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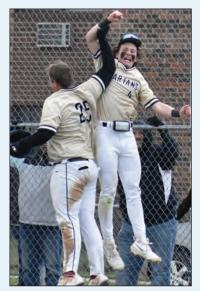
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# Court reporting takes digital path

# FVTC program tries to fill ongoing demand

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Nationwide, the graduation rate for stenographers remains at about 5 percent to 10 percent for the challenging program. Digital court reporters have been called to action to offset this shortage seen from retirements exacerbated by the pandemic.

Fox Valley Technical College began a one-year digital court reporter program in mid-2020 to help offset the ongoing threat to courtrooms that are required to be on the record.

Alongside traditional stenography is a digital recording alternative that is slowly but steadily growing into an important complement to secure the court record and offer a more mobile model for filling a need statewide and nationally.

FVTC was among the first in the nation to meet a demand for this, and Winnebago County is the first to reap the benefits as FVTC's first graduate of the one-year program is working out of Oshkosh to serve courtrooms there and elsewhere in the five-county 4th Judicial District. Jeff Meverden, FVTC's department chairman for paralegal and related programs, said casual conversations with friends and associates from the legal profession sparked his interest in developing the curriculum. Matching career trends with trades and industries is something the college keys on as an education priority.

"I'm kind of pre-programmed after working at (FVTC) for so many years that when you see a need for employees that's kind of what the technical college does,"

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Photo by Michael Cooney

# Art at the Arena

The Wisconsin Regional Arts Program (WRAP) Art Show, hosted by the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association, drew art lovers to the Oshkosh Arena on Saturday where more than 35 local and regional artists entered work in a variety of media. The event was held during the Winter Farmers Market as a one-day pop-up show.

# Online threats fought with tech, educational tools

Cybersecurity groups

izona Cyber Warfare Range and ultimately agreed the best thing to do was remain





By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

A service partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh helps the com-

munity stay safe from worldwide ongoing cyber threats through education.

The Wisconsin Cyber Threat Response Alliance (WICTRA) was launched in 2016 by Jerry Eastman after his retirement from the National Guard.

"Amid conversations which identified a gap in how to effectively share actionable real-time cyber threat intelligence at the state and local levels, (WICTRA) was created to address this," Eastman said.

A special committee at that point traveled to meet with the leadership of the Ar-



in Wisconsin.

WICTRA was incorporated as an organization in August 2017, Eastman said. The group nominated Eastman to lead the effort to build and grow WICTRA.

> Over the past five and a half years, WICTRA has continued to expand its internal corporate and individual members, mainly centered in Wisconsin.

> "However, as cyber threats do not respect local, state and national borders, we maintain an extensive professional network," Eastman

said. "This network includes individuals, other nonprofits, the cyber vendor industry and other public-private sector organizations."

WICTRA provides a public-private sec-

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Michael Patton (left) is director of UWO's Cybersecurity Center of Excellence and works with Wisconsin Cyber Threat Response Alliance (WICTRA) founder Jerry Eastman.



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# **Gilderson-Duwe to step down** as Public Library director

#### Oshkosh Herald

After almost two decades of service, the director of the Oshkosh Public Library

and Winnefox Library System has announced he will be retiring from his shared roles June 2. Jeff Gilderson-Duwe said personal and professional considerations have convinced him that now is the

**Gilderson-Duwe** 

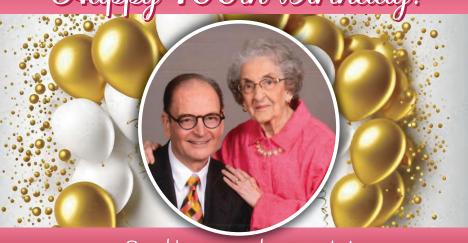
change. "Both Oshkosh Public Library and Winnefox Library System have staff of amazing knowledge and skill," he said in

making the announcement. "It has been a privilege to work with them since 2005, and I'm proud of my role in supporting the excellence they bring to library and system services every day."

Gilderson-Duwe has implemented several improvements, including expanding the library's digital resources and streaming options, adding public Wi-Fi, and successfully adapting library services during the pandemic.

He expressed his gratitude to the Oshkosh community and both boards of trustees for their steadfast support. He said he is looking forward to spending more time with family and relaxing with a good book.

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# **Back in the Day**



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society



Photo from Ed Tiedje An April 1959 fire at Dahl Motors on State Street destroyed the building and 29 vehicles.

# April 26, 1959

Fire at Dahl Motors - \$250,000 Dam**age:** Flames destroyed the two-story brick building on State Street, the home of Dahl Motors, on Sunday. The blaze burned out of control for 1½ hours, gutting the structure along with 29 automobiles which ranged from blistered paint to fire-gutted wrecks. Four of the approximately 52 on-duty and off-duty firemen received minor cuts and bruises. Six of the city's seven fire companies were in action with two ladder trucks and four pumpers. The firemen laid over 5,000 feet of hose and pumped 326,600 gallons of water onto the burning building. The blaze was first discovered at 12:57 p.m. by a fireman who looked from the State Street firehouse and saw smoke billowing from the building. Efforts to extinguish the blaze were hampered by grease, oil, gasoline, paint, and tires adding fuel to the inferno. On an eerie note, the continuous sound of horns came from inside the building, as flames ate into the wiring systems of burning autos. First one horn began blowing, and then another and another as flames swept through the building. Then, one-by-one, they died away. The sustained loss is greater than all the combined Oshkosh fires the past 20 years. Dahl has announced they would be seeking a new location.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, April 27, 1959



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# Correction

**APRIL 19, PAGE 11:** In a story about the Lake Butte des Morts Drive housing development, the quote attributed to resident Kathy Brewer should have been attributed to Cheryl Borgardt, another resident speaking against the project.



# shkosh Bird Fest set at new Rainbow Park location

As migrating birds return to the region, the annual Oshkosh Bird Fest is also back but at a new location in Rainbow Park on the Fox River.

World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated May 6 with a program for all ages. Shelter No. 2 at the park will be the center of activities from 6 a.m. to noon.

There will be a Big Sit, a bird banding demonstration, bird walks, live birds of prey and children's activities. Winnebago Audubon, Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin and the Purple Martin Conservation Association will be on hand to answer questions.

The city event is organized by volunteers from Winnebago Audubon in partnership with the Oshkosh Sustainability Advisory Board and is funded by donations. For more details, visit oshkoshbirdfest.com or on Facebook.

Oshkosh was awarded recognition as a

## Kalbus wetland planting volunteers sought as available in plugging native wetland

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pared to get dirty.

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is seeking 10-15 volunteers to help plant 2,720 plant plugs for a wetland restoration at Kalbus Country Harbor on Lake Winnebago on May 5, 6 and possibly May 7.

Each day will start at 9 a.m. at 5309 Lake Road, Oshkosh, and volunteers are welcome to help as much or as little

Health workshop offered at Seniors Center

Mind Over Matter; Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder workshop is designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their symptoms.

The three-session workshop at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South Building in-

Bird City in 2010 and has been recertified each year with High Flyer status in the Bird City Wisconsin program. The community has committed to sound conservation practices and educating residents to play an increased role in making the area healthy for birds and people.

To be recognized as a Bird City, a community must meet criteria spread across six categories: habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting threats to birds, public education, energy and sustainability, and recognition and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day.

The Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in Port Washington, assumed fiscal sponsorship of Bird City Wisconsin in 2018. It took over from the Milwaukee Audubon Society, which served as Bird City's fiscal sponsor since 2009.





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# Nonprofits express concerns on county ARPA funding

#### Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County nonprofit groups are hoping they still have a seat at the table on how federal funding will be used to cope with the impact of the pandemic after being excluded from any direct support through the county.

County supervisors approved establishing a "Spirit Fund" to consolidate \$33.4 million in federal pandemic relief funds at their March 21 meeting after months of discussion on how to best use the money. A special American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) commission had recommended that onefourth of available money be designated for nongovernmental community projects but that was derailed just ahead of the final vote.

An amendment introduced before the Spirit Fund vote to remove the nongovernmental portion - nonprofit groups and quasi-governmental entities - and split the money evenly between government and government-managed community projects was approved 21-11.

Oshkosh Area United Way president Beth Oswald, who was a member of the ARPA Strategies and Outcomes Commission, told the county board at its April 18 meeting that supervisors were misinformed on both the intended focus of the ARPA fund categories and

how nonprofits serve the direct needs of residents. She said nongov-

ernmental community projects serve small businesses most impacted by COVID illnesses and restrictions by providing social or community benefit.

Oswald

"I want to make it clear that nonprofit is not a business model, it's simply a tax status," Oswald said.

She said taking nongovernmental community projects from the federal funding mix when those groups have been at the forefront of the post-pandemic crisis suggests a distrust of nonprofit groups and the panel's recommendation while lumping the money into general government purposes.





"Basically you're saying infrastructure should supersede basic needs," she told the board. "When ever would streets and sidewalks supersede or be a priority over people?"

