**World Relief helps put new lives together**

By Anya Kelley

As of 2018, 5% of Wisconsin’s population was composed of immigrants, while that number has been steadily increasing since then. Many come to America ready to work and build a new life for their families. It’s never easy coming to a new country where everything from customs to language is different. World Relief, a global Christian humanitarian organization, makes that transition smoother.

World Relief is one of 10 resettlement agencies in the nation helping refugees from all over the world find a home here. The Fox Valley branch has been in operation for 11 years and resettled almost 300 people last year.

That number seemingly increases yearly as World Relief Fox Valley has resettled around 315 people this year and is estimating about 350 more in 2024. The Fox Valley branch has been in operation for 11 years and resettled almost 300 people last year.

Turnover for 2009 to 2023 was more prevalent among teachers of color than their white counterparts, in districts serving vulnerable student populations, and among rural school districts as well as those with the lowest enrollment. Turnover was caused to a great extent by teachers exiting public school classrooms altogether rather than moving between districts. The Milwaukee Policy Forum report found.

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By Jennifer Parmley

**Winnebago Bicycle at 10 years and rolling**

Downtown bike shop celebrates anniversary

Winnebago Bicycle recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary and owner Sean Lynch and crew have been enjoying the ride every step of the way.

The shop, located at 502 N. Main St., sells several brands of bicycles and accessories, as well as provides services. But in recent years has become known for the events it holds.

“I don’t need enough for a bike shop to just sell people a bike,” Lynch said. “You have to give them the opportunity to ride as well.”

One event it’s involved in is Slow Roll Oshkosh, which occurs on the third Tuesday of the month May through September.

The free, social and slow-paced ride is open to people of all ages and rider levels. With a different starting point each month, the group wanders its way through out the city, often with stops at various establishments for refreshments.

“We can get 100 to 300 people,” Lynch said, adding that the event coinciding with the Gibson Club opening downtown attracted nearly 350 participants. “Leading that many people down Main Street was a trip.”

Winnebago Bicycle and Discover Oshkosh also host the Alleycat Race Series, a series of scavenge hunts on Saturdays over seven weeks. Riders pay $5 each to receive a list of Oshkosh-based checkpoints to visit along routes planned by individuals or teams. The noncompetitive, 20–25-mile event starts at Opera House Square and concludes with a party and prizes.

“We just tell them where the finish line is,” Lynch said. “When we stop at these places the patrons of those businesses see us having fun. Everyone asks what we’re doing, and they’re having a great time and want to join in.”

Rebecca Nichols of Appleton has been biking since the early 2010s and has attended several Alleycat races. “It’s a huge blast,” Nichols said. “I’ve recruited so many friends to do Alleycat races with me.”

Lynch is also into bikepacking, a mix of all-terrain biking and backpacking. Riders bring enough gear for extended trips, including food, tents and hammocks, tools and clothes. His shop offers the technology and equipment to make those rides more enjoyable and safer.

Nichols became interested in bikepacking in 2020 and assembled the gear for her own bike before she discovered Winnebago Bicycle.

“I didn’t realize there was a shop that supported receiving the newspaper via first-class mail. Go to www.oshkoshherald.com/store for the following Wednesday.

Lynch will continue to grow the business.

“Even repairs were a challenge, because we couldn’t get parts,” said Lynch, who ran the shop solo for the last few months of the year.

Things eventually turned around and Lynch was able to hire more staff and get things back on track.

“This is the first year since we’re finally able to feel like a real bike shop,” he said. Lynch will continue to grow the business and provide reliable service. He’s currently in wheel building using Dynamo hubs fitted with a small electric generator to power lights, phones and GPS. They also focus on brakes, suspension work and custom-built frames, especially for adventure-oriented bikes. His favorite part of the job is the people he works with.

“The boys and I will go out and ride after work and stop at Fifth Ward or Oblio’s or somewhere,” he said. “It’s a nice little friend group and community.”
UW Oshkosh’s budget challenges will affect all of us

If you are a regular reader of the Herald you no doubt are aware that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is facing some major fiscal challenges. Specifically, an $18 million deficit. To put that into context, UWO’s total spending in 2023 was about $241 million.

The immediate actions in the wake of the deficit are furloughs for most employees, staff layoffs, a hiring freeze, and higher teaching loads for faculty.

As a UW employee and believer in its mission, news of these challenges and subsequent actions was deflating. I asked myself how is this going to work. I am lucky to teach in a stable program whose biggest challenge in recent years has been staffing our courses with limited faculty. How will we do even more with even less?

My second reaction was frustration. How could a public university not see this coming and deal with fundamental issues earlier? Who or what is responsible?

My third reaction was to make sure my resume was updated, hardening back to some early career advice from a mentor who told me institutions will not love you back, no matter how much you give to them.

After a few days and a few conversations, the shock wore off and I put on my faculties. The challenges facing the UW system, and UWO specifically, are complex. Complex challenges tend to have complex causes.

So how did we get here? The first part of the puzzle is declining state support for the UW system. In 2003 30.9% of the UW system budget came from state funds. By 2013 that percentage declined to 19.3%, and today is down to 18%.

The reduction in state support is directly linked to increased reliance on tuition, which supported 17.9% of the UW system budget in 2003, and 21.6% in 2013 and 2023 respectively. Given the increasing reliance on tuition rather than state aid, UWO needed to either raise its tuition or increase enrollments. State legislative action in 2013 froze tuition, taking any increases for in-state undergraduates off the table. Efforts to increase enrollment did not work, as total enrollment fell from 13,902 students in fall 2013 to 12,851 in fall 2022.

The failure to increase enrollments is not at all surprising given 1) The number of K-12 students in Wisconsin is declining (public school enrollments dropped from 1,881,833 in 2019 to 2,228,806 in 2023), and 2) Every UW system school had the same strategy to increase enrollment; there was no way it could work for everyone. Hence it is also not surprising that other UW system schools are facing their own deficits.

The second piece of the puzzle is, in my opinion, a function of being a large bureaucracy. Large rule-driven organizations, be they public, private or nonprofit, are slow to change. In the past 20 years political support for the UW system plummeted. UWO (and other system schools) absorbed the struggling two-year campuses, technology (and the pandemic) altered student expectations of higher education, and a bureaucracy designed to serve an institution that no longer exists hummed along as usual.

The elephant in the room is Wisconsin’s unprecedented budget surplus. Couldn’t the Legislature choose to invest some of that into the UW system? Yes. But they did not. And nobody can be surprised with that decision after the past 20 years of the aforementioned plummeting political support for the UW system.

Though I find that lack of support short sighted, I am focused on the larger question of where UW goes from here. As painful as the current situation is, it presents an opportunity to position UWO as a vital state and community asset focused on solving our region’s most pressing social and economic needs. I am hopeful, with strong community partners, we will get there.

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Day by Day Shelter plans cultural fundraiser

Day by Day Shelter is holding an inaugural Streets of Hope fundraiser Oct. 13 at Becket’s Center Atrium, which will be an interactive arts fundraiser that will connect to the heart of street culture.

