	1:00pn
Sep 16	@ Oakfield	7:00pn
Sep 23	Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah	7:00pn
Sep 30	@ Menominee	7:00pn
Oct 7	Abundant Life Christian	7:00pn
Oct 14	@ Williams Bay	7:00pn
Oct 21	Wisconsin Heights	7:00pn



Home games played at Titan Stadium

Aug 18	Living Word Lutheran	7:15pm
Aug 26	Reedsville	7:00pm
Sep 2	@ Cambria	7:00pm
Sep 9	@ Fall River/Rio	7:00pm
Sep 16	Pardeeville	8:00pm
Sep 23	Johnson Creek	8:00pm
Sep 30	@ Deerfield	7:00pm
Oct 7	@ Brookfield Academy	7:00pm
Oct 13	Randolph	7:15pm

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Aug 26	@ Verona Area	7:30pm
Sep 2	Neenah	7:00pm
Sep 9	@ Appleton East	7:00pm
Sep 16	Kaukauna	5:00pm
Sep 23	@ Kimberly	7:00pm
Sep 30	Appleton North	7:00pm
Oct 7	@ Oshkosh North	7:00pm
Oct 14	@ Fond du Lac	7:00pm



Home games played at Titan Stadium

Aug 19	@ Janesville Craig	7:00pm
Aug 26	@ Green Bay Southwest	7:00pm
Sep 2	@ Kimberly	7:00pm
Sep 9	Kaukauna	7:00pm
Sep 16	@ Fond du Lac	7:00pm
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Lourdes Academy lands new Week 8 foe

The Lourdes Academy football schedule got a bit of a change this week as the Knights will now face Brookfield Academy on the road on Friday, Oct. 7.

Lourdes Academy was originally scheduled to host St. John's Northwest Military Academy at Titan Stadium on that date, but the Lancers announced last week they were canceling the varsity football season due to low numbers.

That created the opening and head coach and athletic director Kevin Wopat moved quickly to fill the void.

Brookfield Academy finished 7-4 last season, losing to Mayville in the first round of WIAA Division 5 playoffs. The Blue Knights have reached the postseason in six of the last eight years, including in each of the last two regular football sea-

Wopat likes the idea of facing playoff-caliber opponents leading into the postseason. Following the game against the Blue Knights, Lourdes Academy will face another perennial playoff team in

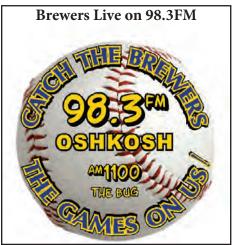
"This will help us get ready for the playoffs," Wopat said. "Last year, we felt like we played a couple of really easy games walking into the postseason. (Brookfield Academy) is a good opponent and that will help make us better in getting ready for the postseason."

Combat training exercises in region

Volk Field's Combat Readiness Training Center is hosting the annual Northern Lightning Counterland exercise through Aug. 19, which includes nearly 1,000 personnel from about 20 active-duty Air Force, National Guard, Navy and Marine Corps units.

The general public started seeing an

increase in aircraft activity in and around the Camp Douglas area Monday in the counties of Adams, Brown, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Jackson, Marathon, Marquette, Monroe, Outagamie, Portage, Sauk, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Waupaca, Winnebago and Wood.





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coaching position at West with a plan to revamp the program and build on last year's WIAA playoff appearance and 4-6 overall record.

"Our team belief is to be greater than yesterday in our pursuit of excellence by adhering to our team values of respect, work ethic, and grit while embracing our team norm of being comfortable with the uncomfortable. I expect all our players, coaches, and families to commit to this very difficult path forward," Mathe said. "If everyone involved can elevate our expectations then hold each other accountable to them, our football program will very quickly establish new traditions that the Wildcats of yesterday and tomorrow will come to appreciate and ultimately embrace."

Mathe's tenure at West begins with a roster with limited varsity experience as the Wildcats relied on a senior-heavy lineup a year ago.

Mathe feels the Wildcats have plenty of seniors that are capable of leading by example this season, including Charles Baker (RB/DB), Vinny Bird (DL/TE), Landon Braun (LB/RB), Chester Brill (DB/WR), Devin Buhrow (DB/WR), Carver Cram (DB/WR), Jacob Curtis (OL/DL), Parker Fontaine (OL/DL), Tristin Freund (LB), Jaxon Galica (DE), Jacob Knudson (OL/DL), AJ Kohl (WR/DB), Tyler Kosmer (WR), Lual Kouk (DL), Hank Meyer (QB), Quamere Milan (DB/RB), Kieran Patrick (LB/TE), CJ Rosa (DB), Nolan Reichenberger (DB/WR), Landon Sandstrom (WR/DB), Lukas Schroeder (DB/ WR), Mason Stobb (RB/LB), Carson Trinrud (WR/DB), Cristian Walton (LB/ RB), and Evan Wilke (DL/OL).