Oswald said the sole mission of nonprofits is public protection, and the Spirit Fund advisory panel had agreed that ARPA funding was intended for workers, families, small businesses and industries that nongovernmental agencies serve.

"How can our community experience economic growth when 16,400 households in Winnebago County - that's a third of our county - are working yet they live just above the poverty level but below the cost-of-living for Winnebago County?" she asked. "These households rely on nonprofits for their basic needs like housing and food."

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services staff also made a direct plea for county help through the Spirit Fund that would support its capital fundraising campaign to expand its transitional housing with a planned move into the Beach Building on Algoma

# Market program promotes young vendors

The Oshkosh Farmers Market has received a grant, courtesy of Compeer Financial, to help embrace young prospective vendors who have inquired about selling at the weekly event, according to market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz.

An Orientation to Vending at the Farmers Market Seminar will be offered and funds allocated to pay for a portion of their vending fees for the season, which has been cited as a barrier for them.

The program is open to entrepreneurs 21 years or younger whose products meet the market's locally grown or produced criteria.

The seminar will be held at the annual vendors meeting May 6 at the Oshkosh Arena and is open to all prospective or current vendors. Email manager@osfmi.com for more information or to reserve a spot.

"Many vendors are unaware of the tools available to them to promote their products and how to have successful sales at the market," Schmid-Schultz said. "We have put together a formal program to be open to vendors of the Oshkosh Farmers Market, at no charge."



Boulevard.

District 31 Supervisor Ralph Harrison of Oshkosh asked County Executive Jon Doemel whether the commission's amended proposal will be flexible enough to consider nonprofit groups in the county, which he said numbered around 1,000. Harrison said he has received several contacts from residents and those representing nonprofits saying the amendment failed to recognize their work related to pandemic struggles.

"Maybe we acted too quick to take that away from them because there are a lot of needs out there," Harrison said.

Doemel said that while he understands both sides of the funding argument, he doesn't believe all nonprofits should be eligible for county funds, but "I still think there are things in that 50% (of community project funding) that can help." He added that all funding would still need county board approval.

So far about \$3 million of the \$33.4 million was divided among the county's 21 towns and municipalities for general purposes.



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# ORD ready for summer with many new programs

### By Sara Eliasen

OSHKOSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Registration for the Oshkosh Recreation Department's summer programming is just around the corner, beginning May 1 for Oshkosh Area School District residents.

ORD director Kabel Helmbrecht is enthusiastic about this season's lineup.

"We are introducing new programming that focuses on inclusion, the natural environment and activities that family members/friends can participate in together," he said.

Adaptive Adventures offers regularly scheduled activities for adults with disabilities. Program supervisor Lori Gentry, coordinator of this series, is thrilled that the Oshkosh Recreation Department is providing adaptive program options for the community.

"Although there are many resources for school-aged individuals with disabilities, that is not the case for adults with disabilities," she said. "Our department is excited to have two experienced educators from the Oshkosh Area School District – Dana Zander and Mary Beth Connors – leading the program to help adults with disabilities to engage socially, increase awareness of social options within our community, develop healthy eating habits and engage in healthy physical activity."

Another focus is providing opportunities to get outside, which, according to program supervisor Veronica Robinson, is becoming increasingly important.

"In today's society there are just too many sedentary activities – phones, technology, screens – that keep us from moving and enjoying the physical world around us," she said.

To help achieve this goal, the ORD is collaborating with Fox Valley Outdoor Adventures to offer courses for youth such as Outdoor Survival Skills, Camping 101 and Exploration Nature.

Fox Valley Outdoor Adventures is the brainchild of Oshkosh native Elizabeth Van Maanen, whose passion is to "teach others how to experience nature in its purest form."

"We exist to bridge the gap for people so they can get involved with outdoor activities," she explained. "Many people don't continue to pursue new outdoor activities because they don't know how, the prohibitive cost of items, or have had a bad first experience. I hope to get people hooked on a potential new outdoor passion."

Helmbrecht agrees, stating that "by adding these programs to what we already offer – fishing, bicycling, sailing/paddling and hiking – we feel we are providing a full menu of activities that brings kids closer to nature."

The ORD is also excited to offer expanded opportunities for families and friends to participate in as groups. Not only is the ORD offering known favorites such as yoga, sailing and tae kwon do, but this summer brings new opportunities such as creating jewelry and homemade crafts, Meet You at the Track workouts Monday evenings, American Sign Language instruction, a field day competition and the MUBBLOR Obstacle Course (Mud, Bubbles and Color – a trifecta of fun).



Dockside Tavern plans to modify its outdoor patio space at 425 Nebraska St.

# Outdoor seating proposals advanced

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As the weather begins to trend warmer, businesses like Sturgeon Spirits and Dockside Tavern are seeking patio additions for their spaces.

Dockside Tavern, at 425 Nebraska St. on the Fox River, approached Oshkosh's Plan Commission for a specific implementation plan for patio modifications to its current structure. The plan is to remove the bar and canopy and replace it with a new one.

The bar and canopy will be rebuilt on the same footprint, according to site plans,

and is estimated to cost about \$95,000.

Sturgeon Spirits, 2665 Oregon St., is requesting to build a small outdoor seating area from scratch.

Karl Lowenstein, owner of the business, proposed a 21-by-29-foot patio to the rear of the existing building for additional seating for patrons of the distillery bar.

According to the application, this addition is estimated to cost \$20,000.

Commissioners unanimously approved both of the projects, which will be reviewed at the next Common Council meeting.



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# State woodcarving show returns to Convention Center

The 47th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show returns to the Oshkosh Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7.

More than 80 woodcarvers and pyrographers will exhibit their artistry, including dozens of master carvers and wood artists from throughout Wisconsin. Many will be competing for blue ribbons in a judged competition that includes 28 categories with four skill levels.

Patrick Pelkey will present an afternoon show called How to Get Started in Woodcarving. The show also will feature demonstrations on fish carving by Harold Mohr, bird feather texturing by Ray Claussen and how to make bandsaw cutouts by Pelkey.

Hand and powered carving tools and wood suitable for carving such as basswood, tupelo and cottonwood bark will be offered for sale along with woodcarving and pyrography books.

Wood sculptures of songbirds, hawks, owls, ducks and other waterfowl, shore birds and game birds will be in abundance. Also on display will be fish carvings, other animals as well as humorous caricatures and lifelike wood burnings.

A raffle of many carvings and related items will be held, including friendship canes carved and assembled by the Chippers Club.

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club sponsors the show, which is the oldest of its kind in Wisconsin. The

Chippers Club has more than 80 members from many area communities, with more than 30 members from Oshkosh.

Woodcarving and pyrography classes are offered in the area, and the Oshkosh Seniors Center will have a table at the show promoting its nationally recognized senior center woodshop.



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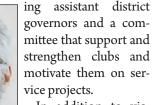
# Local Rotary member named district governor

Rotary Club of Oshkosh member Donald Griffing will become the eighth district governor of Rotary District 6270 chosen from the local club.

Since joining Rotary in 2007, Griffing has served in four clubs and five districts. At the club level, he has been president, board of directors member, public image chair, social media chair, community service chair, club trainer and other committee roles. At the district level, his roles include serving as technology chair, assistant district trainer, and governance committee member.

District 6270 serves 59 clubs in south-

eastern Wisconsin with nearly 2,500 members. Governors serve one-year terms, lead-



In addition to visiting each club in the district, Griffing will oversee new club development and plan

conference and other special events. Past district governors from Oshkosh include Catherine Zimmerman, John Kerrigan, John Wiley, Frederick Caudle, Charles Nolan, George Nevitt and J.C. Lockhart.

Just 12 years after the first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago in 1905, the Rotary Club of Oshkosh was formed. Rotary provides five areas of service: club, international, community, youth and vocational. Locally, Rotarians support scholarships for higher education, literacy, homelessness, food insecurity and the environment.

Internationally, the Rotary Club of Oshkosh engages in humanitarian projects in Peru, the Philippines, Dominican Republic, African countries and most recently Ukraine. In Peru, projects include funding the construction of a new dormitory at an orphanage, providing computers for a trade school and, in partnership with Oshkosh Southwest Rotary, installation and operation of locally sustainable mechanical "soy cows."

The theme for 2023-24 will be Create Hope in the World. Griffing has challenged the incoming Rotary and Rotaract Club presidents to hold a Rotary Day of Hope.

"We give ourselves hope when we help create it for others," he stated.

# Sexual assault, domestic violence issues get special focus

By Chloe Strand

UWO CENTER FOR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT As April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, the focus of this column is on sexual assault and domestic violence. Although these two issues go hand in hand in the public eye, they are quite different.

Sexual assault can be defined as unwanted sexual contact of any kind, whether it be words or actions of a sexual nature. Domestic violence is characterized as violent and aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving a spouse or partner.

