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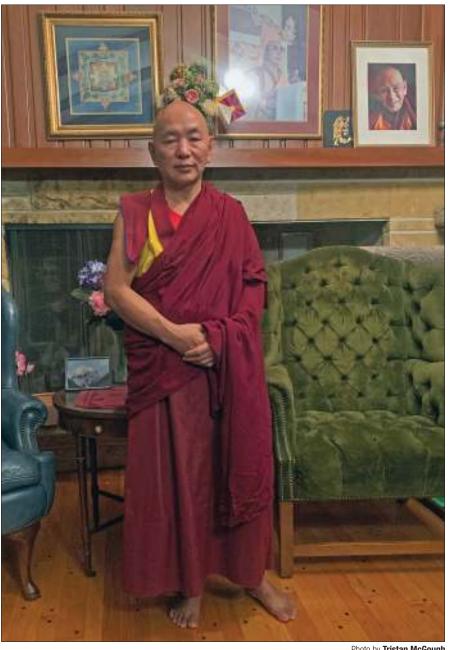


Photo by Tristan McGough

Geshe Jinpa in the living room of the ranch-style home where he lives at Deer Park.

# Meet the new monk

#### Geshe Lhundup Jinpa settling in at Deer Park Buddhist Center

BY TRISTAN MCGOUGH

Special to the Observer

During a public class on July 20, Deer Park Buddhist Center's Main Temple resonated with the Tibetan tones of its newest teacher residing at its monastery, Geshe Lhundup Jinpa.

Jinpa's spoke about Tibetan Buddhism, an extensive philosophic sys- Dipamkara Atisha. tem and experiential mental science that has become for millions of Americans a daily practice.

"I am very happy to be here," Jinpa said, "especially since Geshe Sopa was one of my teachers and, so, to be able to have the opportunity to carry on this tradition, which is Geshe Sopa's tradition, makes me extremely happy."

Deer Park's Founder, Geshe

Lundrup Sopa, besides serving as Abbot of the monastery and Director of the Center, was also Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, prior to his retirement. Sopa entered the "Clear Light" on Aug. 28, 2014.

Jinpa resides in Geshe Sopa's original, single-story ranch-style home at the Center, where he graciously granted an interview immediately following his inaugural instruction on "The Bodhisattva's Jewel Garland" by

For Jinpa, tonight's class was not only his first day for assuming weekly Thursday evening instruction duties, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; it was also his inaugural day for doing any teaching whatsoever since his arrival April this vear from Ganden Chokor Monastery in Pokhara, Nepal, where he had served as teacher to younger monks.

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#### **Business**

## **Academy of Sound Celebrates 20 Years**

Oregon native turned passion for music into successful business

BY MADELINE MONTHIE

Observer correspondent

Tuesday, Aug. 22 will mark the 20th anniversary for Academy of Sound, an Oregon-based community music school that was founded by Oregon native Erin Chisman.

Originally called 'Erin's Piano Studio,' the business has greatly evolved since its creation in 2003. Now, the Academy has approximately 100 students and 19 staff members, with several of the current staff members being former students of the Academy itself.

Chisman's passion for music began early on, and

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Oregon head coach Dan Kissling talks to his team after the Panthers' first practice on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Oregon High School. The Panthers kick off their season against rival Stoughton on

Read more about the upcoming football season on Page 5.

#### Village of Oregon

## Oregon police arrest armed robbery suspect

Keziah Taylor, 18, faces felony charge after Aug. 13 incident

An Oregon man faces felony armed robbery

charges allegedly pointing a gun and threaten-

ing to kill

an acquaintance during an incident at a Janesville Street apartment late

Sunday night.

According to an Oregon Police Department news release, at 11:32 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, officers were dispatched to an armed robbery that had occurred inside an apartment in the 900 block of Janesville Street in the Village of Oregon.

The victim reported that the suspect pointed a handgun at him, told the victim that he would kill him, and demanded his property. The victim told officers that he

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## Jinpa: Deer Park's newest monk describes typical day at the center

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At 50 years old, with his academic education long behind him and resident teaching career before him, I asked Geshela what a typical day for a monk at Deer

Park was like.

Through Deer Park's veteran interpreter, I was informed that each of the six monks currently residing at the Center adhered to their own schedules within a broad framework of public activ-

"I rise between 5 and 6 a.m., beginning the day with fixing my motivation, which is important for re-setting our normal preoccupation with 'I, I, I' being the center of focus, realizing instead that all sentient beings are in a similar situation, seeking happiness, and wanting to use the time we have, this day, for a meaningful purpose.

"Then, after setting my motivation for their welfare, I get out of bed and do prostrations to the Confession Buddha, wash-up and do some circumambulations just to get my body moving.

'Afterward, there are various sorts of prayers, like 'The Succession Guru Yoga,' that one is committed to saying daily. Also included are certain breathing exercises, like 'The Nine Round Breathing,' as well as periods of meditation – working with one's

'Following that, there are many things that we may do: like go outdoors for various prayers or individual study in the afternoon. Regarding afternoon prayers, there are a lot of different com-



Jinpa's inaugural class occurred in the Main Temple, one of two temples at the park, the other being the Kalachakra Temple where in 1981 H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama presided over the first Kalachakra Initiation ever performed in North America.

listed many more, concluding, There are others for the evening.

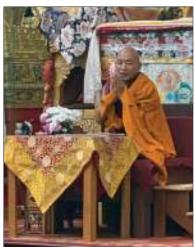
"Finally, at the end of the day, I take time to rejoice for the virtuous activities that have benefited others and made that day meaningful. I do a Dedication Prayer, offering to sentient beings whatever merits I've accumulated, and, then, go to sleep.

Asked if Buddhism is a religion mitments, such as 'The Solitary or a science, Jinpa responded,

Hero Yamataka practice." He "Generally, "there are two paths of development. One can take a path of faith and follow the Buddha's teachings in one's life without doing much analysis or investigation. Then there are those who do a great deal of analysis and investigation regarding one's my words; do not accept them out own consciousness, taking a very scientific attitude and proving for oneself what the Buddha taught. So, Buddhism can be a religion based on faith or a science based

Particularly at the monastery, the individual focus is on one's own development, for as the Buddha says – like when assessing gold – you examine its purity. So, too, the Buddha insisted, assess of respect. If you find a reason to accept them after examination and analysis, then do so. If not, reject them.

We who follow in the



In a gesture of 'Namaste,' Geshe Lundrup Jinpa thanks those attending his first public class.

Buddha's footsteps are using him as a model of reason and scientific investigation, as the Buddha advocated. He said, 'I can't wash away your sins with water or pull them out like thorns, and then give my realizations to you. Rather, it is only through realizing the truth – the reality of phenomena – that you will be liberated.3

"So, that's the whole idea: it's not some external thing; rather, we have to do it internally ourselves. We have to accomplish it in our own consciousness.

Like a doctor, Buddha can prescribe the treatment, however, the patient must follow it to become whole again.

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Academy of Sound students pose for a group photo following their spring recital.

## **Academy:** Offers lessons for a variety of instruments

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eventually inspired her to open Academy of Sound.

"My first formal music education was an aunt who gave me some piano lessons (...) when I was maybe six, seven years old, and I loved it. I was obsessed," she told the Observer. "I would not walk by a piano without stopping to play it."

Besides lessons in piano, Academy of Sound also offers once a week, 45-minute private lessons in voice, guitar, ukelele, drum set, woodwind instruments, and string instruments, to name a few. However, it doesn't stop there, Chisman explained, "If somebody calls us and they want lessons in a certain instrument, it ends up that it's very likely that we have a teacher on staff that probably teaches it or we can find somebody who does, so just about anything people have requested we've been able to do.'

Chisman's journey as a music teacher began in 1997 at age 15 where, after the recommendation of her piano teacher at the time, she started giving lessons in piano to a few beginner students out of her parent's house.

"(My piano teacher) coached me through how to teach beginners and within a year I had six or seven students, and I really loved it," she said. "It was something I looked forward to every week.'

After several years of teaching music from her parent's house, Chisman opened a new studio in downtown Oregon at 101 South Main Street, which would remain the main location for Academy of Sound until 2016.

"I saw a for rent sign in the upstairs of the building at 101 South Main and called that number and went up there for a tour and signed the lease, like, a week later," Chisman recalled. "That's where I count the beginning of Academy of Sound."

After two fires in their downtown space, the business temporarily relocated to the People's United Methodist Church. Once they were able to move back into their original location, Chisman found that the Academy had amassed too many more students to fit their current location, causing a need Academy expanded from five to support this growth. according to Chisman.



Erin Chisman and daughter Elisa Kaether at the original Erin's Piano Studio located in Chisman's parent's house. Kaether now serves as the Director of Education for Academy of Sound.

Additionally, in 2012, the Academy had an 18-month outreach location in Evans-

In 2016, the Academy of Sound moved to their current location inside the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon. Additionally, the current Director of Education is Elisa Kaether, Chisman's daughter who saw the Academy open and also attended herself.

Over the past 20 years of being in business, Academy of Sound has had hundreds of students, all with different preferences and passions, which the Academy caters to.

"Our philosophy has always been based on my own experience with learning. I created Academy of Sound to be a place for kids who don't necessarily fit in the box of classroom learning," Chisman said. "My approach has always been—and what I tell my employees, too—is that everything we do here is dent comes in, we look at what they need, and we make it work for them.'

"There are always these basics we have to teach, but we really try to tailor the lessons to be individually what to these kids each need, and so it can vary greatly. We make sure that all of our teachers (and) anybody that I hire, understands that that's a requirement here. You're not going to teach the same exact lesson several times a day, you're going to teach probably several very different lessons and be ready to do that."

Despite Academy of Sound's success, Chisman has also endured challenges along the way. When she for expansion. In 2009, the first opened her business, she was only 21, leading to two teaching studios to skepticism amongst some,

"It was difficult for parents who were all older than me to take me seriously as (someone) they're going to send their kids to and (who's) going to teach them well. It took some time to really prove that I am capable," she said. "But being a very young business owner was challenging for not only the parents to take me seriously, but I think some of the other business owners in town. But I've always been very sure of who I am and what I'm capable of."

Chisman's confidence in herself and her business has proven to be true.

"I don't know the numbers on how long the average business lasts in Oregon, but I know that when I started the the words that I would hear frequently were most people don't make it two years. And if you make it five years, you're doing well, and if you make it 10 years, you're a legend," she said. "I've had 20 years and I don't know what that makes me at this point."

