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Paine birthday party

The Paine Art Center and Garden celebrated its 75th anniversary Saturday with an evening of music, dinner and dancing at its annual Jazz in the Gardens party that revived the spirit of the late 1940s. Guests were served in four tents in the gardens with music by Pegasus and Steve March-Torme. Paine executive director Aaron Sherer said Nathan and Jessie Paine opened the estate to the public 75 years on that date, saying it should be maintained for the highest educational and cultural advancement. He said the event raised more than \$125,000 to support its programs. "The Paine's ongoing vitality depends on people sharing their life and their love with this place and that's what we're doing here tonight," Sherer told those in attendance.

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4K program offers smooth transition

District's early learning model sets school tone

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District 4K is back in session with between 550 and 650 4K students enrolled with a focus on play and integrating young students into a learning environment.

Principal of Early Learning Beth Schendel said the program follows the same schedule as the K-12 students going to school from September to May. The 4K program, which is half day, also uses the same curriculum as the K-12 students so there is a familiarity when students go into kindergarten.

4K uses play-based programs that integrate fundamental skills like learning in a social setting. There is also a focus on the fundamentals of literacy and math skills. Students get their first experience inside the classroom with a balance of learning and play.

Schendel pointed out how it can be difficult for a child to go into the classroom and know how to act and learn when stepping into a classroom with 20 other children. Along with finding out how to learn in a large group setting, students are also prepared in small-group learning and even learning with partners.

"We focus heavily on learning how to learn in a group," Schendel said. "We have opportunities for them to learn as a whole group, and then as a small group where we can hone in on individual skill sets of students and kind

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Suicide prevention comes in many compassionate forms

September spotlights challenging subject

In each of the last two years, more than 900 Wisconsinites have died by suicide, according to the Centers for Disease Control. In 2021, there were 905 deaths by suicide and 926 in 2022. The CDC reported people between ages 25 to 44 had the highest suicide rate in 2022. In Winnebago County there are several resources for individuals contemplating suicide as well as resources for friends and family. One of the best is the 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline where people can call or text to speak to a counselor about what they're dealing with or what a

friend or family member is going through. Heather Foust, Behavioral Health Division manager, said people can call or text

they are thinking about suicide or harming themselves.

If someone calls or texts 988 and the

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, highlighting a difficult discussion for people to have as we check in and make sure our loved ones are safe.

Winnebago County residents have multiple resources they can use if they or someone they know is contemplating suicide.

that number to speak with someone or get resources to help a loved one. She added the text option is used more by young people.

Foust and Tammy Steier, Behavioral Health Deputy Division manager, said they would like residents to know about 988 in the same way people reference calling 911. The 988 National Suicide and Crisis lifeline is a 24/7 resource and is one of the best places for people to contact if

counselor on the line thinks the caller needs immediate support, they will be transferred to the Winnebago County Crisis Line, 920-233-7707.

Other resources include walk-in service at the County Human Services building, 220 Washington St. Someone having suicidal thoughts can go to the building and talk with a specialist from 8 a.m. to 4:30

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ThedaCare, Froedtert merger moves ahead

Oshkosh Herald

Froedtert Health and ThedaCare's boards last week officially endorsed combining their health care systems with approval of a definitive agreement outlining terms of the future merger.

ThedaCare, the largest health care system in the northeast and central Wisconsin, is building a third hospital facility in Oshkosh, in addition to those of Ascension Wisconsin and Advocate Aurora Health. as part of their alliance with Froedtert Health and Medical College of Wisconsin. ThedaCare currently has a surgery center and other care services in the city.

"ThedaCare and Froedtert Health have long legacies of investing in their communities. Both organizations are committed to helping Wisconsinites live their best lives, and we believe that the best way to do that is by coming together," said Dr. Imran A. Andrabi, ThedaCare president and CEO, in a statement. "We look forward to further defining how we will combine our organizations to make health care better for everyone we are privileged to serve."

Cathy Jacobson, president and CEO of Froedtert Health, added, "We are excited to continue the process of bringing our locally led health care organizations together, working in concert with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Creating healthier communities throughout Wisconsin will take a lot of work as we move ahead, and we're excited that we're one step closer to embarking on this journey."

ThedaCare and Milwaukee-based Froedtert Health announced last October they were building health care campuses in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac in a joint venture before the merger plans were announced. The 58,000-square-foot Oshkosh campus will be in the Morgan District area south of the Fox River.

The goal of the health systems is to launch the merged organization at the start of 2024, dependent and pending on customary pre-closing conditions, further board approvals and regulatory approval.

"Our board is confident that Froedtert Health and ThedaCare is the right combination, and through our conversations over the last few months, we remain energized by the possibilities that exist to provide the best and most accessible care for the people of Wisconsin," said Jim Kotek, chair of ThedaCare's board of trustees.

Jacobson will initially assume the role of chief executive and Andrabi will serve as president. After a six-month transition period, Jacobson will retire and Andrabi will assume the role of president and CEO. The initial chair and vice chair roles of the board and committees will be equally shared between the parties.

NEW Top Dog competition highlights rescue efforts

The NEW Top Dog 2023 contest opened Sept. 8 offering more than \$14,000 in prizes and a chance to name a beer after a furry friend with the online, vote-driven popularity contest.

The collaboration among six animal rescue organizations, six breweries and Kiwanis benefits pets and children in Northeast Wisconsin.

Dog owners pay \$10 to enter their pup into their favorite shelter's photo contest. Contestants then encourage their friends and family to vote at \$1 apiece for their dog, with the top 10 dogs from each of the six contests winning prizes.

After 14 days of voting that ends Sept. 30, the top vote-earning dog will be

crowned. The winning dog from each of the six local contests will become the face of their own beer.

The shelter with the most votes across all dogs representing their shelter will win a \$5,000 cash prize. The second highest will receive \$4,000, third will receive

\$3,000, fourth gets \$2,000 and fifth gets \$1,000.

Proceeds from this contest will benefit participating shelters and Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club. Go to newtopdog.com for more information on the contest.

Boys & Girls Club names chief operating officer

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has named Lindsay Clark as its chief operating officer beginning this fall.

Clark, who has been with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for more than 11 years, has served in multiple roles during her time at the club, most recently as senior director of operations.

"Lindsay works hard and has done a great job managing our programs over the years," chief executive Tracy Ogden said in a statement. "With the Club's \$18 million expansion expected to be complete February, we're excited to promote Lindsay to this new role."





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Walk to End Alzheimer's set at Lakeshore

The Alzheimer's Association invites area residents to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 23 at a new location - Lakeshore Park Pavilion at 1875 Punhoqua St.

The event gets underway at 8:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 9:40 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Joseph Scala will sing the National Anthem and members of the Oshkosh West Wildcats Dance Team will also perform.

"I first became involved in the Alzheimer's Association and the Walk when my father was diagnosed with the disease," said John Kriz, president of Muza Metal Products and Walk Committee member. "It was an incredibly long and painful journey watching this horrible disease strip my father of everything he had ever worked for and achieved in his life, eventually taking his life more than six years ago. The need is stronger than ever to support all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia."

In a new era with treatments advancing, walkers are fighting for a different future for families facing Alzheimer's and other dementia. The walk begins with a Promise Garden ceremony where walkers hold a colored flower representing their personal connection to the cause.

Craig Coshun, a sportscaster for the Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks, will be honorary chair for the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's supporting all Wisconsin Walks.

To register and receive updates, visit act.alz.org/Oshkosh. Preregistration is encouraged. For questions or assistance, call 800-272-3900.

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Plan Commission split on church move to Washburn

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh church is looking to move to a new location within the city and the building they want to purchase for renovation would require a zoning change. City officials would need to amend the city comprehensive plan to accommodate the church in a commercial area.

The Plan Commission voted 4-4 on a zoning change that would allow River Valley Church to move into a vacant building on North Washburn Street. Council member Paul Esslinger abstained during the vote because the council will eventually be voting on the zoning change, and he didn't want to show prejudice on the topic.

City staff recommended the commission not endorse the zoning change at 425 N. Washburn after reviewing the application. It now goes to the council without any recommendations from the Plan Commission, which normally would recommend approving or denying the proposal to change the comprehensive plan to allow the move.

Mark Lyons, city planning services manager, said part of the reason for the denial recommendation is the importance the city has on keeping the I-41 corridor as commercial.

"When you look at the big picture of the city, we're not making another I-41 corridor. We have one," Lyons said. "It's our primary commercial corridor in the city, which inherently has some benefits for certain types of commercial and land uses."

He added that when looking at the application, the church was not the best and highest value for the corridor.

Lyons explained the staff recommenda-



River Valley Church is looking to relocate to 425 N. Washburn St. but have faced issues with the site being part of the Interstate 41 corridor that city staff would like to keep as commercial.

tions are made by evaluating the proposal against the city ordinances and how it fits within the comprehensive plan. Members of the Plan Commission supported the proposal during a June workshop on River Valley Church's plans.

Since that workshop, city officials looked at the proposal and recommended denying it due to the comprehensive plan and primary planning principles of keeping the corridor open for commercial use.

The same sentiment is outlined in the city staff report that recommended denying the change to the comprehensive plan and the zoning change.

The Common Council will vote on this at an upcoming meeting. If passed, the comprehensive land use plan would be amended and the lot would go from interstate commercial to community facility and the zoning will change commercial to institutional to allow a church to operate at the site. Lyons said this would be the only institutional zoned lot in the area.

Caleb Ihrig sits on the River Valley Church board and said the church has a need for a bigger parking lot due to the limited amount of parking spaces at its current location at 1331 High Ave. He said there are fewer than 100 parking spaces and sometimes up to 750 people attend Sunday services.

"Over the last number of years, we've taken the steps of tearing down our parsonage, expanding the parking lot, moving to a third service and now we're starting to max that out and turning people away," Ihrig said, "which we never want to have to do."

He told the commission they are looking to renovate an existing building over new construction because of costs. The church has focused on a plan to repurpose a commercial property in the area.

After searching for several years, this is the first property that fits with what the church officials are looking for. The plan would be to renovate the inside of the building and keep the exterior of the building looking the same.

Ihrig said he was surprised by the staff recommendation to deny the plan after the positive feedback that came out of the June workshop. He said he understood what city staff and Lyons meant with keeping the property as commercial for best and highest value use of property.

Ihrig did point out that land use maps don't account for churches and said their request was logical within the comprehensive map.

"I understand staff's desire to pursue the best and highest," Ihrig said. "I could make the argument that Shopko and Kmart being converted to storage units wasn't the best and highest, but that's technically commercial use."

425 N. Washburn St. was initially developed as a car dealership in 2002 and most recently leased by Oshkosh Corp. for office space for 13 years.

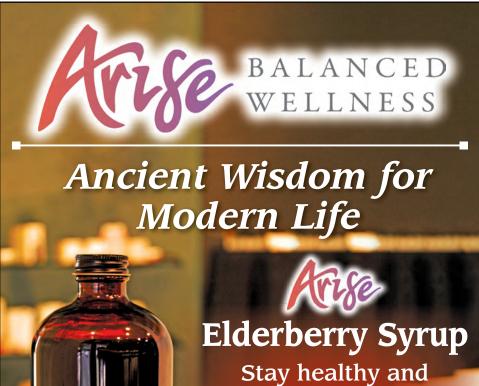
Erik Giadella owns Revs Bowl Bar & Grill on North Washburn and told the commission the church would be an "amazing tenant" at the property. He said he was in favor of the institutional zoning change.

