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Austin Phillips, through his interests in helping veterans make the successful transition to civilian life, formed Ardent Lives Inc.

## Experiences in school, military shape veteran

By Dan Roherty  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Austin Phillips' education goals and business ventures have been shaped by a military career that led him to a fulfilling family and work life while he continues to share the challenging transition he and most other veterans face.

As owner of Ardent Fitness and Education in downtown Oshkosh, Phillips serves

the needs of customers looking for physical health and strength. But he's equally exploring some of the mental tools veterans are looking for when they separate from their military family and left to chart their own course back home.

Suicide, substance use and a combination of both emerged among his returning

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## Council takes look at budget enhancements

### Departments advocate for staffing additions

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Ahead of the Oshkosh Common Council's final approval of the 2023 city operating budget, staff approached the group with a more detailed list of the 19 enhancements at a workshop last week.

The result of the council's decision to add some of these enhancements would raise the tax levy from 4.19% to 4.52%. Council member Bill Miller said he may request at a future meeting that some of the city's fund balance be used and to keep the levy at 4.19%.

Council members reviewed a majority of the budget enhancements, many of which were additional positions to departments around the city, such as in water utilities, parks and geographic information systems.

The Oshkosh Police Department was also among these items with a request to add two new officers to the city's narcotics team, Chief Dean Smith said. He said with expanded capabilities in narcotics investigations, the department can continue to hold accountable the dealers causing an increasing amount of drug deaths in Winnebago County.

"As a community, we have a drug problem. And we have to address the problem," Smith said.

Through August of this year, Smith said the two narcotics investigators have seized more than \$730,000 worth of drugs and enough fentanyl to kill 48,000 people.

"This isn't just about supply and demand, this is about the disease of addiction. I'm afraid if we focus on one half of

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## Health barriers overcome with family's persistence

### United Way director's son keys on condition

By Cheryl Hentz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Beth Oswald, new executive director of the Oshkosh Area United Way and former director of the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, has rarely encountered a challenge she wasn't willing to take on, much less overcome.

One of the biggest, without question,

was with her son, Jonah.

It began one night when she and his father were putting 7-year-old Jonah to bed and noticed he was having all kinds of shoulder and head tics. She describes them as "jerky" kinds of head movements.

Jonah's father was a teacher at the small parochial school in Fond du Lac that Jonah attended.

"So he saw him all the time and he hadn't noticed anything prior to this," Oswald said, adding that the next day he

asked Jonah's teacher to see if they were noticing anything.



Oswald

Turns out, he was having similar tics at school.

"They looked like little convulsions, but he was cognizant through them," she recalled. "He could talk through them and he seemed fully aware of

what was going on."

They took him to the doctor, who at first thought his tics may have been brought on by a strep infection from about six months earlier. But after a lot of blood work, many questions and a full exam, the doctor said it seemed like the kind of tics that usually occur in boys around age 7.

"They wanted to do some more tests and bloodwork, just to make sure, and over the course of the next couple of

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# School board selects new member

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The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education last week appointed an experienced teacher and parent to fill the vacant seat created by the resignation of Bob Poeschl in September.

Angie Lee's term will run through the spring election in April, when she will have the option to run to retain the seat if desired. She was selected from among seven candidates interviewed for the position during a special board meeting Nov. 2.

While a parent in the school district, Lee has spent the majority of her career in education. She has master's degree in education and her teaching experience includes serving as a bilingual cross categorical teacher, bilingual literacy inter-

ventionist, and most recently a cross categorical teacher at Horace Mann Middle School in Neenah. She previously taught at Booker T. Washington Elementary in Champaign, Ill.

Lee currently works as a client relations specialist, brand storyteller and diversity education consultant for a creative agency. She leads the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the city and the New North Community Workstream.

"Angie understands that all means all and is committed to supporting the hopes



Lee

and dreams of children and families," said Barb Herzog, board president. "Her extensive experience teaching students of color and students living in poverty, as well as her experience teaching literacy, align with the board's goals of improving literacy performance and making sure that all students are successful and college, career and community ready."

Lee said her priorities will align with those of the board and district.

"I understand that this work is not about me, it is about serving a higher purpose," Lee said. "I have been incredibly fortunate to be invited to conversations that involve collectively elevating our community. It is my hope to serve as a model for our minority children and use my voice to increase educational outcomes for all."

Applications for the vacant seat were accepted from Oct. 13-27. Herzog thanked all who expressed interest and were willing to serve the district.

## Jewelry classes for youth and adults being offered

In time for holiday gift-giving, the Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering Bangles & Baubles jewelry classes for youth and adults Mondays at Merrill Middle School.

Participants learn beading techniques for creating bracelets and earrings using wire and beads. The public can register at oshkoshrecdept.com for the following classes:

- Wire Crochet Bracelet for Adults, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 14.
- Memory Wire Wrap Bracelet for Youth (ages 11-14), 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 21.
- Wire String Bracelet for Youth (ages 11-14), 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5.

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# Hospital project site gets early discussion

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

City plan commissioners held a workshop to discuss development of a hospital at the northwest corner of Oregon Street and 6th Avenue that was announced by Froedtert and ThedaCare in their plans to expand medical access in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac.

The venture announcement follows a partnership revealed between ThedaCare and the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin health network to expand access to advanced levels of medicine in northeast and central Wisconsin.

The Oshkosh campus is expected to include about 58,000 square feet with an estimated \$76 million investment.

This proposed development lies within the city's Morgan District, a 36-acre blighted area in the general space of 6th Avenue and Oregon Street and named for

the former Morgan Door Co. Since the manufacturer closed in 2009, the lot has remained undeveloped with nothing but a pile of gravel along the riverfront.

In 2014, a group called Morgan Partners purchased the site and removed the factory with sights on redevelopment.

In a 2016 study conducted by financial advisory firm Ehlers, the land was intended for a 27-acre, \$55 million project consisting of residential, commercial and retail uses within four five-story apartment buildings.

The Morgan District is part of Tax Incremental District No. 29, which allows municipalities to collect taxes brought on by any economic development in that area and pump the money back into the district.

Community Development director Kelly Nieforth said the Morgan Partners project will no longer happen after the property was sold last year, but said two



Community Development Department

ThedaCare owns the two parcels circled in yellow while the city and its Redevelopment Authority own the two parcels circled in turquoise. Chet Wesenberg and Tim Hess have plans to develop about 60 workforce housing units on the city/RDA parcels.

additional housing developments are set to happen in the remaining space that ThedaCare did not purchase.

Plan Commission members will revisit the hospital proposal formally at a future meeting.

# Street to be renamed after confusion over mail delivery

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The U.S. Postal Service asked the city of Oshkosh to rename one of its streets due to some internal issues causing problems with mail being delivered to its residents.

Sage Crossing, situated between Mockingbird Way and Wyatt Way, is being requested by USPS to be renamed to Sage Crossing Way to alleviate confusion in its mailing system.

"Crossing" is generally used as a suffix like "X-ing," similar to "Drive" or "Avenue," city staff said. They suggested to the

city Plan Commission to add a new suffix – Way – to remove any confusion in the records.

"This causes problems with USPS's address and mailing system, which assumes "Crossing" means "X-ing," or "Sage X-ing," which does not exist. This is causing issues with mail delivery to the homeowners," city documents read.

Sage Crossing was approved in 2019 as part of a wider development in that area, which has added more than 50 properties since 2008.

Currently, Wesenberg Architects has built seven homes out of a proposed 17

along this new street.

Commissioners also received a brief update on Oshkosh Avenue developments, which came to the forefront after the Common Council denied a request by Norman Bock to turn two residential properties into a business space.

Residents in the corridor received notices of an upcoming neighborhood meeting Dec. 1 at the First Weber building, 1660 Oshkosh Ave.

After this, city staff are hoping to receive feedback from other boards and commissions for a broader comprehensive plan for the area.

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After Jack's service to his country, they lived in Mission Bay, CA before eventually returning to their beautiful hometown of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They raised seven wonderful children; Glenn, Christine, Joe, Lee, Mark, Jay and Nanette. The couple is blessed with 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Jack and Angeline lived on 6th street in a house built by Jack himself and are lifelong members of Sacred Heart Church. Jack worked various jobs before earning his Journeyman Sheet Metal license. Events unfolded allowing him to eventually own his own company, Valley Sheet Metal, before retiring in 1995. Angeline will be celebrating her 90th birthday in November and still is as beautiful as the day she was married.

# Making sense of municipal budgeting in Wisconsin

Fall means it is budget season for Oshkosh, and for local governments across Wisconsin. The budget serves as the contract between a government and those it serves, making it the most important thing local elected officials do.

Yet, I find the realities of municipal budgeting are not well understood. The reality of what Wisconsin cities can and cannot do regarding their own finances is surprisingly complex.

The backbone of municipal finance in Wisconsin is the interplay between shared revenue and property tax. Shared revenue is the state aid redistributed to local governments. When you pay your personal income tax, sales tax, and other smaller taxes for things like alcohol, those funds are placed in the state pot of money called general purpose revenue (GPR).

GPR is used to fund state government operations, K-12 education, corrections and more. And of course, some of it is sent back to local governments in the form of shared revenue.

Up until 2004, the amount of shared revenue sent to individual local governments was determined through an equity-based formula. I am oversimplifying things a bit, but the basic goal was to ensure communities could fund needed services regardless of their tax base.

Communities with a higher tax base received less shared revenue, and communities with a lower tax base, received more shared revenue. The logic being that having a higher tax base allowed for a higher percentage of total revenues to come from the property tax.

In 2004 the shared revenue formula was frozen, and communities started



**Michael Ford**

Oshkosh  
Common Council

getting the same amount they received in the previous year. In 2010 and 2012, the amount of shared revenue was cut, and frozen again. Do not get me wrong, 2004 was a cool year. I was single, had hair, and was busy enjoying my last year of college. Fair to say I have changed, as I am now a bald, 40-year-old parent of two who just celebrated his 17th wedding anniversary.

Wisconsin communities have changed too. Some are larger, some smaller, tax bases look different, inflation has increased by 51.5%, etc. Yet, for purposes of municipal financing, we still treat all communities like it was 2004.