Along with the Academy, Chisman also created a non-profit organization to help provide scholarships for Academy of Sound students in need called Academy of Sound Foundation.

'We've never had to turn away anyone who's ever applied for a scholarship," Chisman said.

Academy of Sound is also the only business of its kind in Oregon. According to Chisman, "There were no music schools in Oregon before us, and there still aren't except for us. Being able to provide a music school experience in a town this size is, I think, a really big deal and my biggest contribution to the commu-

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## Charge: Police say suspect arrested, firearms recovered with any further incident

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and the suspect knew each

Officers located the suspect in the 900 block of Janesville Street and arrested him without further incident, recovering stolen property and a firearm were recovered. No one was injured during the armed robbery.

The suspect, Keziah Taylor, 18, was arrested and tentatively charged with Armed Robbery and Possession of a Stolen

Firearm. Charges of Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia are also being referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office against

According to online court records, Taylor was booked into the Dane County Jail Monday morn-

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The total increase in water revenues requested is \$419,066 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 31.10 percent over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 4,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$22.28 to \$27.14, or 22%.

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**Legislative opinion** 

# State must fund the Child Care Counts program

When I re-entered the workforce, I knew I would need fulltime daycare and after school care for my three children.



After months of searching, I found daycare in a neighboring community, but I was not able to find after school

Our early childhood edu-

cators have been sounding this alarm for years. With the pandemic, the childcare crisis came into sharper focus and the concerns of early childhood educators became reality. We were able to use federal COVID money to support our childcare workforce but that funding has run dry, and the GOP did not include further funding in the budget.

Childcare is an industry on which our economy relies; 71.2% of mothers and 92.5% of fathers with children under the age of 18 are in the workforce.

Without continued legislative funding for our childcare industry, many parents will be prevented from working. Not addressing this pivotal concern will reduce our workforce.

My husband and I were fortunate to be able to shift our work schedules; he missed the essential morning conversations and I missed after school activities. Many parents do not have that ability and, instead, pray that family, friends, and neighbors can help. Wisconsin's workforce challenges will not be solved overnight, but forcing parents to sit on the sidelines because of childcare limitations only hurts Wisconsin families.

With a significant portion of the state's surplus unspent in the 2023-2025 budget, we must fund the Child Care Counts program to hold the line on our childcare crisis and workforce shortages.

> Jenna Jacobson **Assembly District 43** representative

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#### **Community Voices**

# Read to your kids

y wife, Penny, and I read to our kids every Inight when they were young. From infancy until they could read themselves, and even beyond that, we were active readers

Somehow, picking up those books, putting the kids right beside us, sharing the stories and the imaginary characters – it just seemed right. And, in fact, it was the right thing to do. More and more research shows that early reading encourages brain development.

Let's go into the science first, then a case study of a patient, and finally some suggestions.

The science shows that reading encourages brain development. These early interactive experiences with your child encourage synaptic development in the brain.

The synapses are the connections between neurons that allow us to think and do. These connections begin in the womb and prosper and grow exponentially during the first three years of life. Reading encourages this development.

Now, stay with me for a moment as we look at another concept called pruning. The brain goes through a process, just like when you prune a fruit tree to encourage it to bear more fruit. The brain does this with

Half of all our neuronal connections are pruned by the time we are 16 years old. Which ones get pruned and which ones do not appear to be related to our environmental exposure.

So when you read to your kids, you encourage brain development – that is, more synapses. And when you continue to read to them over time, it encourages those neuronal synaptic connections to stay active and vibrant and avoid pruning.

To illustrate this, let's go to language. Infants' brains are sensitive to all languages, especially during the first six months of development. Infants easily distinguish their mom's voice from that of a stranger.



child is 1 year old, they become more sensitive to their "mother tongue." The language that is spoken around the house becomes

their primary language. By 6-12 months, the brain begins to become more sensitive to the sounds of this language.

Over time, they can lose the ability to discriminate sounds in other languages if they are not exposed to them. The brain is so efficient that it begins to prune synapses it's not using and strengthen the ones it does use.

If your native language is Chinese, Vietnamese or Laotian tonal languages, those tonal neuronal connections flourish. If it's English, Spanish or German, those are the ones that grow.

This language synaptic pruning has real world consequences. Kids ages 6, 7 and 8 can learn a second language so easily, but once you're a teenager that ability has been shut down for most of us because of synaptic pruning. When a child learns two languages in early childhood, they usually speak both with good grammar and without an accent.

I can see this in our 6-year-old granddaughter, Bella, who lives in Wisconsin but whose mom is from Brazil and speaks to her mostly in Portuguese. According to our son, Zak, who learned Portuguese as an adult, Bella's pronunciation and grammar formation is much better than his, even though he's been speaking it longer. Of course she's still talking like a 6 year old.

So how does this translate into why we should be reading to our children? The acquisition of language skills allows us to think better, think more abstractly, creatively, intellectually, constructively. Almost all the things we do are ultimately tied to language – at work, at home. Language and intellectual ability are intimately linked.

So I've established that

reading to your kids is important. But what you read and how you read is important, too. Now, a story.

I have a colleague I've known for years. We were discussing this topic recently because he, like me, participates in a project called "Reach Out and Read." If you want more information, just Google it – this is a great organization that encourages reading by providing books to kids in their well child visits.

So, he asked a dad of a young kid if he read to his kid every night. The dad said no, he didn't. What was the dad's occupation? Well, let's just say he had Ph.D. Smart guy but lacking in common sense. He didn't realize the importance of reading. Fair enough. When he was told to read to his kid, jumped on it. He said, and I quote, "OK/ I

have lots of technical material I need to read every night. I'll just read it out loud to my child." Interesting response. He was gently guided that this was not the right approach. It's reading things to your kids that are appropriate to your kids – things that would interest them – fairy tales, animals, dinosaurs, I could go on and on.

The point is to read and interact with your kids, to stimulate their brain. Years ago, there was a video scam called Baby Einstein – the idea was to put your kids in front of the screen and run the video and they, too, could become an Einstein.

Nope. Didn't work. Not that easy. It's that connection between you and your child that does the magic.

My spin: Reading to your kids from birth on is critical nurturing that encourages IQ development, something we all want with our children. It's right up there with breastfeeding and good childhood nutrition.

Stay well.

Dr. Zorba Paster is an Oregon resident, retired physician and co-host of the popular, long-time National Public Radio show, "On Your Health.

#### **Letter to the Editor**

# Choose your own adventure in retirement

Take a noid of your future

Green Pastures Living believes that everyone possesses the power to decide some of their life outcomes, especially when it comes to housing.

Here are the three options for your adventure: 1. DIY 2. Trusted Guide 3. Do Nothing

1. Do It Yourself - I see this choice mostly from those who have proactively taken it upon themselves early in retirement to decide where they want to age in place from the start. It is not an easy task but maybe one that is more doable with family support to move from their lifetime home to one that is more sustainable for the years ahead. Some seniors choose to move closer to their children & grandchildren who are the real reason!

2. Trusted Guide - If they do not have help moving or the options are not clear, seniors need someone who they can trust to assist in their housing transition. We understand that there are many steps involved with the change of where one is currently living to where they desire to be aging in place safely and securely. Having a knowledgeable

Remember those books where you get to choose advocate who can help you navigate each hurdle

3. Do Nothing - This is a choice and one that comes with consequences. Life decisions may be made for the senior that he/she does not desire. Personally I witnessed this with my own father and it was heartbreaking to see him be forced to move out of his familiar rural community. Fear can cripple a person and make them feel stuck. Moving is a huge, complex decision and knowing who to trust is a legitimate concern.

We have voiced our concern with the village board trustees about the lack of independent senior housing options in Oregon. Even though we did not get selected for the N. Main property, we are committed to this work of providing it elsewhere in our community.

Many of our letters of support echoed this same need for senior housing.

> **Anne Michels Founder & Executive Director Green Pastures Living**

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# **SPORTS**

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**Football** 

# Running it back

With strong RB group, Oregon hoping to make return run to playoffs

**JACK MILLER** 

Digital sports editor

he Oregon football team should have plenty of skill this season.

The Panthers bring back four of ing lead their top five leading rushers from back last season to go along with some up and and coming pass catchers.

action in games last year," Oregon head coach Dan Kissling said. "We have a number of skilled son, Rockiett rushed for 433 yards on 74 attempts, guys back on offense.'

Oregon – who went 4-6 last season en route to a postseason appearance – returns four run-

ning backs from last season that saw 30 or more carries

includ-

good for 5.9 yards per carry.

Senior Max Matthews (413 yards on 89 carries), junior Christian Gates (151 yards on 36 carries) and junior Devin Rice (83 yards on 33 carries) ries) also return with experience in the back-

> said one offensive key this season will be to control the ball and time of possession.

> With plenty of fresh legs, Kissling



**Football** 

# One player from each Badger Large team to watch

#### Oregon's Barlow among Connor Stauff, list of top players

**JACK MILLER** 

Digital sports editor

Here is one player from each team in the Badger Large Conference to watch this season.

#### Trevor Barlow, Oregon (Sr.)

Barlow led Oregon in total tackles last season with 108, including a teamhigh 10 tackles for loss out of the linebacker position. He also added a pair of forced fumbles to go with an interception.

#### Gabe Klatt, Beaver Dam (Sr.)

Klatt turned in a dominant sophomore campaign in 2021 with 1,830 yards and 18 touchdowns. He carried the ball 253 times and turned in 7.2 yards per carry mark – good for 183 rushing yards per game. Klatt missed his junior season with a knee injury.

#### Ethan Mitchell, Milton (Sr.)

Mitchell collected 222 vards on 21 catches last season for the Red Hawks. The 6-foot-4 wide receiver - who was a state qualifier in the long jump last spring also had 56 total tackles, - also found the end zone twice last season.

# Sun Prairie East (Sr.)

The Cardinals return their leading receiver with Stauff. Last season.Stauff led Sun Prairie East in receptions (57) and receiving yards (851). He caught 10 touchdowns in 12 games.

