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Transit facility update gains ground

Council approves step to add GO Transit space

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh made the first step to expanding the public transit center on Pearl Avenue.

If the city acquires the property, it will be to expand the GO Transit facility currently at 110 Pearl Ave. Last week the Common Council voted to approve the necessity to acquire the property at 222 Pearl after it was recommended by the Plan Commission.

The Grand Oshkosh currently has offices inside 222 Pearl Ave. and the city will be responsible for helping the theater find new office spaces for an interim time. Part of the Grand's own renovation plan includes adding space for administration offices.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said Grand staff will need to find an interim location, as it is unlikely the Grand will be able to move from their offices on Pearl Avenue into the renovated Grand, which may not be completed for a few more years.

"We are required to accommodate some type of temporary (offices) for them and that will be handled through this process,"

Rohloff said.

City director of transportation Jim Collins, in explaining the process to the Common Council last week, said the first step was approving the necessity to acquire the property. After that the Grand would work with a real estate company hired by the city to help the Grand find office space.

Collins said part of the project is being primarily funded with federal money. A piece of that process includes the city assisting the tenant with relocation.

The expanded transit facility would be funded by a combination of ARPA funds,

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Dragons on the river

The NEW Dragon Boat Festival held Saturday on the Fox River off the Leach Amphitheater drew teams of all skills and abilities locally and from around the Midwest. School Superintendent Bryan Davis, who served as race announcer, said they included breast cancer survivor teams that compete regionally as well as club, corporate and community teams. Presented by the city and Northeast Wisconsin Chinese Association, the event celebrates the area's diverse communities. "It's just a great chance to be able to celebrate diversity among our community and raise some money for the northeast Wisconsin Chinese association and the Oshkosh area school district to help support our cultural programming across our system."

Ladies Benevolent Society's past inspires present mission

At 160, organization maintains city involvement

By Anya Kelley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In 1863, a group of women in Oshkosh came together to support families in need during the Civil War, scraping lint to roll bandages and making clothing for their community. They stocked Red Cross rooms full of supplies to further the war effort.

These women, who launched what became the Ladies Benevolent Society, car-

ried the spirit of civilian relief work. 160 years later, the LBS continues its work as the oldest philanthropic organization in Wisconsin.

In 1902, "The Home" was built at 1628 N. Main St. and became a place for elderly women. Members took care of the residents and raised money for their resources, and that same year the group began meeting monthly, a tradition that has endured ever since.

It was the first such group organized in the state and still in operation. In the founding days, most of the prominent ladies in the city belonged to the Society.

One of its founders was Melvina Hadley, wife of congressman and U.S. Sen. Philetus Sawyer.

Noted peace activist and suffragist Jesse Jack Hooper was later an active member and president. Another early member was Doe House owner Rebecca Brown's great-great-grandmother Cornelia Doe, who served as secretary in 1876 and whose ancestral home has been hosting its meetings recently.

The present-day LBS provides annual grants through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation that support charitable projects to benefit the elderly. Last year, 14

organizations received grants up to \$5,000.

Since affiliating with the foundation in 2000, the society has given 163 grants totaling \$389,747. The current grant application can be found at oshkoshareac.org/older-adults with this year's deadline of Nov. 1.

Previous to the foundation alliance, the group donated \$150,000 to build Evergreen's ShareHaven in 1993 for elders experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer's and other dementia. It donated another \$100,000 in 2001 to the Oshkosh Seniors

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Parks buildings inch toward completion

By Jonathan Richie
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The Oshkosh Parks Department is close to finishing two buildings in the city but work has been delayed due to issues with the supply chain, such as not having materials to complete the project and coordinating subcontract work.

Parks director Ray Mauer said there have been supply issues that have slowed work at the new Parks Department Administration Operations as well as a new four-seasons building at Lakeshore Park.

"Between this building and our parks admin/operations building we continue to experience some supply chain issues. Supply chain issues as well as subcontractor coordination. Getting people on site and getting the projects completed," Mauer said. "I cannot give you a date yet, when these will be completed."

Mauer made these remarks at a recent Advisory Park Board meeting.

"We are slowly getting to the finish date," he said. "We're going to say – stay tuned until our October meeting."

The Lakeshore Park four-seasons pavilion is part of phase one of Lakeshore Park, which is on the site of the former Lakeshore Golf Course. In 2018, Oshkosh



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The four-seasons building is almost complete at the new Lakeshore Park on the banks of Lake Butte des Morts.

Corp. purchased 33 acres of the former golf course for its global headquarters facility. The remaining 70 acres was turned into Lakeshore Park.

Turning the site into Lakeshore Park has been broken down into five phases. The first includes the four-seasons building, a public plaza, a splash pad and about 80-car parking lot on the north end of Punhoqua Street. All of this work would

be on the east side of the park.

Future plans include extensive pathways throughout the park as well as large multipurpose lawns and revamped ponds.

Mauer hopes staff can move into the new administrative building at 805 Witzel Ave. in the next month, but noted that construction is difficult right now.

"It's just been a real challenging time for any building construction," he said.

Rep. Palmeri named to Assembly task force on AI

State Assembly Rep. Lori Palmeri, D-Oshkosh, has been appointed to the Speaker's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, which will study the transformative potential of AI while ensuring its respon-

sible and ethical deployment.