The results of freezing and cutting shared revenue, not surprisingly, have been to put more pressure on the local property tax. Between 2003 and 2019 (taking into account inflation) overall shared revenue sent to cities declined by 33.7%.

During the same period, property tax revenue to cities increased by 20.5%, while the overall growth in property tax revenue and shared revenue combined is up 1.5%. To put it more plainly, since the freezing of the municipal aid formula:

- State aid to cities is down.
- Property tax collections are up.
- The overall revenue generated by these sources has barely increased.

Proponents of austerity may point to the need for more state rules limiting

property taxes. Well, those rules, called revenue limits, have been in place since 2009. A common misconception is that cities can set their tax levy at whatever rate they want. In reality, Wisconsin cities may only increase their property tax levy at a rate equal to the percentage increase in net new construction in the city.

There are certain exceptions. The debt service tax levy, for example, is exempt from revenue limits if the debt was issued after 2005.

The concept of revenue limits may sound complicated, but the impact is not. Statewide there has been a growth in the use of tax incremental financing (TIFs) as an incentive to generate new construction, as well as a growth in the amount of general obligation debt taken on by municipalities.

Once again, this is not surprising at all. When cities are dependent on new construction for revenue, they responded with more TIFs to generate new con-

struction. When revenue options were limited, they turned to one that was less limited: debt.

The basic takeaway here is that the fiscal relationship between the state government and local governments is a mess. State austerity measures have generated a \$4-plus billion surplus at the state level, but the average Wisconsinite is not benefiting when their tax burden is simply shifted to the local level.

I cannot claim to have the perfect fix, but I know cooperation between state and local governments is not happening right now.

Without that cooperation we will continue to have an approach to budgeting that is less effective, less transparent, and more expensive for Wisconsin taxpayers than it should be.

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## Emergency responder safety emphasized

Those who work on highways directing traffic, providing critical care or making repairs are risking their lives to ensure travelers are safe. Since 2017, preliminary data shows 377 first responders have been hurt and eight were killed while working in an emergency vehicle or at a crash scene.

There are almost 800 secondary crashes in Wisconsin every year that happen when other drivers are not paying attention to the scene or backups and cause another crash.

Many of those crashes could have been prevented if drivers had slowed down and

stayed alert around crash response scenes.

Emergency responder safety is Wisconsin State Patrol's November Law of the Month to coincide with Crash Responder Safety Week. The awareness week, Nov. 14-18, is a nationwide initiative to recognize the role of first responders in a traffic incident.

A new state law to improve protections for first responders and reduce distracted driving bans handheld cell phone use while passing through an emergency or roadside response area, except to report an emergency; and doubles fines for certain violations that lead to injury in an emergency response area.

This law is in addition to the state's Move Over law that requires drivers to move over, or slow down if that's not possible, when passing a vehicle with its warning lights flashing.

## Pumpkin dropoff offered at landfill

Winnebago County Solid Waste is accepting pumpkins at its yard waste drop site at 100 W. County Y.

"After learning that 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are landfilled every year I knew we had to offer a way for our residents to help reduce that number," Solid Waste associate Edith Tews said of her inspiration for the program.

The program is free for county residents bringing in up to six clean pumpkins with no candles, plastic, glitter or painted decorations.

The facility is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Visitors who only have pumpkins may use the middle lane between the scales and come inside to the scale office to be directed where to drop them off.

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# Boys & Girls Club names annual Youth of the Year

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh named Savana Pfeiffer its 2023 Youth of the Year during its annual dinner Oct. 27.

Each year a local Youth of the Year committee interviews several high school students at the Club. Savana competed against four other Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh teens: Mercy Ajao, Gwendolyn Koepke, Ethan Monech and Madison Sonier. They were judged by a committee on their service to the club, community and family, academic success, moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability.



Pfeiffer

Savana receives \$10,000 from the Charles. F. Hyde Scholarship Endowment toward higher education. In March, Youth of the Year winners from local Boys & Girls Clubs across the state will travel to Madison to compete for the state title and additional scholarships.

Savana has been a club member since

she was in prekindergarten and is currently a senior at Oshkosh North High School and president of the club's Keystone Leadership Club. She aspires to be a therapist.

"My club has impacted my life tremendously and has shown me how being a leader can impact other people," Savana said upon receiving the award. "I fell in love with Keystone Club, which has taught me to be a better person for our planet as well. By going to the Club for help with my schoolwork I got my grades up. I'm very lucky to have such an amazing group of staff members at my Club to help me get to where I am today."

"We are very proud of Savana," added club chief executive Tracy Ogden. "She is a bright young leader who makes good choices for herself and is dedicated to doing good for her community. We're excited about her future and to see her now compete for the state title in just a few months."

Club families, along with donors, teachers, mentors and alumni, celebrate members ages 5-18 in their accomplishments in the areas of health and wellness, academic success, and character and leadership.



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## Scandinavian cuisine

Women of the Sons of Norway gathered recently at All Saints Lutheran Church to make lefse, a soft Norwegian flatbread, for the organization's traditional lutefisk dinner that was held Sunday at La Sure's Banquet Hall. Lutefisk is prepared as a seafood dish of several Nordic countries.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

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# Miller brewer looks back on Oshkosh influences

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As a kid in Oshkosh, Gary Luther never dreamed of being a beer brewer. But that outcome wasn't too surprising. There were those early influences.

Luther's mother was part of the Nigl family, an extended clan of Bavarian and Bohemian immigrants who had been central to Oshkosh's beer and brewing culture since the 1880s. Born in 1943, Luther came of age in a city awash with beer.

"The Rahr's brewery was right down the street from our first house on Eveline Street," Luther says. "The Chief Oshkosh Brewery and the Peoples Brewery were still around then. My Uncle Ray was a brewer at Peoples. We moved over to 9th Street when I was 4 and they had Peoples Beer at all the German taverns around that area. When I was 10, I would go over to the Midway Bar on 9th and stock the coolers with that beer."

Luther was the second of six children and the south side was his domain.

"It was the St. Vincent parish area at that time," he says. "It was a great neighborhood. We had friends all over the place. The Dettlaffs were our best friends. There were 17 kids in the family. All these little rascals were all over."

He was schooled at St. Vincent, where Luther thought he had found his calling.

"I was very religious," he recalls. "I was an altar boy and served every chance I could. In eighth grade I decided I wanted to become a priest and went to Sacred Heart Seminary in Oneida."

He had a change of heart three years later. "I began to feel this drawing away from the priesthood." Luther came home to Osh-



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Marianna and Gary Luther met in Germany in the late 1960s when Gary was in the U.S. Army.

kosh and graduated from Lourdes High School in 1962. From there, he went to the Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh (now UW Oshkosh).

"Where I majored in going to bars," he says grinning. "I started in pre-architecture, then switched to economics, and then to history. Finally, I said this isn't doing me any good. After three years of college I wanted to do something with my life other than partying. I decided to go into the military."

The recruiter tried talking him out of it. When that didn't work, he steered Luther toward the Army Intelligence Corps. After basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., Luther joined the 511th Army Intelligence Company in Furth, Germany.

"I knew how to say, 'Ein bier, bitte' (A

beer, please), but that was about it. So they sent me to an immersion school where I learned to speak German."

Luther found life in Germany agreed with him. It was there he became acquainted with his wife-to-be.

"I met Marianna in Bayreuth. I was still in the military. We had to wait to get married or they would have pulled my top-secret clearance," he says. "I knew if we waited until just before my discharge there would be no problem. So we married in November and I was discharged in February 1969."

He also knew what he wanted to do next. Luther had gotten to know the technical director for the EKU Brewery in Kulmbach, Germany.

"I asked him how you became a brewer. He was from a brewing family. He explained it all to me. I said, I gotta do this."

Luther spent six months working at breweries in Bavaria before entering Munich Technical University's prestigious brewing program at Weihenstephan. Upon graduating in 1973, he landed a job with the Antarctica Brewery in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The beer was good. Sao Paulo was not.

"It was not a pretty city at that time. We had an apartment across from the brewery. Marianna hated being there," Luther says. "So they gave me a brewery called Polar in southern Brazil. We got down there and there was nothing to rent. I put Marianna on an airplane back to Germany and I stayed in a hotel."

The situation was untenable.

"I was going back to Germany and on the way back, I visited my parents in Oshkosh, and my buddies in Milwaukee. I stopped by Schlitz and Pabst and Miller.

Miller was going like gangbusters. Miller Lite had just gotten on the market. They said, what if we want to hire you? I gave them my number and got on the plane. When I came into the house Marianna said a company named Miller called."

The Luthers headed for Wisconsin.

"I started at Miller in January 1976 and said this is it, we're going to be happy here for the rest of our lives." Six months later he was sent to New York. After the launch of Miller's Fulton, N.Y., brewery, Luther went to Eden, N.C., to set up a new brewery there.

"We were growing like crazy. We went from 12 million barrels a year to 24 million barrels just like that."

The Luthers were flourishing, too. Gary and Marianna now had two daughters. The family found their way home to Wisconsin after Miller called him back to Milwaukee, where his role continued to expand.

Luther helped pilot Miller's foray into craft beer and the extension of the recently acquired Leinenkugel's brand. Away from work, he served as president of the Master Brewers Association. Luther remained with Miller until his retirement in 2000.

The brewery was at its peak then, producing nearly 50 million barrels of beer annually. Miller had become the largest brewery ever based in Wisconsin. And Gary Luther was Principal Brewer.

Luther didn't leave the beer world. Since retiring, he has worked as a brewery consultant and was instrumental in establishing the historical Brewing Experience program at Old World Wisconsin.

He has also devoted significant time to preserving the heritage that informed his own life. He's active in Wisconsin's German-American community, taking part in choral groups and recording the oral histories of German-born Americans.

The Luthers now have five grandchildren and divide their time between their home near Milwaukee and a home in Bavaria. That's a long way for a south-side kid who used to fill tavern coolers with Oshkosh beer. The journey has had a significance all its own.

Luther came of age amid a legacy initiated by immigrants who transported their beer culture to Wisconsin from Germany. He went back to the source to become a brewer himself. Meanwhile, the breweries of his hometown were washed away in a tide of beer let loose by industrial-sized breweries.