#### Ean Ackley, Sun Prairie West (Sr.)

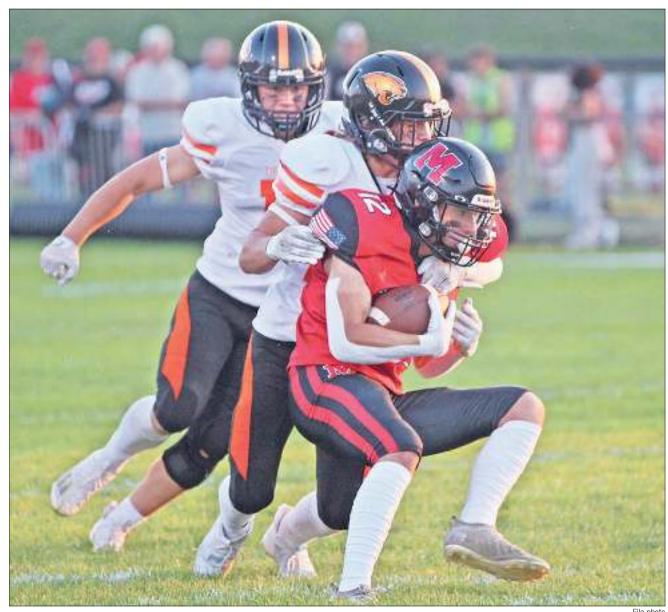
Ackley led the Wolves last season in total tackles (93), tackles for loss (nine) and sacks (2.5). The linebacker also had one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and an interception to go along with three pass deflections.

#### Zach Scher, Watertown (Sr.)

Scher put together monster numbers in five games last season in the Goslings' pass-happy attack. The standout receiver racked up 652 yards on 27 receptions, good for 24.1 yards per catch. He found the endzone seven times and averaged 130 receiving yards per game.

#### Wade Bryan, Waunakee (Sr.)

Bryan led the state last season with 18 sacks good for 1.5 per game. The 6-foot-2 defensive lineman one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.



Oregon's Trevor Barlow makes a tackle during the Panthers' 21-20 double overtime win over Milton last season. Barlow led Oregon with 108 total tackles last year.

#### **Football**

# Eight Badger Conference games to circle on the calendar

#### Stoughton to host Oregon in season opener on Friday

**MARK NESBITT** 

Sports editor

A combined 10 teams from the Badger Large and Small Conferences made the playoffs last year.

Two teams – Waunakee and Sun Prairie East – made a run to the Level 3 playoffs. Both Stoughton and Oregon made postseason runs despite battling some injuries and adversity.

Waunakee won the Badger Large championship with the addition of two Sun Prairie schools – Sun Prairie East, which finished second, and Sun Prairie West.

Mount Horeb/Barneveld went unbeaten to win the Badger Small Conference title last year. Stoughton along with DeForest and Mount Horeb/Barneveld are expected to be conference title contenders this season.

Stoughton will be home warriors with games at Collins Field. This comes one year after the Vikings opened last season with four straight road games since they had to wait for the completion of the turf and renovations to Collins Field at the Anderson Sports Complex.

The following are eight games in the Badger Conference to circle on the calendar this season.

#### Aug. 18 — Oregon at Stoughton

The Panthers shutdown Stough-

at Panther Stadium last season. Oregon took advantage of two interceptions. The Panthers rushed for 200 yards as a team. Jeremiah Rockiett had 63 rushing yards and one touchdown.

In the last 10 matchups between Stoughton and Oregon, both teams have won five games.

#### Sept. 1 — Milton at Oregon

In a nail-biter, Oregon survived Milton for a 21-20 double overtime win last season.

Former Oregon linebacker Cammron Hall intercepted a two-point conversion pass from Milton guarterback Aidan Schoen to preserv the victory.

Oregon linebacker Trevor Barlow spearheaded the defense with 14 tackles and a forced fumble.

Two years ago, the two teams met in Week 8 – with Milton topping Oregon to knock the Panthers out of playoff contention.

#### Sept. 1 — Sun Prairie East at Waunakee

A showdown between two perennial powers will go a long way in the conference title chase.

Waunakee averaged 37.5 points per game last year and had a defense that gave up only 11.5 points per contest. Waunakee running back Ben Lindley rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown in the Warriors' 28-13 victory last year over the Cardinals.

Sun Prairie East has some big shoes to fill on offense after the graduation of running back Cortez LeGrant – who is on the footton in a season-opening 13-0 win ball team at Minnesota – and



Stoughton defensive lineman Kaeson Salonek (65) goes for a sack during last season's game with Oregon. The Panthers won 13-0 last year and the series has been split 5-5 in the last 10 matchups.

quarterback Jerry Kaminsky - who track for a conference championis now playing for the University of North Dakota.

Sun Prairie East had a high-powered offense that averaged 47.7 points per game last year.

#### Sept. 1 – Mount Horeb/ Barneveld at DeForest

Mount Horeb/Barneveld senior quarterback Kasey Helgeson tossed a game-winning 2-yard TD pass about midday through the fourth quarter to help the Vikings beat the Norskies last season.

DeForest will have home field advantage in the rematch. The winner of this game along with

ship. The Norskies graduated firstteam all-conference selections - quarterback Mason Keyes and running back Cale Drinka. The leading rusher back for the Norskies is Jaylen Carter who ran for 271 yards and two TDs last year.

#### Sept. 15 — Stoughton at **DeForest**

A high octane DeForest offense was tough to contain last year.

The Norskies racked up 483 total yards in a 41-0 win over Stoughton last season. DeForest passed for 253 yards and rushed for 230. Stoughton will likely need to do a better job this year if they Stoughton could have the inside want to come away with a win.

# Sept. 29 – Waunakee at

Waunakee is a measuring stick for just about every team in the

To become a conference title contender in the Badger Large, the Panthers can use the test against the Warriors to see how far they have come since last year's 48-0 loss to the Warriors.

#### Oct. 6 — Mount Horeb/ Barneveld at Stoughton

Stoughton lost the battle of the Vikings twice last season.

Stoughton threw six interceptions against Mount Horeb.

Stoughton lost to MH/B 37-7 in a Division 3 Level 1 playoff game

Stoughton's secondary did come up with two interceptions in the playoff game. Stoughton might need to lean on big plays and sustained drives in this year's matchup. In the first meeting, Stoughton passed for 179 yards

#### Oct. 13 — Oregon at Sun **Prairie West**

This could be a key game down the stretch for Oregon.

The Panthers had success on the road last season, but lost to the Wolves 21-0. Oregon rushed for 141 yards, 4.0 yards per carry. The Panthers committed two turnovers (one fumble and one interception).

Coming up with more big plays and forcing turnovers could turn the tide in this season-finale



## Preview: Panthers will reload on D

Continued from page 5

"We have a good core of kids coming and Andrew Jicha. back with some experience," Kissling said. "Our offensive line will be inexperienced but we have some younger kids who are eager to jump in and have lots of potential. If we stay healthy we will be pretty good and will compete with anybody.

Notable pass catchers for the offense – which will again run the Wing-T, Gun-T – could be wide receivers Cael Anderson and Logan Taylor, along with sophomore tight end Brayden Hermsdorf.

"Hermsdorf is only a sophomore and is on his way to being one of the better tight ends in our conference," Kissling said.

Oregon will have to find a new starting

quarterback as the team graduated Cameron Gates – who played in all 10 games last

Defensively, Oregon lost key contributors in Cam Hall, Seth Niday, Will Chryst and Evan Miles. Kissling expects those voids to be filled by seniors Trevor Barlow offs for the first time since 2019.

Barlow led Oregon in total tackles last season with 108, including a team-high 10 tackles for loss. Last season Jicha collected 72 total tackles, four tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and an interception.

Kissling also noted the Panthers have some experience in the defensive line with seniors Jacob Yeakley and Grant Wollangk, as well as junior Tavaris Funderburg.

Overall, Oregon returns four players who received all-conference honors – Barlow (second team, linebacker), Wollangk (honorable mention, defensive end), Jicha HM, defensive back) and junior Bryce Gagner (HM, offensive line).

Last season Waunakee won the Badger Large Conference with an unbeaten conference record of 7-0.

Oregon tied for third in the Badger Large with Milton and Sun Prairie West with 3-4 conference records to advance to the play-

#### **OREGON FOOTBALL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.
3	Jackson Messling	DB	Sr.	44	Samuel Templeton	DE	Jr.
4	Jeremiah Rockiett	RB	Sr.	45	Grant Wollangk	DL	Sr.
5	Jacob Stubbe	DE	Sr.	47	Jameson Noack	LB	So.
7	William Yeakley	DE	Sr.	50	Sabastian Soumphonphakdy	DL	So.
8	Andrew Jicha	S	Sr.	52	Joshua Hawkey	LB	Jr.
9	Cole Krueger	QB	Sr.	53	Paxton Krengel	OL	Jr.
10	Cael Anderson	WR	Sr.	54	Jayce Storkson	DL	Jr.
11	Devin Rice	RB	Jr.	55	Charles Ashworth	0L	Sr.
12	Riley Lehmann	QB	Jr.	56	Brady Paynter	DL	Jr.
13	Landon Gladden	QB	So.	58	Noah Schafer	DL	Sr.
14	Peter Nowka	RB	Jr.	61	Beckett White	DL	Sr.
15	Peyton Soule	QB	Jr.	62	Decker MacLeod	0L	Sr.
17	Logan Taylor	WR	Sr.	63	Kaden Yeager	0L	Sr.
20	Ashton Ghostley	LB	Jr.	64	Hayden Lemke	DL	Sr.
21	Brady Field	LB	Jr.	65	Brayton Dimartino	0L	Sr.
22	Joshua Bell	LB	Sr.	71	Samuel Hanke	0L	So.
23	Alexander Lisowski	LB	Sr.	72	Bryce Gagner	0L	Jr.
24	Trevor Barlow	LB	Sr.	73	Keaton Walker	0L	Jr.
30	Max Matthews	RB	Sr.	74	Tallyn Werner	0L	Jr.
31	Leart Zhubi	WR	Sr.	75	William Schmitt	0L	So.
32	Ethan Pagels	QB	So.	77	Luke Marx	0L	Sr.
33	Tristian Winterberg	DE	Sr.	78	Tavaris Funderburg	DL	Jr.
34	Christian Gates	RB	Jr.	80	Carson Hannemann	DB	Jr.
35	Nolan Erfurth	DB	So.	81	Elliot Mueller	DB	Jr.
36	Mason Hoffer	DB	So.	82	Lyon Andrew	DB	So.
40	Isaac Rottier	LB	Sr.	84	Brayden Hermsdorf	TE	So.
41	Colin Waite	LB	Jr.	85	Kai Lynch	DE	Jr.
43	Keaton Dimartino	RB	So.	88	Ashton Wolfe	K	Jr.

**Football** 

# Marx finds success on field and the mic

Senior calls basketball games for OCA Media

**JACK MILLER** 

Digital sports editor

Luke Marx is a natural on and off the field.