The Task Force will consider the use of AI tools by the public and private sectors, including automated decision tools, facial recognition, and generative AI.

ishly to place their bobbers in just the right spot. The opening minutes saw several perch and a number of bullheads caught, and of course a few sheepshead. Each contestant that registered for the event at one of the seven official fishing spots was given a package of bubblegum and a box of Cracker Jack to tide them over until lunch. In Menominee Park, youngsters sat in the shade between the footbridge and Naval Reserve Center, with their backs to the south wind and fish in Miller's Bay. Some of the younger anglers wore life preservers as a safety precaution.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*,
Sept. 17, 1965

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Sept. 17, 1955

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Correction

SEPT. 13, PAGE 9: Singer Veronica Swift's Sept. 23 concert will be at the Gibson Community Music Hall in Appleton with two shows at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., not at The Howard in Oshkosh, as part of the Jazz Coterie series.

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Rural housing map updated

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division has completed its review of areas that may no longer qualify for its rural housing programs, including Oshkosh.

Minor expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits of Oshkosh and Neenah include annexed areas since the last periodic review, which was performed in 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey data and are reviewed every five years. The latest review used data from the 2020 census.

USDA Rural Development Wisconsin Acting Housing Director Lisa Paulson said its Single Family Housing Direct Home Loan Program works with low- and very low-income families in rural areas to assist them in purchasing decent, safe and sanitary housing using a 33-year fixed rate mortgage.

Paulson said a community with a population under 20,000 when not in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is an eligible rural community, which means Oshkosh and Neenah are ineligible communities.

"A community in an MSA needs a population below 10,000. If it is over 10,000 then the population density needs to be below 1,000 people per square mile. If the population density exceeds 1,000 people per square mile then it is no longer rural in nature and will not be eligible any longer," she said.

The updated rural area map can be viewed at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov. For questions about specific changes, contact the Wisconsin Rural Development Housing Program at 715-345-7611.



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Businesses get insight with youth apprenticeship programs

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Every year Oshkosh students take on roles within local businesses as apprentices. These apprenticeships gives students an insight into the professional world of a potential career and go beyond manufacturing jobs into a number of professions.

Last week, business leaders were invited to Sunnyview Expo Center for a Department of Workforce Development (DWD) forum with a focus on the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program. The Sept. 12 forum was part of the DWD Winning with Wisconsin's Workforce event series.

After the forum, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board hosted the Oshkosh Area Employment Fair at the expo center.

The Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program is a one- or two-year program where high school juniors and seniors spend part of their school day exploring a potential career path. Students work with a mentor at the company that helps them adjust to being a part of the workforce.

"Youth Apprenticeship in Wisconsin isn't just for students interested in manufacturing and skill trades," DWD deputy secretary Pamela McGillivray. "For all the employers in the room today, youth apprentices can plug in at every level of your business – HR, marketing, finance, IT support and sales."

McGillivray explained that the YA program started in Wisconsin back in 1911 as one of the first in the nation.

There are more than 75 program areas across over a dozen different types of businesses including health sciences, finance,



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Wisconsin DWD deputy secretary Pamela McGillivray speaks at the Sunnyview Expo Center last week about the importance of the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Program and how it can benefit students and businesses.

and architecture and construction.

Tania Kilpatrick is director of college and career readiness at CESA 6, which oversees the YA program across 39 school districts in eight counties, including Winnebago. She said more than 17,000 employers have participated.

CESA 6 serves almost 23% of the state's enrolled YA students. Kilpatrick said last year 1,800 students in the region were enrolled in the program and this year there are more than 2,000 in the program. She said Oshkosh Area School District averages between 30 and 50 students enrolled in

the program every year.

"Youth Apprenticeship is an efficient time-to-market talent strategy that is a win for both the student and economic development," she said. "Students who enroll tend to go onto postsecondary training at

NAMI Oshkosh sets program schedule

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)-Oshkosh is returning with its free Family to Family Educational Series, which starts at 6 p.m. Sept. 28 and runs for eight weeks at 525 N. Main St.

Interested people can register at info@namioshosh.org or call 920-651-1148. Additional information is at namioshosh.org.

Extensive structural repair at NAMI's facility and the pandemic created scheduling problems at a time when mental illness seemed to be increasing.

Peer support group is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every

a two- or 4-year college, enter directly into the workforce, or may bridge into the Registered Apprenticeship program."

Travis Young of Plexus Corp. said the company often has students in the YA program, which had benefits for the business, community and the students.

"It's a way we can give students an opportunity to see how the industry works," Young said. "These kids then get a better understanding of what we do."

Two students spoke at the forum about how beneficial they found the program. One was working as a carpenter doing work at a construction site and the other was working as a CNA at a medical clinic.

Kilpatrick provided the businesses with several resources surrounding child labor laws, including a list of construction and manufacturing equipment. This list outlined that students cannot use equipment like a forklift, overhead crane or skid loader, but can use a hydraulic press, pipe threading and welding along with other tasks.

Amy Phillips, the DWD's YA program coordinator, said the department has lots of resources that can help businesses get involved and help them with child labor law questions they may have or how the YA program can be utilized by a business.

More information on the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Program is at yawisconsin.org.

month for individuals living with a mental illness. A family support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday. Both groups are free and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Future presentations include the new NAMI Hearts and Minds, a five-week class that concentrates on the ways that physical health and mental health intertwine. Crisis Intervention Partners is scheduled for January as a two-day workshop modeled after the training component of Crisis Intervention Team programs offered to law enforcement. Narcan training also is being planned.

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Schools work on equity improvements

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is continuing work to close the achievement gap, and part of that is creating equity across the district.

The district hired Anthony Miller as the first director of diversity, equity and inclusion in July with the goal of taking up issues that relate to closing the achievement gap with all students. Miller gave an update to the Board of Education last week starting with ICS work.

The ICS – integrated comprehensive system – for equity has been implemented in the district since 2017.