Esslinger said city staff and the church have both made solid points and added he didn't know where he stands on the topic. He plans to hear from all parties when the council votes on the subject.

When the Plan Commission discussed the zoning change it was brought up that allowing one church in the corridor could set a precedent for similar institutions to request vacant properties.

Commission citizen member Karl Loewenstein noted there are several vacant properties along the corridor and was concerned that allowing this church could shift the corridor from primarily commercial to more institutional uses.

"This is a really good practical use for this building," Loewenstein said, "but are we starting a long-term precedent that we don't see this as a commercial corridor anymore?"



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Sept. 9, 1965

Kline's Safe Cracked: Safecrackers entered Kline's Department Store, 220 N. Main St., during the night and made off with an estimated \$200-\$300 from a safe located on the second floor. Police reported they found damaged dresses the thieves used to muffle the sound of cracking the safe. Investigators think the work was done by amateurs. Authorities believe the safecrackers climbed an extension ladder behind Joe's Sport Shop. After reaching the roof of Joe's Sport Shop, a second extension ladder was used to reach Kline's roof. The lid of a skylight there was found pried open. The intruders pried off a plate on the bottom of the safe and punched a six-inch hole to access the contents. No explosives were used; a hammer (with its head knocked off),

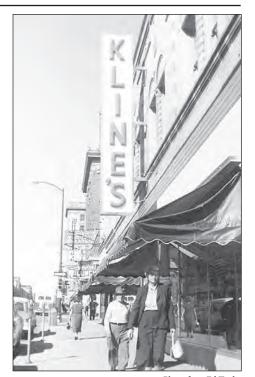


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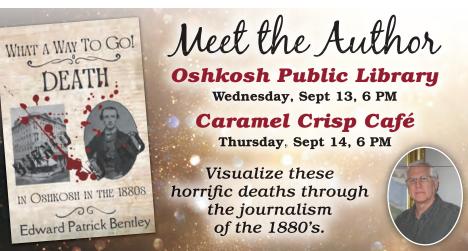
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aramel Crisp celebrates 90 years of sweet success

Oshkosh Herald

Caramel Crisp Corner is known as a unique mix of gift shop, bookstore and restaurant - among other sweet treats and toys - but owner Chanda Anderson is quick to credit its special lure: cookies.

"Cookies are the mainstay that's the secret to the successes, plus the cafe is really the best thing of Caramel Crisp," Anderson said as the business marks 90 years in downtown Oshkosh.

'We sell a lot of ice cream, popcorn and food, but hands down all the time cookies are my best overall product."

Anderson lets those quality cookies do the talking through her marketing - including highway billboards - that made the variety shop a local destination.

"Using the best ingredients pays off; making them by scratch pays off," she said.

An advertisement for the 1933 grand opening of the original Caramel Crisp Shop boasted homemade fudge, buttered popcorn, popcorn balls and potato chips. The center of the ad carried a line warning the reader to "Beware of Imitations."

The original owner was a confectioner who sold the business in 1956 to sisters Joyce Bartelt and Ruth Negendank, who moved it across the street to 420 N. Main St. and ran it for nearly two decades.

Anderson said it was sold three times before being purchased in the late 1980s by her mother, Darla Anderson. Darla and partner Richard Graf made it the spot to go for ice cream, lunches and popcorn. After 15 years, the time had come for Caramel Crisp to pass to other hands.

Chanda took the reins about three years after graduating from college as an occupational therapist. She made the move from Main Street to the City Center to create room for the business to grow.

A toy store, gift shop and bookstore were added. The menu was expanded to include breakfast, lunch and dessert options.

"I started out with 2,000 square feet, and I have been able to grow as adjoining space became available," she said. "I'm right around 8,000 square feet."

She said while her targeted demographic may be women 45 and older, "we have chairs for the men to sit while they're wives are shopping." Customers of all types also stop in, whether they come to buy local or visit from other cities as a special shopping experience.

Caramel Crisp threw a party Sunday afternoon to celebrate the anniversary with music, food and games. Anderson said she continues to enjoy owning Caramel Crisp



Chanda Anderson is the owner of Caramel Crisp Corner in City Center.

despite the steady work and staffing challenges, while contemplating a 100th anniversary under the right circumstances.

"I love this store and I love this community, so I put a lot of work into making it better and maybe it shows," she said.

Artists honor former Wisconsin State University teacher

David Hodge was an art teacher at the Rose C. Swart Campus School for grades K-9 at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh from 1964 until it closed in 1974. During that decade he taught hundreds of children and supervised dozens of student teachers.

Now in his late 80s, Hodge has remained in close contact with dozens of those students, many of whom remain in the area and have organized an exhibition to honor their childhood mentor and adult friend.

ArtistByHodge, featuring several of Hodge's artworks and several artworks by his former students, opened Monday.





David Hodge instructs young art students at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh in this

undated photo. There will be a formal reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Allen Priebe Gallery



Annex at UW Oshkosh. Hodge and several of his former students from around the state and U.S. will be in attendance.

The exhibition also includes statements and videos from students about Hodge's influence on their lives. The ArtistBy-Hodge website includes the contents of

the gallery show and several other works. Hodge, who continued to teach art-instruction methods at the university until he retired, inspired many to become professional artists and taught methods and techniques usually reserved for highschool and college students.



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Winnebago County mourns loss of two public servants



Paul and Pam Delap were killed on their motorcycle in a Fond du Lac County crash Sept. 1.

Oshkosh Herald

A Winnebago County highway foreman and a former member of the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities are being remembered by their colleagues after being killed in a motorcycle accident Sept. 1 in Fond du Lac County.

Paul Delap, 58, succumbed to his injuries at the scene and his wife, Pam, 56, died at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center.

The Fond du Lac County sheriff's office reported a westbound vehicle driven by a 17-year-old Fond du Lac woman failed to yield at the stop sign on Subway Road at Van Dyne Road in the Town of Friendship and struck the Delaps' northbound motorcycle.

The Delaps were ejected from the mo-

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torcycle, the sheriff's office said. The driver of the vehicle was treated at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac for minor injuries. The sheriff's office said inattentive driving is believed to be a factor in the crash.

Winnebago County officials praised the Delaps as dedicated public servants.

"On behalf of the Winnebago County government and citizens, we remember the Delaps for their years of service to our county," said County Executive Jon Doemel. "Paul had been a dedicated employee of our highway department since 1991 and eventually elevated to the position of paving foreman. Pam was a fierce advocate for people with disabilities and a proud BPDD Partners in Policymaking graduate. Pam was instrumental in the construction of an accessible playground in the city of Oshkosh and spent countless hours volunteering for disability initiatives statewide."

County highway commissioner Bob Doemel remembered his paving foreman by stating, "Paul 'Frenchie' wore his passion on his sleeve. Paul was a bridgetender, equipment operator and strong leader on our team. Whether it was clearing roads of snowfall or ensuring a properly maintained road infrastructure, Paul was always willing to lend a hand."

County Human Services staff, including crisis debriefers, were made available for employees. Crisis and mental health services are available at 920-233-7707.

The county is working to display Paul's plow truck as a temporary memorial. Co-workers erected a memorial with a county hat for him.



Photo from the Rev. Connie Weiss

Rise Against Hunger effort

Some 90 volunteers created 18,000 food packets in two hours Sunday for the 10th annual Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's God's Work – Our Hands Sunday. One packet, filled with rice, soy, vitamins and dried vegetables, will feed six people while one box can feed a child for a whole school year. While some packets go nationwide, most are distributed overseas to impoverished communities. ELCA congregation members Mark and Mary Backus raised the money and organized the event.

Volunteer needs

The **Oshkosh Food Co-Op** is seeking volunteers in and around the co-op for tasks that include sampling products in-store, greeting shoppers at the door, compiling giveaways and staffing tables at events. Contact Julie Kons with questions at 920-410-4314 or julie.kons@yahoo. com. **Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh** is seeking ambassador volunteers age 14 and older to greet patients at the front entrances, assist with wheelchair transport and walk patients to the appropriate area for care. Personal protective equipment will be provided. Visit www.aurorahealthcare. org/patients-visitors/volunteer to complete an application.

Art mystery event presented by Jambalaya

Oshkosh Herald

Jambalaya Arts gallery in downtown Oshkosh is presenting a family-friendly interactive mystery event set for Oct. 14 that will be open to 300 participants who can sign up.

Participants will visit businesses between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. to gather clues to solve an art theft at the "Hayden Seek" Museum and turn in their deductions to Jambalaya Arts.

A video reveal will show in the Algoma Alley behind the gallery at 9 p.m. where drawings from the correct deductions will be eligible for a cash grand prize and gift certificates.

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Fred Stadler is shown with one of his Young Eagle pupils.

Young Eagles pilot cited for milestone of teaching

A longtime Experimental Aircraft Association volunteer both year-round and at AirVenture has become the first to fly 10,000 kids free of charge as part of EAA's Young Eagles program.

Fred Stadler, who began flying young people as part of the program in 2000, reached the milestone Aug. 26 with a flight at the EAA Aviation Museum's Pioneer Airport.

The Young Eagles program began in 1992 with EAA-member pilots volunteering to fly young people ages 8-17 to introduce them to the world of flight. More than 50,000 volunteer pilots have flown in excess of 2.3 million young people.

"Fred's remarkable accomplishment is indicative of the dedication of our Young Eagles volunteers to make a difference and build the future of flight," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA chief executive. "There are so many young pilots today who got their



start when an EAA-member pilot provided that first flight, igniting a spark that became a career for many."

Many of Stadler's Young Eagles flights came as a volunteer pilot at the Pioneer Airport, a seasonal operation that re-creates the feel of a 1930s airfield. Young visitors can receive a free Young Eagles flight when they visit the museum during the Pioneer Airport season.

Stadler has also flown Pioneer Airport's Travel Air and Swallow biplanes, becoming the de facto historian on those airplanes.

He also volunteers during AirVenture in the North 40 aircraft camping area and is active in EAA Chapter 252 activities in Oshkosh.

Stadler and his late wife, Carol, received EAA's Henry Kimberly Spirit of Leadership Award in 2006 for their volunteer efforts by Oshkosh-area residents.



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Pending case delays hearing on sex assault charges

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

A former youth pastor will be in Winnebago County Court next month for a plea hearing in a child sexual assault case after his attorney asked for the hearing to be pushed back because he is scheduled to be sentenced in a similar case in a different Wisconsin county.

Jordan R. Huffman, 52, is facing one count of first-degree child sexual assault,



child enticement-sexual contact and three counts of felony bail jumping in Winnebago County after Fox Crossing police arrested him May 19 after taking a juvenile to a hotel before the teen alerted police.

Huffman was residing in Oshkosh at the time while out on bond for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old Plover boy in Portage County. He was in court for a plea hearing last Wednesday when his attorney asked to delay the plea until after his sentencing hearing in Portage County.

Online court records show Huffman's attorney, Andrea Winder, was in Winnebago County Court last week in front of Judge Daniel Bissett and asked for the plea hearing to be held after Huffman is sentenced in Portage County.

The district attorney's office did not object to the request and Bissett scheduled a new plea hearing for Oct. 31.