The Oregon senior has



a standout on the football field - recently committing to play football

cemented

himself as

at UW-Eau Claire – but has just as much talent off the grid-

For the last two years, Marx has been calling basketball games for OCA Media and plans to call games for a third straight year this winter.

"I've really enjoyed it," Marx said. "It's something I want to pursue as a career. That's been the dream the last thing I never thought I conference.'

couple of years."

interested in calling games after talking with a couple teachers his sophomore

"My dad had always told me I was pretty good at it in front of the TV at home," Marx said. "I hopped in a broadcast and they really liked what I was doing. I started getting positive feedback from people around the school and around the community in general."

One of Marx's calls went viral in February after he called a game-winning, half-court shot from Evan Miles during a boys basketball game. The clip - along with Marx's call - was shared with SportsCenter's Instagram account and has garnered millions of views.

"There's a weirdness to really cool and I'm blessed to be able to say 10 million people have heard my

would be able to say or not Marx said he became be able to say for a long time."

Marx said you have to be a creative person to announce.

"You have to put yourself into it," he said. "You have to have a part of your announcing where it's you and be different from other announcers.'

Fittingly, Marx said he plans to study broadcasting and journalism at UW-Eau Claire while he plays for the football team.

"They've got some new facilities coming in and some high aspirations for the future," Marx said. "I'm really excited to be a part of it.'

But first, Marx has to wrap up his prep career. Maybe Marx will make a few plays that will wow some announcers.

"We're just really excitit," Marx said. "It's just ed for the season," Marx said. "We have a really good outlook. We're hoping to get back in the playvoice now. That's some- offs and make a run for



Oregon senior Luke Marx calls basketball games for OCA Media and is hoping to turn broadcasting into a career.



#### **Girls swimming**

# Oregon pushing for more state success

#### **Panthers return plenty** of record-breaking talent

**MARK NESBITT** 

Sports editor

The Oregon girls swimming team returns three state qualifiers who reset or broke five school records at the WIAA Division 1 state meet last year.

"Our goal is to get all three relays to state again and to have more individual qualifiers than ever before,' Oregon coach Justin Sawran said.

Sophomore Alyse Block is back after finishing fourth place in the Division 1 state meet in the 50-yard freestyle in a school-record time of 23.45 seconds. Block is the first state medalist in 19 years for the Panthers. She earned All-State honors and All-American accolades in the 100 free. Block took seventh in the 100 free at state last season in a school-record time of 50.6 seconds. She along with sophomore Olivia Sina return from the Panthers' 400 free relay that placed sixth in a school-record 3:33.9 at state in 2022.

"Alyse is a natural competitor and excels in every event," Sawran said. " She has personal-best times that would rank in the top-five in the state in just about every event. Depending on how the season goes, she could swim any two individual events.

Sina was an All-State honorable mention selec-



Oregon's Alyse Block swims in the 100 freestyle during the WIAA Division 1 state meet last season.

to have won a sectional title and Carley Fahey. Pierick in the 100 backstroke, but is expected to swim freewas disqualified for a false

"Olivia has improved significantly over the offseason in the backstroke and is hungry for redemption after her freshman season," Sawran said. "She could be a state qualifier in any of the 200 free, 200 IM, 100 fly and 100 free."

The other returning state qualifier for the Panthers is sophomore Kennedy Faris, who swam on the 200, 400 free relays and in the 100 butterfly at state last year. Faris and Block both were members of the 200 free relay team that set a school-record of 1:40.45 at state last season.

Sawran said Faris could qualify for state in the fly and in the 100 breaststroke or 50 free this season.

"Kennedy is strong, has great underwater, and really shines when the pressure is on," he said.

tion last year. She appeared Panthers are Erin Pierick

style events. A trio of other juniors returning are Kailey Kochan, Raven Ringhand and Julia Ibrahim. Kochan will contribute in the fly and distance events, Sawran

He said Ringhand will help the team in the free and breaststroke. A quartet of Siget, Madeline Nott, Karen Ramirez and Sophie Pieper. Siget will give the Panthers depth in the distance events and back. Nott will give the team flexibility in the breaststroke and Ramirez in the fly. Pieper is expected to swim more distance events.

A new face who isn't a stranger is junior Kate Dunn. She was a state qualifier on the 200 free relay in 2021. Dunn opted out of the 2022 season, but kept train-

"She kept training with her club team to improve her butterfly and distance Two seniors back for the freestyle," Sawran said.

### **GIRLS SWIMMING SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Aug. 19	11 a.m.	Invitational	DeForest High School
Aug. 29	6 p.m.	Badger Relays	Milton High School
Sept. 7	6 p.m.	Beaver Dam	YMCA of Dodge County
Sept. 9	10 a.m.	Invitational	Sun Prairie East High School
Sept. 12	6 p.m.	DeForest	Oregon High School
Sept. 19	6 p.m.	Waunakee	Waunakee High School
Sept. 23	8 a.m.	Invitational	Plymouth High School
Sept. 26	6 p.m.	Watertown	Oregon High School
Sept. 30	11 a.m.	Invitational	Middleton High School
Oct. 3	6 p.m.	Milton	Milton High School
Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Monona Grove	Oregon High School
Oct. 14	10 a.m.	Invitational	Fort Atkinson High School
Oct. 17	6 p.m.	Fort Atkinson	Oregon High School
Oct. 28	1 p.m.	Conference	Waunakee High School

sophomores back are Sam incoming freshmen who very competitive. Her ver- 200 IM school-record holdcould also make an immediate impact. Freshman Molly Hoppe set a record and was a champion in the 100 backstroke at the All-City league. She was a member din. Konopacki is a yearof 2023 Zones Team Wisconsin, champion in the 100 back and third in the 100 IM in the YMCA youth state.

Sawran said Hoppe will be a key relay member and could also become an individual state qualifier.

won't necessarily surdefinitely be a rookie to petitor and she is motivated watch," he said. "She is to drop her times." already among the top ath-

throughout the season."

Two other freshmen who could contribute are Katie many year-round swimmers Konopacki and Avery Purround sprint swimmer who has practiced with some elite training groups, Sawran said.

incredible season and will drop time in her individual events and play a key part "I think Molly Hoppe in rounding out state relay on't necessarily surteams," he said. "She is prise anyone, but she will consistently a strong com-

Oregon has eight letes in the state and is also Graziano – was the former a tough opponent this year."

satility will be fun to utilize er until Block broke her record last year.

Sawran said the team has and the strength of the team will be the freestyle and IM.

Oregon finished third in the Badger West Conference last season.

Oregon will be in the "Kate will have an newly aligned Badger Large Conference with Waunakee and DeForest this year.

"As a team, we will see what our conference (new to us) looks like and strive for a potential conference championship," he said. We should be up there, Purdin's mother – Alicia but Monona Grove will be

**Football** 

# Jicha returns for senior season

#### **Oregon standout helped Panthers to** state title game in hockey last year

**JACK MILLER** 

Digital sports editor

were just too hard to pass up for Andrew

Jicha was originally going to skip his senior season at Oregon High School after he signed a contract to play with the Jersey Hitmen – a hockey team in the National

Jicha signed with the Hitmen in April, but after some reflection, decided to stay in Oregon.

"With a lot of time to reflect on what I want to do my senior year, I decided I wanted to come back and play football with my best friends and play hockey," Jicha said.

Last winter Jicha led the Oregon boys hockey team to the Division 2 state cham-

Jicha was an unanimous Badger West first-team selection and also was named second-team all-state by the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association. Jicha finished with 66 points on the season, racking up 46 goals and recording 20 assists.

But as of now, Jicha is just concerned about the outcomes on Fridays.

'People say senior year is the funnest," Jicha said. "I wanted to experience it. I've that can lead us there."

been growing up with them (teammates) my whole life. It's been a blast...It was just a big motive to come back – just being with the guys every day from school to

Like he was leaned on in hockey, Jicha will be one of Oregon's go-to players this Playing under the Friday night lights season. Jicha will slot in as a third-year starter on the defensive side of the ball for

Jicha said he expects an important part of his role on the defense to be his commu-

"Especially with the guys that are new – Collegiate Development Conference – but decided to stay for his final year with the Panthers.

Like some of the new outside linebackers and line," he said. "Just making sure they feel confident and comfortable out there when adversity hits.'

Jicha and the Panthers are hoping to make a second straight trip to the playoffs. Oregon tied for third in the Badger Large Conference last season with Milton and Sun Prairie West with 3-4 conference records to advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2019. The Panthers finished the season with a 4-6 overall record.

"We have a solid group, especially that sophomore class coming up," Jicha said. "That junior class had some good varsity experience last year. We should be solid on both sides of the ball."

Regardless of how the season turns out, it's hard to pass up the opportunity to play under the lights your senior season.

"Friday nights excite us," Jicha said. "We would love to get back to a playoff run this year. I think we have a good group



Oregon's Andrew Jicha eyes up a tackle during the Panthers' 21-20 double overtime win over Milton last season. Jicha was originally going to skip his senior season at Oregon after he signed to play with the Jersey Hitmen, but decided to stay for his senior year with the Panthers.

#### **Obituary**

#### Randall L. Nedlose

Randall L. Nedlose, age 71, of Hayward, WI passed away on Friday, August 11, 2023 at his daughter's home surrounded by his family.

Randall Loran Nedlose was born March 27, 1952 in Red Sulphur Springs, WV the son of Rodney and Betty (Wickline) Nedlose. Randy was raised in Oregon, WI where he attended school and was a star athlete in football, baseball and wrestling. He went to state for wrestling and was captain of his baseball team in his senior year. Randy joined the U.S. Army on December 21, 1970 and served in the 82nd Airborne. On July 14, 1972, Randy was honorably discharged and returned to Oregon where he went to work for Oregon Milling Company.