“Since the implementation of ICS our staff have learned valuable lessons and strategies to assist in working toward closing the achievement gaps for all of our students, and to give our students access to high-quality teaching and learning,” Miller said.

At the elementary school level, teachers are applying high-leverage strategies in literacy and math. Secondary school teachers are applying equitable standards based grading practices, according to Miller. His report outlines that district administrators will be engaged in ICS and develop a plan to imple-

ment from 2024 to 2029.

School board member Barbara Herzog said when the district hired Bryan Davis as superintendent in 2021, one of the goals was to close the achievement gap and make sure the district was educating all students. She said it is now equally a goal for the Wisconsin School Board Association and the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators.



Miller

“We need these students to be educated, in my mind, as best they can. They are our future leaders. They are the ones that will be making decisions when we go to clinics. They will be making decisions about repairing our cars, and our plumbing, electricity in our homes,” Herzog said. “To me, we have to make sure that all of them are educated so they can go on to that next step after high school and be successful.”

School board member Christopher Wright asked Miller how ICS will be used to break down equity barriers. Miller said it will be used to educate educators to level the playing field.

“We are providing as many opportunities for equitable services as possible,” Miller said.

Davis said equity is built into the district key performance indicators.

“When we’re talking about reading scores, math proficiencies, student engagement – those are the spaces we should see bumps as we look at more equitable systems across the board. It’s baked into our measures,” Davis said.

Davis called it a cyclical process.

“The idea is that we’re building. We have to learn and apply, then learn from what we applied,” Davis said.

In other action:

- The board unanimously passed the 2023-2024 budget with \$135 million projected in expenses and an estimated mill rate of \$9.51.

- The board learned that secured vestibules have been completed at schools across the district, an added security measure and part of the 2020 referendum.

- Davis introduced student board representatives Eva Miller of Oshkosh North High School and Charlotte Stellpflug of Oshkosh West High School.



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Dake earns gold

John Dake and his bocce ball team brought home gold medals from the Fall Special Olympic Games this month. Dake, along with his teammates, Connie, Danny and Jacob, were in Wisconsin Dells Sept. 9-10 for the 2023 Wisconsin Special Olympics Fall Games. The team practiced for two weeks after qualifying for the event this summer. They competed throughout the summer at various tournaments.

Rail Safety Week spotlights ways to avoid crashes

About a dozen people are hurt in train-related crashes every year in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Patrol’s September Law of the Month is rail crossing safety to remind drivers and other road users to remain alert at the more than 4,000 public crossings in the state.

This is designated Rail Safety Week, a partnership between law enforcement

agencies and Operation Lifesaver to encourage people to make safe decisions around railroad tracks.

State Patrol officers will participate in Operation Clear Track, an enforcement and education effort focused on specific crossings with significant levels of train and vehicle traffic.

“Operation Clear Track is where we

work with law enforcement agencies to educate motorists and pedestrians about being safe around railroad crossings,” said Gary Koerner, state coordinator for Wisconsin Operation Lifesaver. “We’re going to go all out and try to get that message out there that trains can be great to watch but stay far away. They’re very hazardous.”

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Fire Escape expands creative space for artistic visitors

By Jennifer Parmley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Fire Escape DIY Art Studio has opened a second location necessitated by tremendous growth for the business, whose niche is providing a fun, family-friendly space for DIY'ers who want to paint their own pottery and express artistic creativity.

Rebecca Graf, co-owner with daughter Jessica Graf, says the studio at 423 N. Main St. has become a typical "mud" room, devoted to clay, hand-building and wheel classes.

The 927 Oregon St. location will better accommodate additional classes and parties. The space previously housed Adventure Games and Hobby, now at 408 N. Main St. in the former Paper Tiger building.

"I want to help rejuvenate this side of town and I've heard wonderful things are going to happen here," Graf said. "I want to be a part of it."

Main Street has served the business well to this point.

A handful of years ago, the mother-daughter duo attended a pottery studio as a family. Upon completion, they picked up their pieces. Serendipitously, both had the near-identical idea: to open their own studio in Oshkosh.

They researched all aspects of the business and joined the Contemporary Ceramics Studio Association (CCSA) for guidance and support.

"About a year later we opened on (428) Main Street, and we ran out of space in six months," Graf said. "Then we bought the space across the street and just keep adding."



Fire Escape photo

The Fire Escape's new location on Oregon Street is shown being set up for its opening last week.

Fire Escape on Oregon Street offers options for all types of artists. Painting pottery involves choosing a piece of pottery from any one of the hundreds of options available, painting it and then having it fired in a kiln. Staff members can instruct on techniques and color selections. Fired pieces can be picked up in about a week. Board art wood and laser projects and canvas painting are additional options. No reservations are required for these projects.

Fire Escape also offers several fluid art projects, a painting technique that uses free-flowing acrylics. They also offer workshops, classes and camps during the summer.

Jill Rosenthal of Oshkosh took a beginner wheel throwing class and soon got hooked on using the potter's wheel.

"I discovered that working with clay was extremely therapeutic for me, so I went on to enroll in the advanced class," she said. "Due to the limited class size,

the instructors can give individual attention, advice and encouragement to all the students. The classroom vibe was super unintimidating and relaxing."

Being an entrepreneur was never on Graf's radar. She has worked in a variety of industries, admittedly becoming bored after a short amount of time with each. She had stints in banking, big box management and metal fabricating, taking third shift while growing Fire Escape.

"We didn't pay ourselves for the first three years," she said. "We re-invested all our money because we just wanted to keep growing."

With Fire Escape, she found herself navigating all aspects of business. She bought supplies and housed a kiln in her garage, ferrying projects to and from Oshkosh to her Omro home in the beginning. Today, she's grateful to have the space on Oregon Street to house two kilns. She also employs 13 workers, with whom she credits their success.