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In April, Wisconsin residents will go to the polls to elect local and state judicial positions including a Wisconsin Supreme Court justice. The Wisconsin League of

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Mark your calendars and join us for the following presentations:

**Part I:** "Understanding the Structure of our Wisconsin Court System" sponsored by the Appleton/ Fox Valley League of Women Voters. Part I will be held at UW Oshkosh Menasha, 1478 Midway Road, in Room 1338 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 21. Presenters will be retired Outagamie County Judge Nancy Krueger and attorney LaKeisha Haase, former Winnebago County judge.

**Part II:** "Outside Influences on Our Courts," sponsored by the LWV of Winnebago County, will be held at the Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y, Oshkosh, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Presenter will be attorney Joseph Troy, former Outagamie County judge.



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# Journey of Civil War veteran traced through diary

By Ron La Point  
FOR THE HERALD

William Tritt's legacy still lives in the hearts and minds of those who know his story. It is a familiar American story. William and Julissa Tritt traveled from their home state of Ohio in the 1840s and settled with his family in what is now the Town of Poygan during a time when it was still occupied by the Menominee tribe.

Thirteen years after Tritt's arrival in the Poygan area, the American Civil War began. The initial expectation was that it would be a brief conflict but was soon dispelled in the summer of 1862 when



Tritt

Gen. George McClellan was defeated in a long-overdue attempt to capture Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederacy.

In a series of bloody engagements, McClellan was soundly beaten back by the forces commanded by Gen.

Robert E. Lee. This defeat on the Peninsula, as the battles were called, devastated Northern morale and prolonged the war.

Lincoln, some weeks later, made a fervent appeal for volunteers to stem the tide of defeat. The call went out to all men between ages 18 and 45 to volunteer their services in defense of liberty.

The idea of patriotism marched many, including Tritt, to the drum beat of flag, honor and duty. In response to this call, my great-great-grandfather, at age 43, volunteered while leaving behind eight children and a pregnant wife, pregnant with



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William Tritt, the author's great-great-grandfather, was transferred to Andersonville prison in Georgia during the Civil War.

my great-grandmother, Julissa Tritt Flanigan.

He enlisted in August 1862 with the 21st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was assigned to Company F and received his training, such as it was, at Fort Bragg on Hazel Street next to what was formerly Mercy Hospital. The camp was named for Edward S. Bragg, a Fond du Lac Democratic leader who was a colonel of the 6th Wisconsin in what was soon to become famous as the Iron Brigade.

The camp was popular with Oshkosh residents. Hundreds trekked to the camp each day to watch the recruits drill and learn the rudiments of military life. Huge throngs of people from Oshkosh and the surrounding area from which the regiment was recruited were on hand Sept. 11 as the new soldiers of the 21st Regiment marched over to the railroad depot on the south side and boarded two trains that would take them south to the battlefields on the western front.

Editor Charles Nevitt of the Oshkosh Northwestern wrote that he had "a certain choking sensation in the throat" as he watched the men leave for war. The 21st Regiment fought on the western front in such places as Perryville, Kentucky, and Murfreesboro, Hoover's Gap and Chicamauga in Tennessee.

Tritt, along with others, was taken prisoner at Chicamauga and confined in the prisons of Richmond and Danville in Virginia; Andersonville, Ga.; and Florence, S.C.

His accounts of prison life have been preserved thanks to a distant cousin of

mine who spent countless hours transcribing the diary Tritt kept each day of 1864. The title of the diary, "Apple Trees Look Gay in Bloom," came from the April 27 entry with a strange juxtaposition of thoughts: "I am very anxious that this rebellion may come to an end so that I may be delivered from this imprisonment. Apple Trees look gay in bloom."

His daily entries were mainly of things that were important to him, things on the minds of most prisoners. He wrote of health and of food, of disease and death; weather was a constant presence in those entries.

The prisoners had little at their disposal to ward off the elements and William suffered from the cold, the aching of limbs, and the general infirmities one finds at such places. He wrote of prisoner releases, the excitement about the prospect of being paroled and exchanged and of hopes that war would soon end.

He was transferred to Andersonville in May 1864, where he writes about prison treatment and prisoner escapes in many of his entries after arriving at this infamous confederate prison.

"Much pain and misery is going on in camp all on account of prison life and the effects of it. We get much of our water at the stockade near the deadline (interpret this word literally). So many get shot at this place for letting themselves get somewhat careless. Some of the guards are overanxious to hit a Yank."

In an Aug. 11 entry he wrote, "Damp, foggy, cloudy and cool. Many die. Last week 1,005 reported dead. Rain and hot sun soon use up many a man, especially those of a lazy or careless character."

He dreamed of being home. His longings for his wife, his family, his homestead, his friends in far away Wisconsin, a Wisconsin just beyond the frontier stage, must have been overwhelming to this

middle-aged man.

He was an observer of his fellow man and of the consequences of prison life. On Aug. 15 he wrote, "Quite a percentage of the prisoners are trash. Some beller out against the Negro." Later he writes, "Some careless men in camp are without shelter. Very careless and indifferent (he's writing about some of the Confederate guards) about shooting Yanks. Much life wasted this way that may not be accounted for."

On his thoughts of Lincoln and the end of the war: "This seems to be election day and polls are established in this place. A bag is hung against the stockade fence so that voters pass over the deadline to the bag and deposit a red bean for Lincoln and a white bean for McClelland. Returns: Lincoln 1,261, Mac 619. It seems to confound the South. They feel disappointed."

His last entry on Saturday, Dec. 31, 1864, read in part: "Rained nearly all day. Came off cold and chilly. Cold snaps are very hard to bear in this country, especially in prison life or slave life on account of clothes, fire, comfortable houses and LIBERTY."

On Feb. 27, 1865, in a series of prisoner exchanges less than two months before the end of the war, Tritt was paroled at NE Ferry, North Carolina, and sent to Benton Barracks near St. Louis where he remained for some months to be treated for disease and to mend. He was mustered out of the service on June 14, 1865. He was 46 when leaving the service of his country.

The Tritt family reunion was started by family and friends two years after his return and held at the Tritt homestead on County N in the Town of Poygan. It would be celebrated for the next 100 years at different locations.

The family reunion ended in 1965 when William and Julissa Tritt's youngest daughter turned 100. It was said, at the time, to be the longest-running family reunion in the state.

This long-ago family reunion having its roots in a time when our nation's soul was in tatters still brings back memories of a simpler time.

Watching the entertainers perform on the old North Park bandstand; listening to my uncles carry on the music tradition of their Irish roots; playing games and asking for pocket money to buy ice cream at Miller's Confectionary; posing for our annual reunion picture in the late afternoon; seeing smiles of joy and contentment on the faces of the adults; hearing laughter and kind words and feeling that you were a part of it – all brings about a certainty of place and a sense of belonging that has stayed with me throughout the years.

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# Austin Phillips

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military unit, replacing successful transitions with tragedy. As those personal losses added up, Phillips found himself on a growing mission by moving forward on his own educational path and formation of Ardent Lives Inc.

The small 501c3 not-for-profit supports veterans through their civilian transition with a holistic approach that embraces the outdoors. Veterans are encouraged to experience hunting activities while also helping them understand the workings of the Veterans Administration, practice health and wellness, and learn skills and hobbies to show that their military training should be an asset and not a hindrance.

“The VA is a convoluted system; it’s cloudy at best. Nobody’s really telling you what you’re supposed to do, where you’re supposed to go, how they can help you,” Phillips said, while also praising the work of the Winnebago County Veterans Services office that helps get people the resources due them.

Phillips said Ardent Lives’ goal is to “give them an easier avenue to civilian life by surrounding them with things that are not foreign.” Breaking down a hunting expedition piece by piece – mission planning, land navigation, basic shooting skills, reconnaissance, teamwork – combines group activities in contrast with programs having a more specific focus such as the Wounded Warrior Project.

Those outdoor experiences serve some of those transition needs while offering a lifetime hobby that “promotes land stewardship and wildlife population management.

“Hunting is considered to be kind of a dying trade. If you weren’t born into a family of hunters, it’s probably not something new you are going to take up. There’s always that barrier to entry,” he said, in the forms of knowledge and equipment.

The nonprofit project also serves his love of being outdoors and with veterans, readily acknowledging the self-healing aspect with a quote from author Michael Ghiseli: “Scratch an altruist and watch a hypocrite bleed.”

The 1999 Hustisford High School graduate joined the U.S. Air Force shortly afterward, stationed in Mountain Home, Idaho, and deployed for Operation Bright Star military exercises with Egypt in September 2001. Phillips said they were on their way overseas when the 9/11 attackers hit before his unit landed for a layover in Germany where they saw the TV images.

“That changed the entire dynamic of the operation,” he said.

After leaving the Air Force in 2003 to attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh,



Submitted photo

Austin Phillips is shown with a buck harvested during an October hunting trip in eastern Wyoming.

he quickly realized he missed the military and was not completely ready for a jarring shift to civilian life. Two years later he joined the Wisconsin National Guard (B Company 2-128 Infantry) as a weapons team leader.

His brother Matt encouraged him to join so they could serve together, and subsequently be deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Mideast. For two years he worked as base security in Kuwait, developing an affinity for the Army and National Guard.

He could be a civilian while still getting bouts of time in the military and re-enlisted for six more years. Upon his return to the United States, his Guard company was disbanded and transitioned into a cavalry unit.

Phillips moved to North Dakota to attend the University of Minnesota Crookston for veterinary science and play football while still in the Wisconsin National Guard, but military duties clashed with his sports aspirations and he chose to stick with school.

It was around this time he was exposed to the reality of veteran suicide, losing a unit member to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Austin was a team leader and deployed in 2009 to again support Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he worked a quick reaction force for the Victory Base Complex near Baghdad, again with brother Matt. Upon returning from Iraq, Austin was informed of a mission to Afghanistan providing security for an agriculture development team.

Back in Wisconsin, he transferred to Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee – where he met his wife, Susan – just one class short of graduating before returning to service.

After deployments to Kunar Province and Kabul where he provided security as a team and squad leader and designated marksman, Phillips returned as a Wiscon-

sin Guard squad leader and finished that final class for a bachelor’s degree in business management.