Randy was united in marriage to Lavonne McCallum on July 14, 1973 in Oregon. Randy and Lavonne moved to Hayward, WI in 1976 and originally settled into a home on the Namekagon River. Randy worked at Hayward Bait and Tackle before starting a long career in carpentry. While working, he built his own home on Burns Lake, part of the Tiger Cat Flowage, where he resided with his family for over twenty-five years. He built numerous homes from the ground up and was known for his fine workmanship and ability to problem solve. After retiring from carpentry, he enjoyed his last eight working years with his Apple Awards family. Randy enjoyed going to golfing and bowling leagues, and coaching his daughters when they were in sports. He was a member of the Sno-Mads snowmobile club and was an early member of the Hayward Chapter of Muskies Inc. In his younger years he enjoyed riding dirt bikes and driving one of his three Mustangs. Randy also volunteered numerous hours for the Hayward Soccer Program for his oldest granddaughter, where he was usually serving as the concession stand griller, making hot dogs and burgers for those attending the

by anyone who was lucky pels.com.



enough to know him. Randy was an amazing storyteller. Some of his favorite ways to spend his time were sitting around the table with the ones he loved, telling stories and drinking coffee. Randy was a simple man who loved to be doing anything in nature. He had a great love for hunting and fishing and would spend many of his days this way. Randy loved to work with his hands. He could take very little and make it into something beautiful. Randy loved many things in life but what he loved more than most was spending time with his family, his dogs, having good food and great conversations. He will be so greatly missed by

Randy is survived by Lavonne and his three daughters, Jessica (Adam) Gross of Chapin, SC, Darcie (Ethan) Simpson of Hayward, Jaime (John) Wilkemeyer of Hayward; five grandchildren, Ana (Jakob), James, Kylee, Kaci, and Madilyn; granddaughter on the way, Charlie; mother, Betty Capadona; three siblings, Jeff (Tracie) Nedlose, Sally (Alan) Paine, Kelly (Tom) Monson, all of Madison, WI; step mother, Joyce Nedlose; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney Nedlose; sister, Vonnie Bushar; and step father, George Capadona.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at the Hayward Veterans Center. A private committal service with military honors will be held at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Spooner,

Online condolences may Randy had a magnetic be left for Randy's family personality and was loved at www.bratley-nelsoncha-

#### For Your Information

# **Greater Madison MPO announces** \$17 million for local projects

The Greater Madison MPO has approved \$9.4 million for bicycle and pedestrian path projects including the long-awaited Glacial Drumlin/Capital City Connector and the final segment of the West Towne Path – and \$8.1 million for roadway projects through the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) - Urban program.

The following are the eight projects awarded funding through the STBG Urban program:

• Glacial Drumlin Path (I-39/90 to County AB/Buckeye Road) - Construct a new multi-use path, including 4,200 feet of boardwalk, and a spur trail to a new parking lot for trailhead access. (Total cost: \$11.1 million; \$6.69 million in federal funding; proposed construction in SFY 2027)

The MPO selected the adjacent Capital City Trail (Wagon Trail to underpass of I-39/90) for funding through the federal Transportation Alternatives program earlier this

· West Towne Path (Zor Shrine Place to South Gammon Road) Construct the final segment of

the West Towne Path, which connects the Ice Age Junction Path to Whitney Way. (Total cost: \$3.74 million; \$2.25 million in federal funding; proposed construction in SFY 2027)

 Windsor Road Path (Windsor Ridge Lane to North Towne Road) Construct a new multi-use path on the south side of the roadway. (Total cost: \$620,000; \$490,000 in federal funding; proposed construction in

• John Nolen Drive (Olin Avenue construction)

# **About the Greater Madison MPO**

The Greater Madison MPO leads the collaborative planning and funding of a sustainable, equitable transportation system for the Greater Madison region. The MPO is responsible for comprehensive planning and decision making to build agreements on transportation investments that balance roadway, public transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation needs to achieve an exceptional quality of life for all within the region.

For more information, visit greatermadisonmpo.org.

to Lakeside Street) – Reconstruct John Nolen Drive, potentially with a multi-use path on the west, with intersection, storm sewer, and lighting improvements.(Total cost: \$6.57 million; \$3.95 million in federal funding; proposed construction in SFY 2026)

 CTH MM/Rimrock Road (John Nolen Drive to Beltline Highway) -Replace the pavement, and expand the sidewalk on the west side of the street to a multi-use path. (Total cost: \$1.36 million; \$816,000 in federal funding; proposed for SFY 2026 construction)

CTH MM/Rimrock Road (McCov Road to Beltline Highway) - Reconstruct the street, narrow travel lanes, and add bike lanes. (Total cost: \$2.16 million; \$1.30 million in federal funding; proposed for SFY 2026 construction)

 O'Keefe Avenue (Reiner Road to Summerfield Way) - Pavement replacement with conversion of one general-purpose lane to a bus/bike/ right turn lane. (Total cost: \$2.20 million; \$1.33 million in federal funding; proposed for SFY 2028

• St. Albert the Great Drive (Broadway Drive to North Bird Street) - Replace pavement and add bike lanes, with Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons at School Street and North Pine Street near CH Bird Elementary School. (Total cost: \$1.21 million; \$729,000 in federal funding; proposed for SFY 2029 construction)

The MPO also uses STBG-Urban funding to support its regional travel demand management (TDM) program, RoundTrip, and the City of Madison's pedestrian and bicycle safety education program.

The Greater Madison MPO anticipates receiving over \$9 million per year in funding under the STBG Urban program in the coming years. The MPO selects projects for funding based on their consistency with the goals and policies in the longrange regional transportation plan (RTP). The most recently adopted RTP is Connect Greater Madison: 2050 RTP.

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#### **Oregon churches**

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St. John's Lutheran 625 E Netherwood St. stjohnsoregonwi.org

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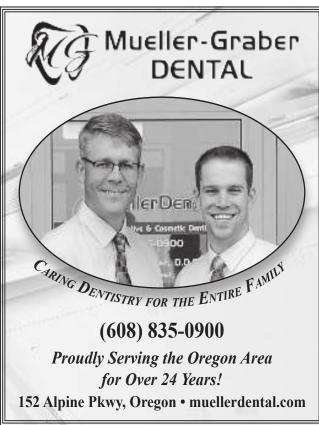






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#### **Obituaries**

Joan G. Schmidt

July 23, 1933 -Aug. 6, 2023

0REGON - Joan G Schmidt, age 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 . She was born the daughter of Bertha and Charles DeClue in Sullivan, Mo., on July 23, 1933. Joan graduated from high school in Fox Lake, Wis. She eloped on a bicycle and married Richard Schmidt in 1951. They built a family of five children and spent 57 years together.

They raised their children in the Waupun and Oakfield areas until 1971. During this time Joan was actively involved as a horse 4H leader and allowed kids to use her horses for the 4H program as well as trail riding. Joan and Richard purchased a farm in Brooklyn in 1971. It was at this time that Joan became a dairy farmer and an artificial inseminator for ABS. As a woman this was pretty much unheard of at the time. There was



always an abundance of animals on the farm, horses, cows, sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, pigs, dogs, cats, ferrets, birds and more. There were also plenty of friends and family drinking coffee around the dining room table. The coffee pot was always on. Joan was passionate about breeding Arab pinto horses, under the farm name of Arapto Acres. Our mom loved being outdoors, making hay and planting flowers. In her later years she could be found on her swing enjoying the breeze and overlooking the land that she loved and her beautiful horses.

Joan is survived by her children, Mark

(Ann) Schmidt, Dawn (Greg) Holt, Jon (Jennie) Schmidt, Robin Jaime and Melody (Bob) Doyle; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Schmidt; grandsons, Jesse Jaime and Ryan Doyle; son-in-law, RJ Jaime; and brother, James Declue.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at Pheasant Valley Barn, W1401 King Road, Brooklyn, Wis., from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023. In lieu of flowers and memorial contributions, please share stories/memories in Joan's honor with the family.

The family would like to thank Oregon Healthcare and Rehabilitation for the compassionate care and the new friends our mother made. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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#### James Claude "Jim" Nettesheim

June 15, 1945 -Aug. 7, 2023

OREGON - James Claude "Jim" Nettesheim, age 78, of Oregon, passed away on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born on June 15, 1945, in Brookfield, the son of Omer and Florence (Heger) Nettesheim.

Jim graduated from Brookfield Central High School and attended UW-Platteville. He married Marlys (Christensen) Nettesheim on Oct. 26, 1968, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oregon. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1970. He worked as a repairman/ installer for AT&T, retiring in 2001. Jim was a member of Jaycees, Telephone Pioneers, Oregon-Brooklyn VFW Post No. 10272, and St. John's Lutheran Church. He volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, and Badger Honor Flight.

Jim had many hobbies, including swimming, (Ila); sister-in-law, Mary; www.gundersonfh.com. biking, ping pong, board two brothers-in-law, Roggames, cribbage, wood- er (Barbara) Christensen working, kayaking, camp-ing, traveling, "hunting," and Arlen (Gloria) Chris-tensen; special friends, and helping friends and Tom and Mary Ann Reid;



Guatemala on three mission trips. Jim was very handy and enjoyed designing and building things. He loved watching his family solve puzzles he made. In 2019, Jim was recognized for his Air Force service and was thrilled to be an honored guest on the Badger Honor Flight.

Jim is survived by his beloved family including his wife, Marlys; daughter, Sara (Jameey) Gragg; son, Matthew (Bridget) Nettesheim; grandchildren, Gabrielle Gragg, Lauren Gragg, Kitt Nettesheim and Colin Nettesheim; three sisters, Fran (Bob), Kathy Honor Flight, or Habitat (Steve) and Claudia for Humanity. Online con-(Duane); brother, Kilian dolences may be made at family. He traveled to and many nieces, nephews



ents, Omer and Florence Nettesheim; in-laws, Roy and Clarice Christensen; brother, Eddie; and two sisters, Eileen (Jack) and Clarice (Bob). A celebration of life

will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 E. Netherwood St., Oregon, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, with Pastor Ellen Stelzle presiding. Visitation will be held at Gunderson Oregon Funeral and Cremation Care, 1150 Park St., Oregon, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, and at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Oregon, Badger

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concerns.

Complete Jaycee Park Phase II.
Evaluate zoning text amendments.
Revise Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) measures as it relates to sustainability. Meaning evaluating opportunities to provide more TIF if the project has more sustainable components.
Use of solar on Village buildings and continue to convert to more efficient light emitting diode (LED) lighting.
Evaluating measures to reduce the use of roadway salt during winter.
Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
Bike Pedestrian Study.
Sidewalk maintenance repair policy.
Extend the Ad Hoc Public Transportation Committee's period so they are able to obtain a grant to further their efforts.

efforts.
4) Adjournment.
Mahnke moved, seconded by Peterson to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:42 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
Submitted by,
Candie M. Jones
Village Clerk

Village of Oregon Ordinance Adoption Notice

A summary of ordinances adopted by the Village of Oregon Board at its meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023 is provided below. All ordinances are effective after Village Board adoption unless otherwise noted.

Ordinance No. 23-07 – An ordinance creating Section 7.02(4)(a)(26) of the Village Code of Ordinances establishing prohibited parking on both sides of Oak Street to 140 feet south of its intersection with Brook Street to 140 feet south of its intersection with Nygaard Street.