"Our seniors will have to continue to lead their brothers on a daily basis toward realizing our team goals," Mathe said. "They need to be willing to fight without flinching when something doesn't go the way we expect it to. If we can stay focused even during the tough times, it will help us get better as a team which is all you can ask for as a coach."

This season's successes will be a direct result of what this group of seniors do to realize their potential while leading the rest of the varsity players. And doing that in one of the toughest conferences in the state is no easy task.

"The FVA is a tough conference to play in as a result of it being a reflection of the families, schools, and communities of the Fox Valley," Mathe said. "We are all hard-working, dedicated, and love the game of football. Those three things combined will usually result in what high school football should be: A tough, hard fought, but respectful Friday nights lights

Ott takes reins of upstart Oshkosh North

After winning four games in the Alter-

nate Spring season in 2021 and then two more last fall, things appear to be trending in the right direction for the Oshkosh North football program.

First-year head coach Luke Ott hopes to keep the Spartans on that path.

Ott, who replaces Juston Wara at the helm of the North program, knows all about the Spartans' history but is taking the approach that past seasons don't matter and is looking to build toward the fu-

"It has been a rough go of things over the last couple years and there were probably many different reasons why," Ott said. "What I can say is we are moving forward, and we don't even mention the past. Our eyes are looking forward and moving in that direction. We have set high expectations for what we want to accomplish this year and high standards for our players to work toward on and off the field."

One of the key pieces returning for the Spartans this season is senior receiver Drake Moxon, who was a second-team all-FVA selection a year ago. Moxon averaged 17 yards per catch on his 41 receptions and finished with four touchdown catch-

Fellow senior Cormac Sammons was an honorable mention honoree on the offensive line and will join fellow seniors John Klinger and Dean Kuberski to give North a solid nucleus to build around on the line of scrimmage.

Hunter Carlson is projected to make the move from running back to quarterback this year to lead the Spartan offense, while Lyndon Hemmerich-Hartman joins Moxon as a target in the passing game.

Leading the Spartans will be senior Dayshawn Henry, who was North's leading tackler from his linebacker position last year and was an honorable mention all-FVA selection.

Ott also highlighted Kevin Lynch at linebacker and Jamaul Schreck and Ben Boelter in the secondary as key members of the defense.

"We feel confident in the work that has been put in over the entire offseason starting back in January and working through the summer program," Ott said. "We are looking to have a winning record and make a playoff push, and see where it goes from there."

While Ott may not have as much experience as some coaches in the FVA, he knows all about this conference and how tough it is. That is one thing he is looking forward to this season and he will embrace that challenge head on.

"From my perspective of watching teams/coaches over the years, it's just that the conference has had and continues to have coaches that build their programs based on the student-athlete's abilities to work hard, develop skills, and commit to a process that over time allows them to be continually successful," he said. "Even though we have four new head coaches in the conference, the difficulty will continue to be there just because these staffs know what it takes to build a winning culture based upon the school they are at."



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Donhauser estate art sale honors artist and teacher

The public is invited to a second threeday art estate sale Sept. 9-11 featuring original paintings and ceramics of the late Wisconsin artist Paul Donhauser and his extensive collection from his students and contemporaries.

A portion of sales will benefit the Paul S. Donhauser Art Student Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. The event is hosted by daughters Jennifer and Stephanie at the family residence and their late father's art studio at 5724 I Ah Maytah

This will be a mini art fair with everything displayed in the house, studio and driveway up for sale, including artworks discovered after the first estate sale in

Donhauser worked in clay and painting, exhibiting in regional, national and international competitions. He was a Rosebush Professor and earned virtually every honor the field of ceramics has to offer, notably a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Visual Arts and the Grand Prize at the International Ceramics Competition in Faenza, Italy.

He was the first American to win the prestigious ceramics award. His work is owned and displayed by private collectors as well as the Smithsonian Institution and the Prudential Plaza in Chicago. The wellknown teacher taught design and ceramics at UW Oshkosh until 2004.

"We found loving homes for much of the art collection, connected with friends new and old, and made a generous contribution to the Paul Donhauser Art Student Scholarship at UW Oshkosh," daughter Jennifer Anderson said. "During the first sale we heard so many neat stories about dad from friends, colleagues and stu-

Anderson said there will be mixed media, paintings and ceramic sculptures in the studio, paintings on display panels in the driveway, tables of ceramic pots, and additional artwork in the house.