Shelter executive director Molly Yatso Butz said many shelter guests suffer the emotional stigma of their experiences on the streets. She said they want to honor the creativity that rises from street culture in a way that highlights resilience, vitality and diversity.

Day by Day Shelter opened in a new facility in May that came with additional operational commitments and challenges. As they work to establish a new income stream from the event, Yatso Butz said they are looking for community partners to ensure the success of Streets of Hope for 2023 and for years to come.

“UWO as a vital state and community asset focused on solving our region’s most pressing social and economic needs. We are hopeful, with strong community partners, we will get there,” she said. Streets of Hope deeply connects to our guests, our organization and shares our story.”

The event will run from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are available at www.streetsofhope.art.

There is currently an open call for artists and volunteers and openings for additional sponsors. More information on the event can be found at www.streetsofhope.art or contact Molly@daybydayshelter.org.

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Council approves capital projects for 2024

Riverwalk expansion, Grand construction OK’d

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

The city is moving forward with a plethora of projects set to begin next year. These projects include several street projects, expanding the riverwalk to wrap around Pioneer Island and a planned renovation at the Grand in Oshkosh.

The 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects budget will still need to be approved by the Common Council during the budget process in November. Mayor Matt Muegieraer said this was the first step in getting projects underway next year.

“We’re giving blessing to projects totaling almost $120 million for 2024 in terms of public works, police, fire, museum and everyday amenities in the city of Oshkosh and trying to improve those for those who live here,” he said.

One new project has been added for The Grand renovation. Finance director Russell Van Gompel said the project’s design costs, projected at $477,000, were added to the 2024 list and the construction is slated for 2025 to cost around $5.5 million.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said The Grand is set to fundraise about $3 million of the total construction costs. The remaining funds will be covered by general obligation borrowing. He added that the theater has plans to only be closed for one season, but that doesn’t mean there won’t be a Grand season.

The renovation includes upgrades to modernize the buildings infrastructure, increase efficiency and upgrading bathroom spaces.

The main lobby bathrooms will be renovated, and the dressing rooms updated – spaces that have not been changed since 1996.

“Everyone will be happy about the bathrooms being renovated,” Ferlo said. “The people that use The Grand the most will notice the dressing rooms will be larger with better bathrooms and more privacy.”

Another big upgrade will be replacing the loading doors and upgrading the loading area to be more efficient. The current loading doors were installed in 1883. The Grand will also be more wheelchair accessible once the renovations are complete.

“There will be a new secondary entrance added,” Ferlo said. “This will all improve wheelchair access throughout the building.”

Separate from this project are other upgrades to The Grand such as replacing seats in the theater and replacing doors and windows at the main entrance.

Ferlo said those projects can be done concur rently with other projects.

The Grand will be utilizing the next couple of months to reach out to potential donors and get a feel in the community for where their support is and make a plan from there to reach the fundraising goal of more than $3 million.

Ferlo said the staff is continuing to work on various projects running along 6th Avenue including a large storm sewer project. This includes a large storm sewer project.

Initially the $3.5 million project would be a Grand season. The Grand had to go digital with online performances during COVID and that could return during renovations.

“We’re looking at other venues possibly in the area to hold shows,” Ferlo said. “Anything is possible.”

The CIP also included using $53.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to extend the riverwalk to Pioneer Island.

Muegieraer made a motion at the meeting to change the funding source for the extension of the riverwalk from ARPA funds to now be “TRD” or to be determined. Initially the $3.5 million project would be funded by ARPA funds, but after the council vote last week the funding source is now TRD.

“It’s a valuable project, along with several other extensions of the riverwalk that we have,” Muegieraer said. “I don’t think this is the best and highest use of these funds at this time.”

He added there are higher-value priorities as far as city infrastructure is concerned. Community development director Kelly Nieforth said staff is continuing to look at grant options to fund the extension of the riverwalk, including 50/50 or 80/20 matching grants.

Nieforth explained this section of the riverwalk would be near the railroad tracks and the vehicle bridge and would aid with the way to the breakwater.

“We would be doing multiple segments because we’d need to get to people to the island and then put it on the island,” Nieforth said.

Rohloff told the Herald earlier this year that the city has a plan to get the riverwalk extended onto Pioneer Island because it’s such a great asset to the city.

Council member Mike Ford asked how this 2024 CIP fits in with city plans for debt policy. Van Gompel said the city could be looking Sept. 9 to be FASD Awareness Day in the city.

FASD can occur in people that are exposed to alcohol before they are born, the mother consumes alcohol and goes from her blood to the baby through the umbilical cord. According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 1 in 20 school children may have FASD.

The CDC website states, “Alcohol can cause problems for a developing baby throughout pregnancy, including before a woman knows she is pregnant. All types of alcohol are equally harmful, including all wines and beer.”

The Girl Scouts will have an information booth at the farmer’s market on Sept. 9 where people can learn more about FASD as part of their silver award project. The troop spoke about FASD education, pointing out that FASD is more than autism, but there are no dedicated supports or services for these children or adults.
The Oshkosh Teachers’ Closet has been getting an expected surge in new and familiar visitors this month at its new location with the fall semester approaching and education supplies always in demand.

Director Kay Kuenzl-Stenerson, husband Alan and son Matt Stenerson have been working to get their expanded location rejuvenated at 530 Bay Shore Drive since early June ahead of their August opening when teachers start to figure out what their classrooms and students are lacking.

Founded 12 years ago at its former Peace Lutheran Church location, the Oshkosh Teachers’ Closet has been supporting teachers looking to provide students with needed supplies beyond what their families can afford, along with other teaching tools for often sparsely furnished classrooms.

“Anything that you can imagine would be in a classroom – that’s what we provide,” said Matt.

A grant from the JK Foundation made the move from the church basement and fix-up of the former Grow Oshkosh space possible, Kuenzl-Stenerson said, but ongoing rent support will be needed through financial donations and other grants.

Kuenzl-Stenerson said they had about 1,200 visits last year spread out through the school year, not just when summer ends. She is also seeing more middle school and high school teachers looking to buy classroom supplies for students and classrooms that schools don’t provide and some families don’t have the budget for. She said her first classroom had an old, rickety desk where the drawers would hardly open, the top too carved up to write on, no desk chair and a scissors that couldn’t cut paper.

“I brought all of the bookshelves, because I’m a reading specialist, and put the books that I bought on them so that kids could have a classroom library,” she said.

The Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League held a bingo fundraiser where players bought in school supplies that filled two large boxes, one of the ways community groups help support the Teachers’ Closet.

Financial donations are equally welcome either through a partnership with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation’s Designated Fund or given directly by going to teacherscloset.org. Matt said they can make cash donations stretch much further than an individual who buys and donates supplies.

“We can buy things at a fifth of the price from different places – between bulk and other sources that the public can’t buy from,” he said, such as markers, dry erasers and some art supplies. “We can do that because we’re a nonprofit.”