"They're very good at greeting everyone and remembering names and projects," she said, adding that many of them worked diligently over the first two weeks of September when the Main Street space closed, moving items and setting up the new space.

Graf said seeing the joy on customers' faces while they're creating and then picking up their finished pieces is rewarding, she said. Overhearing a little boy tell his mother that his favorite part of the experience was "the people" confirmed they are doing some things right.

For class information or to book parties and other group events, visit firescapeart.com.

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Physical abuse of infant son brings felony charges

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man allegedly caused extensive injuries to his 2-month-old child that led to the child being flown to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Michael R. Ormond, 39, has been charged with physical abuse of a child – intentionally causing great bodily harm, and physical abuse of a child – intentionally causing bodily harm.

If convicted on both felony counts, he faces a maximum of 28 years in prison followed by 18 years of extended supervision.

Court documents filed in Winnebago County allege Ormond caused bleeding in the child's brain after squeezing and spanking the child. He told authorities his actions gave him a "runner's high."

Ormond's cash bond has been set at \$50,000 by Court Commissioner Eric Heywood. Heywood ordered Ormond,

who was an Oshkosh firefighter, not to have contact with minors or the block of houses he used to reside at. Ormond is also not allowed to contact anyone with the Oshkosh Fire Department and City Administration building unless through his attorney.



Ormond

Fire Chief Mike Stanley confirmed that Ormond is no longer employed as a firefighter with the department.

Online records show Ormond remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail. The case has a hearing scheduled for Thursday.

According to the criminal complaint, an Oshkosh police officer was dispatched to the Children's Wisconsin – Fox Val-

ley Hospital in Neenah on Sept. 7. A social worker informed the officer that the 2-month-old had substantial bruising and a brain bleed. The child was flown to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

At the hospital, the officer noted dark blotches on the child's arms and legs. A nurse at the hospital pointed out several bruises throughout the child's body.

A police detective spoke with Ormond, who is identified as the child's father, at the hospital after the child was taken by a medical helicopter. Ormond allegedly admitted to having thoughts of hurting the child since being brought home from the hospital.

Ormond allegedly began by pinching the child's toes and the child would cry. On Sept. 7, Ormond squeezed the child's legs, arms, neck and face in the morning. Ormond told the detective he spanked the child three times even though he was

aware he was not supposed to hit an infant.

Before Ormond called 911, he was upset because the child was crying. He was allegedly squeezing and shaking the child. The child went limp and pale from head to toe. Ormond called 911 just before 4 p.m. that day.

Ormond told the detective he has anger issues and the child's crying triggers him. He allegedly admitted that hurting the child gave him a euphoric rush.

The child had a medical checkup the day before and there were no injuries or bruising noted during a head-to-toe exam.

The complaint cites medical reports that show the infant had a subdural hematoma, extensive bruising through upper and lower extremities, and injuries consistent with abusive head trauma. An MRI showed "large bleeding over the brain, primarily on the right half and back of brain. There was also blood in the spine area."

Woman charged with felony theft from youth hockey group

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh woman is accused of stealing money from the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association. Authorities learned of the theft after the woman turned herself in.

Randi R. Burris, 41, is facing a felony count of theft from a business exceeding \$10,000. Court records show the theft was more than \$60,000 and goes back to 2017.

If convicted, Burris faces up to five years in prison, followed by up to five years of extended supervision. She is scheduled to be in court for her initial appearance Oct. 2 in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police were contacted March 29 about a woman who wanted to confess to theft. Burris came to the police station and admitted she had been stealing from the organization for about eight years.

The organization is not named in the complaint as the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association. However, the Herald has con-

firmed through tax records that Burris was the treasurer in 2017. The details released by police in June support the allegations in the criminal complaint.

Burris explained she was the treasurer for the organization for 10 years. This gave her access to the accounts and she would use the organization debit card and take money out of the ATM for her own benefit.

She allegedly used the money on personal things such as gas, groceries and gifts.

Burris told the officer she started by taking small amounts of money. Then it became a "slippery slope" and allegedly would withdraw about \$500 once or twice a month.

The hockey association had multiple accounts that Burris said at one time had more than \$60,000 and the remaining amount in the accounts was around \$1,500.

An official with the association was called to the police station and stated they were unaware Burris was taking money from the group and that no one with the association consented to her taking the funds

and using them for her personal use.

The complaint says over the next several months police coordinated with the association and Burris to gather more information. During this time Burris admitted she produced a fake treasurer's report for the association to cover up the theft.

During the investigation, Burris told authorities she didn't know why she stole money, but that she was able to do so because of the lack of oversight in her role as treasurer. The association worked with a volunteer accountant who reported the association suffered an estimated loss of about \$104,000 when they looked at bank statements from January 2017 to March 2023.

The accountant, Scott Stryer, told police his estimates were based on "questionable purchases." This did not include funds that were allegedly taken by Burris from fundraisers, which Burris admitted to taking from when speaking with the police.

Stryer said these questionable purchases did not appear to be consistent with the association's operations as they were from Amazon, Best Buy, Pete's Garage Bar, The Bar of Oshkosh and Walmart, along with other department stores and restaurants. Between June 1, 2017, and March 28, 2023, the ATM withdrawals totaled more than \$40,000, the withdrawals and questionable purchases totaled \$66,201.

Three retired police officers recognized

The Oshkosh Police Department honored three officers who retired earlier this year at its Sept. 12 Police and Fire Commission meeting.