Ordinance No. 23-08 – An ordinance amending Section 1.15 of the Village Code of Ordinances extending the duration of the Ad Hoc Public Transportation Committee.

Ordinance No. 23-09 – An ordinance repealing and replacing Section 1.14 of the Village Code of Ordinances relating to the establishment of a Sustainability Committee. This was previously an ad hoc committee and is now a permanent committee.

Copies of all Ordinances are on

hoc committee and is now a permanent committee.
Copies of all Ordinances are on file at the office of the Village Clerk, 101 Alpine Parkway (new address as of 05-15-2023), Oregon, WI 53575, for public view. Office hours of the Village Clerk are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. 7:30 a.m. – noon on Fridays. Further questions please call 608.835.3118. The current Village of Oregon Municipal Code can be found at www.vil.oregon.wi.us and clicking on the Village Ordinances button.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Oregon Town Hall 1138 Union Road Oregon, WI 53575 Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Oregon, Whissor's
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:30 p.m.
The Oregon Town Board will hold a
public hearing on amendments to the
Town of Oregon Comprehensive Plan.
The hearing will be held at the Town
Hall, 1138 Union Road in Oregon or
interested parties can also attend via
Zoom by phone or computer at: Join
Zoom Meeting
https://lus02web.zoom.us/
j/9443402126?pwd=cDBNZ1RVc3hQc3FFY|0a1pPTkhmUT09
Meeting ID: 944 340 2126 and Passcode: 1138. Dial by your location 1 312
626 6799 US (Chicago).
The Town of Oregon Comprehensive Plan guides the future growth and
development in the Town of Oregon.
The comprehensive plan contains the
nine required elements required by Wisconsin State Statue 66:1001 including:
• Issues & Opportunities Element

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Issues & Opportunities Element
 Housing Element
 Transportation Element
 Utilities & Community Facilities Ele-

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural esources Element
 Economic Development Element
 Intergovernmental Cooperation Ele-

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#### Legals

NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN, WISCON-

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Notice is Hereby Given that the Village of Brooklyn will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held via Zoom, using the following information: https://usb6web.zoom.us/

The meeting is being held to consider approval of the resolution adopted by the Brooklyn Village Board amending Tax Incremental District No. 2. The meeting is open to the public.

By Order of the Village of Brooklyn,

Published August 10, 2023 WNAXLP

OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION "...helping students acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to achieve their individual poten-

From Oregon School District Mis-

From Oregon School District Mission Statement
DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023
TIME: 5:15 PM
PLACE: OSD Innovation Center,
OHS, 456 N Perry Parkway
Order of Business
Call to Order
Roll Call
Proof of Notice of Meeting and
Approval of Agenda
AGENDA
A. BOARD WORK SESSION
5:15 PM 1. Discussion Regarding
2023-25 State Budget and Potential
Impact on District
B. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:10 PM Consideration of Adjourn-

6:10 PM Consideration of Adjourn-ing to Closed Session on Item B.1 1. Consideration of Performance

 Consideration of Performance Evaluation regarding District Administrator pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c)
 C. CONSENT CALENDAR 6:30 PM NOTE: Items under the Consent Calendar are considered rouseless. tine and will be enacted under one

There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board

Member requests an item be removed from the calendar for separate

tion.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Approval of Payments
3. Treasurer's Report, if any
4. Staff Resignations/Retirements, if

5. Staff Assignments, if any
6. Field Trip Requests, if any
7. Acceptance of Donations, if any:
D. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Public Comment\* 1. Public Comment\* 2. OEA Report

3. Student Report E. ACTION ITEMS Approval of the Tentative Agreement with the Oregon Education Association for the 2023-2024 Collective Bar-

ciation for the 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement
2. Approval of Educator Compensation Schedule 2023-24
2. Approval of Compensation for Non-OEA staff 2023-24
3. Approval of Employee Handbook 2023-24
F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS 1. Committee Reports

Policy Vision Steering INFORMATION ITEMS

Nisioning and Strategic Planning
 Teaching and Learning Update
 Superintendent's Report
 H CLOSING

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Public Comment
District Policy 180.05 provides an opportunity for the public to address the Board. We value the public comment period and feedback from our stakeholders. To comply with the Open Meetings Law and to ensure consistency, public comment will have the following parameters:

parameters:

Speakers will have three minutes in which to make their comments. Ms. Katie Heitz will signal the speaker when their time is un their time is up.

The Board will not comment after

each speaker and will reserve discussion to any items on the agenda. Speakers are welcome to stay for the meeting.

• Next steps following public comment may include: referral to the appropriate administrator for follow-up with

the speaker or placement of the matter on a future Board agenda. WNAXLP

MEETING MINUTES

1) Call to Order.
Village President Phil Van Kamp-en called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023

2) Roll Call. Present rlene Bechen, Dere Below, Tom Kirchdoerfer, Jason Mahn-

Below, Iom Kircndoerrer, Jason Mann-ke, Lynn McDaniel, Amanda Peterson, and Phil Van Kampen. Also Present: Village Administrator Martin Shanks, Finance Director Lisa Novinska, Public Works Director Jeff Rau, Public Works Assistant Director Lauren Striegl, Director of Community Development Elise Cruz, Park & Recreation Programming Coordinator Liane Rhodes, Chief of Police Jennifer Pagenkopf, Library Director Jennifer Endres Way, Senior Center Director Rachel Brickner, Village Clerk Candie Jones, and approximately 30 members of the

public.
3) Approval of July 10, 2023 Village Board meeting minutes if correct, and correction of mistakes, if any (staff recommendation: motion to approve as

Mahnke moved, seconded by Below

to approve the 07-10-2023 Village Board meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

4) Public Appearances, Comments, and Communications.
a) Public Comment. This part of the agenda allows members of the public to provide information to the Village Board, including items both on and off the agenda. Under the Open Meetings Law, this agenda item allows the Board to receive information, and to ask questions of a presenter to facilitate a better understanding of the information. Board members may discuss procedural matters relating to the information, such as whether the information should be directed to staff, referred to a committee, or placed on a future Board agenda. However, Board members may not expand their discussion beyond such procedural matters. Fifteen (15) minutes will be provided for this item with a three (3) minute maximum per speaker; otherwise, the agenda will proceed as posted. (This note may not be read at Board meetings.)

Troy Thiel, 613 Piper Drive, Madison,

posted. (This note may not be read at Board meetings.)

Troy Thiel, 613 Piper Drive, Madison, WI, appeared for this item. He spoke in favor of Green Pastures Living proposal for the 249 / 267 N. Main Street site.

Robert Block, 686 Heidi Way, appeared for this item. He spoke about the Red Brick Reunion organized by Phil Peterson. The event will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sara Dewey, 266 N Main Street, appeared for this item. She provided and reviewed an article from the Fitchburg Star titled "They Speak for the Trees." The article has been included in the packet of information. She encouraged the members to read the article, consider the information, and consider a similar ordinance for the Village of Orecon.

a similar ordinance for the Village of Oregon.

Pat Stratton, 129 Cell Court, appeared for this item. She spoke in support of Green Pastures Living. She indicated there is a long wait list of (77 actively / 129 overall) seniors to get into Rolling Meadows and believes this shows the need for affordable senior baseing.

5) Approval of vouchers in the amount of \$446,827.90 (staff recommendation: motion to approve as present-

amount of \$446,827.90 (staff recommendation: motion to approve as presented).

Bechen moved, seconded by McDanlel to approve the vouchers dated 07-24-2023 in the amount of \$1,539,050.79.

Roll call vote: Bechen – yes; Peterson – yes; Van Kampen – yes; Mahnke – yes; Kirchdoerfer – yes; Below – yes; McDaniel – yes. Motion carried 7-0.

6) Consent Agenda (staff recommendation: motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented).

a) Second amended and restated agreement for subdivision improvements (Greenview Preserve Phase 1).

b) First amendment to Restrictive Covenants relating to lots in future phases (Greenview Preserve).

c) Outdoor Assembly Application, including temporary alcohol license premise expansion for "Summer Send-Off Carnival" at 101 Concord Drive on August 5th, 2023 submitted by Headquarters.

d) Task Order No. 2023-05 to Agreement for Professional Services with

quarters. d) Task Order No. 2023-05 to Agreement for Professional Services with Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. for engineering services associated with the rehabilitation and upgrade of Well #3 at a cost not exceed \$119,540.

ceed \$119,540.

Mahnke moved, seconded by Petern to approve consent agenda items 6 – 6 (d). Motion carried 7-0.

7) Reports of Committees (items are discussion and / or possible action).

a) Ad Hoc Public Transportation immittee.

for discussion and / or possible action).

a) Ad Hoc Public Transportation Committee.

1. Presentation from Ben Lyman, Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), regarding Public Transportation Survey Results and review future of ad hoc committee.

Ben Lyman, Greater Madison MPO, was in attendance for this item. He reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was included as part of the packet of information. The presentation reviewed the survey the Ad Hoc Public Transportation conducted. He indicated that after reviewing the survey results, he believes a more formal study is warranted. He noted there appears to be sufficient interest among residents to use public transportation. He noted the Village should consider hiring a consultant that specializes in transportation studies and further noted there are grant funds available to help with costs associated with the study.

Mahnke moved, seconded by Bechent o authorize Village Staff to draft an amendment to the ordinance related to the Ad Hoc Public Transportation Committee to extend their committee for an additional year. Motion carried 7-0.

b) Plan Commission.

1. Conditional Use Permit and Agreement for In-Vehicle Sales and Service in the Planned Business Zoning District at 916 Janesville Street (Kwik Trip Car Wash) (Commission and staff recommendation: motion to approve as presented).

Below moved, seconded by Peterson taggets.