More information is at donhauserart.



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A second estate sale is planned for former UW Oshkosh art teacher and artist Paul Donhauser.

Oshkosh Garden Club gives scholarships

Two students from Oshkosh high schools will be assisted with \$1,000 schol-

arships from the Oshkosh Garden Club.

Aiden Gehrke will complete his undergraduate studies in wildlife ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to become a biologist with the Department of Natural Resources.



Gehrke

uate of Valley Christian School, will be attending Ripon College where she will

pursue environmental science.

The club has given \$40,500 to 21 students studying in a field of science. The scholarships are funded by its annual scholarship luncheon. After a two-year lapse, the

luncheon will be held Nov. 12 at the Best Western Hotel.

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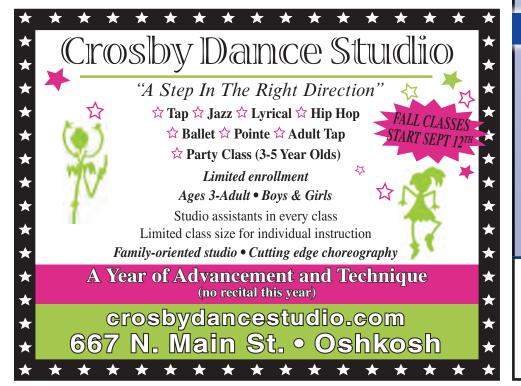


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Data hub to detect and prevent fraud

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is participating in the National Association of State Workforce Agencies' Integrity Data Hub, which provides states with cross-matching verification options for identifying potential unemployment insurance (UI) fraud and improper pay-

Data from the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) shows that the integrity data hub has assisted with the prevention of \$2.4 billion in improper payments in the states and territories where it is used through

These tools add to DWD's existing fraud prevention and detection technology, which includes the wage records cross-match, state and national new hire cross-matches, work search audits, interstate cross-match and deceased citizen cross-match.

Wisconsin's participation in NAS-WA's Integrity Data Hub is the first completed project stemming from the state's work with the U.S. Department of Labor's Tiger Teams. Wisconsin was one of the first states to proactively apply for technical assistance through the Tiger Team to help it identify and fund additional process improvements that will speed benefit delivery, address equity, and fight fraud.

Obituaries

Donald G. Sasse

Donald G. Sasse, 83, was called to be with his Heavenly Father on August 12,



2022 in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on April 1, 1939 in Fremont, WI to Elmer and Nina Sasse. He graduated from Concordia Teacher's College with a bachelor's degree and went on to receive a Master's

degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Don married Phyllis Sasse, June 11, 1961 in Climbing Hill, Iowa, and they shared over 61 years together. Don taught at St. John's Lutheran in Mayville, WI from 1961 to 1967 and then at Trinity Lutheran in Oshkosh, WI from 1967 to 1995, from there he went on to become a teacher and principal at Trinity Lutheran in Potter, WI from 1995 to 2000. Don used his Master's degree in counseling to provide volunteer social work for many in need.

He was very artistic, and in his free time he enjoyed dabbling in various media, such as stained glass, rare stones and dried flowers. He also enjoyed gardening. Music was a huge part of his life. He

wrote, produced, and directed over 25 musicals from the mid-1970s until he retired in 2000.

Don is survived by his wife, Phyllis Sasse; son, Michael (Joan) Sasse; daughter-in-law, Sue Krause-Sasse; grandchildren, Danielle (Chad) Goodall, Melissa Sasse, Meagan Sasse, Ashleigh Sasse, and Rebecca Sasse; great-grandchild, Xander Ray Goodall. He is further survived by his brother, Kenneth Sasse and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Elmer and Nina Sasse; and his son, Kevin Sasse.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2450 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh, visitation from 10am until the time of service at 11:30am.

Memorials may be sent to Miravida Living or Lutheran World Relief.

The family extends a special thank you to Bethel Home and all our friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



Albert M. Christl

Albert M. Christl, age 88, passed away on Friday August 5, 2022. Al was born on July 15, 1934 in Oshkosh son of the late Albert J. and Hattie (Patzel) Christl. He married Barbara Egner on October 15, 1955. Al worked at Gilbert Paper Co. in Menasha for many years until retirement. Al was a huge EAA enthusiast and enjoyed many years of working and volunteering there after retirement. He is survived by his wife Barbara, a daughter Donna Diener (fiance Mathew Denkins), and grandchildren, Kayla Dreier and John Diener. Al was preceded in death by a daughter Diane Christl. Private funeral services were held with entombment at Lakeview Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

The family would like to thank the staff in the I.C.U. at Aurora Medical Center especially Jenn, for all the wonderful care given to Al.