Several organizations in the area work with individuals who have experienced sexual assault or domestic violence by supporting them, listening to them and giving them a safe space. The nonprofit organization Christine Ann Center gives shelter and services to those experiencing domestic violence. The nonprofit

organization Reach Counseling gives legal, medical and personal resources to survivors of sexual assault.

To help and support those impacted by sexual violence, it is crucial to gain a deeper understanding.

Sexual assault and domestic violence happen every day to innocent people in the community. Blaming the victim often occurs when people talk about sexual assault. An advocate from Reach Counseling explained that there is a growing stigma regarding the clothing that people wear. If a person is in tune with their body, and dresses how they feel, there is a negative narrative about them. Examples of comments include "You wore that? That's why that happened to you."

With domestic violence, there often is a pattern of behavior in which an abuser gains power or control over another person. An advocate from Christine

Ann Center explained that society has constructed a common belief that other factors lead to domestic violence, such as mental illness, alcohol or drugs. However, in an abusive relationship, it is about the power and control over another person. It is vital to understand that every situation is different. For each survivor for there is no such thing as a "typical victim."

The community can help by understanding the importance of consent and knowing the signs of abuse. For domestic violence, an advocate from Christine Ann said the best way to help is to be aware of what an abusive relationship looks like.

When attempting to help someone in an abusive relationship, it is important to respond appropriately. Instead of saying "You need to leave," change the narrative to "I believe you," "I am here for you," "I am concerned about your safety." These individuals have been in relationships

where they haven't been able to make decisions on their own. Give them the space to make their own choices, while supporting and encouraging them.

Other ways to help include donating materials or volunteering time to either of these organizations. For Reach Counseling regarding sexual assault, contact Ciara Hill at ciara@reachcounseling.com or go to www.reachcounseling.com. For Christine Ann, regarding domestic violence, reach out to Sadie Olson at solson@ christineann.net or 920-235-5998.

Domestic violence and sexual assault impact the community, which in turn impacts everyone. Together, the community can help survivors to end abuse for all.

The Center for Civic and Community Engagement at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is working with local nonprofits to raise awareness about critical issues facing the community and the groups working to make a positive impact. This monthly series highlights the challenges and ways community members can help.

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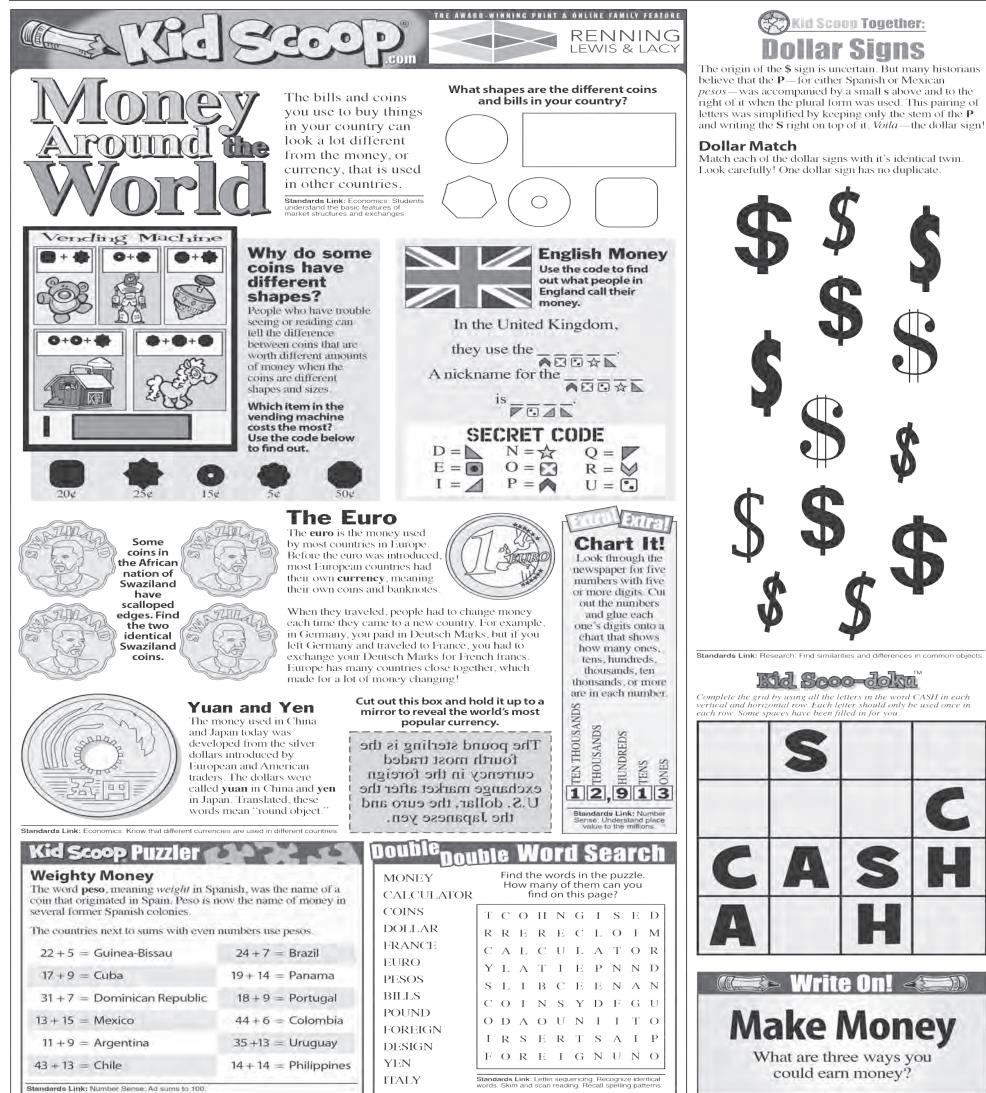
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# **Comic Book Creation Challenge signup nears**

For the fifth year, a local comic book creation challenge is encouraging community members of all ages to embark on a creative quest where heroes are born and imagination thrives.

The Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge honors the late Oshkosh native who drew and edited numerous volumes for Marvel from 1978-1996, including Captain America, which he wrote for 10 years. Gruenwald was an expert on Marvel history and served as Marvel's executive editor from 1987 until his death in 1996.

The comic book challenge tasks individuals and teams of all ages to create an original comic that will be judged on originality, artwork, story and character development.

Participants can register starting May 6 at House of Heroes or at the Oshkosh Public Library, and will receive a free art kit to get them started. Those interested will also be able to register online at the Winnebago Area Literacy Council website.

sponsors include This year's Mid-Morning Oshkosh Kiwanis, House

# Volunteer needs

Aurora Health Care is seeking volunteers ages 14 and older to help in the post-anesthesia care unit at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. Fold and assemble surgery pre-packs and aftercare bags, fold and replenish surgical towels and ice packs. Complete an online application at www.aurorahealthcare.org/patients-visitors/volunteer.



Image from Comic Book Creation Challenge

Oshkosh native Mark Gruenwald, a former Marvel Comics editor, has been the inspiration for the annual Comic Book Creation Challenge.

of Heroes, Urban Air Adventure Park of Appleton, Fire Escape, Heart Brain,

Zaronis, Sketchy Jessi Illustrations and Caramel Crisp Corner.

Comic book creators will compete in several age categories, with a separate category for families.

The challenge was developed to promote literacy through comic books and graphic novels by creating an event that works for all ages and abilities.

Organizers also want to raise awareness about the free adult literacy services offered by the Winnebago County Literacy Council.

Six workshops to assist participants on topics such as creative writing, comic panel drawing and character drawing will take place at the library throughout the summer with details announced this week.

Registration deadline is Aug. 1 and submissions must be turned in to the Oshkosh Public Library or House of Heroes by Aug. 31.

Join the Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge group on Facebook to find contest rules, age categories, workshop information and other announcements.

Winners will be announced and comic books displayed in a celebration at the library Sept. 30.

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# **Court reporting**

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said Meverden, who was a private practice attorney before joining FVTC in 2001. "It fills in those holes."

He was able to develop the technical diploma curriculum with the help of his paralegal advisory committee in a shorter time frame than other programs usually take, with a "digital court reporter" title to make it more specific than the court system's digital audio recorders (DAR) label.

"If I created a program for digital audio recording, I would probably have every wannabe music maker taking the course," Meverden joked.

The 27-credit curriculum focuses on court reporting fundamentals, hardware training and maintenance, transcription skills, other standard information software and lab classes where students work with the For the Record program that is standard in most Wisconsin courtrooms.

Winnebago County's court administrator in Oshkosh has been witnessing the



FVTC photo Alexis Gutierrez is a graduate of the Fox

growing need for reporting staff both on the stenographic and digital levels. However, the program over the past few years has been growing "leaps and bounds," according to 4th Judicial District administrator Jon Bellows.

Valley Tech digital court reporting program.

We've grown pretty rapidly," he said. "We're trying to continue to hire or train and get working new digital court reporters to help keep our Wisconsin courts on record. Most proceedings in the circuit court are required to be put on the record,





and that means you need a court reporter, whether it's stenographic or digital. There have been instances where we've had to cancel court sessions because we don't have a court reporter to take notes."