Below moved, seconded by Peterson to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Agreement for In-Vehicle Sales and Service in the Planned Business Zoning District at 916 Janesville Street (Kwik Trip Car Wash). Motion carried 7-0. 2. Conditional Use Permit and Agree-

ment for Outdoor Amplified Music as ment for Outdoor Amplined Music as part of Outdoor Commercial Entertain-ment in the Central Business Zoning District at 214 Spring Street (Oregon Bowl, LLC) (Commission and staff rec-ommendation: motion to approve as

presented).
Peterson moved, seconded by Kirchdoerfer to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Agreement for Outdoor Amplified Music as part of Outdoor Commercial Entertainment in the Central Business Zoning District at 214 Spring Street (Oregon Bowl, LLC). Motion carried 7-0. 8) Unfinished Business (items are for

discussion and / or possible action).
a) 249 N. Main Street Future Re-Use

7 Project.

1. Presentation of proposals. (Each proposal will have up to a 5-minute presentation with up to 10 minutes for Villians and answers from

A memo dated 07-18-2023 from Director of Community Development & Zoning Administrator Elise Cruz is provided in the packet of information. The memo outlines the request for proposal process. Each of the five (5) proposals are included in the packet of information.

tion.
Friends of the Oregon Sculpture Gar-

tion.
Friends of the Oregon Sculpture Garden Inc. (FOSG)
Presenter(s): Jill Ellis
Also in attendance: Rae Vogeler,
Susan Shedivy, Ann Kleckner, Sally
Marchel Handrich, & Sara Dewey.
Executive Summary from proposal
(full proposal in packet of information):
"The Friends of Oregon Sculpture
Garden, Inc. (FOSG) proposes to create
a one-of-a-kind nature park on the full
249/267 North Main Street site in down-town Oregon, adding native plants,
paths, public art, a shelter, a central plaza area for outdoor events, a children's
play area, bioretention basins with rain
garden plants, community garden plots
and a small parking lot. This proposal
would fully meet the village's goal of
providing a park for passive recreation.
We propose to contribute privately-raised donations and grant money
to the village in order for the village to
maintain ownership of the 249/267 N.
Main Street site and to designate it as
a village-owned park. We are also open
to other funding mechanisms, such as
paying directly to the village's General
Fund.

If the village allocates additional
money for creation of this park from its

paying directly to the village's General Fund.

If the village allocates additional money for creation of this park from its Park Land Fund, FOSG suggests that the resulting amount would achieve the village's goal of obtaining a fair market price for the property. FOSG's contributions will be made in cash, and will not require financing. FOSG also offers to provide many hours of dedicated volunteer work and inkind donations in order to make this vision a reality. We already have committees, volunteers, and skilled personnel in place to provide time, materials, and expertise at free or reduced costs. As an alternate option, FOSG proposes to create a 1.9-acre park on a portion of the site in conjunction with the construction of a housing development, provided that in conjunction with the construction of a housing development, provided that the park is situated on the hilltop area that contains mature trees and that it fronts on Main Street. FOSG also offers to provide funding, volunteer work, and in-kind donations of materials for this option, as described above. The financial details of this option could be developed once ownership is determined. Please see Section 5 – Financial Viability for details on FOSG's financial offer." Green Pastures Living Presenter(s): Anne Michels & Scott Michels

Presenter(s): Anne Michels & Scott Michels
Executive Summary from proposal (full proposal in packet of information):
"The people of Oregon have been searching for the best use of this North Main property. Now we have the opportunity to find the best solution to meet our community's needs as well as address the challenges of the site. Green Pastures Living (GPL) has taken into consideration all of these factors along with our ever-growing (daily 10,000 people turn 65") senior population's needs to propose that we collaboratively install safe, senior affordable housing among an inviting green space for everyone to enjoy. Here is how we plan to meet the goals: "SOURCE: UN POPULATION DIVISION
Village Goals for the Project:
Dedicate a portion of the site as a public park for passive recreation.
Preserve the healthy, mature trees allow public access
Village's stormwater requirements
Affordable senior housing & density

sity

• Village recoup & retain property investment Green Pastures Living Proposed

investment
Green Pastures Living Proposed
Plan:

• Because we highly value green
space, our site intentionally includes
open grass areas & walking/ biking
paths for our residents & community
members to enjoy various passive uses,
plus flexible space to have open air
events like farmers markets.

• From the walking paths & parking,
the public will continue to have access
to the legacy trees. "People's Park" as
we would like to name it, would continue the long history of this property
serving our community & gathering
together.

• Conscientious planning throughout
the development with public works and
engineers ensures stormwater runoff
will be addressed. Scattered small-scale
housing density lessens run-off compared to larger buildings.

• Retaining Oregon seniors by propared to larger buildings.

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• Retaining Oregon seniors are
currently available in town or nearby.

• Adding Housing on this Village
property increases the tax base by over
\$4 million and compensates the village
for the vacant land.

Benefits of this project to neighbor-

for the vacant land.

Benefits of this project to neighborhood & Oregon community:
1. Proposed housing fits the scale of

its surroundings.

2. Preserves old oak trees on the

property & gives public access.
3. Provides affordable housing option to Oregon senior residents.
4. Increases tax base for village.
5. Honors park survey results from

6. Connects downtown to neighbor-

hood with trails. Lakestone Development

Presenter(s): Brett Riemen Also Present: Brian Spanos (in audi-

Executive Summary from proposal (full proposal in packet of information): "Our Vision for the site is low densi-"Our Vision for the site is low density rental housing for residents that are fifty-five in age and older. The development would include seven ranch duplexes and a public park space. We would also look to preserve as many of the mature trees as possible. Based on our experience with property rentals in the surrounding markets, the need for living options for active seniors has been increasing at a rapid pace. Seniors prefer ranch duplexes because the livprefer ranch duplexes because the liv-ing space is contained to one floor (no stairs) and feel more like a home than a

typical apartment.

The low-density layout provides for a quiet, private, and peaceful living environment and will allow us to take advantage of the natural surroundings.

The proposed use for the public park land is still unclear however we'd like to incorporate a use that would benefit both the surrounding residents and the homes in the new development. We are open to suggestions and feedback related to this space."

Northpointe Development Presenter(s): Sean O'Brien Executive Summary from proposal (full proposal in packet of information):

"A New Mixed-Income Neighborhood...for the next 100 years

Four Multifamily Workforce Housing Buildings

 \* Four mutations, ing Buildings
 \* Moderate density housing within walking distance of Schools and Downtown designed to fit into the existing pelabborhood. neighborhood.
• 24 two-story townhome units with

rents capped between 30-80 CMI.

• Preservation of Mature Trees near the Southwest corner of the site

• Park dedication

• Park dedication
• Large stormwater pond to cover existing and future needs."

Snyder & Associates
Presenter(s): Andy Meessmann
Executive Summary from proposal (full proposal in packet of information):

"Snyder and Associates, Inc. are pleased to submit our proposal for the 249/267 N. Main Street Site Reuse Project. The qualifications and experience of the team we have assembled are perfectly suited to meet the needs of the project on N. Main Street. We are excited to engage the project partners and stakeholders and collaborate with them on the opportunities this project provides and the vision we will help nurture and develop into a design with new amenities for the community. As part of your team's review of this proposal, we would like to point out a few key reasons to select the Snyder team to partner with on this project:

• We're park designers and believe than othing demands more attention, craftsmanship, and collaboration than public spaces. They're a venue for recreation, celebration, and a place to unite with community and family. More importantly, public spaces provide a healthy, active environment that all citizens can take part in. It's with this mindset, that carries our enthusiasm for park design through every park project we work on.

• We bring recent, relevant project experience with a several development world. When this project is ready and a path has been defined, we can organize a team to support a development approach if desired.

• We've worked on a variety of projects where we've been able to work with awide spectrum of stakeholders and partners. These experiences have allowed us to balance a variety of ideas, budgets, and goals to create master plans and built work that produce immediate results and allow future growth and development."

2. Village Board discussion and possible action.

The members expressed their appreciation for all proposals received. They praised everyone for their efforts, flexibility, and willingness to collaborate and remain hopeful they will continue to look f

mendatión: motion to approve as presented).

Peterson moved, seconded by Below to approve the 2023 Update to West Side Developable Land Analysis and Cost for Roadway Improvements. Motion carried 7-0.

b) Review establishing permanent sustainability committee.

Below moved, seconded by Bechen to authorize Village Staff to draft an ordinance establishing a permanent Sustainability Committee and their primary work will be to focus on the adopted Sustainability Plan, prioritize the goals in the plan, and provide suggestions &/or feedback on Village policies and procedures as it relates to the plan. Motion carried 7-0.

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c) Future Agenda Items - This item gives the Board members the opportunity to place items and new business on a future agenda for discussion. The Board may, if desired, conduct a vote of proposed items to determine whether a majority of members agrees the item should be placed on a future agenda.

Peterson suggested sending the information received about the tree pro-tection ordinance to the Sustainability

Committee for evaluation.

10) Reports of Village Officers.
a) Village Administrator Report (see report in packet).
b) Chief of Police Report (see reports

in packet)
1. 2022 Police Department Annual

1. 2022 Police Department
Report.
2. May 2023 Monthly Report.
3. Press Release announcing the passing of retired K9 Vende.
4. Press Release recognizing the presentation of the Dane County Chiefs of Police Association Meritorious Service Award to Officer Nydia Navarro.
Pagenkopf referenced and reviewed the items listed above.
c) Director of Finance Report.
Building permits, impact fees, and

connection fees collections ending

connection fees collections ending
June 2023 (see report in packet).

d) Assistant Director of Public Works
Report. Update on water rate case (see
report in packet).

e) Village Department Head, Staff, or
Consultant Comments.
There were no comments.
f) Village Board Comments.
Bechen noted the mowing plan
related to the High Meadows Dry Basin
Large will appear on the Monday, October 23, 2023 Public Works meeting.
11) Announcements and Miscellaneous Business.
a) Upcoming meetings and events
(see report in packet).
12) Closed Session Business (discussion and / or possible action).
Under Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of
public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified
public business, whenever competitive
or bargaining reasons require a closed
session. Attendance is limited to the
Village Board and, at its discretion, any
necessary staff, other officers, and other persons whose presence is necessary for the business at hand.
a) Senior Center service agreement
negotiations with participating and
non-participating communities.
Peterson moved, seconded by Below
to meet in closed session pursuant
to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(e) at 8:11 p.m.
to discuss the Senior Center service
agreement negotiations with participating and non-participating communities.
Roll call vote: McDaniel – yes; Kirch
doerfer – yes; Bechen – yes; Below –
yes; Peterson – yes; Van Kampen – yes;
Mahnke – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
13) Adjournment
Bechen moved, seconded by Peterson to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:34 p.m. from closed session on
Monday, July 24, 2023. Motion carried
7-0.
Submitted by,
Candie M. Jones

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Village Clerk
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MEETING MINUTES
1) Call to Order.
Village President Phil Van Kampen called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.
2) Roll Call.
Present: Carlene Bechen, Derek Below, Tom Kirchdoerfer (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), Jason Mahnke, Lynn McDaniel, Amanda Peterson, and Phil Van Kampen.

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Also Present: Village Administrator Martin Shanks, Finance Director Lisa Novinska, Public Works Director Jeff Rau, Director of Community Development Elise Cruz, Chief of Police Jennifer Pagenkoff, Library Director Jennifer Pagenkoff, Library Director Jennifer Endres Way (arrived at 6:57 p.m.), Senior Center Director Rachel Brickner, Village Clerk Candie Jones, and one member of the public.