In Portage County, Huffman pleaded guilty to two counts of repeated sexual assault of same child in June in a case filed last year. In that case three counts of child enticement and one count of causing a child to view sexual activity were dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes. One felony count of first-degree sexual assault has been dismissed on a prosecutor's motion.

Huffman's sentencing hearing in Portage County is set Oct. 3. He faces up to 25 years in prison followed by 15 years of extended supervision for each count of repeated sexual assault of same child.

Huffman remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on \$1 million cash bond. He pleaded not guilty to all charges in August. Court documents allege Huffman kidnapped a child from Appleton and was eventually arrested by Fox Crossing police officers.

According to the criminal complaint, in the early morning hours of May 19 a juvenile placed a call to 911 stating that he was in a vehicle at an unknown hotel after being kidnapped and he needed help.

Dispatch was able to obtain the caller's GPS location and Fox Crossing officers arrived at the Econo Lodge on Holly Road and witnessed a similar vehicle exiting the parking lot. An officer followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

As the officer exited the squad, the victim exited the front passenger door of the suspect's vehicle and ran toward the officer screaming and crying. The boy was hysterical and begged the officer to take him home, documents state.

The boy told officers he was communicating with Huffman through Snapchat earlier that day and Huffman sent him nude photos. The boy had his Snapchat location on and a short time later Huffman showed up at his house. The boy said he was scared and thought he should call police but went with Huffman because he was "going to probably kill me or something.

Huffman began assaulting the boy during the drive to the hotel. When they arrived, Huffman went inside to rent a room and the boy stayed in the car and called 911. When Huffman returned to the vehicle, he brought the boy inside the hotel room where he continued assaulting him.

The boy told authorities he pretended

his mom was calling and told Huffman he needed to be taken home. Surveillance footage showed the boy exiting the hotel room and running to the car, with Huffman behind. The boy dialed 911 again while in the vehicle and police initiated the traffic stop and arrested Huffman.

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Huffman faces a maximum of 40 years in prison followed by 20 years of extended supervision for first-degree sexual assault of a child if found guilty. He is also facing 15 years in prison followed by up to 10 years of extended supervision if found guilty on the charge of child enticement.

Former teacher and coach rings up 6th horseshoes title

Oshkosh Herald

A retired Oshkosh high school teacher and coach has staked his claim as Wisconsin's top senior horseshoes player by taking his fifth straight state title over the Labor Day weekend and his sixth championship overall.

At 78, Jim Bilderback was the oldest competitor in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Association tournament in Eau Claire. The elder men's division of 65 and older has a format of cancellation scoring with the first to 40 points winning.

Bilderback said the heat got to 100 degrees in the round-robin play with eight players in the championship category and seven matches to claim the title. After losing in the first round, he went undefeated, which included trailing 39-25 in the fifth match before rallying to win.

Bilderback, who taught industrial technology and coached basketball and softball at Oshkosh High School starting in 1968 and later at Oshkosh North, said in an email that he didn't take up the lawn game until he retired in 2000 and moved to Birchwood in Washburn County.

"I like it because, athletically, I am very competitive," said Bilderback, who coached varsity girls basketball at North from 1984-91 along with boys and girls junior varsity sports. "So I got myself nationally sanctioned and started going to tournaments in 2010. When I turned 70





Photo from WHPA Jim Bilderback holds his fifth straight state horseshoes championship trophy earned recently in Eau Claire.

in 2015, I moved to the elder's division, where I've excelled, pitching 70% ringers."

He also has represented Wisconsin in Team World tournaments, where players from their home states and Canada form teams to compete annually in Beloit.

"Even though I was the oldest competitor, because I started pitching so late in life I feel I am still improving," Bilderback said.





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Calendar of events

Ongoing

"Rodin: Contemplation and Dreams" exhibit, Paine Art Center & Gardens

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

Author Ed Bentley, "What a Way to Go! Death in Oshkosh in the 1880s," 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Fallout by Jason Yi exhibit opening, 5 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Building

Oshkosh Garden Club landscaping discussion with Josh Webb, 6 p.m., Delta Restaurant, 515 N. Sawyer St.

Friday, Sept. 15

Ali Clayton Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, Sept. 16

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Cider Day, 8 a.m., Calvary SonRise, 222 Church Ave.

Walk for the Animals, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, Barn E

Jurassic Empire, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Race Festival, 9 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

"Rocky Horror Picture Show," 7 p.m., Time Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Elvis Gospel Show, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Sunday, Sept. 17

Jurassic Empire, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Fox Valley Vintage Fest, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Vel Phillips Middle School Public Dedication and Tour, 4 p.m., 1401 Kentucky St.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Music on Main with Brent Bel & the Boys, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, Sept. 21

"The Alibis" by Oshkosh Community Players, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh Run with the Cops Oshkosh, 4 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center

Friday, Sept. 22

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

Author BJ Elliott Pryor: "Behind My Wings," 5 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

"The Alibis" by Oshkosh Community Players, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Beauty and the Beast" by Rebel Alliance Theatre, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Poetry and Prose Open Mics, 7 p.m., New Moon Cafe

The Pocket Kings, 8 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Walk to End Alzheimer's, 8:30 a.m., Lakeshore Park Pavilion

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem and Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Touch a Truck, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

"The Alibis" by Oshkosh Community Players, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Beauty and the Beast" by Rebel Alliance Theatre, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Sunday, Sept. 24

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Poplar Creek Oktoberfest, noon, 4541 County K

'Beauty and Beast' takes on personal identity issues

Oshkosh Herald

Rebel Alliance Theatre is presenting its original production of "Beauty and the Beast" by Marty Duhatschek on two separate weekends starting Sept. 22 at First Congregational Church.

This Rebel Alliance Theatre season is being devoted to exploring the experience of LGBTQ+ people. The crew has taken the familiar "Beauty and the Beast" fairy tale and worked to see what lies beneath the simple narrative. "Our production isn't your grandmother's Beauty and the Beast," states program director Keegan Burnett-Connelly. He said the play begins with a storyteller telling one of the characters, "You aren't

in this story," similar to the experiences of many LGBTQ+ and other marginalized people.

The majority of the cast identify as LGBTQ+ and have crafted a performance designed to look at questions of identity, perception, toxic masculinity and autonomy, as well as generosity, empathy and accepting those that are different.

Because of the themes explored in the production, parental guidance is suggested. Go to the Rebel Alliance Theatre website for more information.

Photo from The Grand

Grand kicks off new season

Uptown takes the stage Sept. 29 as The Grand opens its new season.

The oldest operating theater in Wisconsin is celebrating 140 years and will kick off its new season at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 with the musical group Uptown.

Fusing Bruno Mars-caliber stage presence with top-tier vocals and choreography, the men of Uptown combine the

Recording artist featured in Howard concert

Veronica Swift will perform in concert Sept. 23 at The Howard just days after the release of her new self-titled album.

The singer's interpretation of Nine Inch Nails' "Closer" appears on the album, a new arrangement channeling Parliament funk while adding a bebop scat breakdown. It is her third release with Mack Avenue Records.

Raised in Charlottesville, Va., in a family of musicians - Swift's father is the late bebop pianist Hod O'Brien and her mother is jazz singer and educator Stephanie Nakasian - Swift recorded her first album "Veronica's House of Jazz" when she was 9 years old and began touring with her parents around that time. At age 11 she appeared in the Jazz at Lincoln Center series Women in Jazz and went on to continue her studies at University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

After graduation she moved to New York City, performing at the legendary club Birdland. Swift has continued to record her own material while also collaborating and touring with such artists as Chris Botti, Benny Green, Wynton Marsalis and Michael Feinstein.

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fresh hits in a modern show. Each member of the band is a soloist with comparisons to Stevie Wonder and

Marvin Gaye. The performance is part of the 2023-24 Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series.

Shows are set for 7 p.m. Sept. 22, 23, 29 and 30 with ticket prices at \$18 and \$25. Online tickets are available at ko-fi.com/ rebelalliancetheatre.



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Early learning

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of fine tune what they know and what they can do."

She added, "Then just navigating with 20 other unpredictable 4-year-olds. It's a new experience for everyone."

Schendel said this is to prepare the students for kindergarten. Superintendent Bryan Davis said students enrolled in the 4K program make a smooth transition when going into kindergarten.

"It really helps with the transition into kindergarten and makes it less scary for students," Davis said.

Schendel said there are 19 4K teachers that have the same credentials as K-12 teachers with Department of Public Instruction licenses with specialty in early childhood learning. These teachers don't have a single focus; they are the music teacher, the arts teacher and even the physical education teacher for these students.

"It's a significant asset to the district," Davis said. "Starting with those foundational skills both the social



skills and the academic skills. We've seen the benefits of that throughout our system."

He said that many children did not get the 4K experience due to COVID-19 and the district did see them needing to catch up on those foundational skills with kindergarten and first-graders.

"4K is fundamental to the work we're doing in K-12," Davis said.

The program is at nine different sites throughout Oshkosh, which includes elementary schools, day care centers and private preschools. Schendel said placement for 4K is based on which site is closest to the student's home for busing purposes. If a parent provides transportation, however, there are options to choose the site.

"This is truly a program that benefits every one of our 4K students and their families," Board of Education president Beth Wyman said. "We are lucky to have a program in place that reinforces early learning and sets the stage for lifelong learning."

It is not too late to sign up for 4K this year; prospective students just have to be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1. The program is fully funded by the state and available at no cost for everyone in the Oshkosh area.

Schendel said the 4K program really fits in with the districts goal of equity among students.

"(4K) aligns beautifully with the equity work that we're doing as a district," she said. "When we look at equity, we don't want neighborhoods or socioeconomic status to impact kids' ability to have basically an opportunity offered to every family. Our commitment to equity – this is where it starts."

Getting help

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p.m. weekdays.

People can also visit the State Street Center, 206 State St., weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Foust said a lot of people find that simply having social connections can be helpful for mental health concerns, especially for people that feel isolated.

Foust noted it's important for friends and family to know these resources are available to them because the individual having these thoughts is a loved one.

"It touches everyone," Foust said. A study done in 2018 estimates that each death by suicide influences 135 people either by grief or in some way are affected by the death.

Another resource is the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) with an office in Oshkosh, which has been in the community since 1979. NAMI was started in Wisconsin, and Oshkosh was one of the first to have an office and dedicated staff.

NAMI Oshkosh is one of the few run out of a city as most are run at a county or regional level, but executive director Mary Lord Janness believes Oshkosh needs these resources due to the high suicide rate in the city.

"We help people that are desperate for information and assistance," she said.

The organization provides tools to prevent suicide and part of that is handling the stigma surrounding mental illness, mental health and suicide.

"The stigma around these topics has changed as more and more people realize they're not alone with these thoughts," Janness said. She said she noticed the shift around the time of the pandemic.

NAMI Oshkosh has family support and peer support groups that help people thinking about suicide and for their friends and family.

Janness said when these groups get together, they can make a big difference because they have different backgrounds and can help each other when discussing these topics.

Steier, who has almost 30 years of experience in the field, said there is a link between suicide and mental health, with depression commonly seen in a lot of people.

Foust and Steier agreed there is now less of a stigma surrounding mental health, mental illness and suicide.