The more rural the community in Wisconsin, the more of a struggle it is for the state to find skilled individuals capable of the task, and more than 20 vacancies still exist today as the pool of court reporters continues to reach retirement age.

"We have as of yet not been able to keep up with the loss," Bellows said. "Despite all the gains we've made in the great progress we've made, the need is so acute that we're going to be struggling with it for some time."

Alexis Gutierrez is a recent graduate of the Fox Valley Tech digital court reporting program and said all the pieces just fell in the right place for her.

"It was something I've always been interested in. My senior year of high school

# Sadoff gains elevated e-recycling certification

Sadoff E-Recycling & Data Destruction (SEDD), with facilities in Oshkosh and La Vista, Neb., has received R2v3 certification, the latest release of the R2 standard by Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI).

SERI's R2v3 requirements have increased emphasis on reuse and protecting data, strengthened data security controls, and enhanced controls for test, repair and reuse operations to ensure the quality and effectiveness of operations.

"This achievement positions us to assist our clients in meeting their needs for security and sustainability while providing a certified solution," Sadoff director Jason Lasky stated. "We thank our entire SEDD team for an impressive audit result that has led us to achieve our certificate, and I we took a field trip to the Winnebago County Courthouse," Gutierrez said. "We were supposed to be taking notes about the court proceedings and how the judge presented himself and conducted the courtroom, and all I could focus on was the stenographer.

"I was like, 'I feel like I could do this.' Once I read more about the program and asked questions, I reached out to people and it just seemed like the right fit. Plus, you can't beat the cost of Fox Valley. It was just a no brainer."

Bellows said states have had digital reporting for years assigned to specific judges using For the Record to record and transcribe proceedings but said it won't replace stenographers as much as blend into a new reporting model.

"It's not a matter of choosing digital or stenography. We need both and we're going to need both for years to come," he said.

cannot overstate the amount of effort that went into this result."

SEDD also has been recertified to the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Standard, ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Standard and ISO 45001:2018 Health and Safety Standards.

"Investments in our business, processes and people not only provide us with dynamic paths for continuous improvements, but it also allows us to offer strategic options to our clients for the secure disposal or reuse of their electronics equipment," Lasky added.

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# **Online safety**

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tor hub - collaborative cyber information sharing - in a trusted environment and shares real-time actionable intelligence through cross-sector resources to protect Wisconsin against those threats.

Eastman said the goal of his group is to protect future ways of life "for our children's children," protecting information



and serving the overall community.

WICTRA remains an information-sharing organization but has also expanded into education through a mobile range and its

Patton



Michael Patton. The organization has also been instrumental in response and recovery for small businesses who can't afford the services of larger orga-

Patton, director of Eastman

UWO's Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (CCoE), said while

WICTRA and the CCoE do not have regularly scheduled, generally available public classes, they offer speakers, services, classes and experiences to organizations upon request.

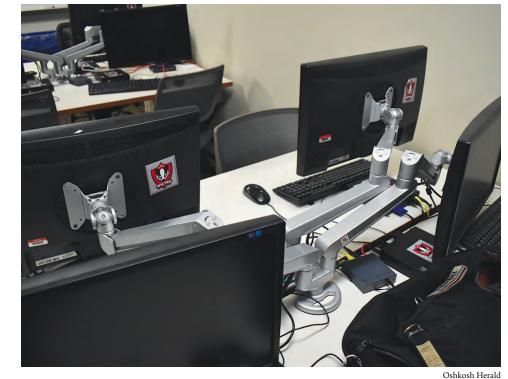
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UW Oshkosh's center became partnered with WICTRA in 2021 after Patton was searching for more ways to make his networking class more interesting.

"A common friend said I should meet with (Eastman) because he had a mobile cyber warfare range. We had our first meeting that December," Patton said. "The more I learned about WICTRA and thought about the needs of the university and the greater community, I knew there was more we could do together, far beyond a basic networking course. By the following September (2021), we opened the CCoE."

Patton called the CCoE a physical manifestation of the Wisconsin Idea as it relates to cybersecurity. The UW schools exist not only to educate students but also offer resources to make a meaningful impact in the lives of all Wisconsin residents. The





A look inside the offices of UW Oshkosh's Cybersecurity Center of Excellence.

CCoE offers hands-on educational opportunities to the campus community and beyond.

One of WICTRA and CCoE's services is the ability to test cybersecurity tools from UWO's Culver Family Welcome Center at 625 Pearl Ave., Patton said.

There is a "permanent" cyber range in the CCoE and multiple mobile cyber ranges run by WICTRA. The cyber ranges allow you to experiment with cybersecurity tools - offensive and defensive - and is the basis for special events run by the CCoE and WICTRA such as capturethe-flag activities, red-team/blue-team (attack/defend) activities, and multilevel situational activities where technical and not-technical personnel are placed into a "live" cyberattack.

WICTRA and CCoE are working with

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the state and other private organizations on training and other technical services, Patton said.

The goal is to elevate the defense posture of the entire state and to make Wisconsin one of the safest places to live and do business in the world.

One thing Patton said tech users fail to realize is that there is always a level of risk in consuming media, and what threats come of it.

"Most people fail to recognize how important and pervasive their digital identity is," he said. "They often incorrectly assume that there are extensive systemic protections in place - either through the legal system or through organizational policies, and most people assume that they are too small or too unimportant to be the target of an attack.

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"Some (people) want to hack someone or something just for the thrill or skills testing. Others are criminals who want to steal something of value from you. Others hack for political motives. And others are state actors with larger geopolitical aims. Anyone could be a target of any of these bad actors, but the threat to you or your business is different. These different threats require us to protect different resources and protect them in different ways."

Some tips Patton and Eastman commonly tell people:

• Lock down the credit of everyone you are financially responsible for - even small children.

• Don't use the same password over again.

• Use a password manager and don't store passwords anywhere but with the manager.

• Never send anything sensitive over email.

• Don't click a link or open an email attachment you were not expecting to receive, regardless of who it is from.

· Change the default passwords on every device you have.

• Whenever possible, use multifactor authentication.

"Ask for help when you get hacked; places like the CCoE may be able to help you recover and secure what is left," Patton said. "You will get hacked - everyone does. Give yourself some grace and view it as an opportunity to improve."

WICTRA and CCoE are available for speaking engagements and working to provide training for cyber professionals at individual and team-based levels.

More information can be found at wictra.org or uwosh.edu/cybersecurity-center, or by emailing info@wictra.org or ccoe@uwosh.edu.



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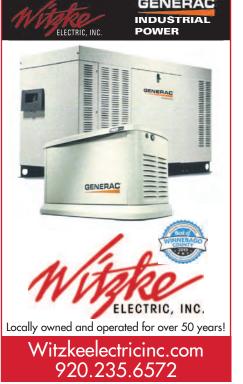
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### May 1

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Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

### May 3

# High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

### May 4

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

### May 5

Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages

### 9-11

- Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
- Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12
- Write Now! Series After Hours Open Mic, 7 p.m., adults

### May 8

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

### May 9

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4

Adult DIY: Jewelry Making, 6 p.m., adults

### May 10

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime,



Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

Memory Cafe: It's a Tea Party, 1:30 p.m., adults

### May 11

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Everyday Tech: Smartphone Basics, 2 p.m., adults

Drop-in Tech Help, 3-4 p.m., adults Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions 2022, 6 p.m., adults

### May 12

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

### May 15

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

### May 16

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 p.m., adults

Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults

### May 17

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

### May 18

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Wonderlab: Rain in a Jar, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

### May 19

Tween STEAM: Sensational Speakers, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

### May 24

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

### May 25

Everyday Tech: Facebook for Beginners, 2 p.m., adults

Drop-in Tech Help, 3-4 p.m., adults

### May 27

Summer schedule begins. Closed at 1 p.m.

### May 31

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults







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Calendar of events

### Ongoing

Spring Tulip Showcase, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

#### Wednesday, April 26

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

### Thursday, April 27

EAA Speaker Series: Remembering the Band of Brothers, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

"The (One-Act) Play That Goes Wrong," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Author Chat with Jane Gleeson, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center, Suite D

#### Friday, April 28

Vintage jewelry and mini rummage sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

STEEM with special guest Pegasis, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"The (One-Act) Play That Goes Wrong," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Oshkosh Yacht Club Spring Fling, 6 p.m., The Waters

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

"The Magic Sword," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

### Saturday, April 29

4imprint Oshkosh Half Marathon, 5K and Relay, 8 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Vintage jewelry and mini rummage sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

B'Gosh It's Good Breweriana Show, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Constatine Maroulis Foreigners Journey, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"The (One-Act) Play That Goes Wrong," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Saturday Night Spring Fever concert, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

#### Sunday, April 30

"Girls Night: The Musical," 3 p.m.,

#### The Grand Oshkosh

"The (One-Act) Play That Goes Wrong," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

### Wednesday, May 3

Winnebago Audubon Bird Walk 6 p.m., Asylum Point Park Wildlife Refuge, 3700 Sherman Road

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

#### Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer, noon, outside front entrance of Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave.