He was soon approached by a friend and fellow veteran about opening a CrossFit gym, which he said intrigued him more than other workforce options. They decided Oshkosh was the best location, and he and Susan were both accepted into master’s programs at UW Oshkosh.

CrossFit Oshkosh was established in 2013, a business achievement that served Phillips’ ongoing civilian transition but became tempered by the loss of three more unit members to self-inflicted trauma over the next six years.

His own civilian transition was challenged again in 2017 when he became medically separated from the military due to a shoulder injury sustained in Afghanistan. He graduated with his MBA a month later and welcomed their first child but was facing what overseas veterans commonly experience when putting aside one high-pressure world for a completely different one.

During this time he started another company and purchased a building downtown to house CrossFit Oshkosh, naming it Ardent Fitness and Education, home of CrossFit Oshkosh. When he moved the gym downtown in 2018, he retook a class he had yet to complete at UW Oshkosh: cultural anthropology.

The class started to help him understand how much transition and culture played in his life and those of fellow veterans. His professor, Heidi Nichols, told him that if he wanted to pursue these concepts, he would need to look into master’s and doctorate studies. He applied to UW-Milwaukee using the available Wisconsin GI Bill for disabled veterans.

Veterans who are 30% or more disabled qualify for another 128 credits at any level at any state school. Their spouses and children also can qualify for their own 128 credits.

Phillips was later accepted to the program while setting a more defined path for his life and business – possibly for the first time ever – but then 2020 and the pandemic decided it had other plans.

Phillips was forced to shut down his gym and try to pivot to a fully online training format, during which he and Susan had their second child. Along with that, his business was burglarized three times during the shutdown.

While he tried to move past the negative events of 2020, it did allow him to progress his degree faster by not needing to drive to Milwaukee for classes.

When starting his latest studies, he found the topic of military suicides was too broad and instead focused on veterans’ transition issues for his master’s thesis. As if he needed to confirm his determination on the subject, he lost a fifth veteran from his unit due

# Veterans Day ceremony

The Oshkosh Patriotic Council will hold Veterans Day ceremonies beginning at 10:45 a.m. Friday at American Legion Post 70 at 1332 Spruce St.

The ceremony begins with the presentation of colors by veterans organizations and auxiliaries. Guest speaker will be retired U.S. Air Force Col. David A. Stone. The event will close with the United Veterans Honor Guard’s rifle volley in honor of deceased veterans followed by the sounding of taps by Lisa Zemlock.

Veterans Day was originally known as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. The name of was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 and honors all former military service members.

to self-inflicted death, followed a year later by yet another.

There were 6,146 veteran suicide deaths in 2020, according to the most recent VA report released in September, which was the second leading cause of death that year among veterans under age 45.

Phillip’s hunting program works on a micro level, helping only a few veterans over the course of a year. But when they advance from the program, they are outfitted completely to continue their new hobbies without having to acquire all the needed equipment. They also gain a better understanding of resources available through the VA and the tools to lead a healthy and fulfilled post-military life.

“Right now, it costs \$10,000 to \$12,000 per veteran to participate in the program for the duration of the year,” Phillips said. “This not-for-profit is 100% volunteer based and all donations go to helping the veterans.”

Ardent Lives can’t compete with larger veterans support projects as far as exposure and fundraising, and Phillips said he doesn’t have the personal bandwidth to go beyond a small scale, but hopes to find enough financial backing to maintain a reliable support program.

He also speaks on panels advocating for those exposed to burn pits during the Gulf wars, related health and wellness, and veteran suicide prevention while raising more than \$30,000 for local veteran charities not his own.

Phillips said the key step for veterans making a civilian transition is taking a step back, acknowledging the struggle and knowing they are not being a burden by reaching out.

“Asking for help is not a sign of weakness.”

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# Business news roundup

Oshkosh Corp. subsidiary **Oshkosh Defense** has submitted its proposal in response to the U.S. Army's request for a proposal for the optionally manned fighting vehicle (OMFV) program for detailed design and prototype build. The OMFV is the Army's Bradley replacement program. Oshkosh Defense is partnering with Pratt Miller Defense, Hanwha Defense USA, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, QinetiQ, and Plasan on the multiphase project.

The Departments of Workforce Development and Veteran Affairs honored regional employers with **Vets Ready Employer Initiative Awards** on Friday in Green Bay. Among those honored with Gold Awards were Oshkosh companies 4Imprint, Oshkosh Corp. and Kingsbury Inc. The Vets Ready Initiative elevates employers who support veterans and their families.

**Quill Creative Studio** has been named to Inc.'s Inaugural Power Partner Awards that recognize B2B organizations with proven track records supporting entrepreneurs and helping startups grow. The list recognizes

252 firms in marketing and advertising, health and human resources, financial planning, engineering, logistics, and security. Led by partners Josh Tyner, Ryan Albers and Arden Helm, Quill Creative provides strategic design support for sub and prime contractors that serve the Department of Defense among other clients.

**MaxWellness Pain Relief Clinic** was recently opened at 3042 Oregon St. by Maxwell Wesenberg, doctor of physical therapy. The clinic is focused on providing relief from nerve-related pain and numbness using the latest medical technology. Details are at [MaxWellnessPainRelief.com](http://MaxWellnessPainRelief.com).

Appleton-based **360U Mindset and Mechanics** has opened a location in Oshkosh at 2060 Omro Road. The business offers year-round baseball and softball trainings for athletes, camps, full team trainings, and pitching, catching and defense lessons.

**Sweet Jules** bakery is going into the former Hot Dog Charlie's location at 9 Church Ave. downtown in January.



U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center drawing  
The optionally manned fighting vehicle prototype shown here will replace the U.S. Army's Bradley fighting vehicle.



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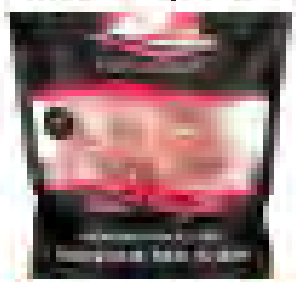
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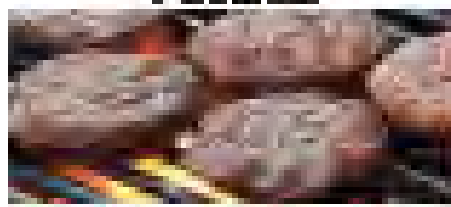
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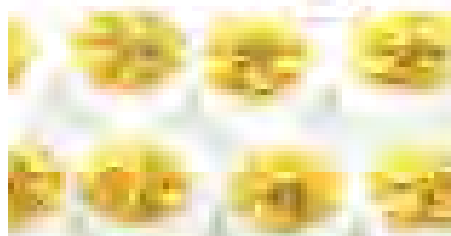
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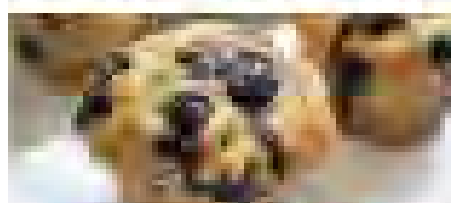
**Shrimp Tray**  
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| <p>1-qt. Fresh Sweet<br/>Blackberries<br/><b>\$3.49</b></p>                               | <p>1-2lb. - 10 count<br/>Cortland, Gala or<br/>Empire Apples<br/><b>\$3.99</b></p> | <p>12-oz. - Fresh &amp; green<br/>Cesar or Caesar Lite<br/>Salad Bits<br/><b>2/\$7</b></p> |
| <p>1-qt. Wonderful<br/>Pomegranates<br/><b>\$2.49</b></p>                                 | <p>Fancy<br/>Lemons<br/><b>69¢</b></p>   | <p>1-qt. Whole White<br/>Mushrooms<br/><b>2/\$4.50</b></p>                                 |
| <p>1-qt. - 12 count<br/>Tender Yellow Sweet<br/>Tender Sweet Onions<br/><b>\$1.29</b></p> | <p>1-qt. - 12 count<br/>Red or Russet<br/>Potatoes<br/><b>\$2.99</b></p>           | <p>1-qt. - 12 count<br/>SEEDLESS<br/>GRAPES<br/><b>\$1.29</b><br/>lb.</p>                  |

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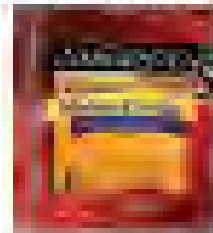
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| <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>Lipton Tea<br/><b>2/\$12</b></p> | <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>Coke, Sprite or<br/>Diet Coke<br/><b>\$6.49</b></p> | <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>Bubbly Sparkling Water<br/><b>3/\$12</b></p>  |
| <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>Fajitas<br/><b>2/\$8</b></p>     | <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>GT's Sparkling<br/>Soda<br/><b>\$3.10</b></p>       | <p>12-oz. - 12 count<br/>Member<br/>Energy Drink<br/><b>\$1.99</b></p> |

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**Marie Callender's Entrees**  

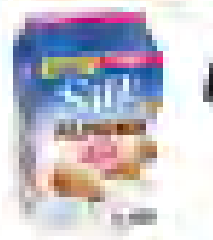
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**Sargento Sliced Cheese**  

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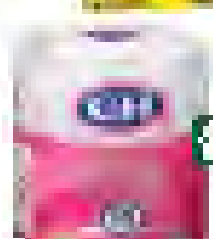
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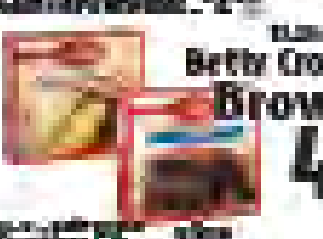
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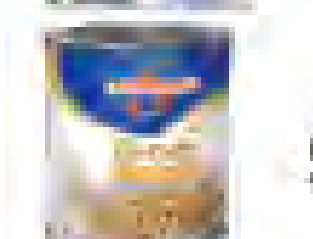
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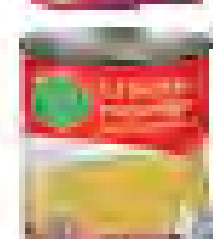
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**Gold Medal Flour**  

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**Food Club Pasta**  

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# Calendar of events

**Ongoing**

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Dec. 30

**Wednesday, Nov. 9**

Wisconsin Herd vs. Cleveland Charge, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

**Thursday, Nov. 10**

Learning in Retirement hosts Tommy Thompson, 1:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center

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

WinnebagoLand Genealogical Society book presentation by Randy Domer, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA Downtown

**Friday, Nov. 11**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran annual auction, 4:30 p.m., La Sures Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

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

**Saturday, Nov. 12**

B2wins in concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Chili Cook-off, noon, T&O Bowling Lanes, 1007 Oregon St.