Kuenzl-Stenerson said the new location, beyond the added warehouse and work space, should offer more visibility to draw more support and add to the about 10 volunteers who are mostly retired teachers. They can now take in bigger items – they don’t take desks while shelving is welcome.

“We have donation days and we get a lot of things from retired teachers or people just interested, and they will bring us classroom type stuff like bulletin boards and games and stuff like that,” she said, adding that most of that flies off the shelves.

There is also a special request fund for people donating to a specific need, with the requests reviewed by a committee.

The Closet is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, along with one Saturday a month. They can be contacted at 920-426-5480 or execdir@theteacherscloset.org.
Tiki bar opens on Pioneer Island

By Jonathan Richie

There’s a new tiki bar recently launched on Pioneer Island as developers continue with plans for the island mostly known for its marina.

Sometimes at Pioneer Island is a tiki bar and is the first step for developers on the island, which used to be the home of the Pioneer Resort.

Art Dumke of Artron Properties said the name comes from the fact that sometimes the bar will be open and sometimes it won’t.

“It will be open depending on the weather,” Dumke said. He is president of Sometimes LLC, which operates the bar and explained they will be using social media to inform people when the bar is open.

Last week when the Herald spoke to Dumke, he said the Sometimes at 1000 Pioneer Drive was ready to be a new place for people to have fun on Lake Winnebago. He said opening weekend went well.

“It’s going to be a very casual outdoor experience with the bar being primarily outside on the lake,” he said. “Sometimes is going to be big on fun and having that fun factor.”

This is just the first step, a baby step for what Dumke has planned for Pioneer Island. There will be a food truck at the bar to add to the outdoor experience.

The Common Council approved a class B beer and class B liquor license for Sometimes at its June 27 meeting.

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Public library calendar

Some programs require registration. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for details.

Sept. 1
Archive Dives: The Mark Gruenwald Collection, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12
Twen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11

Sept. 5
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 6
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 7
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 8
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Sept. 9
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Henry Auler: Premiere 20th Century Oshkosh Architect, 1 p.m., adults

Sept. 11
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Sept. 12
Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Adult DIY, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 13
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
Memory Cafe, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
What a Way to Go: Death in Oshkosh in the 1880s, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 14
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m., adults
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Echoes of the Past; History of the Foote Mansion in Eureka, Wis., 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 15
Librarian Learns: Pioneer Inn, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Twen STEAM, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

Sept. 16
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 18
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Sept. 19
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults
Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults

Sept. 20
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 21
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
Wonderlab: The Wonder of Bubbles, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Sept. 22
Creature Carnival Contest Drop-in & Create, 10-30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., ages 2-18
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 23
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Everyday Tech: Drop-in Tech Help, 10-11 a.m., adults

Sept. 25
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Sept. 26
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 27
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 28
Freedom to Read Video Series: History of Banned Books Week, 10 a.m., YouTube
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 29
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Creature Carnival Contest Drop-in & Create, 3:30-5:30 p.m., ages 2-18

Sept. 30
LEGObale Open Build, 3-5 p.m.
Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge Awards Ceremony, 1 p.m., all ages

GO Transit Free Ride Day offered this Friday

GO Transit will offer a Free Ride Day on its fixed-route transit service Friday to thank its current riders and encourage the public to discover public transit options. The promotion also falls on the first day of school for students in the Oshkosh Area School District.
Judge denies change of venue in boat crash case

Hearing offers details in July 2022 incident

By Jonathan Richie

A Winnebago County judge told attorneys that a Winnebago County jury will hear the case of an Oshkosh man and his involvement in a boat crash last summer — if the case goes to trial.

Jason Lindemann's attorney, Scott Ceman, recently filed a motion requesting a change of venue along with other motions. A criminal complaint alleges Lindemann was intoxicated when he drove his speedboat into a large paddleboat operated by On the Loos Cruises on July 9, 2022.

Lindemann, 53, pleaded not guilty to two felony counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety along with 15 misdemeanor counts of boating accident/fail to render aid in February. In a separate case he is facing a second-degree recklessly endangering safety charge.

The prosecutors and Ceman were in favor of a Winnebago County jury. Ceman also presented information referencing several negative comments about Lindemann on social media.

The defense conducted a survey of 33 Winnebago County residents and all but one of them had heard of the case and almost 90% had the opinion that Lindemann was guilty. Ceman wrote in his motion for venue change that a Winnebago County jury would be appropriate at trial when an expert could be brought in.

Oshkosh police officer Troy Johnson also testified about an interaction, captured on body cam footage, the officer had with Lindemann's daughter the night of the crash.

Ceman also presented information referencing several negative comments about Lindemann on social media. The prosecutors agreed and did not argue against the change of venue. Gibbs disagreed and said a larger jury pool would be used to ensure an unbiased jury in Winnebago County.

“So, I believe that Winnebago County is able to produce an impartial jury,” Gibbs said before he denied the motion.

In court last week, James Megna of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was questioned about the cameras that collected footage the night of the crash. Ceman questioned Megna on how the cameras operate and if they are motion activated, which Megna did not know.

Jenswold objected to some of Ceman's questions and stated the line of questioning was not appropriate for the hearing but would be appropriate at trial when an expert could be brought in.

One of Ceman's motions was to dismiss the interaction between Lindemann's daughter and Johnson. Gibbs did not find any police misconduct when reviewing the body camera footage and dismissed the motion.

There was a final motion filed by Ceman in a separate case where Lindemann is charged with operating a boat while intoxicated.

Jenswold and Thompson were not aware of this motion and Gibbs announced during the hearing he had only just seen it. Another motion hearing is scheduled in the case for Sept. 26.

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Metro area jobless rate drops to 2.9% in July

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and the county was also at 2.9%.

Unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in all but one of Wisconsin's 34 large metro areas over the year and decreased or stayed the same in six of those areas over the past year.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Oshkosh woman pleads no contest in stabbing case

An Oshkosh woman pleaded no contest to charges of stabbing her former partner in their home in February.

Morgan T. Lund, 22, was charged with attempted homicide in February and pleaded not guilty to the charge in March by reason of insanity. She pleaded no contest Aug. 21 to aggravated battery with intent of great bodily harm and second-degree recklessly endangering safety. She was found guilty by Winnebago County Judge Brian Keberle.

Court documents show the state plans to argue for Lund to serve 7.5 years in prison for aggravated battery followed by five years of extended supervision and five years of extended supervision for second degree recklessly endangering safety to run consecutively.

Lund could face up to 20 years of imprisonment for aggravated battery and 10 years imprisonment for reckless endangerment. She could also face up to $75,000 in fines.

The victim chose not to speak at the hearing.

According to the complaint, an Oshkosh police officer was called to a home in the 500 block of Jefferson Street on Feb. 18. They entered the scene to find Lund covered in blood and her former boyfriend bleeding from apparent stab wounds.