Bingo Nights, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

#### Friday, May 5

'80s Night Out, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Community and St. Paul United Church of Christ rummage, bake and brat sale, 8 a.m., 1250 Leonard Point Road

#### Saturday, May 6

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Rainbow Park

Menominee Park Zoo Opening Day, 9 a.m., 520 Pratt Trail

Oshkosh African Violet Society Show and Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

Military Veterans Museum & Education Center open house, 10 a.m., 4300 Poberezny Road

Richard's Early Childhood Showcase, 10:30 a.m., Webster Stanley Auditorium, 915 Hazel St.

Free Comic Book Day & Food Drive, 11 a.m., House of Heroes, 407 N. Main St.

OASD Education Foundation Fundraising Gala, 6 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Michael Perry & The Long Beds, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

John Waite in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Day at the Derby fundraiser for Beaming, 4 p.m., BAGO Bar & Grill, 6392 County A

"Star Wars: A New Hope," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Verona Grove, 7:30 p.m., Barley and Hops, 663 N. Main St.

#### Sunday, May 7

Richard's Cirque Aerial Showcase, 2:45 p.m., Richard's School of Dance, 219 State St.

Community Hymn Sing, 6 p.m., Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.



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# **Music lineup**

Vinyl lovers lined up Saturday outside Eroding Winds Record Store on Main Street for Record Store Day with hopes of being able to add a special offering to their collection. Record Store Day was created in 2007 as a way to celebrate independently owned brick-and-mortar record shops.



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# Oshkosh North looking to hold court with young roster

#### Oshkosh Herald

Joe Sagen is looking forward to the 2023 tennis season for his Oshkosh North squad.

Not that the longtime coach sees a state title in the Spartans' future or that they will challenge some of the top programs in the talent-rich Fox Valley Association.

As much as he wants to see his team and players have success this season, Sagen is



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more focused on improvement and making sure his players have fun.

"We return quite a few kids and we picked up quite a few who are interested in the game but haven played it much," Sagen said. "We are learning as we go and it's great that kind of thing happens. It's the grass roots of tennis and it's fun."

There is some talent amongst the group, too. In fact,

Sagen believes he has two No. 1 caliber singles players on the roster.

Brannick Larson played No. 2 singles as a freshman last season and started this year at the same flight, while Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski returns to the court after missing the end of last year with an injury. Bowlus-Jasinski played at the No. 1 flight in the team's opening dual in the FVA.

"They both want to play No. 1, but they also know only one can," Sagen said.

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Geis, Ari Giannopolous, Izan Amigo and Mirlind Agat could also be a part of the singles lineup for the Spartans. Giannopolous is a senior out for tennis for the first time and is coming off a successful basketball season.

David Tjugum and Saksham Dhirar return as North's No. 1 doubles pairing, while the other two tandems in the opening meet of the season consisted of Payton Rockteschel and Anjal Adhikari at the No. 2 flight and Gavin Poquette and Allan Koji at the No. 3 flight. Rockteschel played No. 3 singles, while Adhikari was at No. 2 doubles a year ago. Poquette and Koji return as a tandem at No. 3 doubles.

"As a coach, it's nice when you go into a year with a definite 1-2-3-4, but at the same time it's nice for the kids when it isn't like that so that they can compete," Sagen said. "It's just going to be a matter of putting the round pegs in all of the round holes. I think it's great to have varsity quality players and where it shakes out, we'll figure it out."

# Oshkosh West looks to field strong group

The Wildcats welcome back its top two singles players and the bulk of its doubles lineup as they once again look to challenge the top teams in the Fox Valley Association.

Sophomore Jacob Stinski returns at the No. 1 flight after qualifying for the state meet, while fellow sophomore Yoseff Edsell is back at the No. 2 flight after narrowly missing a spot at sectionals a year ago.

West's top doubles team of junior Ryan Jorgensen and senior Hans Larson will move up to the No. 1 flight after playing No. 2 doubles last season, while last year's No. 3 pairing of seniors Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen will now play at the No. 2 flight.

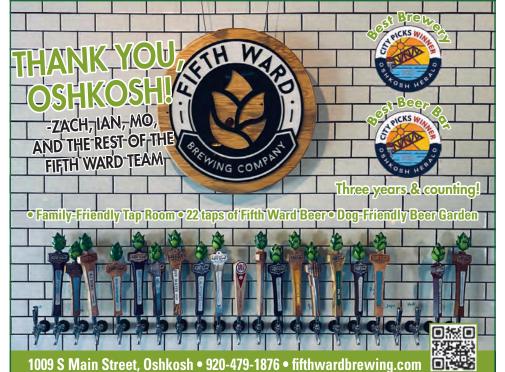
Senior Cohen McConnell also returns to the lineup after playing varsity singles last year, while freshmen Kole Stauffacher and Reid Potter are also expected to play at the varsity lineup.

In a meet earlier this season, Stauffacher and McConnell rounded out the singles lineup at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, while Potter teamed with Michael Tang at No. 3 doubles.

# Valley Christian fielding young squad

The Warriors don't have a senior on their roster and will likely have one of the youngest singles lineups around with three freshmen holding down spots in the first dual meet of the year.

SEE Tennis outlook on Page 21





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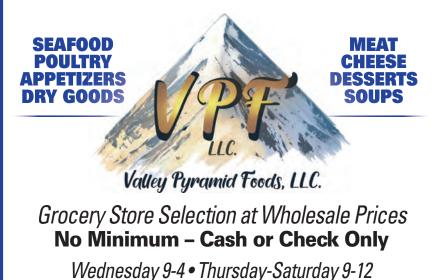
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# Martial arts competition

Oshkosh United Martial Arts held its spring invitational earlier this month where nearly 100 competitors came from across Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula to test their skills in forms, breaking and sparring. Organizers said students cheered for each other and stepped up to help whenever needed. Grand Champions from the local club include Logan Nikolai in the men's division, Natasha Tisdel in the junior black belt division and Jackson Duchatshek in the under black belt division.





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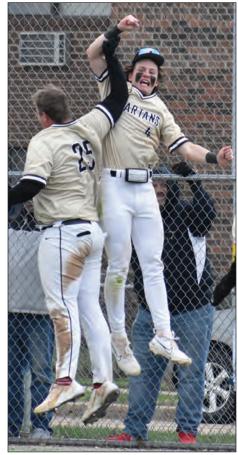
# Angell, Spartans too much for rival Wildcats

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

A strong pitching performance can carry a baseball team to a win just as easily as the offense can pound out a victory.

Oshkosh North had both facets clicking against rival Oshkosh West.

Colton Angell pitched 6 2/3 scoreless innings while Shaun Gavin and Jeremiah



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Jeremiah Housworth (25) and Kegan Schlicting (4) celebrate Housworth's home run in the third inning against Oshkosh West last Friday.

Housworth each belted home runs to carry the Spartans to a 7-0 win over the Wildcats at Peppler Field on a chilly afternoon Friday.

"I would say it's the most complete game we've played, at least this year if not in a while," Oshkosh North head coach Robert Loeper said. "Today was easily the best game we've played."

It was the fifth straight win Oshkosh North has had against Oshkosh West and beating a rival is always a special feeling.

"It feels pretty great, especially when everybody on the team is doing amazing," said Gavin. "This is the best team win we've had and that's the best you can ask for. This is a team. This is what we've been looking for the last four years."

As much of a team win as it was, things started with Angell and his work on the mound.

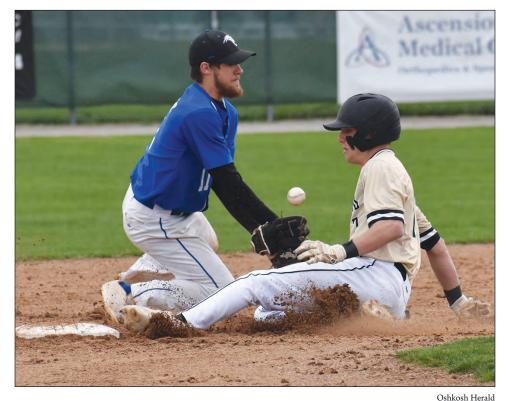
The junior allowed just three hits during his start, while walking two and striking out eight. He left after surrendering a oneout single in the seventh inning because he had reached his pitch limit.

"I really wanted to (finish it)," Angell said. "Normally, I'm not as efficient as I was today, but I was just pounding the zone, first pitch strike and that's what gets you late into the game."

Angell said he felt good warming up in the bullpen before the game and just carried that onto the mound.

He walked the first batter he faced in the bottom of the first inning, but retired the next nine Wildcat hitters, including four by strikeout.

Angell didn't allow his first hit until the fourth inning and allowed only one run-



Oshkosh West shortstop Lucas Schumacher can't come up with the ball as Oshkosh North's Ben Boelter slides into second with a stolen base Friday.

ner past second base the entire game and that came with two outs in the fourth inning, which he ended with a strikeout.