Holiday Wonders Craft Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, 9 a.m., St Paul's UCC Church, 1250 Leonard Point Road

Holiday open house, 9 a.m., House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma Blvd.

Self Care Wisconsin Food and Toy Drive, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Pat McCurdy, 8 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub

**Sunday, Nov. 13**

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

**Wednesday, Nov. 16**

State Street Center Craft Fair, 11 a.m., 206 State St.

Wisconsin Winter Wonderland Road Trips with Rob Zimmer, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

Mike Beck: Adventures in Hot Air Ballooning, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

**Friday, Nov. 18**

Nutcracker in the Castle opens, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens

Punk in the Pub, 8 p.m., Oshkosh Arena's 1212 Pub

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

TEDx Oshkosh 2022, 8:30 a.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Lourdes Academy Craft Show, 8 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

Craft and bake sale, 8 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Winter Wonderland craft and vendor event, 8 a.m., Poplar Creek Barn, 4541 County K

Craft and vendor fair, 11 a.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Rock the Arena, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Spicy Tie Band, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 Washburn St.

**Sunday, Nov. 20**

Fox Valley Vintage Fest, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Daniel O'Donnell in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena



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## Fall concert

The Oshkosh Area Community Band's Jazz Ensemble performed Saturday during a Fall Back concert at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. The band paid tribute to founding director Terry Hathaway and wife Amy. Roger Lalk, longtime band director at Merrill and Webster Stanley schools, was guest conductor. The band welcomes all post-high school adults who want to continue playing in a band with no auditions or entry fees.

## City budget

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it, it'll turn into a game of whac-a-mole," council member Lynnsey Erickson said. "I hope we can look at the broader picture of how we're aligning our efforts and what our role is as a city."

Miller amended the request to only add one officer, which failed once but was ultimately reconsidered in the latter half of the workshop and passed 4-2, with Erickson and Michael Ford being opposed. Member Aaron Wojciechowski was not present at the workshop.

"You can't ignore the largest part of our budget," Ford said, noting that the city's public safety spending was up 300% since 1990 and accounts for 62% of the city's expenditures.

The enhancement after the approved vote would add one officer for half of 2023 at \$52,000, with intentions for it to be fully funded in 2024, pending council approval later this month.

Several residents spoke in favor of a position for diversity, equity and inclusion coordinator and a sustainability manager.

On the budget enhancements, city staff had listed the two for a total cost of \$192,000.

However, neither of the positions had been approved by the group.

The council also declined enhancements for adding funds to the public library and a curator-educator position at the public museum.

The group is set to make a decision on next year's operating budget by the end of this month with changes based on decisions from the workshop.

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# Jonah Hinds

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weeks the tics got exponentially worse," Oswald said, adding that they tried IV infusion of someone else's immune antibodies – a process that took eight hours at a time. But nothing helped.

"Part of his tics involved his thrashing, and thousands of times during the day," she said. "It was almost constant."

Jonah was approaching fourth grade and the doctor said it had become significant enough that it was life-changing. He informed them about some recent research surrounding deep-brain stimulation surgeries, or DBS, on Tourette syndrome patients.

"They were typically done on adults and they hadn't been tested on children," Oswald said. "But the doctor felt strongly enough that, that was really the way to go for Jonah, if we didn't want to continue to medicate him. And he was on a lot of medication."

They were concerned about continued medication, especially side effects such as liver damage. They began looking toward DBS, something that had been done for Parkinson's disease patients for decades with measurable success.

"The surgery involved literally implanting two permanent electrodes (called neurostimulators) in the brain with a generator in the patient's chest, which sets off an electric current that interrupts the dopamine receptors and helps to stabilize everything," Oswald explained.

They began meeting with neurosurgeons, followed by other hurdles that needed to be cleared, because doing this kind of surgery on such a young



Submitted photo

Jonah Hinds has focused his career on working to solve the disorder that plagued him.

patient hadn't been done before. It was finally determined to be an appropriate approach, and they had neurosurgeons ready. But the family's insurance proved to be every bit the challenge they were warned about.

Three years after Jonah had first been diagnosed with a severe form of Tourette, they had exhausted every appeal possible with their insurance company. But they made a decision to move forward with the surgery so that Jonah could have some chance at a normal life.

"In school, his friends would push him from class to class in a wheelchair because his tics were so strong that he would drop his books, he'd fall over and in his classroom, Jonah's chair was a beanbag chair," she said.

They had to personally hire and pay for an aide to work with Jonah in school, despite his teachers being great and as helpful as they could be.

"He did great on tests, but he couldn't write because he moved so significantly," she said. "The aide helped make sure he could keep up with his schoolwork."

In 2010, when the Affordable Care Act was about to be voted in, Oswald went to Washington to testify about non-coverages for childhood mental health. While she was there, the Discovery Health Channel was there and decided to do a series in which Jonah's approach before surgery was featured. Between that and any other publicity they could get, the family held fundraisers and tried to raise money in any way possible.

Within four to six months, they had raised the \$150,000 necessary for the surgery, which Jonah had in June 2011. There were a series of post-surgery appointments to program or reprogram the electrodes with the proper amount of current for maximum effect.

The surgery was a godsend and changed Jonah's life immeasurably. He graduated high school in 2017 and went into biomedical engineering. He enrolled in the Milwaukee School of Engineering and in 2021 – within three weeks of each other – he graduated college, got a job and married his high school sweetheart.

As a biomedical engineer for Adtech Medical in Oak Creek, Jonah gets to work with some of the same kinds of devices implanted in him.

"Adtech designs and manufactures neuro-electrodes for monitoring patients with epilepsy. Our devices allow the surgeons to be able to locate the parts of the brain that are misfiring and treat the brain to help epileptic patients," he said.

"Our patient base and the number of people we help is huge. Our products are in hospitals all around the world. We're now starting to enter other spaces where neuro-monitoring is needed. Our electrodes are for short-term monitoring, but the technology is very similar to

what's implanted in me. But our devices are passive, where they're reading what's going on in a patient's brain; whereas what's implanted in me is an active device, actively supplying an electrical current to my brain."

Jonah also loves the creative aspect of his job.

"There are often a lot of different possible solutions to a problem and I like to run through them and try to find the best one. I also like being able to use what I've learned and use my experiences to contribute to this field," he said.

"Basically, I'm taking some of our products that have been unchanged in over 30 years and revamping and redesigning them, seeing what we can do better. But I also do a lot of work maintaining FDA and European regulatory compliance. So, I get to see the full spectrum of being a biomedical engineer in a medical device company."

Recently Adtech sent him to New York where he got to see a couple of cases where their electrodes were implanted in patients. He also saw three brain surgeries from start to finish. Besides the general fascination of the procedures, he was able to see something somewhat familiar to him from the other side.

While his tics are vastly reduced, Jonah is not asymptomatic. People who don't see him often might think he no longer has any tic episodes, but people who see him every day know differently.

"But they're very minor and small, and very manageable. But I do still have a small amount of OCD, and I have ADHD, as well," he said. "But compared to what it was when I was a kid, it's like night and day. I want to be able to make a similar positive difference in other people's lives."

## Free Narcan training offered by county

The Winnebago County Health Department is hosting free virtual trainings on recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose and using Narcan (naloxone) to reverse an opioid overdose.

Upcoming trainings are scheduled

for noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and the same times Dec. 13. Register at [wchd.pub/narcantraining22](http://wchd.pub/narcantraining22) or call the Winnebago County Health Department at 920-232-3000.

"We have seen an increase in overdose deaths in our county over the past two years, and Narcan is one tool we have to save lives," said Danielle Florence, community health strategist. "The more people in our community who have access and training in Narcan, the more effectively we can keep each other safe."

Narcan reverses the effects of opioids and can stop a fatal overdose. It is available free at the Winnebago County Health Department's Oshkosh location, Solutions Recovery, Vivent and Unity Recovery Services. Fentanyl test strips can also be found at the health department and Vivent. A map of locations is at [wchd.pub/narcanlocations](http://wchd.pub/narcanlocations).

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# New programs focus on family, multi-age recreation

By Sara Eliassen  
OSHKOSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

What do you think of when you hear the phrase “Oshkosh Recreation Department”?

Given its strong history with recreational basketball and softball leagues, as well as its ever-popular swimming lessons, it would come as no surprise if these are the images that come to mind.

However, the Oshkosh Recreation Department increasingly offers a much wider range of programming, most recently focusing on recreational opportunities for families and multi-age groups to participate in together.

“There are numerous professional studies out there detailing the emotional, psychological, mental and physical benefits for families that recreate together,” says Kabel Helmbrecht, director of the ORD. “Families are busy and time is short, so it works out well for whole families

or multiple generations – whether that’s immediate family members or grandparents and grandchildren, etc. – recreate and even try something new together. For our department, it’s really about giving families opportunities to make good memories together.”

With that goal in mind, the ORD has created a new category of opportunities called “Family and Multi-Age Programming.” This currently includes activities such as cookie decorating, craft workshops, paddle sports, scuba, tae kwon do and cross country skiing, as well as a new initiative, BAGO 920.

According to ORD program supervisor Veronica Robinson, BAGO is an acronym for “Be Active. Get Outside” and offers a year of programming in partnership with pdsF.U.S.I.O.N. and the Winnebago County Parks Department.

From January through April, special

events will be geared toward getting families off the couch, away from the screen, and outdoors for some fun and fresh air. These events include:

January: Community XC Ski/Snow Show Candlelight Hike

February: Love is in the Air Hike

March: Lucky Leprechaun Token Hunt  
April: After Dark, Eggs in the Park  
Online registration for winter and spring classes for most of these and other programs begins Nov. 28. Information and registration can be found at [www.oshkoshrecdept.com](http://www.oshkoshrecdept.com).