The victim was transported to a hospital, where staff said he had 19 stab wounds to his back, right shoulder, chest, face and both hands. Police say those wounds came from a pair of scissors.

Lund told police she had been seeing a “figure” that was dark but not an actual person for between six months and a year. She told the officer she thought she saw something, was afraid and that there was something wrong with her head.

She said she didn’t realize she was attacking the victim and not the figure until he started fighting back and screaming.

There is a sentencing hearing set for Nov. 3.

Golfers support club

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Alumni Association held its second annual golf outing fundraiser Aug. 13 at Far Vu Golf Course that raised $15,000 to support the club’s youth. All funds raised will go to support providing outdoor experiences and taking care of the club’s Camp Raford.

District set for three years of school resource officers

Oshkosh public schools and the Oshkosh Police Department have entered into a new contract that will keep five school resource officers in district schools for the next three school years.

Last week, as part of the consent agenda, the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education approved a memorandum of understanding with OPD beginning Sept. 1 that runs through Aug. 31, 2026.

The three-year agreement states the district will be covering half of the wages for school resource officers (SRO) at $200,000 the first year, $204,000 the second year and $208,000 for the third year.

The five SROs will be at North and West high schools along with Vel Phillips, Carl Traeger, Perry Tipler and South Park middle schools, with intermittent coverage at elementary schools across the district.

District documents show there is an upcoming proposal for an additional SRO starting in January. If OPD and OASD agree to terms, the pact approved last week would need to be amended.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop planned

A Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop will be held on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning Sept. 18 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

The free workshop helps caregivers meet their own needs while caring for a loved one. Caregivers identify and manage stress, manage difficult feelings due to losses, schedule changes, increased responsibilities, trying to manage work and caregiving.

They will also learn communication tools and relaxation techniques.

Contact Alisa Richetti at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County at 920-236-1227 or at arichetti@winnebagocountywi.gov for more information.
UW Oshkosh receives $500,000 to train water scientists

Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin has awarded nearly $43 million to fund 22 projects across the University of Wisconsin System aimed at increasing re-search and training for the state’s biggest water challenges.

UW Oshkosh’s Greg Kleinheinz is the principal investigator on a $505,000 Freshwater Collaborative training effort at the Environmental Research and Innovation Center (ERIC), where he serves as director. He also is involved in two other projects funded by the collaborative.

“UWO is thrilled to be part of the Freshwater Collaborative, grateful for the fund- ing and excited about these projects,” said UWO Provost Ed Martini. “Our faculty and students are passionate about protect- ing and preserving the freshwater resources of the state and the region for generations to come. These efforts will support trans-formational learning opportunities for a wide range of learners tackling problems from PFAS to algal blooms that are critical for northeastern Wisconsin and the entire Great Lakes region.

Funding will support expansion of sum-mer research programs that allow students from Wisconsin and across the nation to conduct freshwater research at one of the UW System campuses; summer programs for high school students to educate them about careers in the water industry; and university-level research projects that help fulfill community and government agency needs for water quality monitoring.

Several projects will deal with PFAS, “forever chemicals” used in everyday products that have been shown to cause significant health issues in humans and which have been identified at high levels in drinking water throughout the state.

At UWO, Kleinheinz leads the $505,000 Comprehensive Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin Training, Community Engagement, Business Enterprise, Research and Recruitment Program, which offers student training opportunities at ERIC. The partnership allows students from any UW campus the opportunity to work at ERIC field research sites (or take a field course) each summer, which embeds stu-dents in communities to study surface, well and groundwater.

Funding also will allow for an on-cam- pus STEM high school camp next sum-mer for 20 students; provide resources for faculty-student research and student-in-dustry projects; expanded opportunities through the UW Oshkosh Freshwater 101 course; partial support for a summer field sampling and analysis course open to all UW students; and continued access to a research and teaching boat on the Lake Winnebago system at no charge to Fresh- water Collaborative partners.

Kleinheinz and ERIC staff Carmen Ebert and Hannah Seefeld are also in- volved with two additional Freshwater Collaborative projects:

- $11,400 awarded for Continuation and Expansion of the Red Cedar Water-Shed Monitoring Project, where the wa- tered experiences frequent blue-green algae blooms due to phosphorous pollu-tion. Efforts have been implemented to reduce runoff and restore stream channels and buffer areas.
- $5,560 for Freshwater Science Across the Curriculum: Linked Outreach and Advanced Educational Activities in West- ern Wisconsin. The ongoing project sup-ports two freshwater science field courses in western Wisconsin: one targeting ju-nior and senior high school students and the other an advanced course designed for upper-level college students.

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance launches agriculture projects

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is excited to announce the launch of two groundbreaking Climate Smart Agriculture pro-jects designed to foster sustain-able agriculture farming practices. These projects, totaling over $12.8 million in funding from the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture (USDA), signify a great step towards sustainable agricultural practices that will not only help contrib-ute to climate change mitigation but will also take the next steps in ensuring Northeast Wiscon-sin farmers can compete in the chang-ing demands of the agricultural industry.

The two years of unprecedented challenges due to shifting climate patterns, extreme weather events, and resource limitations. Meeting these challenges re-quires innovative approaches to ensure the health of both farming operations and the surrounding environment. The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance recognizes the urgent need for a comprehensive approach that harmonizes agricultural productivity with environmental sustainability.

The Climate Smart Agriculture projects are designed to empower farmers with in-formation on today’s latest practices and resources to adapt to the evolving climate and indus-try landscape while reducing their carbon footprint.

One of the projects, made possible through a subaward agreement with Edge Dairy Cooperative, will focus on the im-plementation of farming techniques that sequester carbon and reduce runoff to our local waters through improved soil health.

To meet the goals of this project, Fox-Wolf partnered with eight counties to increase staff capacity at the Land Conservation Departments in order to provide tech- nical assistance to farmers interested in participating in the projects. Partnering counties include Brown County, Calumet County, Fond du Lac County, Outagamie County, Shawano County, Waupaca County, Wauchara County, and Winnebu-go County.

The second project, supported directly by USDA, will focus on reducing runoff, sequestration, and soil health in farming that Northeast Wisconsin farmers and con-servation professionals stay up to date on quickly-changing environmental and market conditions.

Fox-Wolf will work with underserved and minority farmers to gather data that firmly establishes the connections between healthy lands and the quality of the end products that consumers purchase. Farmers will be empow-ered to make an economic analysis of the productivity of their farmland in order to implement targeted climate adaptation strategies for long-term economic and environ-mental sustainability.

“We are excited to embark on these Climate Smart Agriculture projects that demonstrate our commitment to conser-vation and the sustainable future of farming in our region,” said Jennifer Schul-tu, Executive Director of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. “With the collective efforts of our partners, including counties, organizations, and dedicated farmers, we aim to foster an agricultural landscape that thrives in harmony with nature.”