"I felt great. Everything was working as far as fastball, curveball and changeup. Everything was moving good," Angell said. "When I was in the bullpen I could tell. I started warming up and my curve ball was breaking really well. I was hitting spots, inside/outside, and everything was moving. I just carried that into the first inning."

Loeper was impressed with what his right-hander was able to do against West. "That's easily the best start he's had,"

Loeper said. "We talked about how starting pitching is going to dictate and keep us in the game and Colton was getting ahead all day."

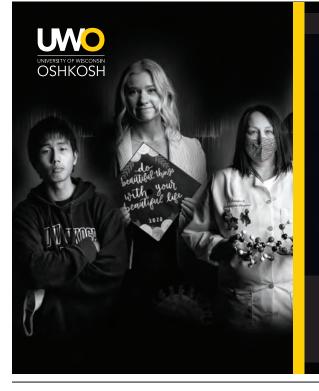
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Angell also benefitted from some early offense that allowed him to pitch with the lead.

Carson Steinbeck ripped a oneout single, stole second and scored on Housworth's base hit to stake North to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Spartans added to their lead in the second

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# Oshkosh West girls golf team earns academic recognition

The Oshkosh West girls golf team was recognized by the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin for its academic achievement during the fall of 2022.

The Wildcats received honorable mention academic all-state honors in Division 1. West was one of 39 teams to earn honorable mention honors in Division 1.

Waukesha North/West/South was the top academic team in Division 1 and earned the gold award, followed by Oconomowoc getting the silver and Brookfield East earning the bronze.

This is the 12th year for the award, which was established to recognize golf teams with the highest grade point av-

# **Tennis outlook**

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Danny Kanda, Dawson Miller and Bella Birr were all in the singles line-up against Wayland Academy to open the season and are playing their first season at the high school level. Sophomore Ethan Millar, who played No. 1 singles a year ago, rounded out the group.

The Warriors do return their No. 1 doubles team from last year in juniors Henry Getz and Marley Stelter, while junior Stella Wright and sophomore Maliha Demler look to fill the No. 2 flight and freshmen Zikri Kallio and Lexi Maldanado opened the season at No. 3 doubles.

erages. Schools needed to score a 3.25 GPA to earn an honorable mention.

The association defines the team as the five golfers who represented their school at the WIAA regional tournament. The five members for the Wildcats were Marin Bell, Hailey Hammen, Kennedy Footit, Kiley Gibbs and Tessa Whitcomb.

Oshkosh West was one of four Fox Valley Association teams honored by the GCAW.

Joining the Wildcats as honorable mention honorees from the conference were Appleton East, Appleton West and Fond du Lac.

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# **Prep sports roundup**

### **SOFTBALL**

# North rallies to take down West Bend East

Oshkosh North fell behind 4-1 after three innings but rallied to collect an 8-4 nonconference win Saturday.

The Spartans took the lead with a four-run fourth inning highlighted by a run-scoring single from Elaina Lenz and an RBI-double by Emma Niemczyk. Oshkosh North sealed the win with a three-run seventh inning.

Niemczyk led the Spartans' offensive going 3-for-3 with Lenz and Anna Borst each chipping in two hits.

Kara Cummings went the distance scattering six hits and two walks, while striking out two. All four runs West Bend East scored were unearned.

The win came a day after the Spartans dropped a 5-4 heartbreaker to reigning state champion Kaukauna. North trailed 4-0 entering the bottom of the sixth when Cummings, Lenz and Ava Hanson drew consecutive one-out walks to load the bases. Olivia Borowitz and Borst had run-scoring singles, while a pair of Kaukauna errors allowed two more runs to score as the Spartans pulled within 5-4, but that was as close as North would get.

Cummings struck out four in taking the loss.

# Wildcats' offense erupts in win over Lightning

Oshkosh West pounded out 18 hits and scored a season-high 14 runs in a 14-2 win over Appleton North last Friday.

Braelee Jodarski led the offensive onslaught by going 4-for-5 with a double and triple and drove in three runs. Colleen Fitzpatrick added a 3-for-4 night in the win.

Kadence Saladin, Chloe Tritt and Emmy Reichenberger each chipped in two hits in the win, while Tritt added a pair of RBIs. West led just 2-1 after three innings but scored three runs in the third on Jodarski's bases-loaded double. The Wildcats then plated five runs in the sixth inning and tacked on four more in the seventh.

Alayna Sadowski allowed just three hits in five innings with four strikeouts to earn the win.

## Lourdes Academy blanks Wayland Academy twice

The Knights swept a Trailways doubleheader by scores of 29-0 and 17-0 with neither game getting past the third inning.

Rylee Kuklinski was stellar on the mound in both games striking out a combined 11 batters in the six innings she worked. Aubrey Schettle was also perfect behind the plate with no passed balls and no stolen bases.

In the opener, the Knights took a 5-0 lead after the first inning but batted around in the second and third and scored 13 and 11 runs, respectively. Lourdes sent 18 batters to the plate in the first inning of the second game and took a 13-0 lead after one inning.

Reagon Proud had a huge day, going a combined 7-for-8 in the two games. The junior belted a pair of home runs on the day and totaled three doubles.

Schettle and Reagon Jabor each finished 5-of-7 in the two games, while Kuklinski and Allie Doemel had three hits in the first game. **BASEBALL** 

# Lourdes/Valley splits twinbill with Hilltoppers

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian baseball team bounced back from a loss in the first game to earn a split in a Trailways doubleheader Saturday.

The Knights lost the first game, 10-7, but rebounded to pummel the Hilltoppers, 13-1, in the second game.

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# Prep roundup

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Lourdes/Valley scored seven runs despite tallying just three hits in the opener. Josiah Lehman, Adam Dinegan and Hunter Stelzer each had hits for the Knights, while Stelzer also picked up two RBIs.

In the second game, Lourdes/Valley scored 10 runs in the first three innings and cruised to the win.

Riley Zernzach allowed just three hits in five innings, while striking out two to earn the win on the mound. He did not allow an earned run.

Zernzach and Parker Slusarski each finished with two hits to lead the Knights' offense, while Slusarski and Stelzer each finished with two RBIs in the game.

The Knights have split their first three doubleheaders of the season, losing the first game before winning the second each time. **SOCCER** 

# Hafemeister, Ruedinger spark Lourdes/Valley win

Addy Hafemeister and Delaney Ruedinger combined for seven goals and four assists as the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team posted a convincing 8-0 win over Campbellsport in Flyway Conference action last Thursday.

Hafemeister tallied four goals in the victory with Ruedinger adding three goals as the Knights scored four goals in each half. They each finished with two assists as well.

Mary Husman tallied the remaining goal. Natalie Edwards chipped in with two assists, while Allie Huizenga and Husman added one.

Hailee Bauer and Maura Willis combined to earn the shutout in goal as the Knights improved to 3-0 in the Flyway.

# Oshkosh West blanked by Sheboygan North

The Golden Raiders scored all four goals in the first half and handed the Wildcats a 4-0 loss at Titan Stadium last Thursday.

Hannah Wolf made eight saves in net for Oshkosh West.

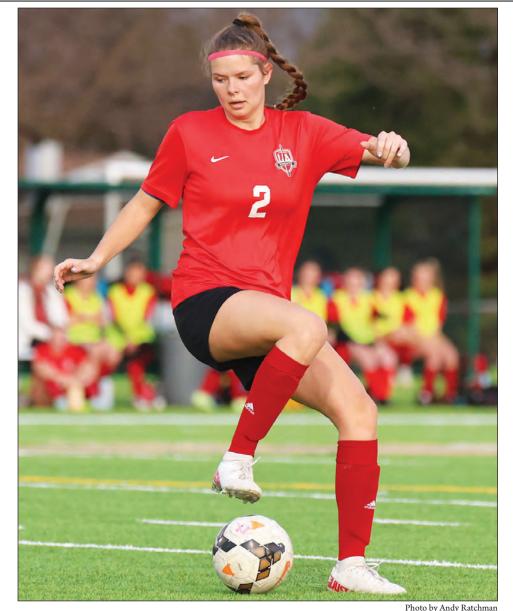
# Spartans can't get past Pulaski

Oshkosh North played a close first half with Pulaski but couldn't contain the Red Raiders in the second half as the Spartans fell 5-0.

North was issued a red card early in the second half and was a player down for the final 30 minutes as Pulaski scored four goals in the second half to earn the win.

### <u>TENNIS</u>

# Oshkosh West finishes 2-1 at invite



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the 11 teams at the meet, placed well in the relays as well, taking third in both the 400and 800-meter relays, and taking fourth in the 1,600-meter relay.

The North girls had just one top-five finish at the invite as Abigail Yanacek took fourth in the triple jump.