Capt. Kevin Konrad, who retired in May, served the Oshkosh Police Department for 33 years, the last two as captain of the Operations Bureau, which includes the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Division. During his tenure, he served as a patrol officer, police school liaison, crime prevention sergeant, patrol

sergeant, professional standards division lieutenant and patrol lieutenant.

Sgt. Todd Wrage, who retired in February, served the department for 29 years. He was a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, as well as the department's sergeant of professional development/training.

Officer Randy Johnson, who retired in February, served the department for 25 years as a patrol officer, K9 officer and, most recently, a vice and narcotics unit investigator.

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Chamber's pillars keeps community focused, connected

By Rob Kleman
OSHKOSH CHAMBER CEO/PRESIDENT



The Oshkosh Chamber and its board of directors recently completed an updated three-year strategic plan for the organization. The board, along with input from Chamber membership, has identified four pillars of focus: Economic Development; Advocacy; Programs and Services; and Workforce and Talent Development.

Economic Development: The Oshkosh Chamber is committed to the economic advancement of our region and will continue to employ a multifaceted approach to economic development that includes business recruitment, retention and expansion. This strategy empowers businesses to flourish while improving the overall economic landscape.

One of the chamber's innovative initiatives, the Amplify Oshkosh IT program, increases the awareness of opportunities surrounding all aspects of technology in Oshkosh and promotes opportunities in IT careers to students. The chamber's support further extends to the entrepreneurs specifically through its revolving loan fund program, which provides

critical financial assistance to existing and start-up ventures.

Embracing collaboration as a cornerstone, the Chamber leverages partnerships with other economic development and community-based organizations and engages in dynamic regional and statewide initiatives that amplify the impact of their efforts. Through its steadfast commitment to economic growth and strategic partnerships, the Chamber will continue to promote progress and opportunity.

Advocacy: The Chamber places advocacy at the heart of its mission. Serving as the voice for local businesses, it champions their interests, concerns and aspirations within the community and beyond. With a commitment to promoting a conducive business environment, the Chamber

plans to continue to utilize its platform to advocate for policies and initiatives that enhance economic growth and sustainability.

By engaging with local government, policymakers, and community stakeholders, the Chamber effectively advocates for the needs of businesses, working tirelessly to shape a favorable landscape that fosters prosperity and success. The Chamber is an ally for local businesses, ensuring their voices are heard in the ongoing development of the community.

Programs and Services: The Chamber is dedicated to driving business growth and development in the area. With a focus on providing support, it has created an array of innovative programs and services tailored to empower local businesses. These initiatives will include a diverse range of events designed to foster networking, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among members. By curating these events, the Chamber creates valuable opportunities for individuals, businesses and other organizations to connect, learn and collaborate.

Talent and Workforce Development:

The Chamber will continue to be a proactive partner with local educational institutions. Through strategic collaborations with the Oshkosh Area School District and local companies, the chamber is committed to shaping a workforce for the future. With additional partnership with UW Oshkosh, Fox Valley Technical College, and our public and private K-12 systems, we will strive to bridge gaps between education and industry needs.

This forward-thinking approach not only benefits local companies seeking qualified personnel but also connects individuals within the community to better career opportunities. The Chamber's dedication to workforce development underscores its commitment to the long-term prosperity and well-being of both businesses and residents in the region.

Collectively, these four pillars make up the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. We are honored to be the advocate and guardian of business in the area. If interested in learning more about the Chamber and our services, please do not hesitate to contact me at rob@oshkoshchamber.com or 920-303-2266.

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 Health at Home Hospice is seeking individuals to sew memory bears from clothing for families of hospice patients to help them with their grief. Contact Jayne.Syrjamaki@Aurora.org or 920-252-5146.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Oshkosh volunteers are needed to help with sorting, pricing, repair, merchandising and putting out donated items for sale. Applicants need to fill out an application at the store and pass a background check. Contact Alice, volunteer coordinator-assistant store manager, at 920-235-9368, ext. 102, or assistance@svdposhkosh.org.

'What a Way to Go' chronicles 1880s deaths

Oshkosh Herald

Edward Patrick Bentley gave a reading of his book showcasing articles and obituaries from 19th-century Oshkosh titled "What a Way to Go: Death in Oshkosh in the 1880s" last week at the Oshkosh Public Library.

About two decades ago the Michigan resident had been looking through archived issues of The Daily Northwestern researching an artist who lived in Oshkosh from 1864-84 before focusing on the steadily reported loss of life in the community during the 1880s.

"John Franklin Waldo was from Oshkosh in the 1870s and the 1880s and I had a painting by him, and I was researching artists so I did all the research," Bentley said. He credited a girlfriend's assistance on the research who pointed to other interesting stories from those newspapers involving crime and the newswriting style of that era.

"Eventually I was reading the other parts too and finding out the way they were writing about the other parts, and I started becoming interested in the way they used the journalism," Bentley said.

Another self-published author helped him get his murder case research into book form that was published last November in paperback and available on Amazon.

"My intention in assembling these life-ending stories – the ultimate in reality

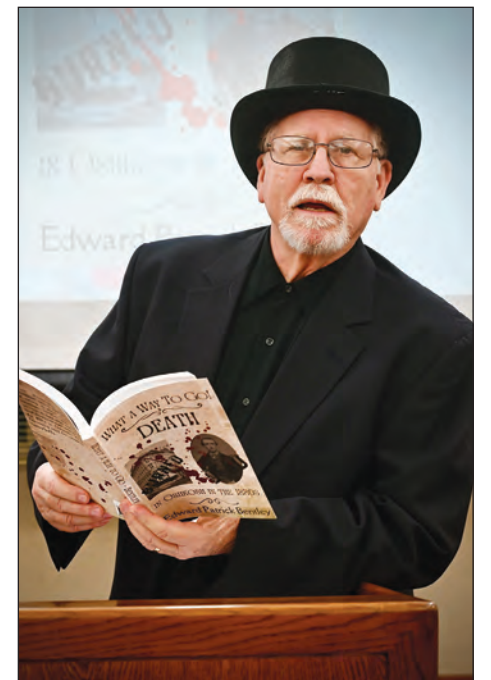


Photo by Michael Cooney

Edward Patrick Bentley gives a reading of "What a Way to Go" last Wednesday at the Oshkosh Public Library dressed in the style of the period where his book's research was taken from.