For more information on the Climate Smart Agriculture projects and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, please visit www.ewa.org/FarmClimateSmart.
Vaccinations urged as kids return to school

As families are preparing for another school year, ThedaCare is helping with a back-to-school series. The series will feature topics that can help students gear up for a healthy and successful year. In this article, Dr. Ann Jones, a Pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics, reminds parents and guardians to ensure kids are up to date on vaccines and preventive care. Childhood vaccination is essential because it helps provide immunity before kids are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Adhering to the recommended vaccine schedule is an important piece of that.

In addition to those not following the vaccine schedule, overall childhood vaccination rates are declining. During the 2020-21 school year, national coverage with state-required vaccines among kindergarten students declined from 95% to 93.4% for the past school year. This overall rise is likely also related to Act 10, which diminished the role of seniority in teachers’ work, Davis said. This rise, he noted, is not unique to Wisconsin districts and the second-highest levels of teachers leaving Wisconsin public schools for classrooms for some other pursuit.

“Choosing to do so can carry negative concerns about the schedule itself, or simple can vary. The decision may come down to the state’s Black teachers are concentrated in the public school classroom or the state entirely. Teachers of color most affected: Turnover among white teachers, who make up the great majority of the state’s educator workforce, was slightly below the overall state average during the period studied. Meanwhile, turnover among teachers of color was substantially higher. This may reflect, in part, the fact that the state’s Black teachers are concentrated in districts with high turnover rates for teachers of all races.

Teacher turnover

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policy observers and practitioners expected teachers to follow suit, particularly given the pressures associated with the shift to remote learning and the subsequent return to school buildings.”

The report relies on a sweeping analysis of public school staffing data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) going back to 2009, which researchers used to determine teacher turnover rates for individual districts and the state as a whole. The analysis examined nearly 116,000 teachers at roughly 450 school districts and other K-12 entities over a 15-year period. From 2009 to 2023, an average of 11.35% of a district’s teachers turned over each year. Coming into the 2022-23 school year (referred to as 2023 in the report), turnover rose to 15.8% – the highest percentage during the years studied. The 2023 rate included the highest levels on record of teachers moving between districts and the second-highest levels of teachers leaving Wisconsin public schools for classrooms for some other pursuit.

“This effect is especially concerning given our findings that turnover is highest among the very schools where students face the biggest challenges and might benefit from a stable environment in which to learn,” the report states. “In 2012 and thereafter, teachers who may otherwise have remained in the same district for years could instead switch districts without sacrificing as many advantages associated with the length of their tenure.”

Additional findings:

Teacher leaves outnumber moves: The average teacher move rate was 2.9%, while the average statewide leave rate was 8%. Wisconsin’s leave rate ranged from a low of 1.1% in 2010 to a high of 4.7% in 2012. This 2012 high was tied to Act 10 and was likely driven by a one-time increase in retirements. The leave rate in 2023 was nearly as high at 10.1%.

Rural, urban retention challenges differ: The report highlights how teacher retention strategies may need to vary depending on their location. Urban districts’ primary concern may be teachers leaving the public school classroom or the state entirely. Teachers of color most affected: Turnover among white teachers, who make up the great majority of the state’s educator workforce, was slightly below the overall state average during the period studied. Meanwhile, turnover among teachers of color was substantially higher. This may reflect, in part, the fact that the state’s Black teachers are concentrated in districts with high turnover rates for teachers of all races.

In Oshkosh the turnover rate was close to the statewide average, but it does not protect them, Jones noted. Why to vaccinate

“Advancements in vaccine development have helped keep children from getting many serious illnesses,” said Jones. “As a result, today’s generations can help avoid the link between this vaccine-preventable illnesses,” Jones noted. Beyond that, spacing out vaccines or following a different schedule.

Experts have conducted many studies to evaluate the safety of multiple vaccines. None has shown that multiple vaccines cause a problem. “Over the past 24 years I’ve been a pediatrician, I’ve seen children get very sick or die from complications of several vaccine-preventable illnesses,” Jones noted. “It is rare that a child experiences a serious vaccine reaction.”

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Parents’ reasons for choosing not to vaccinate or diverging from the schedule can vary. The decision may come down to worries about the safety of vaccines, concerns about the schedule itself, or simple busyness. No matter what causes parents to deviate from the vaccine schedule, choosing to do so can carry negative consequences.

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**OSHKOSH ONLY DEALS**

**From the Meat Department**

**Piggly Wiggly Bacon**

- $4.99 each

**Klement’s Brats or Italian Sausages**

- $3.99 each

**From the Deli**

**Beer Dip**

- $5.99 per Pound

**Old Fashioned Potato Salad**

- $4.99 per Pound

**From the Bakery**

**Custard-filled Eclairs**

- $1.99 2 count

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**Produce**

- **California Black, Green or Red Seedless Grapes**
  - $2.49 lb.
  - 2/$3

- **Matchstick Chips or Baby Carrots**
  - 10-10 oz.
  - $1.69 lb.

- **California Chifflower**
  - 5 lb.
  - $3.99

- **Wisconsin Red or Gold Potatoes**
  - 5 lb.
  - $3.99

- **Fresh Cut Seedless Watermelon**
  - 16 oz.
  - $0.99 lb.

- **Blueberries or Saz. Raspberries**
  - 1.5-1.9 oz.
  - $3.99 ea.

- **Sliced White Mushrooms**
  - 16 oz.
  - $2.29 lb.

- **Wholly Guacamole**
  - 16 oz.
  - $2.99

- **Foliage Plant**
  - 4-Inch in Clay - Assorted
  - 2/$5

- **Tall Kitchen Tissue Roll**
  - 2/bag
  - $6.99

- **Bath Tissue**
  - 8-Mega Roll
  - 6/$9.99

- **Tide**
  - 2/10 lbs.
  - $12.99

- **Bounty**
  - 2-Roll
  - $2.29

- **SunnyD**
  - 64-oz.
  - $2.99

- **Grape**
  - Jumbo Seedless
  - $0.99

- **Deli Style Cole Slaw**
  - 8 oz.
  - $0.99

- **Sanpellegrino**
  - 6-Pack, 11.15-oz. Cans
  - $3.99

- **Fruit Loops**
  - 16 oz.
  - $1.99

- **Core Water**
  - 8.8 oz.
  - $0.49

- **Lighter Fluid**
  - Select
  - 2/$3

- **Summer Sangria Blends**
  - Select
  - 2/12 oz.
  - $13.99

- **Matchlight or Kingsford Original Charcoal**
  - 1/3-lb.
  - $7.99

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**Beverage Headquarters**

- **2-Liter Bottle Coke, Sprite or Diet Coke**
  - 2/$4

- **6-Pack, 16-oz. Bottles - Snapple Sparkling Water**
  - 3/$12

- **8-Pack, 12-oz. Cans - SunnyD**
  - Buy 2 Get 1 FREE

- **6-Pack, 11.15-oz. Cans - MTN Dew**
  - $4.99

- **6-Pack, 16-oz. Bottles - Pepsi**
  - $4.99

- **8-Pack, 12-oz. Cans - Kibbles ‘n Bits**
  - $4.99

- **12 to 16 lbs. - Select**
  - $9.99

- **Buy 2 Get 1 FREE on **
  - 2-lb. Bag Deli Style Cole Slaw
  - 6-Double Roll Paper Towel
  - 6-Double Roll Towels
  - 6-Double Roll Napkins
  - $1.99

- **Final Cost**

**Additional Offers:**

- **Less Digital SALE**
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Oshkosh High School’s class of 1964 plan reunion

The Oshkosh High School class of 1964, the first to attend all three years at the new school in Oshkosh, will celebrate its 59th class reunion Sept. 9.