# Navin, Lieske, Alger post wins for Wildcats

Olivia Navin finished first in the triple jump, Karlotta Lieske won the shot put while Jarrett Alger took the win in the 300-meter hurdles to highlight the day for the girls and boys track teams at the Monona Grove Invitational on Friday.

Top-five finishes for the girls included Navin taking second in the 100-meter hurdles, Emily Blaskowski placing second in the long jump, third in the 100 meters and fifth in the high jump, Maggie Kriege placing third in the 300 meters, Marissa Dutschek taking fourth in the shot put, Rowen Stellpflug earning a fifth place in the 3,200 meters and Jenna Kaiser taking fifth in the triple jump.

The girls 400-meter relay team of Navin, Blaskowski, Kriege and Kyana Williams also finished second.

Alger led a strong showing in the hurdles for West as Kieran Patrick added a thirdplace finish in the 300-meter hurdles, while Antoni Olszewski and Jeevan Ambati finished second and third in the 110-meter hurdles.

Other top five finishes for the boys were: Reid Polak, second in 100 meters; Garth Martell, third in the discus, fifth in the shot put; Ethan Pinkerton, third in pole vault; Carver Cram, third in the 200 meters and fifth in the 100 meters; Matthew Davis, fifth in pole vault; and Ambati fifth in long jump.

In the final team standings, West girls finished third, while the boys placed fourth.



Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian senior Addy Hafemeister finished with four goals and two assists in a win over Campbellsport last week.

er each turned in impressive rounds at Fox Lake Golf Course as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian won a pair of Trailways Conference golf meets.

McLaughlin earned medalist honors for the first meet with a 40, while Muhlbauer tied for second with a 43. Lucas Schettle finished one shot back in fourth place with a 44 and Garrett LaMore had a 46.

In the second meet of the day, McLaughlin and Muhlbauer tied for medalist honors along with Central Wisconsin Christian's Ryan DeVries with a score of 41. Schettle again finished fourth with a 43, while LaMore shot a second straight 46 to tie for sixth.

Lourdes/Valley shot a 173 to finish 19 strokes ahead of Central Wisconsin Christian in the first meet, while the Knights carded a 171 in the second meet, 23 shots better than the Crusaders.

# Oshkosh North golfers drop FVA dual

The Spartans shot a 190 at High Cliff last Thursday but were unable to match Kimberly, which carded a 153.

. Christian Geffers led North with a 46, while Kevin Lynch, Keegan Moore and

third in the high jump. Devon Williams and Jelani Hernandez placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 200 meters and Caston Frank added a fifth place in the 400 meters.

The Spartans, who finished fifth among

The Wildcats beat Wauwatosa West and Sun Prairie, but fell to Madison Memorial at an invitational hosted by Waunakee this past weekend.

Kole Stauffacher at No. 3 singles was the only Wildcat who went 3-0 at the invite, including a three-set victory against Madison Memorial.

Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and Yoseff Edsel at No. 2 singles each finished 2-1, as did all three doubles teams – Ryan Jorgensen and Hans Larson at No. 1, Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen at No. 2 and Reid Potter and Michael Tang at No. 3.

### <u>GOLF</u>

# McLaughlin, Muhlbauer lead Lourdes/Valley

Cooper McLaughlin and Chas Muhlbau-

Owen Weber each carded 48s.

On Saturday, Oshkosh North competed at Waushara Country Club for the Wautoma invite but full results were not available.

Geffers and Lynch each shot 95s as the Spartans finished with a 405 as a team.

### TRACK & FIELD

# Klinger wins pair of events at invitational

John Klinger won both the shot put and discus to lead the way for Oshkosh North at the Gary Reybrock Invitational hosted by Little Chute on Saturday.

Klinger dominated both events winning the shot put with a throw of 55 feet, 5 <sup>1</sup>/4-inches, which was nearly 10 feet farther than the rest of the field, while taking first in the discus by almost 7 feet with a toss of 142 feet, 6 inches.

Logan Schettle added a second place in 100 meters for North, while Bryce Ott was

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# Housworth comfortable on diamond, around nature

By Tim Froberg Herald contributor

Many of Jeramiah Housworth's classmates are happiest when they're playing video games.

Housworth, though, could care less about Fortnite, Overwatch or Super Smash Bros Ultimate.

The Oshkosh North senior loves the great outdoors and is more content with a rod and reel in his hand than a joy stick. He's an avid fisherman, and duck and deer hunter.

Housworth fares quite well on the mound, too. He has emerged as the No. 1 starting pitcher for the Spartans' baseball team after spending most of his prep career as a reliever.

Dugouts and duck blinds don't seem to have many parallels, but that's where Housworth likes to hang.

"The outdoors – that's probably my second love after baseball," said Housworth. "I grew up outside. I never had video games as a kid and still don't have video games. I've always been outside with a fishing pole or in the woods."

Housworth's fascination with the outdoors is the main reason he decided to stick to one sport his senior year after previously competing in football, basketball and swimming.

"I'm a very avid fisherman and duck hunter, so I used that time to really pursue those interests," Housworth said. "I'm a really big walleye fisherman – that's my target species. I love to ice fish, too, and have competed in several ice fishing tournaments. I spent a lot of time in De Pere and on Lake Winnebago this past winter.

"As for duck hunting, my favorite ducks to hunt are pintails, but I love mallards, too."

Housworth learned most of his outdoor skills from his father, Jeramiah Housworth

# **Senior Spotlight**

Sr. The two still go deer and duck hunting together and Jeramiah, often takes his little brother, Austin, an eighth-grader, fishing.

"The outdoors are something my parents did when they were kids and I grew up deer hunting with my dad," said Jeramiah "Once I was able to drive, I started duck hunting and fishing more and more. I met some good friends and now I have lots of family to get out on the boat with. Either that, or I'm shore fishing."

Housworth, who throws and bats right-handed, plays first base when he's not pitching. As a junior, Housworth pitched exclusively in relief, earning two saves and compiling a 3.50 earned run average with 21 strikeouts in 20 innings.

Housworth was an even bigger help at the plate, hitting a team-high .372 with a home run and eight RBIs in 43 at bats.

This season, Housworth has stepped it up on the mound. He's made the transition from reliever to starting pitcher and has pitched exceptionally well. Housworth closed last week with a 2-0 record and an earned run average under one with 10 strikeouts in 9 2/3 innings.

"The thought for me to be a starting pitcher came from Legion baseball," Housworth said. "I did really well as a starter in Legion ball – the Oshkosh Legion 17 U and 19U teams - so they gave me a shot to be a starting pitcher."

Housworth has capitalized on that opportunity by firing strikes. He throws a two-seam and four-seam fastball along with a curve and changeup.

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Jeramiah Housworth is a leader for the Oshkosh North baseball team both at the plate and on the mound.



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# **Senior Spotlight**

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"I've always been able to throw a lot of pitches," he said. "Some might say I have a rubber arm. I'm not overpowering, but I have good off-speed stuff."

Still, there is a big difference between being a starting pitcher and a reliever. Housworth has adjusted to the pace, being careful not to overthrow early in games.

"As a starter you can't start out throwing 100 percent," Housworth said. "If you do that, you'll only last about 30 pitches. I usually start out at about 80 percent and kind of cruise along from there. I've always been able to throw strikes. I try and pump the strike zone and not walk many hitters or get into too many deep counts."

Housworth is a fierce competitor who has improved his performance on the mound through his strong work ethic.

"Jeramiah is one of the hardest workers on the team," said North coach Robert Loeper. "He's always looking for extra reps during drills and after practice. When he's pitching, he hates to come out of a game. He wants to finish."

At 6-foot-4, 240 pounds, Housworth has a powerful frame and shows good power at the plate. He usually hits cleanup in the North lineup.

"My goal is always to hit something straight," he said. "You want to hit the fastball early in the count. If I get down in the count, I choke up and hug the plate. But you always want to stay ahead of the pitcher. You do that and they're going to throw that fastball down the middle of the plate, which is what you want."

Housworth also excels in the classroom. He's a high-honors student with a 3.75 gradepoint average. Housworth plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College and pursue a degree in electronics. He'll wrap up his baseball career with at least one more season of American Legion ball.

"One of the most practical ways to earn a living out of high school is to learn a trade," he said. "That way you'll always have work. That's why I'm going to try and become an electrician first and see where that takes me. One day, I hope to own my own business.

"But with my interests in hunting and fishing, who knows? Maybe I could become a guide some day and earn an income, or some extra income, through that."

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when Charlie Clark's groundout plated Cormac Sammons and Ben Boelter darted home on a wild pitch for a 3-0 lead.

Then, in the third inning, Housworth followed a Gavin single by drilling a line drive over the left-field fence for a home run. Jackson Hill's RBI-single later in the inning made it 6-0 after the top of the third frame.

"Playing ahead definitely helps," Gavin said. "You don't have to worry about giving up one or two runs here and there. It makes the game easier and makes everyone feel a lot less stressed."

Seven of the nine starters tallied at least one hit in the game for North -Housworth and Gavin each went 2-for-4while every starter either got a hit, scored a run or drove one in the game.