## United Way seeks impact award nominees

Oshkosh Area United Way is seeking nominations for the Sue Panek Community Impact Award, presented each year to an individual or group with a record of impactful work in one of the United Way’s three initiatives: financial stability, early childhood education or mental health.

The award is named for the former United Way executive director of 25 years who retired in 2018. Panek was dedicated

to identifying needs, bringing together partners and engaging the community to find solutions to social issues.

All nominations must be received Dec. 1 and can be submitted through the online form at [oskoshunitedway.org](http://oskoshunitedway.org). The recipient will be honored May 3 and the award includes a \$1,000 donation to a local nonprofit organization of the recipient’s choice.

## Well abandonment projects gain funding

Oshkosh Herald

The first grant awards for a new state program to help well owners support replacement, treatment or abandonment projects were announced last week, including for two private well abandonments in Winnebago County.

Gov. Tony Evers and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced five grants to improve drinking water quality in Winnebago, Marathon and Portage counties, including two well compensation grants totaling \$30,791 and three well abandonment grants totaling \$4,144.

Two grants for Winnebago County residents totaling \$3,354 will be used to fill and seal unused wells at undisclosed loca-

tions, according to grant program manager Sandy Chancellor.

“Clean water shouldn’t be a luxury, it’s a necessity – but too often the cost of cleaning up contaminated wells can be expensive, burdensome and unattainable for so many folks across our state,” Evers said in a statement.

The new programs, made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, are a \$10 million commitment to improve drinking water quality for private well owners. It is estimated the programs could help deal with contamination in more than 1,030 wells statewide.

DNR began accepting applications for the programs Oct. 3.

## Orthodontics office changes name to Vivid

Oshkosh Herald

Sawyer Creek Orthodontics, which first opened in 1974 in Oshkosh, will change its name to Vivid Orthodontics starting in January.

Dr. Michael Maslowski, who joined the practice in 2002 that was originally started by his father-in-law, Dr. William Schuster, and his colleague Dr. Brian Michel operate the practice.

In 2020 they acquired an Appleton orthodontics office that it renamed Vivid Orthodontics, and are expanding the Vivid name to eliminate confusion for patients and create a more cohesive brand for their locations.

The current location of Sawyer Creek Orthodontics at 2626 W. 9th Ave. opened in January 2003.

“It’s definitely an ending of an era with the

practice having the Sawyer Creek name for 20 years, but we are excited to have everything under one umbrella,” the doctors said in a statement. “We want to make it clear to our patients that the name is the only thing changing.”



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# North alum happy with choice to play college tennis

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Courtney Day always figured she would be playing a college sport.

But after starring in both tennis and softball at Oshkosh North during her prep days, the sport she ended up having a collegiate career in wasn't the one she planned on.

"It was the plan to play softball in college," Day said in a recent phone interview. "Something just changed and I decided to play tennis. The atmosphere here, I just felt at home, and I don't regret not playing softball at all."

Day has been a member of the highly successful UW-Whitewater tennis team for the past four seasons and played a key role for the Warhawks all four years.

She has competed at various flights in singles and doubles and – with Whitewater's spring season still on tap – has compiled a 72-31 combined record and been



Day

a part of four straight WIAC championship seasons. At this year's WIAC Tournament, Day captured her second No. 3 doubles title.

"It's great to be a part of a winning tradition," said Day, whose Warhawks claimed their 23rd WIAC tennis title at the tournament. "It's honestly been a great experience. We have a great group and it's definitely been fun to be a part of the program."

But that doesn't mean leaving her glove and spikes behind was easy.

Day was a four-year varsity starter and two-time all-conference player for the Spartan softball team. She played on three state tournament teams, including the 2019 state championship winning squad when she batted 5-for-10 in three games and played an errorless second base.

"I get a little emotional walking by the (Whitewater softball field) and wonder what if I were on the team," Day said. "I will go watch my cousins play for Oshkosh North and it brings up some great memories and some what-if thoughts. But I'm in a good place right now. I'm happy with my choice."

Day added another feather in her athletic cap following the WIAC Tournament when she was named the WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete for tennis.

Day holds a 4.0 grade point average in



Photo courtesy of UW-Whitewater Athletics

Oshkosh North alumna Courtney Day has been a four-year varsity player for the UW-Whitewater tennis team and was recently awarded the prestigious WIAC Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award.

Integrated Science and Business with a minor in Information Technology. She is a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar-Athlete and a three-time WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll member in addition to numerous Dean's List and ac-

ademic accolades at Whitewater.

Day actually had to pick up her minor in Information Technology to extend her career to four years after accumulating a number of college credits at Oshkosh North.

"I could have graduated early but decided to add a minor so I could play four years here," Day said.

Playing college tennis is a bit different from playing at the high school level.

As a Spartan, Day almost solely played singles and won 53 matches over her final three seasons and qualified for the state tournament each year. But as a Warhawk, she plays both singles and doubles, although a shoulder surgery while at college has tempered some of her singles matches.

"Since the surgery I just prefer to play doubles. It's easier on my shoulder," Day said. "I still love playing singles, too."

She also bounces around the different flights in the Whitewater lineup, having played at all three doubles spots and four of the six singles positions.

Day said she doesn't mind the shuffling and waiting to find out where she will be playing for a given match or tournament but it does mean she's had a number of different doubles partners to connect with on the court.

"It can be difficult playing with a new partner, but coach is just trying to find out what the best lineup is going to be," Day said. "It's definitely something you have to adjust to but everyone on the team can play and we all get along so it's not a big deal."

In addition to being a part of four conference championship teams, Day has had plenty of memorable moments over her four years.

She said that her trip back to play UW Oshkosh earlier this fall and getting to play in front of family and friends was special as was a match at the ITA Regionals her freshman year.

"We ended up playing Kimmy Steinert (of Oshkosh West) and Kellie Hierl (of Fond du Lac) in a match and it was so cool playing them," Day said. "I had played against them my entire life growing up and it was a super-fun match to go against them in college."

Day said that tennis will likely be a part of her life even after she is finished with her college career in the spring.

That's always been part of the allure of the sport and she looks forward to continuing to take to the court.

"For sure it will be. I love playing with my parents now and I know it's something I can do for the rest of my life," Day said. "If not tennis, then maybe Pickleball, but I don't think I will be able to just step away."

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# All-conference roundup

## FOOTBALL

### Fontaine, Klinger earn top FVA honors

Oshkosh West's Parker Fontaine and Oshkosh North's John Klinger led the Oshkosh players on the Fox Valley Association all-conference teams as both seniors were named to the first-team defense.

Fontaine, a second-team selection as a defensive lineman last year, finished this season with 45 tackles, including five tackles-for-loss. He also registered a sack and a fumble recovery.

Klinger finished third on the Spartans in tackles with 40, including three tackles-for-loss, and 3.5 sacks.

Fontaine also earned second-team honors as an offensive lineman to lead a total of four Wildcats on the second team. Senior linebacker Kieran Patrick, senior safety Carver Cram and junior kicker Jevan Ambati were the other second-team honorees.

The second-team honorees for Oshkosh North were senior running back Dayshawn Henry and senior offensive lineman Copeland Barrett.

Honorable mention honorees for Oshkosh North were senior offensive lineman Mason Berger, senior quarterback Hunter Carlson, senior defensive linemen Cormac Sammons and James Jones and senior safeties Jamaul Ragland-Schrek and Ben Boelter.

For Oshkosh West, the honorable mention selections were junior offensive lineman Garth Martell, junior tight end Andrew Blair, senior defensive lineman Jaxson Galica, senior linebacker Landon Braun, junior cornerback Damarion Williams and senior safety AJ Kohl.

Kaukauna senior Noah Hoffman was named the Offensive Player of the Year and the Offensive Back of the Year. The other offensive honors went to Kimberly senior Ethan Criter as Receiver of the Year and senior Ben Youngworth as Offensive

Lineman of the Year.

The league named co-Defensive Players of the Year in Appleton North junior Brock Arndt and Kimberly senior Ethan Doucette, and both shared Linebacker of the Years honors as well. Appleton North senior Cal Hansen was named Defensive Lineman of the year and teammate Brock Salm, a senior, was named the Defensive Back of the Year.

Neenah's Steve Jung was named Coach of the Year.

### Four Knights land first-team Trailways spots

Four Lourdes Academy football players landed first-team honors on the Trailways all-conference teams announced recently.

Senior Brett Behnke was named on both offensive and defensive first teams. He was selected as a lineman on each side of the ball. On defense, Behnke finished with a team-high 3.5 sacks, 11 tackles-for-loss and two forced fumbles.

The Knights' leading tackler Mason Carpenter was a first-team selection at inside linebacker after totaling 127 tackles in his junior season, including 13 tackles-for-loss, two sacks and an interception.

On offense, sophomore Wade Lindahl was selected the first-team quarterback. Lindahl completed nearly 62 percent of his passes for 2,092 yards with 21 touchdowns and five interceptions.

Lindahl's top target joined him on the first team as junior receiver Mitchell Wing picked up first-team honors. Wing finished the year with 60 catches for 643 yards and four touchdowns.

Lourdes Academy's lone second-team honoree was senior running back Brayden Mecklenburg, while Wing at defensive back and senior Kyle Ralofsky as a special teams player were honorable mention selections.

Cambria-Friesland's Trevor Krueger and Johnson Creek's Silas Hartz shared Offensive Player of the Year honors in the league, while Carlos Salgado of Cambria-Friesland

was named the Offensive Lineman of the Year. Mason Betthausen of Deerfield was named the Defensive Player of the Year and Bryce Rataczak of Randolph was named Defensive Lineman of the Year.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Two Wildcats earn all-FVA recognition

A pair of Oshkosh West players garnered all-conference honors from the Fox Valley Association.

Sophomore middle blocker Maeve Lasky was named to the second team, while freshman Sydnee Nelson was an honorable mention selection.

Appleton North junior Ella Demetrian was named the conference's Player of the Year and Kimberly's Nate Leitemann was named Coach of the Year.

### Warriors, Knights garner Trailways honors

Valley Christian had four players honored and Lourdes Academy had two as the Trailways East all-conference teams were announced recently.

Valley Christian junior Anna Y. Giannopoulos led all selections as she earned second-team honors.