Now named Oshkosh West High School, at that time it was the only public high school in Oshkosh. The reunion will be at Fox River Brewing Co. starting at 4 p.m.
**Wildcats’ setter Martin thrives in selfless role**

By Tim Froberg

Herald contributor

Volleyball setters are pass-first players, but the good ones are never passive. They are confident, communicative, take-charge individuals. 

Add a wicked serve to the mix and that’s Kierstin Martin.

The Oshkosh West senior has been a setter her entire varsity career and she’s a stalwart for the Wildcats. Martin led the Wildcats in as-setter her entire varsity career and she’s a team captain.

“I love setting so much,” said Martin. “It’s just the two of you out there, trying to figure out things like what strategy to use, when to take a timeout and what can you do to help your partner. There are no coaches. You have to really rely on your partner.”

Martin is thrilled to be back on the court, playing the game at full speed again. She missed her entire sophomore season with a broken right ankle which she suffered while playing club volleyball.

“I tried playing middle and it did not work out so well for me,” said Martin with a laugh. “I ended up getting a plate with four screws in my ankle, so coming back from that was a little tough. It took about six months to recover and was just a huge bummer.”

Martin didn’t waste time pouting about her circumstances. She stayed positive and remained part of the team, becoming the Wildcats’ statistician for the 2021 volleyball season.

“Taking stats really gave me a different perspective,” Martin said. “It helped me see the game differently and I learned a lot during that time period.”

Pakula was impressed with how Martin dealt with the frustrating injury.

“Kierstin overcame the injury, stayed positive and contributed in ways off the court that benefited the team,” Pakula said. “She ultimately came back even stronger to assume a key role.”

Martin has been playing volleyball since the sixth grade. Her club volleyball coach for the past several years has been her father, Kevin Martin: a former prep coach for the past several years has been her father, Kevin Martin: a former prep and collegiate volleyball coach at Racine Case High School who has coached at the prep and collegiate levels and served as a referee.

“She has what most coaches call ‘instincts.’ She is a strong communicator, has a strategic mindset and a positive attitude,” Martin said.

Martin does more than just set up others for success. She has an exceptional serve which was a primary reason why she finished second on the Wildcats in service aces last season.

“A lot of people in high school have jump serves, but I have a standing float serve which was a primary reason why she was a team captain,” Pakula said.

“I’ve learned a lot from him through the years,” Kierstin Martin said. “When we’re working together in volleyball, though, it’s like he’s not really my dad. He’s just this guy who knows a lot about volleyball. A lot of the other players in club didn’t even know that he’s my dad. When they found out they were like, ‘What? He’s your dad? Really?’

“But it’s awesome. We get to talk about volleyball and how to attack this or that. I love it.”

Martin doesn’t plan on playing the game at the next level, but is preparing for a new, exciting phase of her life. A high-honors student with an outstanding 3.992 grade-point average, Martin will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville next year.

“I love it. I’m working with engineers and it’s super cool,” Martin said. “I love the math and science part of engineering. Those are my two favorite school subjects and I love being able to apply them to what I’m doing.”

Until then, Martin will focus on her studies and team captain responsibilities at Oshkosh West. The Wildcats are coming off a 3-6 season in the rugged Fox Valley Association (12-24 overall) and Martin has high expectations.

“I love this team,” she said. “We have such hard workers and with the great coaches we have, I think we’re going to be unstoppable.”
Knights can’t overcome second-half swoon in loss

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

One of the things talked about by Lourdes Academy football coaches in the underbelly of Titan Stadium during the weather delay last Friday night was learning how to finish off games against talented opponents.

At the time the storms hit, the Knights were leading perennial playoff contender Reedsville, 14-7, with the game having reached halftime. And a strong second half would certainly deliver Lourdes another win.

Unfortunately for the Knights, things went the other way and some second-half struggles led to a 21-14 loss in the team’s final nonconference contest.

“We will learn from this. We are going to have a lot of tough games, including next week, and at halftime we talked about being able to finish games against tough opponents,” Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. “I’m proud of how we played. I know the final result is not what we wanted, but I think there are plenty of learning opportunities for us.”

The Knights will open Trailways Conference play at home Friday night against Cambria-Friesland, one of the favorites to finish atop the league.

If Lourdes Academy is going to contend for a conference title, a win against the Pirates would be a big boost. And, after the loss, the Knights were looking to get back to work to make sure they were ready.

“We have to practice harder and pay attention to the coaches more. We just have to finish it out,” said senior Mitchell Wing. “It’s just small details, but we have to do better as a team. We will fix it for next week.”

Wing had a big night offensively with 13 catches for 66 yards, while also getting the Knights their first touchdown.

After pinning the Panthers deep in their own territory and forcing a punt, Wing burst through a large opening at the start of the return and then fought through a ton of trouble, especially with some of the smaller in the second half and it kind of came back to bite us. I thought our energy was good the whole game but if we score there, it certainly takes the roof off.”

Lourdes Academy regained the lead just before halftime after a fumble recovery by Anthony Behnke gave the Knights the ball at the Panthers’ 23-yard line.

On the first play after the turnover, Wade Lindahl lofted a pass to Dominic Bauer in the end zone for a touchdown and a 14-7 lead.

The Knights, who were outgained 284-177, never got the offense going in the second half after the extended break because of the weather. Lourdes picked up only four first downs – one on a Reeds-ville penalty and one a fake punt run by Riley Zernach – and ran only one play in Panther territory over the final two quarters.

Reedsville knotted the score with its first possession of the third quarter and then broke the 14-14 tie late in the fourth quarter after a fumble recovery by Anthony Behnke gave the Knights their first touchdown.

“We were ready to play but (Reeds- ville) was a big part of why we struggled. Their five-man front gave us a ton of trouble, especially with some of the size they have,” Wopat said. “Getting into second half and it changed the complexion of the game for us.”

Lindahl finished 22-of-32 for 114 yards, while also racking up a team-high 47 rushing yards. Both Bauer and Nathan Yaggie had three.

“We were ready to play but (Reeds- ville) is a real good opponent,” Wing said. “We will get back to work and take back the Trailways.”

Mitchell Wing looks for running room during his 40-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first quarter against Reedsville on Friday night.
Group of divers to help bolster Oshkosh West lineup

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh West girls swim team is ready to dive into the 2023 season in a big way.