"It was nice to put a one through nine line-up together and put constant pressure on West," Loeper said. "We've had some guys who had been scuffling early in the year but it's high school baseball, you just



Oshkosh North's Colton Angell threw 6 1/3 scoreless innings in last Friday's win over Oshkosh West.

have to put the ball in play and see what happens. That's what we did."

The Spartans tallied at least one hit every inning, but Wildcats' starter Trevor Rice was able to keep North from adding



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to its lead in the later innings.

The only run the Spartans put up came on a solo home run by Gavin with one out in the seventh inning.

"It felt pretty good," Gavin said with an ear-to-ear grin. "I thought it was going to be close (after I hit it). (Rounding the bases) it's surreal. It's like a blackout almost. I don't really remember what I was thinking."

Rice went the distance for the Wildcats, scattering eight hits and three walks, while striking out three. Only four of the seven runs he gave up were earned and erased one North baserunner with a nifty pickoff move.

Centerfielder Owen Ervin made some

tough catches in windy conditions to back Rice, while also throwing out a North base runner at third, aided by a Louis Schumacher relay throw.

"Our guys battled and hopefully we keep getting better," Oshkosh West head coach Tony Gerharz said. "(Trevor) kept us in it. They hit a couple of balls pretty hard, but he battled on the mound and that's what a No. 1 starter hopefully does."

Schumacher had two of the three hits off of Angell, while Alec Berndt also picked up a single fror the Wildcats.

But West only had more than one baserunner in an inning in the fourth frame and stranded runners at first and third.

"Colton was rolling pretty good, but we have to put the ball in play more and have a little better approach at the plate," Gerharz said.

Loeper said his team, which had won three of its last four games heading into Tuesday's game against Kaukauna, will try to build off the win and keep the momentum rolling.

That may be the plan, but in the Fox Valley Association, it's not always easy to do.

"Our conference is so tough, as many days as you have momentum, depending on who you play, you can lose it real quick," Loeper said. "We'll keep harping on the good and see what happens."

North is slated to travel to Neenah on Wednesday, before hosting Wausau West on Friday.

The Wildcats are playing every day this week with home games against Fond du Lac on Wednesday, Kimberly on Thursday and a road contest at Green Bay Southwest on Friday.

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# **Obituaries**

### John E. Schiessl

John Ellis Schiessl, age 89, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 19, 2023,



with his wife and two daughters by his side. He was born to the late Max and Viola (Skinner) Schiessl on February 11, 1934, in Oshkosh. At age 17, John enlisted in the United States Army proudly serving his

country during the Korean War where he was wounded, spending 3 1/2 months in a hospital in Japan, after which, he returned to the front lines. For his service, among other awards, John was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and an Honorable Discharge.

John married the love of his life, Carol Wegner, on January 28, 1956, in Oshkosh, enjoying 67 years together. John and Carol were blessed with three chil-

dren: Jan, Jodie, and John. Family was John's priority, starting with his wife and children and later his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He looked forward to family gatherings and events. John worked as an Operating Engineer for C.R. Meyer & Sons, and a number of other construction companies. John's expertise was in operating cranes of all kinds, however, there was not a piece of heavy equipment that John could not master. A highlight of his career was operating the crane that set test rockets for United Technologies in California on the Gemini Program.

Retirement allowed John time to create special woodworking pieces for family and friends; invent gadgets, tools, and a better mousetrap; problem solve; and help others in every way he could. John achieved a nationwide second-place finish for his solution in a construction/engineering contest. Leisure time was spent enjoying every Brewer game played (including replays), Packer games, golf, bowling, play-

### Jean L. Brackett

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved moth-



er, grandmother and great-grandmother Jean L. Brackett, who passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh, WI.

Jean was born June 20, 1931 to the late

John and Thelma (Sharp) Cerveny, in Racine, WI, where she met and married Albert Brackett on April 10, 1954.

People that knew Jean realized she was a force, yet fair and kind. She loved bowling, playing and watching sports, even taking up golf after retiring at the age of 62. Jean moved to Oshkosh in 2018 to be closer to family.

Survivors include daughter, Mary (Bill)

### **James E. Roebke**

James "Jim" E. Roebke, age 79, of Ripon passed away on Tuesday April 18, 2023 at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh. Jim was born in Oshkosh on September 18, 1943 the son of Ernest and Margaret (Jungwirth) Roebke. Jim was employed by the DNR his entire career. Jim loved spending time every weekend at his cabin in Eagle River.

Jim is survived by many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sis-

Kocken; son, Mark (Brenda) Brackett; grandchildren, Emily (Wade) Scheevel, Carrie (Ross) Budnick, Brian (finace Laura Geick) Kocken, Stacy (Ben Clewien) Schrader; great-granchildren, Westin, Camden, Hannah, Avery and Natasha.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, John Cerveny and many brothers-and-sisters-in-law; being the last of her family's generation.

Interment will be at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine at a later date.

Online condolences can be found at www.konrad-behlman.com.

The family would like to thank the Eden Meadows nurses and CNA staff for taking care of Jean, the activity staff, and other residents for keeping her going, along with Dr. Phyllis Lee with Aurora Hospital.

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### ters, Jane and Mary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 11 am at St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church on the corner of 6th & Knapp). Father Louis Golamari will be the celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 am until the time of Mass.



Focus on Energy partners with city panel for event The city of Oshkosh's Sustainability Adlic Library, 106 Washington Ave. This is a visory Board has partnered with Focus on family-friendly event. Energy to offer an event for residents to Making a home more efficient can have learn about available benefits from Wismany benefits, including lower energy bills, a more comfortable home, better consin's Focus on Energy program and indoor air quality and lower environmenthe Inflation Reduction Act. This free event will be held at 5:30 p.m. tal impact. For more information, contact Wednesday (May 3) at the Oshkosh Pub-920-236-5059.

ing cards, fishing, devouring books, going for rides with his bride, and viewing the wildlife in their backyard. John enjoyed making and sharing his "World Famous" Chili!

John is survived by the love of his life, Carol; two daughters, Jan (Jerry) Ratchman, and Jodie Hibsch; grandchildren: Shannon (Eric Miller) Ratchman, Adam (Katie) Ratchman, and Logan (Brady Wagner) Ratchman; great-grandchildren, Franklin Ratchman, Eva Ratchman, Grayson Wagner, Michael Miller; sisters, Maxine Walters, and Ollivian (Lance) Wylde.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his son, John M. Schiessl; son-in-law, Mark Hibsch; brothers, Stanley (Ramona), Daniel (Suzanne),

### Marica Rae Konrad

Marcia Rae Konrad, age 75, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 22, 2023. She was born October 16, 1947, in DePere to the late Arnold and Eileen Bocher. In 1952, the family moved to Oshkosh where Marcia and her siblings grew up.

Marcia met her husband, Steve Konrad, in chemistry class at Oshkosh High School, where they both graduated in 1965. Steve and Marcia were married on June 28th, 1969, and had four children: Katie, Elizabeth, Matt, and Bob. Marcia earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in education. She spent 27 years teaching in the Oshkosh Area School District; however, her favorite job was stay-at-home mom.

Marcia enjoyed spending time with her children, traveling with her siblings, reading, shopping, and spending time with her friends. She also enjoyed volunteering at St. Andrews Lutheran Church as a choir Max (Sally) Jr., William (Shirley), and Donald Schiessl; sister Myrtle (Arnold) Nicoliason; and brother-in-law David Walters.

A service for John will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive), on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. A time of visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. A military burial will follow at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

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mom, lector, member of accounting team, Sunday school teacher, and helped with Feeding Oshkosh Children. She also volunteered at Mercy Medical Center and Davis Day Care where she rocked babies.

Marcia's wit, wisdom, and love will dearly missed by her children, Katie, Matt, and Bob (Leslie); her siblings, Bob Bocher (Mary O'Conner), Judy (Bill) Klewin, and Lynne Petr; and her five nieces and nephew.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Steve, and her daughter, Elizabeth.

A service will be held at St Andrew's Lutheran Church (1100 E Murdock Ave) on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service.

Memorials may be made to St Andrew's or the American Heart Association.





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# **Funeral Announcement**

The funeral for Bryan and Joanna Schulz will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 29th, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh. (www.oshkosh-episcopal.org) Visitation will be held before the service. All are invited to a reception afterwards. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Teacher's Closet. Donations can be sent to: Teacher's Closet, 240 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI.





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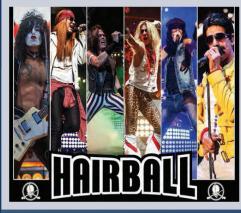
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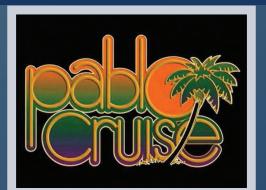


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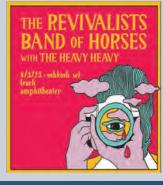
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