Fellow juniors Katie Wallace and Stella Wright along with sophomore Maliha Demler earned honorable mention honors for the Warriors.

The Knights had senior Rylee Kuklinski and sophomore Sabur Machiros named to the honorable mention list.

Senior Kaitlyn Vander Werff of Central Wisconsin Christian and junior Natalie Boehmer were named co-Players of the Year.

## SOCCER

### Herlihy, Callahan snag top awards in the FVA

Senior defender Camden Herlihy was named Player of the Year and Matt Callahan earned Coach of the Year honors as Fox Valley Association champion Oshkosh West had a large contingent garner all-conference recognition.

Herlihy, a defender, was one of two Wildcats to be unanimous selections on the first team along with senior midfielder Carson Gerlach. Just four of the 17 first-team selections were unanimous.

The other first-team selections for the Wildcats were senior forward John Munson – the second straight season he earned first-team honors – senior midfielder Cameron Cumber and junior infielder Iban Heredia.

Joining the West quintet on the first team was Oshkosh North senior goalkeeper Kyle Gillingham.

The Spartans had three players named to the second team in senior midfielder Viktor Chuka, senior defender Myles Widmann and junior midfielder Patrick Wilondja. Oshkosh West had two second-team selections in senior goalkeeper Sean Godfrey and senior midfielder Beau Lasky.

Senior defender Max Maslowski of Oshkosh West was the lone local player named on the honorable mention list.

### Rucinski leads selections for Lourdes/Valley

Freshman Isaak Rucinski led three Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian on

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# Wildcats qualify for state meet in three individual events, three relays

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The Oshkosh West swim team will be well represented at the WIAA Division 1 state meet this weekend after a strong showing at last Saturday's sectional meet hosted by Neenah.

The Wildcats qualified for state in three individual events while also advancing all three relays to the state meet, which is held at the Waukesha South Natatorium. The Division 1 portion of the state meet will be held Saturday with the diving competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the swimming starting at 2:30 p.m.

"We are very excited," Oshkosh West head coach Kelly Wayne said. "We are just trying to beat our own times at this point. I think it would be really cool to drop even more time,

but really we are just excited to go and see what they can do."

Sophomore Samara Zeinert was the sectional champion in the 100-yard backstroke, while she also advanced in the 200-yard individual medley, where she tied for fifth at the sectional. Her time of 2:14.87 was about six-tenths of a second ahead of the state qualifying standard.

Junior Carly Salzer also qualified in an individual event for the Wildcats as she finished second in the 100-yard butterfly.

"They both went last year but getting



Zeinert



Salzer

them to state this year in individual events is really awesome and really impressive," Wayne said. "It's awesome to give them some experience and that goal for the next one or two years with whatever they have left."

Zeinert and Salzer were also a part of two of the three state-qualifying relays.

They were joined by seniors Caitlin Schneider and Jade Laibly to finish second in the 200-yard medley relay, while Zeinert, Salzer, Schneider and senior Kathryn Bergin took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay to advance to state.

West's 400-yard freestyle relay team consisted of Salzer, Bergin, Laibly and Schneider and the group finished second to advance to state.

"They dropped some crazy time in those relays and just went for it. It was all them," Wayne said. "Getting three relays to state has been our goal since August and I told the girls to swim like it was your last chance at (going to state)."

Despite the strong swims, Wayne said it was a bit nerve-racking to see if West had qualified. Only the sectional champions automatically advance.

"We were nervous, I guess, waiting for all of the other sectionals," Wayne said,

"They had dropped a lot of time in the relays so I was confident about that, but it was not a 'for sure' thing until all of those results came in."

In addition to the state qualifiers, Oshkosh West also had some other impressive finishes at the sectional meet.

The Wildcats had three finishers in the top 10 in the 500-yard freestyle with Laibly taking second, Schneider finishing fourth and sophomore Kate Horejs placing ninth.

Laibly also picked up a second place in the 200-yard freestyle, while Bergin was eighth in the 100-yard freestyle and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy was led by senior Kaitlin Dietschweiler, who posted a ninth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly and then joined sophomore Grace Penzenstadler and freshmen Addison Perzentka and Ashlynn Anderson to place ninth in the 400-yard medley relay.

North/Lourdes was also tenth in the 200-yard medley relay with a team of senior Maddie Kallman, Anderson, Dietschweiler and Penzenstadler, while Kallman also picked up an 11th place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Oshkosh West placed sixth among the 14 teams in the final team standings, just a half point behind fifth-place Sturgeon Bay co-op and 9.5 points behind fourth-place Green Bay Southwest co-op. North/Lourdes finished in 11th place.

## Titans grind out easy win over Pointers

The UW Oshkosh football team racked up a season-high 598 yards, including a whopping 446 yards on the ground, as the Titans rolled past UW-Stevens Point 45-0 in a rain-soaked WIAC contest Saturday afternoon.

It was the first time the Titans had shut out the Pointers since 1978.

Oshkosh, which improved to 5-4 on the season, had three players finish with more than 100 yards rushing in the game and averaged 9.3 yards per carry in the win. Quarterback Kobe Berghammer led the way with 115 yards on 13 carries, while DJ Stewart needed just eight carries to rack up 111 yards on the ground. Peter MacCudden added 104 yards on 12 carries.

MacCudden opened the scoring for the Titans with a 5-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, while the Titans took a 14-0 lead into halftime after a 16-yard touchdown pass from Berghammer to

Tony Steger in the second quarter.

Oshkosh then broke the game open with a 21-point eruption over a 6½-minute span in the third quarter.

The explosion started when Stewart broke free for a 61-yard touchdown run with 6:42 left in the period, while Berghammer bolted into the end zone with just less than three minutes left in the quarter.

The Titans then scored again with 13 seconds left in the period when Berghammer connected on a 50-yard touchdown pass with Terrell Carey for a 35-0 lead.

Berghammer, who finished 12-of-26 for 152 yards, threw his third touchdown pass of the game for the lone touchdown of the fourth quarter – a 5-yard pass to Trae Tetzlaff.

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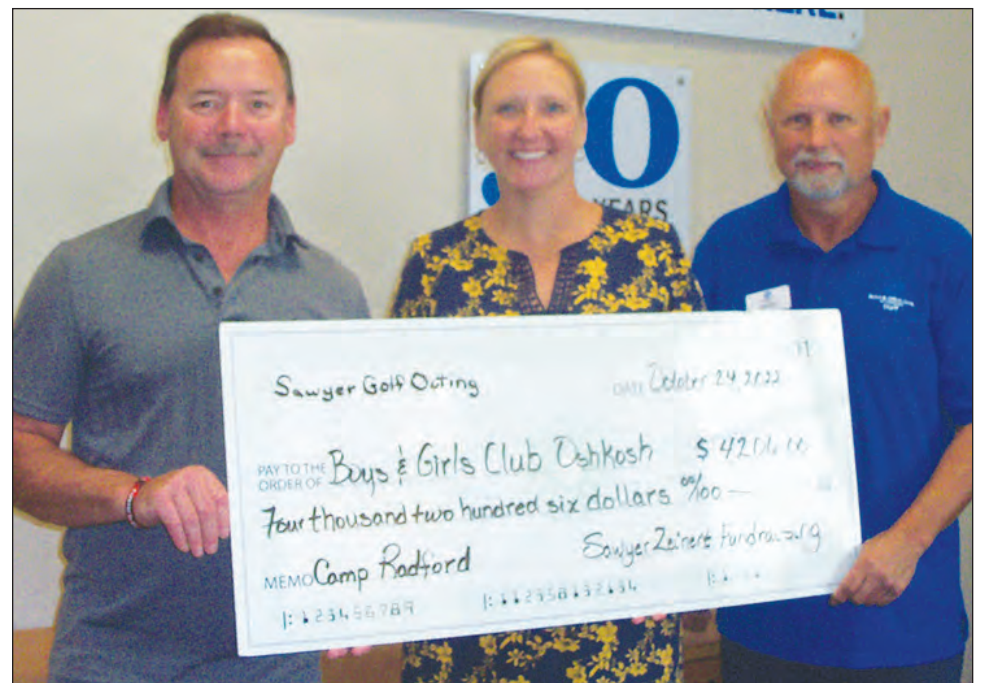
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## Sawyer's fundraiser

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# All conference

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the all-Flyway Conference soccer teams.

Rucinski was named to one of the attacker positions on the second team.

Seniors Chas Muhlbauer and Garrett LaMore were both honorable mention defender selections.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Four area runners on Trailways first team

Three runners from Lourdes Academy and one from Valley Christian landed on the All-Trailways Conference first team. The results of the conference meet dictated the honorees.

Earning first-team honors for the Knights were sophomore Erin Moore and seniors Molly Moore and Mary Husman, while senior Leah Patterson was a first-team honoree for the Warriors.

The Knights also had sophomore Dasha Averkamp and senior Mackenzie Stelter on second team, while Valley Christian freshman Mckenzie Murphy was second team and freshman Anna Sawicki was honorable mention.

For the boys, Valley Christian senior Caleb Sertz earned honorable mention honors.

### Three Wildcats receive all-FVA recognition

Oshkosh West landed a runner on each of the Fox Valley Association all-confer-

ence teams, with the positions based on the conference meet.

Junior Braelee Jodarski was West's representative on the first team, while senior Faith Galica earned second-team honors and freshman Rowen Stellpflug was on honorable mention.

Kaukauna sophomore McKenna Lowe was the Runner of the Year in the conference, while the Ghosts' Kelly Kinas was the Coach of the Year for the girls. Kaukauna senior Aaron Schimke was the Boys Runner of the Year, while Neenah's John Morgen was the Boys Coach of the Year.

No Oshkosh West or Oshkosh North boys earned all-conference honors.

## SWIMMING

### Wildcats have strong showing on all-FVA lists

Seven Oshkosh West swimmers earned all-conference recognition, including a

pair of first-team honorees.

Junior Carly Salzer in the 100-yard butterfly and sophomore Samara Zeinert in the 100-yard backstroke were the first-team honorees for the Wildcats.