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Obituaries

Edna Mueller

Edna Caroline Mueller (née Behm) died on Friday, August 5, 2022 at age 95.



As was her wish, Edna lived out her life on her ten-acre farm outside Oshkosh. Her home of the last 72 years evolved into The Garden of Edna, a tribute to her and her love of flowers.

Edna was the Asparagus Lady selling fresh asparagus from the five acres son Jim planted. She also operated her Grassroots Greenhouse, selling hanging baskets and vegetable seedlings. Her final venture was Edna's Dog Sitting Service featuring "stayovers." Meanwhile every election found her at the Town of Algoma as a poll worker. Edna loved family, friends, flowers and

dogs

Edna was preceded in death by her husband Marvin C. Mueller, sons Jerome M. Mueller and Brian L. Mueller, Janet's late partner, Elizabeth Brown, eight brothers, two sisters, and her wonderful "elder" sisters-in-laws, Margaret, Verona and Lola, Survivors include brother Henry (Dorothy) Behm "Hank & Dottie" and sister-in-law Mildred (Walter) Behm.

Jerome (deceased) is survived by spouse Linda and his two children: Sarah Nigl and Christopher (Kari) Mueller.

Edna is further survived by Bruce (Ellen) Mueller and their children: Wade (Lyn Marie), Megan (Shyam) Kantara, Trisha (Simon), Tiffany, Elizabeth (Chee), Mai Der Mueller and Ali (Miles) Oney.

James Mueller and Mary Guerin and his sons: Tyson (Makalah) and Travis.

Janet Mueller and spouse Janice Hen-

Richard C. Naslund

Richard C. Naslund, age 97, of Oshkosh, passed away on August 13, 2022. Dick was born to the late Nels and Florence (Montgomery) Naslund on February 7, 1925, in Oshkosh. After graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1942, Dick attended Villanova University while enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He then graduated from UW-Oshkosh. He enlisted in the United States Navy in the spring of 1943 and was a Navy veteran where he was trained to be a Corpsman. After obtaining his degree, Dick taught biology and chemistry as well as coach football, hockey, and track. He met the love of his life, Virginia Steier and married in 1949. Dick started Choice Realty in 1965, helping many families in the Oshkosh area find their homes and businesses. He continued to work in real estate until his

Dick enjoyed playing and coaching sports throughout his life. He enjoyed organizing sports teams and ski trips to Colorado. He loved introducing and encouraging people to try new sports including skiing, swimming, tennis, and pickleball. In 2017 in Houston, Texas, he was honored and awarded as the National Senior Olympic Male Athlete of the Year. Dick remained active throughout his life

continuing to play basketball, pickleball, softball, and track and field into his nineties.

Dick spent many hours researching his ancestry and has maintained close contact with many relatives in Sweden and Canada. He travelled several times to Sweden and hosted many Swedish relatives visiting the U.S.

Dick and Virginia were both members in their church, Zion Lutheran.

Dick is survived by his wife of 72 years, Virginia; his children, Jana Braun, Eric Naslund, and Nels (Carol) Naslund; four grandchildren Kevin, Anessa, Britta, and Karlin; and three great-grandchildren, Kyra, Kaylen, and Oskar and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by son, Gunnar; brothers, Robert; and Arvid Naslund; and daughter-in-law, Pamela Naslund.

A memorial service for Dick will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, on Tuesday, August 23, at noon. A visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oshkosh West – Gunnar Naslund Cross Country Award/Scholarship Fund.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN

Clifford "Butch" Maloney Butch was born in Oshkosh on Febru-

ary 23, 1944 to Clifford and Grace (Dibble) Maloney, and passed away at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, WI on August 8, 2022, at the age of 78.

Butch was raised on a farm in the Poygan area and attended the White School, which was a one room school. He graduated in 1962 from Omro High School. He worked at Morgan Doors until enlisting in the Marines in 1964. He served his country in Vietnam. Upon returning home he was employed at Mercury Marine in Oshkosh. Butch finished his career there as a CNC Programmer in Fond du Lac, retiring in 2008 after being diagnosed with Parkinson's.