"Efforts to reduce the stigma leads to more people asking for help," Foust said. She said it's not perfect, but there's positive progress in talking with someone about suicide or someone harming themselves. "We still

"We still have work to do on reducing stigma," Steier said. "The more that it's out there and talked about, I think, the more that people feel that it's OK to share their thoughts."

One thing people may not know is how to have conversations about suicide with a child or best friend. Even though it may not be comfortable, Foust said it is best to be supportive and direct.

"Don't dance around it," Foust said. "Say the words."

This includes asking the question, "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Steier added, "The conversation needs to be out in the open."

The National Institute on Mental Health has a five-step action plan to help someone in emotional pain: Ask, Keep Them Safe, Be There and Listen, Help Them Connect and Stay Connected.

It is also a good practice if someone is having suicidal thoughts that lethal items be removed from their situation so they don't have access to items like medications or guns.

Foust and Steier have spoken with people that have attempted suicide who have said, "Thank goodness I wasn't successful, because it does get better."

Steier added the saying is true that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

Family and friends should also know there's an imminent risk if someone is talking about wanting to die or a desire to kill themselves or if someone is talking about feeling hopeless. There are other risks people can look for – mood swings, a change in their sleep or withdrawing from others or activities.

Gov. Tony Evers this month announced the state Department of Health Services is committed to reducing suicides among high-risk populations over the next five years. The CDC is helping states identify these high-risk populations.

In Wisconsin, the program is focused on reducing suicide among men 25 and older who live in rural areas and reducing self-harm among adolescents ages 10-19, Evers said.

"It's important to talk about these things because it touches everyone," Foust said. "Anyone reading this article should know they can reach out for help at any time."

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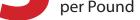
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Nelson's flourish helps Wildcats sweep Spartans

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh North's volleyball team seemed poised to avoid a sweep and extend rival Oshkosh West to at least a fourth set in last Thursday's Fox Valley Association match.

Sydnee Nelson had other ideas.

The West sophomore put away four big kills over the final six points to rally the Wildcats, who claimed a 25-15, 25-9, 25-23 win at home.

"You could see it in her eyes, she was ready to put the ball away, so our setters did a nice job of getting that to her," West head coach Gillian Pakula said. "It was a great battle in that third set. I give North a lot of credit for their fight in the game. We weren't doing things that were bad, things just weren't falling our way, so it was just about the heart and the fight."

The Spartans were leading 22-20 in the third set when Nelson unleashed her first big spike to pull West within a point.

A Wildcat error gave North a 23-21 lead but Nelson immediately answered with back-to-back kills - including a thunderous hit that tied the score at 23. After a North timeout, West setter Kierstin Miller deftly tipped a set over the net for a point and then Nelson finished things off with one giant kill.

"My adrenaline was like over the roof. I didn't even care where the ball was going. I was just determined to hit the ball as hard as I could," Nelson said. "I was like, we are not losing this set. Feed me the ball. If I don't get a kill on this one, I'll get the next one but we are finishing this game strong."

Nelson finished with a match-high 11 kills, while crediting her setters - Ma-Kaelyn Clark with 19 assissts and Miller with nine – for her success.

"A lot of the time I will tell the setters to set me if I'm really hungry for the ball but they are very good at recognizing who has the hot hand and who is ready to hit," Nelson said. "They are really smart setters and I'm so appreciative of them."

Nelson's flourish not only ended the set, but it also closed out the sweep for the Wildcats.

That was important for West, shutting the door on the Spartans to not allow them an opening to climb back into the match.

'The girls are seeing that they have a goal and what we need to do to get it done," Pakula said. "Even though it may not have been our best ball in that third set they fought to get it done so I'm proud of them for that."

Oshkosh North head coach Stephanie

Korell was pleased with the way her team competed in the third set and used an array of tips and placed shots to lead much of the way.

"We definitely know our shots and we know where to put the ball where the other team is not. We do a combination to keep the defense on their toes," Korell said. "We made West earn it. Our heads were really into it, and they wanted it so bad. That's the drive we want to see. They played aggressive and not scared."

West cruised in the first two sets, jumping out to a 16-4 lead in the opener backed by some strong serving by Rilyn Polakowski and Clark. The Wildcats then took a 20-6 lead on Avery Pakula's serve before closing out the set.

The second set was sparked by the serving of Elaina Butz, who rattled off a string of seven straight, including a pair of aces, while a stuff block from Maeve Lasky capped the run with West taking a 22-6 advantage.

"We have a loaded team back row and front row," Lasky said. "Our setters kill it. They know where to put the ball and our hitters know how to get it down. We have a super good team this year and I'm excited to see where it takes us."

Lasky added seven kills and a team high 2.5 blocks, while Pakula chipped in eight kills.

West also had a strong night at the service line, finishing with 15 aces. Martin and Butz led the way with four each while Pakula and Polakowski each tallied three.

"We have been stressing (serving) because if we can get any team out of the first ball system it's going to benefit us. So, we have been pushing that in practice a lot," Gillian Pakula said.

"We had to show which team is the best in Oshkosh," Lasky said. "I think finishing in three was super important and I'm glad we pulled through and got the W."

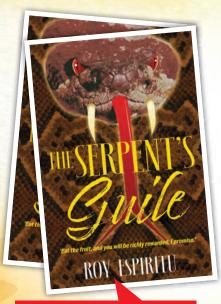
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Oshkosh West's Maeve Lasky (6) and Avery Pakula (11) go up for a block against Oshkosh North last Thursday.





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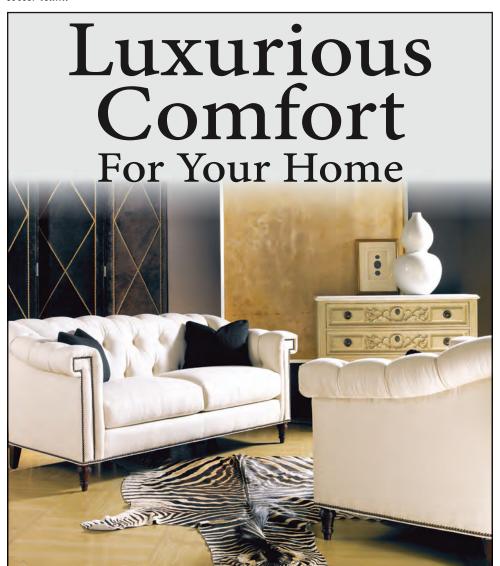
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West's Heredia follows family tradition of stellar soccer By Tim Froberg



Iban Heredia is a returning first team all-FVA midfielder and a leader on the Oshkosh West soccer team.



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Get the Heredia boys together and chances are a soccer ball will soon fly.

If a goalie box is anywhere nearby, that same ball will likely strike the back of the net - repeatedly.

Edgar and Jesus Heredia were all-conference midfielders at Oshkosh West and their little brother, Iban, has maintained that standard of excellence with the Wildcats.

Iban Heredia was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection in 2022 and is a major part of a strong West team with state tournament aspirations.

Like his brothers, Iban is a skilled midfielder who can do it all on the pitch. A smart, instinctive player with a powerful left-footed shot, Heredia scored two goals in West's first six games and is a dynamic player that opponents must game plan for.

"Iban is a phenomenal soccer player," said Wildcats coach Matt Callahan. "His skill on the ball and composure under pressure are incredible. He was a major asset last year and after seeing him play this year, it's evident he's playing at a higher level yet."

West is the defending FVA champion after going 7-0-2 in the conference and 10-4-3 overall. The Wildcats' Camden Herlihy, a defender, was selected as FVA player of the year, while Callahan was named coach of the year.

Iban Heredia has the skills to make a run at the league's 2023 player of the year award. If he lands that high honor, Iban wouldn't be the first in his family to win it. Edgar was the FVA player of the year in 2017 and shared the award with Neenah's Thomas Priest in 2018. Edgar, who is now a senior midfielder for the University of Wisconsin-Parkside soccer team, was a first-team all-FVA pick both years. Jesus received all-FVA honorable mention in 2016.

"I'd love to be able to keep that (FVA player of the year) going," said Iban Heredia. "It was inspiring playing with Camden (Herlihy) last year. He's playing college soccer (at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) right now and doing



Senior spotlight

great. He's such an awesome defender."

Edgar and Jesus had a major impact in getting Iban interested in the game at a young age. All three boys were coached at the youth level by their father, Jose, a soccer aficionado.

"My brothers always played high-level soccer and all of us played at higher age levels," Iban said. "My dad loves soccer. He trained us over the years and has always pushed us to do our best. It's a cool family tradition for sure. I've been playing soccer for so long, it's just a huge part of my life."

Iban was also a highly competitive wrestler – like Edgar. Iban lettered in wrestling his first two years at West, competing in the middle weights before deciding to leave the mat and focus on soccer his junior year.

"I did it mainly to stay in shape and stay physical for soccer," Iban said. "I'm glad that I did it, but wrestling was more of a second sport for me."

Iban has also competed in club soccer for years. He played for Elmbrook United – based in Brookfield – last season, and for Oshkosh United in previous years. Iban plays the game year-round, but burnout has never been an issue for him.

"Club (soccer) is a lot of fun and I think it's even more competitive (than high school)," he said. "You get to travel a lot and experience different states and players. You're always around people who are passionate about soccer like yourself. That just makes it more interesting and fun."

Iban hopes to follow Edgar's lead and play college soccer.

"It would be pretty cool to play college soccer like my brother," Iban said. "I just want to keep playing and hope to play high-level soccer after college. If that doesn't happen, I'll still keep playing, even if it's in a rec or coed type league."

Iban's current focus is helping West defend its FVA title and make a deep postseason run. West opened the week at a perfect 3-0-0 in the FVA. The Wildcats fell just short of the 2022 state tournament with a 2-0 loss to Hudson in a Division 1 sectional final and are aiming to clear all postseason hurdles this fall.

"The league is even more competitive this year and we lost some really good players," Iban said. "I'm just trying to help the younger kids and push our team to be better. I'm trying to make sure that everyone is working hard and not just joking around.

"We got far last year, but hopefully, we can get to state. A lot of us have played together with Oshkosh United for years, so

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Lindahl, Knights run to Trailways win over Pirates

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

It's hard to question the arm talent of Lourdes Academy junior quarterback Wade Lindahl.

In his first two seasons with the Knights, Lindahl has thrown for nearly 4,000 yards and 43 touchdowns and has certainly added to those totals in the first three weeks of the season.

But last Friday, the quarterback showed he could run the ball a little bit, too.

Lindahl rushed for a career-high 160 yards and three touchdowns while the defense came up with a couple of key stops to lift the Knights to a 21-13 win over Fall River/Rio on Friday night at Titan Stadium.

"In practice (last week) we ran the ball a lot. We minimized the passing so I knew it was coming but obviously I didn't think I was going to run this much," said Lindahl, who totaled 162 yards rushing in his first two seasons. "I think maybe I need to get in better shape."

Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said the game plan was based around Fall River/Rio's talented secondary. The Knights' staff thought passing may be difficult against that group so they switched from their usual approach.

It just ended up that Lindahl got the lion's share of the carries.

"I thought we would be able to utilize our fullbacks a little bit more but we preached all week to take what they give you," Wopat said. "It was our version of old school football, just go straight forward. Wade did a good job of running north-south and making one cut. I think that's something most people don't know he can do. We know."