– is to share that fascination with, and the appreciation for, journalism in the 1880s," Bentley writes in the book's introduction.

Bentley said he donated his research to the library here and to the Oshkosh Public Museum, and also made it available on askART.com.

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Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Outskirts Press in soft and hardcover, soon in Kindle and Nook editions. Planned audio version soon.



Photo by Don Stolley

Members of the Ladies Benevolent Society's advisory board are shown recently at the Doe House on Mount Vernon Street. They include (front center) Caitlin Stolley; (second row) Sue Panek, Karen Boehning, Dana Stolley and Rebecca Brown; (third row) Chris Kniep, Karla Stark, Judy Britton and Sue Kreibich. Doe House owner Brown had ancestors serving on the society board, including great-great-grandmother Cornelia Doe as secretary in 1876.

Society at 160

FROM PAGE 1

Center to convert the Do-It Center to the Oshkosh Seniors Annex.

While running its group home in the early 1900s, the LBS created and funded the Visiting Nurse Committee with the Twentieth Century Club, which eventually became the Oshkosh Visiting Nurse Program.

Three years later, the society funded the first public school nurse and free milk program in Oshkosh. Their work touched many and spanned to every corner of society.

In 1974, The Home was closed due to new government regulations for continuing care residential facilities and the nine remaining residents were moved to what is now Evergreen Retirement Community. Though they had to move their residents, they continued raising money and supplying resources to Evergreen.

Dana Stolley, who has been president of the society since 2008, became an LBS member in 1980.

"My how time flies when you're involved in a cause that you care about," she said.

Stolley's grandmother had become recently widowed when Dana was born and came to help raise her.

"She decided to stay and lived with us until she passed away 16 and a half years later with me holding her hand at bedside," Stolley said. "My family revered the elderly and taking care of someone was a privilege."

Before retiring in 2015, Stolley's work history reflected her passion for working with the elderly. She was the coordinator of volunteers for the Oshkosh Public Library working on home delivery of books to older adults in the area.

Stolley's daughter, Caitlin Stolley, is one of the newest members. Caitlin has been helping the organization create a website to help further their reach and recognition.

"I am so proud of my mom's volunteer work, especially her 30 plus years with LBS," Caitlin said. "I am thrilled to be a new member of LBS, it is an honor to sit with this advisory board of women who have so much professional experience making Oshkosh a better place for all."

The Stolleys aren't the only members with a roster of community work behind them.

Karla Stark, a new board member, spent her career serving older adults and adults with disabilities as a Winnebago County social worker. She also served as a de-

mentia care lead and volunteered with the Alzheimer's Association for 27 years. Sue Kreibich, a dedicated member since 2007, served as the director of the Oshkosh Seniors Center for 29 years. Judy Britton, who joined the LBS board in 2015, was executive director for Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin serving nine counties in the state.

These women have expertly carried the goals, passions and spirit that the founding women of the LBS provided and have successfully served their community for 160 years.

To learn how to get involved with their organization, go to ladiesbenevolentsociety.org.

Transit center

FROM PAGE 1

CARES Act funds and a federal transit grant. Collins said the project is estimated to cost about \$4 million with \$3.6 million coming from that federal grant. That does not include the price of the parcel at 222 Pearl.

"It's going to be approximately 90% federal funded," Collins said.

The Plan Commission recommended the necessity to acquire the property in August. At that meeting officials were given an overview of the updated GO Transit Center.

The updated GO Transit site will have better ADA access, improved safety and security, and add a space for a driver breakroom. Additional longer-term needs include public restrooms, adding a second boarding platform and installing a climate-controlled waiting area for passengers. The second platform will have space for at least six more buses.

City planning manager Mark Lyons told



City of Oshkosh

This is the site plan for an updated GO Transit Center on Pearl Avenue. It is estimated to cost \$4 million to build and will include a new boarding platform, climate-controlled waiting area and restrooms for passengers and a breakroom for drivers.

the commission that the project will most likely come back to that group as the plan progresses. He explained that the necessity for acquiring the land is the first step in the process.



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Active Aging Week marked at YMCA

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is hosting several activities and events to celebrate Active Aging Week set for Oct. 2-6. Initiated in 2003 by the International Council on Active Aging, the campaign calls attention to and celebrates the positivity of aging.

The Oshkosh Y will offer group exercise classes, water-based exercise classes, a free lunch and presentation sponsored by Home Care Assistance, a community resource fair, blood pressure screenings, an advanced planning presentation and a home safety presentation.

There will also be a group walk, chair volleyball, memory screenings and a foot care clinic. All Active Aging Week pro-

gramming is free for anyone over age 55. The resource fair is free for anyone age 18 and up. Activities will take place at both the 20th Avenue YMCA and Downtown YMCA locations.

The free community resource fair will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 5 at the 20th Avenue location. The fair will feature the Oshkosh Fire Department, Home Care Assistance, Advocap, Winnebago County ADRC, and Oshkosh Public Library.