In 1969 he married Barbara Hoyt. Barbara brought two sons to the marriage, whom Butch adopted and raised with love. Together they also had one son. Butch enjoyed their cabin in the northwoods. He was not an avid deer hunter, but he did enjoy deer camp every year with his boys and his close friend, Wayne Dunham. Not an avid deer hunter is putting it mildly, as the first few years at deer camp he did not even own a gun. In 2019 when Barbara was no longer able to care for him,

Butch went to the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, where he was well cared for. He was always treated with respect and with love in their hearts.

Butch is survived by Barbara, his wife of 53 years, and their children: Jack and Mark Maloney, his granddaughter: Caitlyn Maloney; brother: Scott (Lisa) Maloney of Park Falls; sister-in-law: Virginia Hoyt of Darien, IL; goddaughter: Nicole (Gary) Baumann and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Edward O and Mildred K (Dunn) Hoyt, a son, William Maloney, sisters, Carol Juedes and Judy Weeks and brother-in-law, Robert O. Hoyt.

The Funeral Service was on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 1 pm at the chapel in Lakeview Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. The visitation was on Friday at the chapel from 11 am until the time of the service.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the nurses and staff at King and also Heartland Hospice for the loving care that has been given to Butch.



ningfield. Janet's step-daughter, Karen Dace.

Edna was a great-great-grandmother and Aunt to 45 nephews and nieces. She is survived by her dear friends and special people Diane "Dee Dee", Angie & John, Barb, Kris & family, Colleen, Pam & David, Tracy and her "other" daughter, Tara Rakowski, whose children were loved as grandchildren and who, as her doctor, added years and joy to Edna's life.

Special thanks to caregivers Travis Mueller, who gave more hugs to grandma then all other humans combined and Cindy Mueller, who helped care for Edna until the demands of caring for her own mother became too great and Jim Mueller, Edna's chief caretaker, head gardener, anchor of the care team, innovator, engineer, advocate and arranger of all things for Edna's care and comfort.

Jim and Janet will maintain the Garden of Edna in her memory. To celebrate her life, be kind, feed birds, listen to friends, share what you have, respect your elders and the less able, walk the garden, pick a bouquet and pass it on.

Respectfully, Janet, Daughter of Edna.

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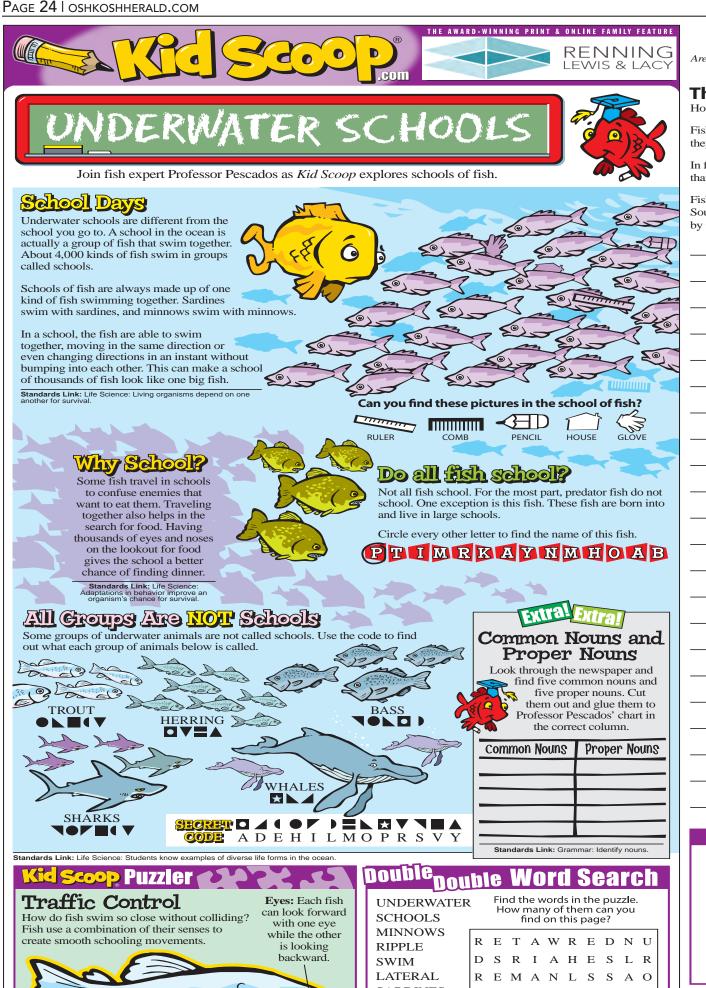
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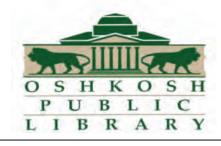
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