Lindahl, who averaged seven yards a try on his 23 carries, said he definitely had help racking up those yards.

"My teammates helped me prepare for



Lourdes Academy quarterback Wade Lindahl ran for three touchdowns in the Knights' win over the Pirates last Friday.

this week and none of this would be possible without (my offensive line)," Lindahl said. "They do the dirty work for me."

Lindahl also finished 17-of-19 for 148 yards passing but many of his passes were of a shorter nature as the Knights' didn't test the Pirates' secondary.

"Their secondary players are their best players defensively. We knew they wouldn't let us have big plays or big shots down the field," Wopat said. "Last week, our passing game was lights out. Tonight, was a nice change of pace."

Fall River/Rio used an eight-minute drive to open the game and take a 7-0 lead, but the Knights responded with a 10-play march of their own, getting a seven-yard scamper from Lindahl for the first touchdown of the night.

Lindahl added his second score to start the third quarter, darting in from six yards out one play after gaining 16 yards on a third-and-10.

His final score came on a three-yard run midway through the fourth quarter that gave the Knights a 21-13 cushion.

Fall River/Rio responded with another strong drive, marching down to the Knights' 19-yard line.

Lourdes Academy stuffed a first down run for no gain and then forced an incomplete pass on second down. Fall River/Rio gained two yards on third down, but the Knights swarmed the Pirates' Ayden Price after catching a short pass and stopped him short of a first down.

The Knights were able to run the clock out from there.

"The last stop was the best one. Our defense stood tall and found a way to step up when we needed them the most," Wopat said. "At the end of the day, the defense made the play to seal the game."

The Knights will be on the road the next two weeks against two of the teams it shares the Trailways lead with.

Lourdes Academy plays at Pardeeville on Friday before traveling to Johnson Creek the following Friday. All three teams are 2-0 in the league.

"It feels great to get the win. This is exactly what we were working toward all summer," Lindahl said. "It's a great group of guys for sure. We all know what work has to be done and this is only the start."

Early goal sparks Lourdes/Valley to win over Winneconne

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team bounced back from its first loss of the year, beating Winneconne 3-0 Thursday night.

"We get to smile again today as this was a good win for us," head coach Juan Gutierrez said. "The kids did just enough to win today as we used some early offense to grab the lead and held strong the rest of the way."

The Knights continue to go through Isaak Rucinski, who leads the team with 32 points.

Rucinski was on the receiving end of a Kaleb Richardson pass and he took care of

the rest as he blasted it past the keeper to give the Knights a 1-0 lead at the 2:56 mark in the first half.

Less than two minutes later, it was the Knights offense that continued to set the tone as their constant pressure on the Winneconne end of the field gave the Wolves fits. That resulted in a foul called inside the penalty area and netted the Knights with a penalty shot. Richardson took the shot and put it home as the Knights doubled their lead 2-0 less than five minutes into the game.

"Rucinski has been the engine that makes us go this season," Gutierrez said. "He played that role again for us today as he helped lead us to another win. Anytime you can get a goal that quickly into the match, it makes things easier for the rest of the players. We used that goal as momentum and never seemed to give it back."

Still holding a 2-0 lead with the game winding down, it was Rucinski coming through yet again as he delivered his second goal of the game at the 75-minute mark to put the Knights in front 3-0. Quin Ruark was credited with the assist on that final goal as the Knights closed out another victory. While the victory is the result the Knights wanted, it is just a small step in what this team is trying to accomplish as the Flyway Conference season is set to begin. "We had a specific plan that we wanted to go with today and the kids did a great job putting the plan in motion," Gutierrez said. "That is ultimately what this is about, putting a plan in place and finding ways to execute that plan. We were not perfect and we know we need to play better as the ever-Strong Winnebago Lutheran squad awaits for our conference opener."

With his two goals, Rucinski now has 12 goals on the season to go with a team-high eight assists. Richardson added his seventh goal of the season on the PK while delivering his fifth assist

Will Loker finished with eight saves in goal.



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FOOTBALL

Spartans fall to Patriots

Trailing 35-0 at halftime could have turned into a long second half for the Oshkosh North football team.

Instead, the Spartans showed some impressive spirit.

North stopped Appleton East on its opening possession and then marched down the field and scored to have something to build on moving forward after the 42-7 loss Friday night.

"In the second half, third quarter, we played the kind of football we can against a team that is bigger, stronger than us. We came out, grabbed a little bit of excitement there," head coach Luke Ott said.



"We have to keep fighting the battle." The Patriots appeared to be marching



when Darrian Turner and Liam Murphy came up with tackles for losses on back to back plays. The Spartans then forced an incompletion on third down to force a punt.

North hit two big pass plays to key the ensuing drive as Bryce Ott

connected with Dalton Clark for a 24-yard gain on third-and 5 and then found Murphy - who made a juggling catch - for a 39-yard gain down to the East 12-yard line.

Two plays later, Jamare Scott burst around the left side for an eight-yard touchdown run.

"We had to build up the energy in the locker room (at halftime) first and when we got back out here we said we were going to punch them right back and that's basically what we did," Turner said. "Got the stop, got the ball back and marched it down the field and got the touchdown. ... It's just good to score. It's just good for the team to do that."

Lightning tops West

The Wildcats trailed 14-9 midway through the third quarter but Appleton North scored the final 20 points of the game to hand Oshkosh West a 34-9 loss on Friday.

Jake Balog scored on a three-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, while Jeevan Ambati accounted for the other points for West on a 45-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Chase Brandl threw for 55 yards and ran for 35 to lead the West offense.

Thur leads Warriors

Dennis Thur ran for 220 yards and five touchdowns as Valley Christian improved to 3-0 with a 39-26 win over Wonewoc-Weston on Saturday.

Thur scored on runs of 26, 17, 6, 39 and 48 yards, while Derek Wallace picked up the other touchdown on a 25-yard run to open the scoring. Wallace finished with 105 yards as Valley Christian totaled 393 yards rushing in the game.

Josiah Lehman had 11 tackles and Caedmon Golackson added nine to lead the Warriors.

VOLLEYBALL

West third at invitational

Oshkosh West went 3-1 and took third place at the Middleton Invitational on Saturday, scoring wins over Baraboo (25-15, 25-14), Middleton (23-25, 25-12, 15-9) and Oregon (25-15, 25-19), while the Wildcats lost to Mount Horeb (21-25, 25-11.15-9).

Sydney Nelson finished with 28 kills, while Avery Pakula added 24 and Maeve Lasky had 20. Kierstin Martin and Ma-Kaelyn Clark finished with 57 and 35 assists, respectively.

Elaina Butz led the team with 40 digs, while Clark scored a team-best six aces.

SWIMMING

Divers lead West at invite

The trio of Neva Schlies, Lily Van de Hey and Lauren Borgen took second in the diving competition to help Oshkosh West take fifth at the Terror Relays on Friday.

Kate Horejs, Carly Salzer and Rylee Coppernoll combined to take third in the 300-yard backstroke relay, while Samara Zeinert, Horejs, Salzer and Kayleigh Lau were third in the 400-yard medley relay.

Taking fourth were the 100-yard freestyle relay team of Horejs, Madi Rucinski, Coppernoll and Zeinert and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Caeron Rucinski, Madi Rucinski, Lau and Salzer.

The day before, the Wildcats lost to Appleton North 118-56.

Zeinert in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke, Salzer in the

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100-yard butterfly and Schlies in diving each won events. Horejs was second in the 500-yard freestyle.

CROSS COUNTRY

West boys third at invite

Oshkosh West took third in the 13-team boys field at the Druckrey Invitational hosted by South Milwaukee on Saturday.

The Wildcats finished one point behind Brookfield Central in second place.

Delson Troedel and Celso Collins each finished in the top 10 in eighth and ninth, respectively, while Jerry Sowers was 17th, Carter Crowe was 20th and Preston Bokath finished 36th.

The girls finished fifth among 11 teams. Freshman Abigail Tercha led the Wild-

cats with a 17th-place finish, followed by Rowen Stellpflug in 30th, Mila Crowe in 36th, Kate Elliott in 42nd and Decorah Vienola in 46th.

Moore wins Nightfall race

Lourdes Academy's Erin Moore fin-

Nathaniel W. Warner

Obituaries

Nathaniel "Nate" W. Warner Sr. age 77, passed away at Willow Dale Health



stein on Saturday, September 9, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh on June 2, 1946 to the late William and Edythe (Haase) Warner.

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Nate was the owner and operator of Na-

te's One More tavern.

He is survived by his children: Jerilyn (John Honeycutt) Warner, Alesha (John) Hau, JR (Tonillia) Warner, James Warner, Jane (JD) Case and Shawnee Miller; grandchildren: Josh Jenner, Danielle DeMars, Travis Caldwell, Autumn, Alex Warner, Adarie Hau, Chase, Leona and Ryot Warner, Destiny Stockert, Jazzlyn Warner, Colby, Tanner and Taylor Case; great grandchildren: Araina, Brooke, Colton and Declan Jenner and Jace DeMars; siblings: Walter (Mary El-

Wilma Sigrid Hamblin

Wilma Sigrid Hamblin (Louis) passed away at Care Partners Fox Crossing Assis-



tive Living in Neenah, Wisconsin on September 10, 2023. She was born on July len) Mayo, Sylvia Beson, William (Nancy) Mayo, Douglas Warner, Winnie (Larry) McPeake and Patricia Windle. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

match against Waunakee. West lost 1-0.

day at Winagamie Golf Course.

minutes on the course.

ished first at the Nightfall Classic held Fri-

Moore was the only runner to break 20

Dasha Averkamp and Annie Moore,

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Dennis Beson.

A memorial service for Nate will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, September 15, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 am until the time of the service.

The Warner family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the staff of Willow Dale Health Services, as well as Compassus Hospice. Your kindness and compassion throughout the last several weeks have been greatly appreciated.



Wilma spent all summer in the garden and then froze many vegetables each fall. She enjoyed quilting and joined the Lakeside Quilters Guild and gained many new friends. The family spent a lot of time in Hayward and Eau Claire, visiting relatives. Rich and Wilma flew out to Idaho, visiting their son Bill, taking a trip to Yellowstone National Park. After Rich passed away in 1987, Wilma visited Yellowstone every Memorial and Labor Day weekends for many years. She met many of Bill's friends, hearing from some for many years after she quit making the trips out west. Also, after Rich passed away, Wilma began volunteering at Peg's place of work, the CESA 6 Media Center. It was quite a transition from being a stay-at-home mother for most of her life. After a few years, she was hired and worked there until her daughter Peg retired in 2010. Wilma was also very healthy. Her children often commented that she was healthy than all of them! In 2018 she suffered a dislocated shoulder and had to spend three months in rehabilitation. Around this time, her family began to notice signs of dementia. Unfortunately, the dementia worsened and she moved to Care Partners in spring of 2022.

Stanley R. Henke

finished 17th and 18th, respectively, while

the Knights also had Tessia Mroczkow-

ski take 38th and Allison Stromske place

45th. The Knights were fifth overall in the

Stanley R. Henke, age 85, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on Saturday,



Oshkosh West's Mason Strange (19) heads a ball forward during Saturday's nonconference

September 9, 2023 at Country Villa in Omro. Stanley was born in Oshkosh on February 16, 1938 the son of Reuben and Edna (Wruck) Henke. On May 16, 1959 he married Kay Elyn Celichowski. Stanley

Photo by Jim Koepnick

was employed at Badger Oldsmobile as a mechanic for many years. Stanley will fondly be remembered for his love of his family and his Tractors. He was raised on a farm on the Southside of Oshkosh with a large family. His love of tractors stuck with him; he looked forward to parades each summer all over the area showing off his pride and joy along with his sons.