Preregistration is required for the lunch and presentation, advanced planning and home safety presentations, as well as memory screenings, at either YMCA front desk or by calling 920-236-3380.

Space Day at EAA marks business theme

A day of family activities and guest appearances will be offered at EAA Aviation Museum's annual Space Day set from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 7, which also marks World Space Week.

Polaris Dawn mission commander Jared Isaacman will be the featured presenter. Isaacman is CEO of Shift4 and an accomplished pilot and astronaut with more than 7,000 hours of flight time. He previously acted as commander of Inspiration4, the world's first all-civilian space mission.

Polaris Dawn is a private spaceflight mission in collaboration with SpaceX to launch the Falcon 9 rocket into orbit for five days.

The crew will work toward several objectives while in orbit including the first commercial spacewalk and research on human health over the course of long-duration spaceflight. Isaacman will be accompanied by two fellow members of the

Polaris Dawn crew.

Space Day activities include:

- Cup Rockets: Create a mini rocket to launch using cups and rubber bands.

- Mission Patch Contest: Design a mission patch for this year's Space Day theme: Space & Entrepreneurship.

- Compressed Air Rockets: Learn what makes a rocket fly high by building an air-compressed rocket out of basic household materials.

- Re-Entry Capsule Design: Design a re-entry capsule that can survive a wind tunnel.

- Straw Rockets: Design a straw rocket and launch it through various obstacles.

- Spacesuit Challenge: Design a spacesuit to help a marshmallow man survive a vacuum.

Youth ages 18 and under can submit entries in the Space Tourism Poster Contest. More details are at the EAA Aviation Museum website.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

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

Hot Diggity Dog Wednesday, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

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, Culver Family Welcome Center, 5 p.m., 625 Pearl Ave.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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

Hot Diggity Dog Wednesday, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Friday, Sept. 29

Twelve Pack Tour of Riverside Cemetery, 5 p.m., 1901 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh at Night Paddle, 6 p.m., 362 Michigan St.

Uptown, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

Saturday, Sept. 30

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Alluring Art: Collection Highlights, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

UW Oshkosh vs. UW-Whitewater football, Hall of Fame Recognition, 1:05 p.m., Titan Stadium

Sunday, Oct. 1

Kip's Grand Escape, 10 a.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Haunted Happenings: Ghost Tours, 5 p.m. (through October) The Grand Oshkosh

Creatures of imagination sought for library contest

From Sept. 29 to Oct. 24, children ages 2 to 18 are invited to submit their original, handmade character creations to the Oshkosh Public Library's Children's Department and its Creature Carnival for a chance to win prizes and have their creatures placed on display.

New to the annual challenge this year, HobbyTown Oshkosh will provide gift certificates to first- and second-place winners.

All participants will receive a goody bag of items.

"This contest is an opportunity for

children to relax and dream," said Kallie Schell, children's librarian. "As they design their magical creatures, we hope to nurture their creativity and inspire them to connect in a meaningful way to stories and storytelling."

The library is holding two drop-in sessions from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Children's Department where children can work on ideas and encourage hands-on creativity.

For contest details, visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or call 920-236-5208.

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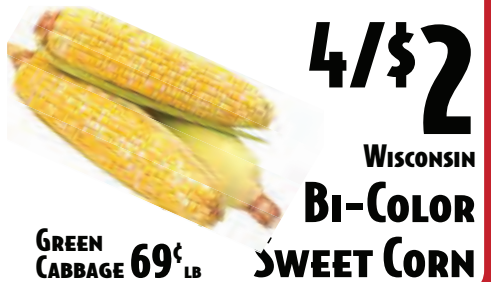
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West can't overcome rough start against Neenah

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Over the final 33 minutes Friday night, Oshkosh West went toe-to-toe and outscored Neenah in a Fox Valley Association football game at Titan Stadium.

The problem for the Wildcats was that they allowed the Rockets 28 points to start the game and it was too deep of a hole to climb out of.

"I think our kids got a little flustered to start the game and maybe a little wide-eyed and by the time we settled in we were fine, but we can't give up 28 points before we settle in," West head coach Joe Ray said after the team's 42-20 loss. "It was disappointing. I felt like we could have hung a little closer with that team, but it's tough when we dig a hole like that."

The loss drops the Wildcats to 0-3 in the FVA and 2-3 overall, but Ray believes that the program continues to show improvement in his first season at the helm.

"There are the frustrating parts where we'd like to be a little better, a little closer, in some areas but we have been taking steps and that's the thing," Ray said. "We have to take a step back and say this is the fifth game with these kids, we've had 30 practices, there is only so much you can do. We are taking steps and I think it's shown in the way our kids continue to fight throughout the game."

The players feel the improvement, too. "I believe we are improving," said lineman Nelson Fournier. "I think the coaches are doing a great job and I think this team, from week one, has improved quite a bit."

Ray said he was proud of the way his players kept fighting Friday night, even facing a 28-point deficit against the co-defending FVA champs.

"That's been something all year that I have been proud of our kids about. They continue to fight, they continue to battle. They are passionate and they want it and they keep playing hard," Ray said. "I'm incredibly proud how they fought. It sucks because we lost but we kept fighting and that says a lot about their pride and our culture."

Neenah just came out like gangbusters scoring on its first four possessions, while holding the Wildcats without a first down on their first three drives.

But trailing 28-0, West found a foothold

and began to fight back.

Chase Brandl connected with Drew Blair on a 39-yard pass play on the first play of West's fourth possession to pick up the team's first first down and move into Neenah territory.

The Wildcats then drove to the Rockets' nine-yard line where Jake Balog converted a fourth down with a 3-yard carry. On the next play, Balog powered in from six yards out to get West on the board.