A very big way.
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Oshkosh West wins second straight on road

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VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats tie for fifth at U/W Stout Sprawl

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SOCCER

Rucinski has big game in Knights victory

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Herald names former Buck as new head coach

The Wisconsin Herd has hired Beno Udrih, former NBA veteran and Milwaukee Bucks players, as its fourth head coach in team history.

Udrih brings more than 13 years of experience playing in the NBA, including two seasons with the Bucks, and three years of coaching in the NBA and NBA G League. Most recently, Udrih served as a scout for the Atlanta Hawks.

"Beno brings a wealth of basketball knowledge from his playing career in the NBA and internationally as well as coaching experience at the NBA and NBA G League levels," said Bucks General Manager Jon Horst. "Beno's collaborative approach and passion for teaching the nuances of the game will make him a great fit for this position."

Udrih started his coaching career in the NBA G League as an assistant coach with the Westchester Knicks during the 2019-20 season. He received a call-up to the New Orleans Pelicans, where he served as an assistant coach for two seasons before joining the Atlanta Hawks as a professional NBA scout during the 2022-23 season.


A psychological thriller which KIRKUS Reviews describes as ‘engrossing tale of deception with a worthy payoff’.

Set in an opulent background of the privileged few, it shows humanity at its finest and at its most human element. Unlike many of the same genre, readers know who the serpent is from the beginning. The story is how each of the three protaginists - a famous writer, his personal chauffeur and the unwitting bridal sex worker - manipulate each other. Like a game of chess, a charade, a cat and mouse game. A cliff hanger to the very last page, it keeps the readers guessing what happens next: who wins, who loses, and who dies.
Jennings eyes connection between Titans, community

By Steve Clark

Oshkosh Herald

Peter Jennings has a vision for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football program he oversees as head coach.

First off, it includes re-establishing the Titans as one of the powerhouse programs in NCAA Division III where the team is a meaningful player at a national level.

That’s on Jennings and his coaching staff. But the second-year head coach also sees establishing a connection between the program and the Oshkosh and Fox Valley community that will make Titan Stadium a gathering place on Saturday afternoons in the fall.

“Growing in the community and creating an environment where we have great community support, that’s always been a priority,” Jennings said. “We were probably able to sink our teeth into those opportunities a little more this spring and summer as opposed to last spring and summer with the transition.”

The past two fall camps under Jennings, the program has engaged in service projects around Oshkosh as well as assisting with the honor flight at EAA AirVenture and with local food pantries. The team has also had more involvement in youth camps as well as taking advantage of volunteer opportunities around the city. Some of the connections to the community were things that had been established under the previous coaching staff or by others in the athletic department.

Having those inroads already set up was something that made the position more attractive.

“It was one of the most appealing parts about this job when it did come open was the strong foundation Coach (Pat) Ceroni and his staff set here, not just with the product on Saturday but with their impact to the greater Fox Valley area,” Jennings said. “I think that was a huge part for why it was easy for me to say I was all in. Some of these inroads were already made and it was just on me to continue to try to excel in giving back to the community.”

Jennings also knows that in order to have the community support, the Titans must also play at a high level, which is something he’s intent on making happen.

“The better we are, the more people will want to come,” Jennings said. “There is pressure on us to put a great product on the field. But I love that. I’m confident that the product is going to be very strong.”

And he is hoping that the reward for a high-level product is a special environment on Saturday afternoons.

“I want that game-day atmosphere to mimic (the players) work and that experience should be 10,000 people in the stands,” Jennings said. “Our average attendance last season was the best it had been in a quarter century but I want to double it, triple it. I want Chancellor (Andrew) Leavitt and (Athletic Director) Darryl Sims to have to put in more bleachers.”

The Titans open the season Saturday against Texas Lutheran University and Jennings hopes to have a strong community turnout since university classes have not started yet so there may not be a large number of students at the game.

But when UWO opens Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play Sept. 30 against rival UW-Whitewater, he hopes to have the stands full of Titan supporters.

“I fully expect to have a sell-out crowd that weekend,” Jennings said. “Put a great product on the field, have a great experience pregame with the Titan Tailgate and the Titan March and then have 10,000 people in the stands screaming for the Titans.”

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**Obituaries**

**Eugene F. Kubasta**
Eugene F. Kubasta, age 94, passed away peacefully at his residence on the morning of Friday, August 25, 2023 surrounded by his family. He was born to the late John and Mary (Matschi) Kubasta on March 5, 1929, in Oshkosh. Gene proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps (1948-52). Gene married Kathleen Embs on March 3, 1962, at Saint Peter Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Together they had six children and enjoyed 61 years of marriage together.

Gene attended St. Peter School (1935-43), graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1948, and briefly attended Oshkosh State Teachers College. He held various jobs, beginning in his youth, but Gene was a true entrepreneur who built his first marina on Pearl Ave in 1956, then his current marina directly across the river in 1967. He also owned and ran Kubasta Pool Center (a real family business) for many years alongside his wife.

Gene was also proud of his community service as a member of the County Parks Board, the Traffic Review Board, and various lay-ministries at St. Peter's. He was an avid collector of BB guns and pump 22’s, and truly enjoyed his decades of collecting and world-class displays. His property on the river was his castle, and always took the time to enjoy every bit of it, whether it was landscaping work or viewing it from his scooter. His ducks, squabs, chipmunks, birds, and critters will surely miss him, too.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; six children, Marlene (Steve) Verwel, Julie Kubasta, John (Kristine) Kubasta, Angie (Fred) Eichmann, Kurt Kubasta, and Keith Kubasta, as well as 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Gene is further survived by his two younger sisters, Jackie Knutowski, and Elaine Statz.

In addition to his parents, Gene was pre-deceded in death by his older sisters, Margaret (Erik) Randal, Natalie (Eddie) Mattoli, and Sr. Alessandra “Lulu” Kubasta; as well as his brothers-in-law, Ted Knutowski and Chuck Statz.

A memorial service for Gene will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament-St. Peter’s (435 High Ave) on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 11:30 AM. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service. A burial will follow at the Catholic section of Riverside Cemetery. A special thank you to the care professionals of Compassus Hospice care for their considerate care of Gene and family.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
West boys and girls take fifth at invitational
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**Prep roundup**

Lourdes/Valley scored less than a minute into the second period when Kaleb Richardson finished off a corner kick from Ethan Reinke. Caden Anderson then headed in goal for the Wildcats, while Colin Carns, Jarrett Alger and Brandon Palomaki scored in the second half for West. Meszaros, George Miller, Jeewan Ambati and Ian Heredia each picked up assists in the win.
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Carol Helmer

Carol Helmer (nee Glasshoff) Helmer, age 86, went to eternal peace while at The Residence in Oshkosh, WI on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 with family by her side. She was born at The Jordan Block Hospital in Neenah, WI on September 21, 1936 to Ernest “Ernie” and Nelda (nee Thorson) Glasshoff. Carol grew up and lived most of her life in the Fox Valley area, mainly Winneconne and Oshkosh. She briefly lived in Wichita, KS in her adult life. She graduated from Winneconne High School and soon married Elwyn “Al” Helmer. They were married 65 years. They had five daughters. Family was very important to Carol and so was her faith. She was baptized, confirmed, and married in the Lutheran faith. She attended St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winneconne and later when they moved to Oshkosh, she became a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She became involved with the Sunday School and youth groups while her children were growing up.