Stanley is survived by two sons, Mark (Annalisa) Henke of Oshkosh and Michael (Sara) Henke of Omro. Three grandsons, Dane (Dani) Munsch, Logan Henke

Wilma is survived by her six children: William Michael, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Nancy Ann Winter (Michael Johnson), Greenville, Wisconsin, Peggy Jeanette, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Arthur Kelly (Jan) Appleton, Wisconsin; Ellen Kathryn (David) Mayhew, Greenville, Wisconsin; and Dawn Denise (Gary) Kohl, of Hilbert, Wisconsin. Wilma is also survived by five grandchildren: Michael (Danielle); Robert (Kathy); Timothy (Melissa); Matthew (Jessy); and Andy (Shannon) Kohl. Wilma was blessed with five great-grandchildren: Katrina Johnson, Meghan Reh, Eliana Rose Hamblin, Jack Levi Damon, and Ivan Arthur Hamblin. Wilma is also survived by one sister-in-law, Dorothy Kuta, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Wilma is preceded in death by her husband Richard, her parents William and Letitia, her sisters Edith and Clara, and grandson Brian Damon. A memorial visitation for Wilma will be held from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., in Oshkosh, WI on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Interment will take place in Cable, Wisconsin at the Greenwood Cemetery. Niece Cathy Hamblin will conduct a small graveside service. Wilma's family would like to extend a

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The Lourdes Academy boys finished 10th overall and were led by Henry Spanbauer in 23rd place and Cameron Kapral in 45th place.

Reyer, Kujawa lead North

Chase Reyer and Trip Kujawa finished 67th and 68th, respectively, to lead the Oshkosh North boys cross country team at the Shawano Invitational.

Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski in 95th, Davante Kieya in 105th and Matthew Indergand in 117th also scored for the Spartans, who finished 17th in the overall team standings.

Ava Hanson led the Oshkosh North girls team in 71st place, while Lehna Mitchell finished in 74th place.

The Spartans did not have a full team to compete.

SOCCER

Carns' goal lifts Wildcats

Collin Carns scored the lone goal for Oshkosh West as the Wildcats picked up a 1-0 win over Appleton East on Thursday.

Max Meszaros assisted on the goal while Owen Irvin made eight saves to earn the shutout.

and Garett Petraszak (Sydney). One great granddaughter, Raelynn Munsch and one great grandson, Steele Petraszak. Brother and Sisters, Arlyn Henke, Oshkosh, Nancy Kemnitz, Eldorado, Joyce (Alvin) Levenhagen, Eldorado, Arden Henke, Fisk, Wayne (Beverly) Henke, Van Dyne, Carol (Tom) Henke, Oshkosh, Gloria (Mike) Hansen, Oshkosh, Sharon (Craig) Kleinschmit, Oshkosh, Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings Donald, Robert and Bonnie and his wife Kay in 2022.

A celebration of life will be held at the Nekimi Town Hall at 3790 Pickett Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 3 pm until the light snacks and beer till it runs out. Private family committal services will be held at a later date at Liberty Prairie Cemetery in Pickett, WI.

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29, 1926 in Hayward, Wisconsin; the oldest of three daughters to William Henry Louis and Letitia Ann Louis (Edwards). Growing

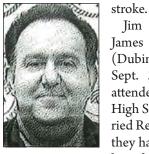
up Wilma alternatively lived in both Hayward and Hammond, Indiana.

Wilma met her future husband, Richard Clyde Hamblin, when she was 14 years old. They wrote each other during World War II and got married after the war ended and Rich was discharged. Wilma and Rich were married on July 28, 1945 in Hayward. They were married for over 40 years and welcomed six children into their family. Wilma and Richard lived in Hayward, Delevan, Beloit, Appleton, moving often to accommodate Rich's career in Mink Ranching.

They spent their retirement years in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They lived west of town, planting a huge garden every year.

James C. Frank, Jr.

James C. Frank Jr. age 74, died June 4, 2023, of kidney failure, after suffering a



Jim was born to James and Eleanor (Dubinski) Frank on Sept. 30, 1948. He attended Oshkosh High School. He married Rena K. Volp and they had 2 sons. They later divorced.

Jim worked in the welding and refrigeration trades. He lived his entire life in the Oshkosh area.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and many aunts, and uncles. Jim is survived by a brother and a niece, 2 sons, 5 grand children, one great grand child, and many cousins.

No services held.

Stan Cichowski

Stan Cichowski was born in Chicago, IL on October 7, 1946, to Joseph and Dor-



othy Cichowski. He spent his childhood moving around the country. Stan attended Hamline University in St. Paul, MN, majoring in history, serving as co-captain of the swim team, and graduating in 1968.

While at Hamline he met his future wife, Frances Sacco. Stan and Fran were married on June 20, 1970, at St. Odilia Church in Shoreview, MN. The newlyweds "honeymooned" in scenic Ft. Bragg, NC, as Stan had enlisted in the US Army.

Stan served in the Army from 1968 to 2006, serving two stints of active duty and

Betty Jo Riese

Betty Jo Riese, 89, passed away peacefully with her loving husband Bob at her



side on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Jo was born in Oshkosh on February 1st, 1934 to the late Grace and Wenzel Brouchek.

Jo attended St. Mary school until 9th grade

and then graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1952. After high school she was a switchboard operator at Wisconsin Bell. Jo considered her biggest accomplishment being a stay at home Mom, and raising her six children. Jo enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jo later graduated from Fox Valley Technical College and upon graduation she became a Records Clerk at the Oshkosh Police De-

Nicholas K. Drexler

Nicholas K. Drexler, 36 of Oshkosh, passed away on September 6, 2023. He



eptember 6, 2023. He was born In Oshkosh on August 9, 1987 to Michael and Patti (Reichenberger) Drexler.

He had a passion for planes and took flying lessons. He could identify any

plane in the air and worked on airplane models all his life. He had a love for animals, especially his cat and all the fish that lived in his beautiful 50-gallon aquarium. He loved skateboarding and disc golf. He played the flute, sax, and guitar.

Nicholas had a kind and gentle soul. He never held a grudge; he worked out every conflict to a peaceful resolution and had a tremendous amount of empathy for others. Nicholas felt things more deeply than most. He never missed an opportunity to put himself in someone else's shoes. He really believed love was the greatest power in the universe. He never missed an opportunity to tell those closest to him that he loved them. Of all the souls in the world, his was the most gentle. several years in the Reserves. His active duty service included time with military intelligence and a stint in Tehran as part of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. In 1976 he and Fran adopted their only child, Jennifer.

During his time in the Reserves, he also taught classes for the Combined Arms Services and Staff School, graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1974, and earned his pilot's license. At the time of his retirement from the military, he had achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After returning to the United States, he and his family settled in Springfield, IL in the spring of 1979. Stan took a job as a tax attorney at the Illinois Department of Revenue ("IDOR"), eventually being promoted to Deputy General Counsel.

His next move was to Flossmoor, IL as

partment until her retirement.

Jo married Robert Riese July 17th, 1992, the love of her life, after meeting at the Police Department. Bob brought her many years of joy traveling together, car rides to see the changing leaves, watching Nascar and Friday night fish frys at various restaurants with friends. Jo and Bob also spent numerous winters in Apache Junction, AZ enjoying the warm weather.

In her spare time, Jo loved knitting and sewing, and taught family members to knit. Jo sewed and knit many items for her kids in their younger years. Jo was very selfless, taking care of others before herself. She was a devout Christian and attended Mass regularly with her husband Bob.

Jo is survived by her husband Bob Riese, four daughters: Jill (Randy) Stini, Ann Riese, Lori (Rick) Halstead, Nancy (Shannon) Rahmlow and son Tom (Heide) Harron. Jo is survived by eight grandchildren:

Giese; aunts and uncles: Margie Beck, Irene (Randy) Walter, Roseann (Terry) Raupp, Paul (Connie) Drexler, Kevin (Kathy) Drexler, Marie (Scott) Metz, Joseph Drexler, Ronald Reichenberger, Ann (Brian) Albrecht, Dan (Julie) Reichenberger, Mark (Mary) Reichenberger, Judy (Mark) Lloyd, Pete (Tina) Reichenberger, Mary Lou Reichenberger, Laurie Reichenberger; many cousins; close friends: Robert Blaha, Angela Keen, Bryan Kunde and Vanessa Frank.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Frank and Betty Drexler and Gilbert and Leona Reichenberger; aunts and uncles: Jerry Beck, Jim Reichenberger, Tom and Jenny Reichenberger, Gilbert Reichenberger Jr.; cousins: Jessica Drexler and Shana Beck.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held

a tax consultant at Deloitte & Touche in 1994. Stan was eventually promoted to Managing Director. He taught part-time as an Adjunct Instructor at the College of Business MST, University of Illinois from 2007-2014. After retiring from Deloitte in 2010, he worked part-time as a Hearing Officer at IDOR, from 2011-2013.

Stan retired for good in 2013 and moved to Wisconsin where he could realize his dream of living on a lake. He also had a lifelong love of airplanes and enjoyed attending the Oshkosh Air Show and being a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 252.

He enjoyed telling a good story, woodworking, fly fishing, sipping a fine Scotch, and spending time with his family. He was a member and past president of Trout Unlimited – Central Wisconsin and a member of the Corvette Club.

Jason Stini, Grace and Julia Halstead, Macy and Ben Rahmlow, and Natalie, Olivia and Stephanie Harron and one great grandchild Crew Stini. Jo is further survived by two step daughters: Cathy (Pat) Rothe and Colleen (Art) Eichmann, four step grandchildren: Jennifer (Ryan) Goggans, Stephanie (Kevin Kraemer) Rothe, Libby and Amelia Eichmann, and two great step grandsons: Liam and Charlie Goggans.

Jo was preceded in death by her son Brian Harron, and sister Mary Jane Jungwirth (Brouchek).

Jo will be missed for her sense of humor, easy-going nature and generosity towards anyone she met.

Kevin Patrick Christenson

Kevin Patrick Christenson, age 56, passed away on September 4, 2023, in

Wisconsin. He was

born on September

28, 1966, to parents,

Edwin and LeeAnn

(Leinweber) Chris-

tenson, in Oshkosh,

graduated from Omro

Kevin

Wisconsin.



High School in 1985. He enjoyed cooking, especially in the kitchen at Primo and the Roxy and listening to 80's music. He also enjoyed war games especially the WWII and Civil War Era. In his high school days and early adulthood, he played baseball. He could often be found watching sports and rooting on the Packers with Dad.

Kevin is survived by his father, Edwin Christenson; sisters, Kim (significant oth-

Jack Dehn

Jack Dehn, age 77, took his final lap here on earth on Monday, August 28, 2023, at

He passed away on September 7, 2023. He is survived by his loving wife Fran Cichowski, his daughter Jennifer (Joe) LaDuke, his grandson Noah LaDuke, his granddaughter Renee LaDuke, his sister Clare (Dan) Shier, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy Cichowski.