Second-team all-conference individuals were senior Jade Laibly in the 200-yard freestyle, senior Caitie Schneider in the 500-yard freestyle and Zeinert in the 200-yard individual medley, while the foursome of Laibly, Salzer, Schneider and Zeinert earned honors in the 200-yard medley relay.

On the honorable mention list were senior Kathryn Bergin in the 100-yard freestyle, Laibly in the 500-yard freestyle, Salzer in the 200-yard individual medley and Schneider in the 200-yard freestyle. The Wildcats' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Bergin, Salzer, Schneider and Zeinert along with the 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomores Sarah Draxler, Kate Horejs, Bergin and Laibly also earned

honorable mention honors.

Senior Emily Ostermann of Appleton West/Kimberly was the Diver of the Year in the conference, while Appleton North junior Allison Greenway was Swimmer of the Year. The Lightning's Jamie Schnurer was named Coach of the Year.

## TENNIS

### Potter, Conger collect top honors in FVA

Oshkosh West's No. 1 doubles team of juniors Keagan Potter and Kate Conger earned first-team honors in the Fox Valley Association.

The duo were conference champions and placed fourth at the state meet.

The only other Oshkosh player to receive recognition was Oshkosh West senior Hannah Chung, who was honorable mention at No. 1 singles.

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# Obituaries

## Dianne Kosup

Dianne Mary Kosup, 75, of Oshkosh passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Thursday, 3 November 2022. She was born to the late George and Violet (Lindstrom) Kosup in Oshkosh on February 18, 1947. Dianne worked at SNC Manufacturing where she would solder industrial transformers. Dianne was a member of St Josephat's Catholic Church.

Diane enjoyed watching the Packer games with her friends at the Centennial Inn. She liked feeding the birds in the area; and loved spending most of her time with her family and her beloved dog, Lassie.

Dianne is survived by her sister, Kathryn Karl; niece and Goddaughter, Tracy

Neuens; nephew, Dana Karl Jr.; and great nieces and nephews, Jason Neuens, Haley Neuens, and Trinity Mathias Karl.

In addition to her parents, Dianne was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Dana Karl Sr.

A funeral service for Dianne will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Thursday, November 10 at 2PM. A visitation will be held from 12PM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Centennial Inn for their many years of wonderful care of Dianne. The family would also like to thank the staff at Park View Health Center, especially Jennifer Haen, and Aurora Medical Center for their care of Dianne during the last few months.



## Ronald J. Burns

Ronald J. Burns, age 65, passed peacefully into his heavenly Father's arms, surrounded by his family on Saturday, October 29, 2022. He was born in Oshkosh on August 14, 1957, the son of the late Robert and Betty (Salszieder) Burns. On April 7, 1979, he married LeAnne Bathke at Peace Lutheran Church, Oshkosh.

After graduating from Oshkosh North School, Ron began to work with his Dad (Bob) in Burns Dental Lab. After a few years, Ron took over the Lab, using his God-given talent to change people's lives crafting dentures that he was proud of. After his cancer diagnoses, he sadly closed his business of 46 years.

Ron enjoyed slow pitch softball with his brothers and buddies when he was young. Anyone who knew Ron would say he was the best cookie baker around, as he shared many of his sour cream cutouts every Christmas, as well as the greatest oatmeal chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies. He shared his other talents of landscaping and woodworking with many friends and family, always willing to help others. He loved spending long hours gardening to make his yard the envy of the neighborhood. He was kindhearted to people in need, and would give generously and se-

cretly to many. He was especially helpful to his parents and children, remodeling, and fixing things. He loved to spoil his grandchildren in many ways. Ron never missed a Packer game. He spent many years watching them with special friends and family.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, LeAnne; children: Scott Burns, Kristin (Jay) Webb and children Myrarah and Ronin; Lydia (Chase) Jackson and children Gracelyn and Jameson; sisters: Lyn (Jerry) Oswald, Andi (Jim) Weisheipl and Wendy (Fiance' Andy) Burns; brother Bob (Lori) Burns; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Judy Diderich; and brother, David Burns.

A visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at APPLETON ALLIANCE CHURCH, 2693 W. Grand Chute Blvd, Appleton, WI 54913. Those who would like to, may wear a Packer shirt to remember him by.

The family expresses a special thank you to all the family and friends, and Moments Hospice, who cared for Ron. Also, to those who brought meals, sent gift cards, took care of the lawn, and supported LeAnne and the children. We will all miss his huge smile!

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# Obituaries

## Richard L. Breitenbach

Richard L. Breitenbach, age 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Bethel Home. He was born on October 2, 1940 in Merrill, WI and he married the former Joyce Muehlenberg on April 11, 1960 which produced a family of six and lasted 40 years before Joyce preceded him in death on March 30, 2000.

Richard worked as a pipe insulator retiring in 2001. He enjoyed fishing and camping but most of all

## Lee Weitz

Lee Coral Weitz passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 7th, 2022, at the age of 78, after a courageous, hard-fought battle with cancer. Lee was born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on November 7, 1944, to Lee and Ruby Owen, and grew up spending time enjoying the outdoors with her brothers.

Lee met the love of her life, Donavon Weitz, and they married on February 17, 1962. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage together, and were blessed with two daughters, Julie and Amy.

Lee and Don's adventures led them to building a peaceful life in the woods when they moved to Neshkoro, Wisconsin; they spent 30 years making memories with each other, their girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lee spent her life committed to building a loving home for her family, always ensuring everyone was taken care of with love and compassion. Lee loved fishing & hunting adventures with her husband and family, and she enjoyed playing cards, making the occasional casino run, going on shopping excursions and trips up north with her daughters. One of Lee's most cherished roles in life was her relationship with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, where she warmly embraced those "little dollies" and loved each of them as her own.

Without question, Lee always ensured that every person who came into her life was safe, healthy, and happy... and she always added some of that classic Lee sass and energy to every interaction. Plus, she made sure no one ever left without a snack-bag of sweet-treats for the road!

Lee was Lutheran by faith and throughout her entire life, maintained a steadfast relationship with the Lord;

## Human trafficking tied to massage business

Two female employees at a massage business were detained and interviewed by Oshkosh police last week in connection with a human trafficking investigation.

Detectives have been investigating a business at 234 N. Koeller Road and determined that illegal sexual contact was taking place along with evidence of human trafficking, according to a police report.

Police partner with nonprofit support organizations so that resources can be quickly provided to victims in these cases. The investigation is still ongoing.

going to car races. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Shirley; brothers, Jack and Bob; wife, Joyce and a son Daniel. Richard is survived by Richard Jr.; Christine (Daniel) Hirte; Dennis; Catherine (Bob) Dunn and Gregory (Nicole) Breitenbach. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Bethel Home especially Sue Hipple for the care and help to Richard.

Private family services will be held per family wishes.

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He blessed her by giving her the best gift of all: a welcome into Heaven on her birthday. To say she will be missed is an understatement, but to be reminded that we have the most beautiful guardian angel watching over us, is the most peaceful thought.

Lee was an exceptional and loving wife, mother, grandma, nana and friend. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Donavon; children Julie Nikolaus (Scott Engel) and Amy Volkman (Gary); grandchildren Kiel Nikolaus (Linda), Tara Elmer (Andy), and Trista Volkman (fiance Codey Graham); great-grandchildren Lucy, Charley & Grace Nikolaus, Bentley DuFresne, and Owen & Ruby Elmer; and, her lifelong friend Judy Tank, along with William & Gloria Ritchie, her aunt and road trip partner-in-crime.

Lee was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Ruby, and brothers Phillip and Steven Owen.

A private service will be held for the family to celebrate Lee and the amazing legacy she leaves with us.

Our family would like to express gratitude for the unconditional love we've received, and we'd also like to share special appreciation to Pastor John Dorn of Living Water Lutheran Church, as well as Lee's compassionate care team at Compassus Hospice for their gentle and supportive care.

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**Susan**

## Judith Koch

Judith Koch, age 58, passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, in Oshkosh. She was born on March 25, 1964, in Oshkosh to the late John and Leona (Groskruetz) Gradl. Judy married Robert Koch on June 17, 1989, her friend, soulmate, and love of her life.

Judy cherished her family very much. She never forgot a birthday. Her Christmas holiday was so special to everyone. Judy truly was an artist. Painting pictures of muscle cars on mirrors, spending endless hours with a paint brush in hand. She loved baking cakes and decorating them with your theme at heart. In earlier years she was a gardener. Her backyard blossomed with her love of vegetables. Flowers bloomed all three seasons. Ladies in the neighborhood would stop and talk

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about the beauty she planted.

Judy is survived by her sons: Kelley (Cassie) Koch, Dan Koch; grandchildren: Natalie Koch, Jacob Koch, Mike Behrend, Kyle Scruton; sister, Debbie (Pat) Ryan and aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Leona Gradl and husband, Robert Koch.

Judy may be gone but she will live forever in our hearts and memories she made with all who knew her.

A memorial service for Judy will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 12:00 pm until the time of service.

Please mail memorial cards to Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 78, Oshkosh, WI 54903

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## Jack E. Jury

Jack E. Jury, age 79, passed away on November 1, 2022. Arrangements are pending at this time.

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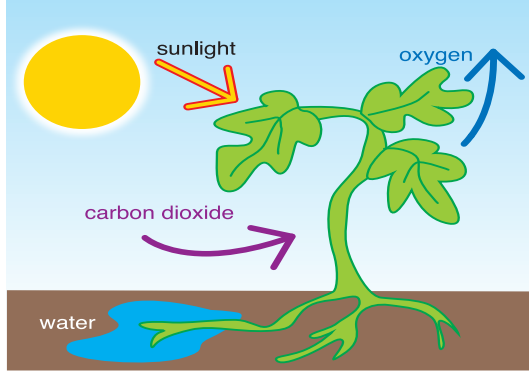
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**When the rain comes down, what goes up?**

Find the answer in the fall leaf border! Start here. Then read every other letter as you move clockwise around the border.

**Lookalike Leaves**

All of the leaves at right have an identical twin—**except one**. Can you find it?

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Find words in the newspaper that have the same number of syllables as the fall words below. Paste each word on the picture with the matching number of syllables.

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Harvested Jack o' lantern

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**Double Double Word Search**

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

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1 - 3: Junior Hiker  
4 - 7: Botanist  
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