Carol worked various jobs during her lifetime. She was a skilled secretary, medical center specialist; worked at United States Bank State Bank (later named M&I Bank) while earning a banking degree and later finished up her working career as an Accounts Payable office worker for Time Warner Cable (now Spectrum). She enjoyed being a mother, a sewer, quilting, gardening, traveling, cooking, Bingo, and playing cards. She even sewed Barbie Doll clothes for her girls. Many family members were the recipients of her beautifully made with love quilts and Afghans. While she wasn’t busy with the above, she would try to watch her beloved Packers and attend Family sports events.

Carol is survived by her sister, Judy (Guy) Poisson; daughters, Deb (Steve) Jungwirth, Sharon Schrank, Sue (Bob) Green, and Laura Rebeck; grandchildren, Jeremy (Erin) Jungwirth, Amanda (Ross) Bernal, Stacey Jungwirth, Joshua (McKenzie) Berndt, Ryan (Katie LaCombe) Berndt, Danielle Canchola, Stephanie (Greg) Brooks, Robbelle Gorschley, Corey (Rachel Davis) Berndt, Linsey Schrank, and Matthew Berbeck; 16 great-grandchilren; 1 great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Char (Jeff) Zeitelsch; brothers-in-law, Ben (Virginia Wodjala) Helmer and Norm (Anne) Helmer and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Nelda Helmer; brothers-in-law, Larry and Char Zeitelsch; and daughters, Debbie (Steve) Jungwirth, Patricia Helmer, Linda (Dennis) Berndt, and Jerry Rebeck.

She was born at University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1987. He was a skilled secretary, medical center specialist; worked at Western Wisconsin Technical College center specialist; worked at Western Wisconsin Technical College in the fields of graphic arts, marketing, and promotional design. Todd was also an active team player. Todd was a family man whose happiness was being around his kids, playing the guitar. Todd was preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Nelda Helmer; brothers-in-law, Larry and Char Zeitelsch; and daughters, Debbie (Steve) Jungwirth, Patricia Helmer, Linda (Dennis) Berndt, and Jerry Rebeck.

Hospice for taking such compassionate care of our mother. The family would like to thank the staff at Mercy’s Wound Clinic, Eden Meadow, The Residence, ADRC and Compassus Hospice for taking such compassionate care of our mother. The family would like to thank the staff at Mercy’s Wound Clinic, Eden Meadow, The Residence, ADRC and Compassus Hospice for taking such compassionate care of our mother.

A celebration of Carol’s life will be held at Zion Lutheran, 400 N. Sawyer St., Oshkosh, WI on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 with visitation beginning at 9:00am and lasting until time of service at 11:00am. Memorials may be sent to Zion Lutheran Church.

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Matthew was a farm hand most of his working life. This led him to farms in Wisconsin and Illinois until his health no longer permitted. He was a volunteer for AVOCAP for many years receiving numerous awards and certificates for his service.

Neil enjoyed Friday Night Wrestling, BINGO playing cards, and his daily exercise group. He loved music and was an exellent guitar player, always upbeet and friendly to everyone he met.

Neil was a donor to the Lions Eye Bank of Milwaukee.

In his memory, a memorial has been established to the Lions Eye Bank.

The family would like to give special thanks to Patrick and Steve and also to ARBORS (Architects Resource Bank Of Wisconsin) for their work at a time so good, especially Tim and Angie.

Prayers and blessings were offered privately by Pastor Sarah Sanz to St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Oshkosh.

Muriel H. Johnson

Muriel H. Johnson, age 88, passed away in the early morning hours of August 23, 2023. Muriel was born on August 30, 1935 in Chicago, IL to Myrtle (Winter) and Harry Burke. It is in Chicago that she met the love of her life and married Bob Johnson Sr. on August 30, 1955. Bob preceded her in death in 2012. They had three children and in 1972 moved to Wisconsin.

Muriel enjoyed spending time at her home in the country and was a great-grandmother of many activities: soccer, baseball, hockey games and school concerts; taking sunny vacations with family and friends to places in the Caribbean; hours long gatherings with friends and family in her barn (half of which was created just for that purpose!), long visits by friends and family ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved cooking, taking care of her gardens, taking care of her birds, looking out her country window and seeing deer, turkey, and cranes feeding in her nearby field.

In the mid-90s, Muriel retired from her work as a domestic helper for a few elderly Oshkosh residents, which allowed them to stay in their homes longer.

His happy times were when surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife Rosa, sons Matthew (Linda) Wirsh and Mark (Cynthia) and grandchildren Nidh- dewu Buckowski, Terri (Kyle) Schutt, Megan (Nate) Regal, and Wesley Wirsh. Great grandchildren Briana, Bennett, Lenora, and Maddox. Knoz, Logan, Griffin and number eight soon to be born.

In death, he provided funds for the Palmer outreach center. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk’. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. Muriel loved tending to her flowers ‘just to talk'. 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These riddles are from all over the world and the answer to each one is the same thing. Can you guess what it is?

Drums

What is more useful when it is broken?

Jamaica

What is more useful when it is broken?

Pirouettes

In a pot there are two kinds of food. What is it?

Afghanistan

In a bowl of orange and two liquids with colors unmixed. What is it?

Smiles have the power to make people happy. Maybe that is why nullions of people use the smile emoji when sending messages. And with a smile, people from different countries who speak different languages can communicate.

Cut out the word balloons below and paste them in the correct order on the comic strip above.

What is it?

Put the words in the right order to discover the answer to this joke from Martinique.

What makes us feel happier?

SMILE POWER

Standards Link: Health, identity, families, and friends. Prevent violence and emotional harassment.

Laugh Out Loud! The Unusual Language!

There are jokes from all over the world. What can you learn about people by reading their jokes? Draw your own comic strip using this joke from Martinique.

Smiling makes us feel happier.

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1. Do beyond the story's headline. Headlines can't tell the whole story.

2. Do some research! Go to the library and look up more information. Your librarian can help you.

3. Look for more information online. Be sure to check more than one online site as some sites simply repeat false information.

4. Make sure the publications and websites you use to check facts are trustworthy.

5. Ask a parent or family member to help you understand more about the story.

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FACT CHECKER CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

One of these statements is true and one is false. Do the research and find out. Then share what you learned with your friends and family!

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Smiling is contagious.

| TRUE | FALSE |

Was it easy or difficult to find out if the above statements were true or false? It’s not always easy being a News Fact Checker. But it’s important to always try to get the whole story!

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