A time of visitation for Stan will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from noon until 2:30PM. Military Honors will be held at 2:30PM

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Stan's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

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Services were held on Friday, September 8th, 2023 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Peter's Site), 449 High Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901. Interment took place at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests cash donations be made to the Oshkosh Police Department: Santa's Closet

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er, Bill Harron) Kramer, and Kelly (Jay) Kargus; brothers, Andrew (significant other, Carrie Luedtke) Jones, and Charles Christenson; and many other family members and friends.

Preceding him in death are his grandparents; mother LeeAnn; sister, Melanie Hoeft; and brothers, Tracy Jones, and Kirk Christenson.

Kevin will be remembered most for his kind heart, gentle nature, and soft-spoken words.

The family would like to give a special thank you to his closest friend Paul, as well as the staff in the ICU at Mercy Medical Center, especially nurse Paige, who took excellent care of him at the end.

A private service has been held.



sy (Terry) Baldry; stepdaughter, Carrie (Dale) Grap; grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Sarah, Meghan, Kevin, Brady, Megan, Erica, Josh, Josiah, John; 13 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; triplet sister, Judy; brother, Larry (Verchelle); as well as many nieces, nephews, other family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his bride, Carol; parents; brother, LeRoy; triplet brother, Jim; brother-in-law, Ron; stepson Eric; daughter-in-law, Jenny; nephew, Scott and Missy's mom Cherie. A visitation will be from noon until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh. To honor Jack, please wear anything red, racing or Corvette themed. The family extends a special thank you to the staff of Compassus Hospice, especially Kathleen and Stacy for their exceptional care of Jack.

Nicholas is survived by his parents: Michael Drexler and Patti (Gary Tank)

Everett DeWayne McKeown

Everett (Ev) DeWayne McKeown 82 passed away 9/5/2023 surrounded by his family.

A celebration of life will be held at the Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292; 175 W Fernau Ave. Oshkosh WI 1-4 pm September 30, 2023. Visitation will be from 1-3 followed at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr. with Fr. Tom Long officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 am until the time of Mass. Burial will take place at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.



by a short service and the Elks memorial service will be at 3:30.

A full obituary can be viewed at the Konrad-Behlman website: www.konrad-behlman.com





his home. Jack was a triplet and was born in Oshkosh on August 4, 1946, to Lester & Donna Dehn. He married Cherie Stueber in 1967 and they later divorced. He married his bride, Carol on

October 25, 1974, and she preceded him in death on September 13, 2021.

He was an Auto Body Technician and was very well respected in the industry. He enjoyed restoring old cars with his brother and godson, snowmobiling with his brothers, watching Packer games with his Bride and stock car racing with his family. During Christmas time, he enjoyed playing the Elf with his buddy Porky who was Santa Claus. During retirement, he and his Bride enjoyed taking rides and going to car shows in their "Little Red Corvette." He is survived by his daughter, Mis-



Sharon Laiten

Sharon Laiten (Hellwig) passed away on August 31 at Aurora Hospital follow-



ing a short illness. Sharon was born March 25 1943 to Kenneth and Betty Hellwig. She was the oldest of five children, followed by Kenneth, Kathleen, Michael, James and Keith. She lived her entire life in

Omro and graduated from Omro High School in 1961. She had three children from her first marriage, Michael, Mark and Shiela Knaack, and was married to

Burleigh R. McCarthy

Burleigh Raymond McCarthy, age 92, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday, Septem-



ber 2, 2023 at Aurora Medical Center. He was born in Oshkosh at home on March 9, 1931 weighing over 11 pounds. He was the son of the late Chester and Esther (Missal) McCarthy.

Burleigh worked at Kienast Construction from age 16 to his retirement over 50 years later. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and with his lifelong experience and expertise he was known as one of the best Caterpillar operators in the area.

Burleigh met his wife Cheryl on a blind date and they were married in Lahaina, Maui on December 24, 1985. Together they had many hobbies and worked hard to care for their many pets. Burleigh raised and cared for miniature horses, alpacas, a donkey and many tropical birds. His special nap buddy, Eddie the cat, and dog

James E. Wirkes

James E. Wirkes, age 87, crossed his last finish line, surrounded by his loving family



at Lakeshore Manor on Friday, September 8, 2023. He was born to the late Joseph and Cecelia (Haase) Wirkes on February 8, 1936, in Oshkosh, WI.

Jim joined the United States Marine Corps in 1954 after graduating from Oshkosh High School and served his country until 1957. He married the love of his life on May 17, 1958, and together they had three children. Jim worked for the United States Postal Service where he started as a mail carrier eventually working as a clerk at the window where he got to greet the public and make many friends throughout his career. After being told he was too old to run, Jim began training for Marathons at age 45. Jim won more races in his age groups then he lost. He ran 13 marathons total. (Chicago(4X), Boston(3X), Fox Cities (won Grand Master), Milwaukee, Twin Cities, and many other smaller races throughout the country.) Jim and Naomi enjoyed spending part of the winter months in Cape Coral, FL, meeting great friends from all over the country. Jim was very competitive and was a scratch bowler in city leagues. He was also an avid golfer making multiple holes-in-one. Jim enjoyed being outside, either watching the hummingbirds, working on his lawn, as well as tending to his apple and pear trees. Jim was the number one supporter of all his grandchildren's extracurricular activities, never missing an event. He stepped

her second husband Michael Laiten for over 35 years. Their children are Daren and Shari Laiten. She was Grandmother and Great-grandmother to three generations. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Michael, son Mark, brothers Kenneth and Michael and sister Kathleen.

"Sharon was a unique person. If she didn't like you, you knew it. If she did like you, she loved you. She was loud, opinionated and crude, yet she loved her cat, Ernie, she loved her friends, and though she didn't say it she loved her children. She supported military veterans, the Salvation Army, the police and animal rights. She had a hard life and too often let her past

ZsaZsa will miss him dearly.

Burleigh is survived by and will be forever missed by his wife, Cheryl. Also surviving are his brother, Dennis of Galena, Il, son Michael of Sturgeon Bay, daughters, Linda (Rick) Volkman of Palmer, AK, Sandy (Scott) Negendank of Oshkosh and 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, also nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son Gary, brothers Homer, Merwin, Chester Jr., and Darryl, sisters, Geraldine Kienast, Betty Losse and Gail Miller. He is also preceded in death by grandchildren Nathan and Nicole and his wives, Jean and Mary.

A sincere thank you to the compassion shown by the staff at Aurora Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home on Saturday September 9, 2023.

"Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words and missed forever and always."



into a coaching role for Special Olympics, coaching bowling and track & field. Jim's favorite activity was getting together with family and friends over a glass of wine and good conversation. Jim will be missed greatly by all his family and everyone who knew him.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Naomi; three children, Lori Wirkes, Carol Thomas, and John (Carri) Wirkes; grandchildren, Larry (Leanne) Seelow, Lucas (Carey) Seelow, Melinda (Braeden) Paffenroth, Katie (Steve) Vargas Matthew (Megan L.) Thomas, Erin Wirkes, and Megan E. Thomas; great-grandchildren, Lilahann, Bennett, Jameson, Harper, Saylor, as well as one great-grandchild on the way. Jim is further survived by his siblings, William "Bill" Wirkes, Donald "Donnie" (Dorothy) Wirkes, and Rosemarie (Nor bert "Nubs") Potter. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, John "Jack" Wirkes. A memorial service for Jim will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 4PM. A time of visitation will be held from 2PM until the time of service. A private burial will be held by the family at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

dictate her future. Through it all, as her "Little Brother," I loved her.

She was the last connection to the home of my youth, the last person that remembered parking my baby buggy under a tree in the front yard so she could go for a walk with her friends. She was the last person that'll remember the times I helped her milk the cows, bale the hay or just sat in her kitchen talking over a cup of coffee and a cigarette. Gone are the stories of her life.

My sister, Sharon was 12 years older than me. For a time we were each busy with our own lives, but later after she lost her husband we became close. Often I was the only person she'd listen to other than Carla, my mother-in-law. And like Carla, I'll miss her phone calls. She always called me "L.B." for little brother and I'll miss the voice messages, "L.B., I just called to talk to you." Her last words to me were" I love you" Myself and daughter Shari, Shiela and granddaughter Erin Gau kept vigil at her bedside on her final days. After all of

Mary E. Wieland

Mary E. Wieland, age 81, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday morning September 2, 2023 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. Mary was born in Oshkosh on September 4, 1941 the daughter of Rudolph and Jeannette (Neustifter) Paulick. She married John Wieland on May 16, 1964 in Oshkosh.

Mary is survived by her husband John Wieland of Oshkosh. One son, John Wieland of Oshkosh and one daughter, Julie (Glenn) Westwood of Edison, NJ. One brother, Robert (Marilyn) Paulick of Oshkosh. Two grandchildren, Coral and

her pain, she passed peacefully with family by her side. ----Keith Hellwig

Sharons family would like to thank the members of the Omro Police Department, Omro First Responders and the staff at the Aurora Hospital for their help and assistance in caring for Sharon.

Funeral services for Sharon will be at the Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Avenue, Omro on Tuesday Sept. 12. Visitation and remembrance will commence at 1:00pm followed by a memorial service at 2:00pm. Cremation has taken place and interment will follow at the King's Veteran Home on Wednesday Sept. 13 at 1pm. The Memorial Service will be conducted by Pastor James Schwindt. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Sharon's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Salvation Army.



Bruce Westwood. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Jennifer in infancy and Janet Tagatz.

Private family committal services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Mary's family would like to send a Special Thank You to Fresenius Kidney Care in Oshkosh for the wonderful care she received.

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The family would like to thank the staff of Lakeshore Manor as well as St Croix Hospice for all their loving care they gave to Jim.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Alzheimer's and Dementia related research.



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Pamela Kay DeLap and **Paul Allen DeLap**

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September 1, 2023 as two bright lights, Pamela Kay and Paul Allen DeLap, went out on a country road in Fond du Lac. Pam and Paul were doing what they loved most of all: "wind therapy" as they called it on their Harley.

various ocean beach-

Married 33 years, Pam and Paul grew more in love with each other each passing day. Together, they enjoyed camping, ferry rides, motorcycle rides and traveling to

es. They raised three children and enjoyed welcoming each of their 5 grandchildren into their lives.

Pam was born on April 3, 1967 in Oshkosh to Wayne and Elizabeth Hawley. She attended Oshkosh North High School where she was involved with 4-H and working at a neighborhood grocery store called Bucky's. She became interested in finance after working for Bank One and Winnebago County Credit Union. She

worked for Adams Wealth Opportunities in Oshkosh, an affiliate of Wisconsin Financial Group (WFG). Eventually, Pam started her own company and became an independent affiliate of WFG. She was beloved by her clients because she cared about each of them as if they were her own family. Pam devoted much of her life to service in the community, advocating for people with disabilities, working with the Cerebral Palsy style show, Circles of Life and Self determination conferences, and the Oshkosh Inclusive Park playground. She served on the Board of Directors for Casa Esther, a Catholic Worker house of hospitality in Omro and for Creative Hearts, an art program for the homeless at Fr. Carr's Place 2 B. Pam was an avid crafter and Packer's fan.