3) Business (Items are for discussion and / or potential action).

a) Village Board strategic planning. Van Kampen referenced and reviewed the current Strategic Plan the Village Board approved in 2021.

Shanks provided a PowerPoint presentation that has been made part of the packet of information. He reviewed several items that have been completed from the current plan and provided examples to think about and possibly put into the new plan.

Each member provided goals they agreed should be included in the new plan. A number of the items are summarized below but are not in a particular order. Shanks indicated that he would prepare a draft plan from the list and discussion. The plan will be subject to further discussion and modification over the next few meetings.

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• Work with a commercial real estate developer broker / consultant related to the southeast expansion area (east of Hwy 14) in order to expand commercial / residential opportunities.

• Continue to update the Village Code of Ordinances.

Continue to update the Village Code of Ordinances.
 Update the Village's website with the ability to take credit card payments.
 Revise Downtown Master Plan. Continuing work with senior center

planning.
• Implement affordable senior hous-

Implement affordable senior housing projects.
Focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives throughout the community and overall business in the Village.
Implement two-officer minimum in the Oregon Police Department.
Modernizing processes and applications especially as it relates to a potential developer. Allowing the Planning Commission more authority to approve more simplistic projects like extra-territorial certified survey maps or conditional use permits.

conditional use permits.

• Evaluate additional space for the fire station in the planning of downtown.

• Implementing the simpler initiative and goals in the Sustainability Plan. The permanent Sustainability Committee can help to prioritize the goals in the plan.

plan.

• Focus on higher density developments (mixed-use) allowing for more flexibility.

• Work with the Oregon School District related to school safety and traffic

Intergovernmental Cooperation Element
 Land Use Element
 It and Use Element
 Implementation Element
 For additional information, please e-mail oregontownplan@countyofdane.com or call 608-267-4115.
 The plan is available for review at the following online links:
 Planned Land Use Map and summary: https://tinyurl.com/townoforegon
 Full Plan Text: https://danecountyplanning.com/Town-of-Oregon-Plan-Update
 Posted: August 9, 2023
 Published: August 17 & 24, 2023
 Note: Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Town Board of Supervisors and the Town Plan Commission may be present at this meeting to gather information about a subject matter over which they may have decision making responsibilities. Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting or hearing should be made to the Clerk's office at (608) 835-3200 with a 48-hour notice.

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#### **Community Calendar: August 17-25**

Time, date, location subject to change.

Check oregonobserver.com for updates.

#### Thursday, Aug. 17

#### **Foot Reflexology**

By appointment at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Traci Hertzler from Inner Light & Balance offers this service once each month. The cost is \$60 for an hour or \$30 for half an hour. To schedule an appointment, call Hertzler at 608-225-1456 or email Traci.InnerLight@

#### Crafty Stampers

9 a.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park Union Rd., Oregon. St., Oregon.

month. Bring your own supplies.

#### Monthly Card Party

12:30 p.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for a Thursday afternoon Euchre party. The cost is only \$3. Treats are compliments of the Lake Ridge Bank – Oregon.

#### **LEGO Creations Expo**

2-5 p.m. at the Village Hall, 101 Alpine Pkwy., Ore-

Everyone is welcome to see the creations at Village Hall. Participants can bring their spectacular LEGO creations from home and have a chance to win prizes. All participants will receive a bag of LEGO brick candy. For more information and to register for the competition, visit oregonpubliclibrary.org/lego-creations-expo.

#### Live Music — Two Sick Charlie

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for jump blues and swing music. No carry-ins

#### Backpack Giveaway

5:30-7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 143 Wash- Footcare ington St., Oregon.

Join Faith Lutheran Church for a Back to School Blessing Pack! Free backpacks, school supplies, dinner and a blessing for the new school year. Every student in attendance with a parent will receive a backpack filled with supplies from the Oregon School District supply lists. For more information and to RSVP, visit faithlutheranoregon. com/backpacks/.

#### Friday, Aug. 18

#### Movie – "Mack & Rita"

1 p.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

A 30-year-old writer and influencer, Mack, spends a weekend in Palm Springs and wakes up to find she has transformed into her 70-year-old self. Mack has to learn how to love her new body and life for however long it will last, which she is able to do with the help of her best friend's mother, Sharon, and her similarly aged friends. Rated PG-13, runs for one hour and 38 minutes. Refreshments provided by Sienna Crest.

#### Live Music — Fringe Field

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for '90s grunge and alternative music. No carry-ins allowed.

#### Live Music —Down From The Hills

Parlor, 135 S. Main St., Oregon.

## Saturday, Aug. 19

#### **Live Music – The Travis Agnew Band**

1-4 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for alternative folk and rock music. No carry-ins allowed.

#### **Live Music — Cool Front**

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for R&B, blues, rock and classic rock. No carry-ins allowed.

## Sunday, Aug. 20

#### **Live Music – Gerry Burns with Tom Dehlinger** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd.,

Join for folk and bluegrass music. No carry-ins allowed.

#### **Live Music — Tent Show Trubaros**

2-5 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for alternative rock and country. No carry-ins allowed

### Monday, Aug. 21

#### Pajama Storytime

6-6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Public Library, 256 Brook St., Oregon.

Enjoy stories, songs and wiggles at the library. Geared to ages 2-5, no registration required. Younger and older children are welcome.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 22

#### Lil' Explorers Storytime at Anderson County Farm Park

9-10 a.m. at Anderson Farm County Park, 914

The Oregon library is partnering with the Lussier Fam-Crafty Stampers meets on the third Thursday of the ily Heritage Center to host a Lil' Explorers Storytime at Anderson Park.

> For ages 0-5, no registration required. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on.

#### Diabetic Support Group

12:30 p.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Facilitated by Susie Lamb.

#### Oregon Farmers Market

2-6 p.m. at Dorn True Value Hardware, 131 W. Richards Rd., Oregon.

Stop by the farmers market for locally grown produce and goods.

#### Sounds of Summer Concert Series

5:30-8 p.m. at Waterman Triangle Park, 101 Janesville St., Oregon.

Bring the whole family for an evening of music, dining and fun. Universal Sound will perform from 7-8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 23

By appointment at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

CNA Kelly Moreland is the new footcare provider at the senior center. It costs \$25 cash per appointment, no checks or credit cards accepted. To make an appointment, call Moreland at 608-669-8215.

#### Stamp Camp — Cards with Terry

9 a.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Create six handmade greeting cards. Bring your own adhesive and learn a new skill each month. Cost is \$15 per person. To register, call Terry at 608-712-0572 by the Wednesday before.

#### Zoo-illogical Bingo!

1 p.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Rachel and Anne are at it again! Join for crazy bingo featuring your favorite zoo animals in an experience you dare not miss

Have fun, learn something new and maybe even win some Chamber Bucks to spend in local businesses. Call 608-835-5801 to register.

#### Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

1-2 p.m. at Stoughton Health Community Health & Wellness Center, 3162 County Rd. B, Stoughton.

In the U.S. alone, more than six million individuals are living with Alzheimer's.

Join for a free event to learn about the impact of Alz-5 p.m. at Ziggy's BBQ Smokehouse & Ice Cream heimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's, disstages and risk factors, current research and treatments available to address some symptoms, along with Alzheimer's Association resources.

> Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Call 800-272-3900 to register.

#### Knit/Crochet Group

1 p.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

The Knit/Crochet Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

#### **Live Music – King Sies Fries**

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for country and rock music. No carry-ins allowed.

## Thursday, Aug. 24

#### **Veterans Group**

9 a.m. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Facilitated by Jonathan Howell of the Madison Vet Center.

#### **Live Music – Sundance**

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for rock, folk and oldies music. No carry-ins

### Friday, Aug. 25

#### **Live Music – The Grouvin Brothers**

5-8 p.m. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville. Join for honky tonk, blues and Americana music. No carry-ins allowed.

#### Howie Lettow Classic 100

6 p.m. at Madison International Speedway, Inc., 1122 Sunrise Rd., Oregon.

For more information and to purchase pit passes, visit pitpay.com/event/2478.

#### **Live Music – Shotgun Jane**

7-10:30 p.m. at Ziggy's BBQ Smokehouse & Ice Cream Parlor, 135 S. Main St., Oregon.

Join for live music with Shotgun Jane.

### Recurring Events

#### School Supply Drive

Through Aug. 18 at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

The senior center partners with the Youth Center to make sure the children who need school supplies the most get them. Most wanted items include pocket folders, washable markers, scissors, highlighters, glue sticks, scotch tape, colored pencils, #2 pencils, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, 3 x 5 index cards, fine-tipped dry-erase markers and binders (one-half or one inch).

#### Gift Shop Special — "Bits & Bobs" Craft Supply Sale

While supplies last throughout Aug. at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

The senior center's cupboards have been bursting thanks to so many donations. To make room, a variety of miscellaneous craft supplies will be available at great prices.

#### Community Fitness: Outdoor Pickleball

5:30 p.m. to dusk on Tuesdays and Thursdays through late fall at the Jaycee Park Courts, Oregon.

Play is free. Paddles and balls are available for use. For more information, email alm@oregonsd.net.

#### C.L.U.B. Adult Day Program

9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for a supportive, caring and safe atmosphere away from home. There is a fee of \$35 per day. For more information, call 608-835-5801.

1:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for games at the senior center.

#### Pool Players

9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for games at the senior center.

#### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon. Join for games at the senior center.

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1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for games at the senior center.

#### Grief Support Group

9:30-11 a.m. on Thursdays through Aug. 24 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 E. Netherwood St., Ore-

For more information and to sign up, visit griefshare. org and use the "find a group near you" tool or call St. John's Lutheran Church at 608-291-4311.

#### Mahjongg

12 p.m. on Thursdays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Join for games at the senior center.

#### Gazebo Musikk Series in Stoughton

6-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays until Sept. 7 at the Gazebo on Main Street, 410 E. Main St., Stoughton.

Each week features a different artist, ranging from rock and roll to honky tonk and jazz.

#### Free Blood Pressure Screening

9:30-10:30 a.m. on Fridays at the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Stop by the senior center for a free blood pressure screening.

#### Farmers Market at The Mill Paoli

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. at The Mill Paoli, 6890 Paoli Rd., Belleville.

Enjoy fresh produce, goods from local vendors, delicious food and unique finds.

To submit events, contact reporter Maddie Bergstrom at mbergstrom@wisconsinmediagroup.com