Paul was born on February 7, 1965 in Omro, son of Ken and Kathy Toll. Paul attended Omro High School and worked with his dad's company, Ken Toll and Son Construction. He enjoyed stock car racing as number 73 and shared his love for racing with his grandson helping out and supporting him at Kid's Kart Club in Oshkosh. Paul drove semis across the country in his early career. Since 1991, Paul worked for Winnebago County Highway Department, where he later became foreman. He loved his work family and was devoted to the safety of Winnebago County residents, as he plowed the roads we drive on each winter. In addition, Paul started his own power sweeping business called Impressive Appearance.

As a couple, both Pam and Paul brought joy and celebration to every gathering they attended. Paul often did the grilling and Pam brought the food, decorations, and other special surprises to make it complete. Both had a silly sense of humor and laughed easily. Paul loved his cup of morning coffee on the patio, greeting the day with the birds and Pam enjoyed creating the garden. Both were known by everyone as being generous with their time, talent, and treasure.

They are survived by their three children, Laura DeLap (children Haiden, Lily, Julius and Rian) Emily DeLap (son Kingston)and Benjamin DeLap; Pam's sisters, Gail Hawley, Bonnie (Rob) Fink, and Cristine Montalvo (Linda Swenson); Paul's uncle Don (Tommy) Redmann; Paul's Godmother, Brenda Marks; Paul's sisters, Penny Gunkel, Teresa (James) Moore, Tammy (Greg)Iversen, and Tina Conboy; nieces and nephews: Dustin, Tony, Margaret, Leah, Sierra, Kendall, Austin, Keegan, Stephen, Grayson, Danielle, Dana, Shaina, Kala, Ema, Joshua, Cameron, and Caitlin. They are further survived by special friends Bob Warner and Noel Marshall, Donna King, John King, and John Galston Jr. who was like a son-in-law.

They are predeceased by Wayne and Elizabeth Hawley, Ken and Kathy Toll, Mary Shelton, beloved grandparents, and pets Toby and Pearl.

The family would like to thank the Highway Commissioner, Bob, who has been a life-long friend, Fr. Joe Mattern, and Jeff (Olie) Olson for all they have been for the DeLap family. They also want to thank Theda Clark and Thedastar for everything they did for Pam and the family after the accident.

Services took place on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at St. Raphael's Church in Oshkosh.

Donations may be made to Pam and Paul's favorite charity, Casa Esther, in lieu of flowers, at casaesther.org or at 320 North Webster Avenue, Omro, 54963.



Irene Totsky

Irene Totsky passed away on September 1, 2023, following a long journey with cancer. A private family graveside service will take place at Riverside cemetery. A full obituary is published at Konrad-Behlman.com.



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Robert S. Dawson

Robert "Bob" Stewart Dawson, 93, died August 28, 2023 and was reunited with



his beloved wife Pearl just in time to celebrate their 71st year of marriage (August 30) and their first heavenly one.

Bob was born June 11, 1930, son to Ruth (Hidde) and Stewart

Dawson in Oshkosh, WI. He graduated from Neenah High School in 1948 and went on to graduate from UW - Madison in 1953 with a degree in Agriculture. The Dawson family called many Wisconsin cities "home" throughout Bob's 31-year career as a Soil Conservationist for the US Department of Agriculture. During this time, he also served in the US Army National Guard for over 30 years, eventually retiring in 1990 as a 1LT (First Lieutenant).

Post-retirement, Bob worked in the warehouse at EAA Aviation Museum when he wasn't helping his family like chauffeuring his four granddaughters to and from Peace Lutheran Preschool. He and Pearl gave their gifts, talents, and time to Peace Lutheran and later, St Andrews Lutheran Church.

Bob is survived by four sons, Jeffrey

Barbara Jo Eichmann

Barbara Jo Eichmann, age 81, passed away on September 4, 2023, in Oshkosh,



Wisconsin. She was born on April 30, 1942, to parents, Leroy and Marjorie (Basil) Bennett in Wisconsin. She was an avid

reader of the Bible and enjoyed watching birds and garden-

ing flowers. Barbara listened to and sung along to all types of music, including artists such as Elvis and Loretta Lynn.

Family was very important to her, she was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She could be described as kind and loving and always available for a chat.

Barbara is survived by her children, Patrick (Charlotte) Eichmann, Lynn (Mark) Bernhard and Connie Eichmann; sister, Brenda Corlew; brothers, Richard (Cathy) Bennett and Roger (Cindy) Bennett;

Cassandra Verkuilen-Matschi

Cassandra "Cassie" Verkuilen-Matschi, age 46, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023 after a cou-



(Laura) Dawson of Milwaukee, James (Donald Fenlon) Dawson of Green Bay, Daniel (Amy) Dawson of Oshkosh, and John Dawson of Plover; five grandchildren, Joshua, Kimberly, Melissa, Miranda, and Hannah; great-grandson, Jeremiah; brother, Roger Dawson of Sarasota, Florida; sister-in-law, JoAnn Guetzkow of Oshkosh; and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Pearl and son William Dawson.

Bob will be remembered as a generous man who was always willing to help others and who could find humor in any situation, even in his final days. You could find Bob and Pearl every late afternoon in their living room enjoying 'Happy Hour' with a drink and snack for them and their many Airedale foster dogs.

The Dawson family is very thankful for the (as Bob called them) angels at Gabriel's Villa and Moments Hospice for providing excellent care and support.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of the memorial service at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh. He will be laid to rest at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.



grandchildren, Brian Eichmann, Kimberly (Bryan) Cavanaugh, Mark (Tiffany) Bernhard, Victoria Gauger and Jessica (Fiancé Cody) Gauger; three great-grandchildren and many friends.

Preceding her in death are her husband, David Eichmann; parents, Leroy and Marjorie; sister, Bonnie Roberts; brother, Robert Bennett; and great-granddaughter, Brielyn Cavanaugh.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staff at Park View Health Center for taking such good care of Mom throughout her time there.

Visitation will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 54902, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 4:00pm with service to follow at 5:00pm. The burial will be at Westfield East Cemetery, the following day.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established by the family.



sister Christina (Todd Huettl) Metz, step-children Katelyn Matschi and Kylee "Kai" Matschi, nephews Cody and Billy, father-in-law Joseph (Pamela) Matschi, sister-in-law Karon Matschi, brothers-in-law Michael Matschi and his family, Kenneth Matschi and his family, as well as many other family and friends. The celebration of life for Cassie will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at MillCity Church, 120 N. Lake Street, Neenah. A time of visitation will be held at the church from 12:00 P.M. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established at Survivor Nutrition. Cassie's family would like to give a warm thank you to her care team and ICU staff at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah. Further thanks go out to her wonderful support squad, especially Tammy and Walker for all of their compassionate care.

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Public Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCINT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: **REINA SANTISTEVAN** Case No. 23CV687

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above From: Reina Elisabeth-Anne Santistevan To: Reina Elisabeth-Anne Williams Birth Certificate: Reina Elisabeth-Anne Santistevan

DERED:



rageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on June 22, 1977 and grew up in Neenah and Menasha. Cassie met her soulmate, John Matschi, in 2016 and the two

were married on September 21, 2019 and they shared countless memories together. She was the proud owner of Survivor Nutrition on Jackson Street in Oshkosh and loved serving her community. Cassie was a tremendously welcoming person who made everyone feel at home. She was a fierce fighter and a very loyal friend. Cassie had a way about her that inspired anyone who met her. She was a very generous person who was willing to help in any way. Cassie will forever be missed by her family and friends.

Cassie is survived by her husband John Matschi, mother Becky Nenning,



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This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 531, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: October 20, 2023 Time: 11:30 am

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

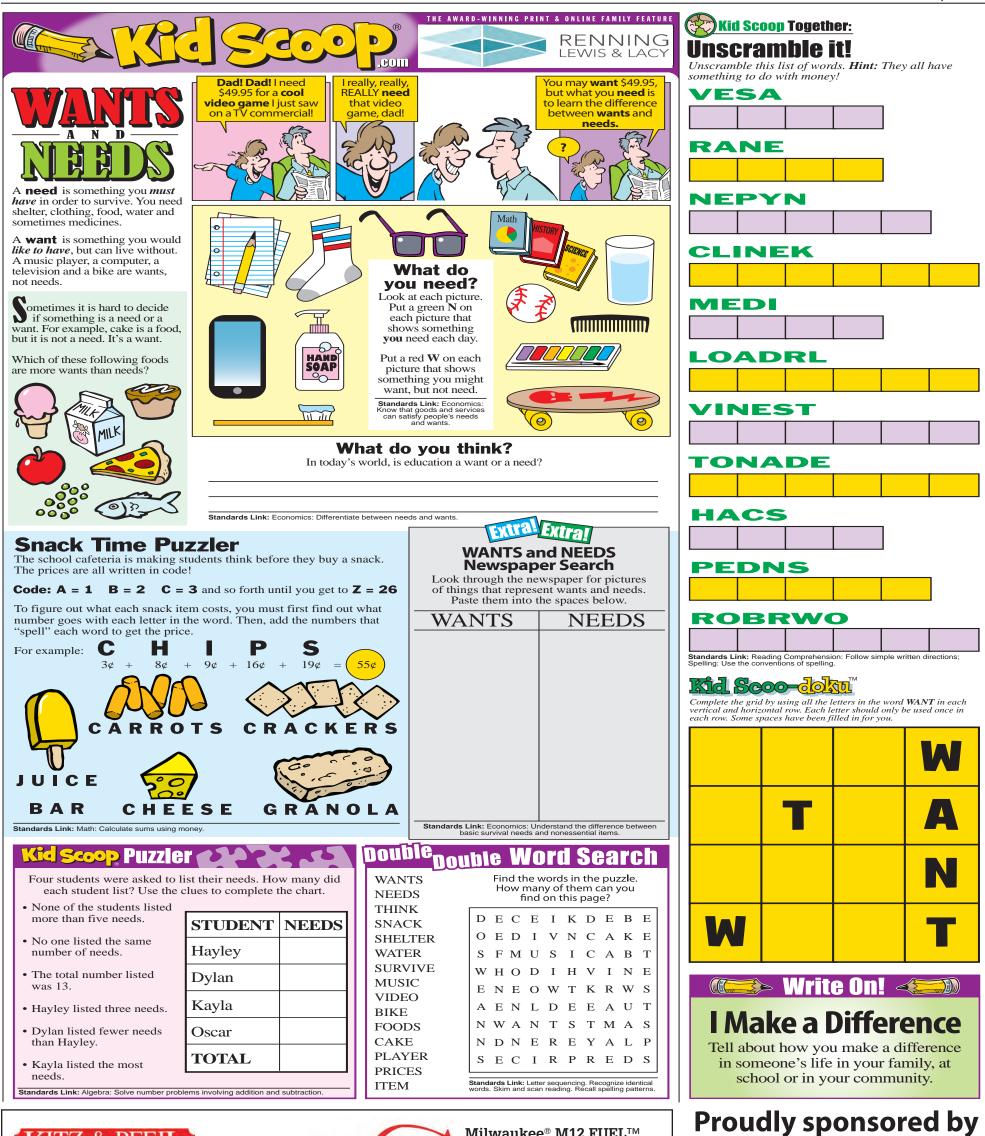
BY THE COURT:

DATE SIGNED: August 28, 2023 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Run September 6, 2023, September 13, 2023 and September 20, 2023

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