"It's nice to know that we can drive the ball pretty well. We just have to execute more often," Fournier said. "We need to hit the intensity sooner. We need to be intense right away."

Neenah scored just before halftime to take a 35-7 lead, but West would outscore the Rockets 13-7 in the second half for the final margin.

The Wildcats went on an 11-play drive coming out of halftime with Jaiden Fronczak plowing into the end zone from the one-yard line.

"That first drive kept our kids engaged and kept them fighting. It was huge," Ray said. "Our offense did a nice job tonight. Our goal tonight was to clean up penalties and move the ball consistently and we did that. We didn't have a lot of penalties. We had some nice plays, good drives and we didn't get behind the sticks and when they do that we're solid and can compete."

Both Fronczak and Balog averaged more than 3.5 yards per carry for the game and combined for 99 yards on 26 carries as the running game fueled West's first two touchdowns.

The Wildcats third score was nearly all through the air as Brandl completed a 25-yard pass to Blair, the Rockets were then whistled for a pass interference penalty and then Brandl and Jeevan Ambati connected for a 40-yard touchdown.

Brandl finished 7-of-12 for 129 yards and had his fourth game without an interception.

"Chase has really done a nice job all year. He's progressed. He's becoming more confident and becoming more of a leader," Ray said. "Still some things to clean up but he's come a long way and we are really proud of him."

Isaiah Koeppen led the West defense with 10 tackles, while Caleb Christensen, Blair and Fronczak each added six.



Oshkosh West's Drew Blair fights for extra yardage after hauling in a pass from Chase Brandl in the first half Friday night.

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Offense erupts as Wildcats stay perfect in FVA

By Dustin Riese
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Oshkosh West took another step toward another title Thursday night.

The Wildcats tallied four goals in each half to collect an 8-1 win over Appleton West at Titan Stadium, improving to 6-2-1 overall on the season while remaining perfect in the Fox Valley Association with a 5-0 mark.

"I am really proud of how the guys played tonight," head coach Matt Callahan said. "They played with great energy from the start, and it showed throughout the duration of this match."

Less than 10 minutes into the match, George Miller put home the game's first goal and the Wildcats never looked back. Miller assisted Isaac Palomaki on the Wildcats second goal of the game about four minutes later.

Oshkosh West has been able to score in bunches at times this season and the Wildcats accumulated a barrage of shots and goals.

West scored four times in a 12-minute span in the first half to take a comfortable 4-0 halftime lead.

Parker Gerlach scored the Wildcats' third goal off an assist from Jarrett Alger before Collin Carns made it 4-0 for the Wildcats in the 19th minute.

"We did some experimenting tonight,"

Callahan said. "We played a lot of players in different positions tonight and they did a great job in those roles. That was what we wanted to see from them as it gives us more options to do different things as our season winds down."

Still holding their 4-0 lead, the Terrors managed to get one of those goals back as they put an end to the shutout with a 35th minute goal to make things 4-1. That would be all Owen Ervin would allow in goal as his defense continued to make things much easier for him in the back.

The Wildcats offense continued to deliver in the second half, as Alger, Iban Heredia and Mason Strange all scored in the first 11 minutes after halftime.

Max Meszaros closed out the scoring off an assist from Strange to give West its seven-goal cushion.

The win was big for West, which is set to enter a tough stretch of the schedule.

"We know we are in a good position right now, but we do have some tough games coming up the next few weeks," Callahan said. "That is why putting players in different positions was so crucial for us tonight. We learned a lot about our team and about our kids tonight, but we do need to keep playing well in order to keep up our success."



Photo by Dustin Riese

Oshkosh West's Jad Alzoubi (20) dribbles the ball past an Appleton West defender last Thursday.

Prep sports roundup



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Brady Ridenour (18) forces a fumble against Pardeeville on Friday night.

FOOTBALL

Knights top Bulldogs in Trailways showdown

Wade Lindahl had another big game on the ground and Lourdes Academy won a tussle between state-ranked Trailways Conference teams, beating Pardeeville 45-32 on Friday night.

The win keeps the Knights, ranked No. 9 in Division 7, in a tie for first place in the conference with a 3-0 record. Lourdes Academy will travel to face conference co-leader Johnson Creek on Friday.

Lindahl keyed the win over the Bulldogs – ranked No. 10 in Division 6 – by notching his second straight 100-yard rushing game. The junior quarterback finished with 125 yards on 29 carries and scored four touchdowns, while also completing 19-of-29 passes for 195 yards and a score.

Mitchell Wing led the Knights receivers with 117 yards on eight catches, while Jok Machiros finished with nine catches for 77 yards. Brady Ridenour chipped in 77 yards on the ground.

Lourdes Academy was led on defense by Mason Carpenter, who had 10 tackles, and Ridenour who finished with an interception and two forced fumbles.

Ridenour opened the scoring for the Knights with a six-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, while Lindahl had touchdown runs of five and two yards to go along with a Mat Yaggie field goal in the second quarter as the Knights took a 24-14 halftime lead.

Lindahl scored on a five-yard run on the Knights' opening drive of the third quarter but Pardeeville responded with touchdowns on back-to-back possession to pull within 30-26 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Knights then scored twice in the final four minutes – Lindahl scored on a two-yard run and then connected with Machiros on a 25-yard touchdown pass – to pull back ahead.

Pardeeville got their final points with less than 10 seconds remaining in the game.

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Men's city champs

Oblio's defeated The Fountain by a score of 22-21 to claim the 2023 Men's City Softball Tournament held Aug. 20-23. Shown for the Oblio's team are (top row from left) Bryan Brennan, Eric Rasmussen, Mark Smolinski, Matt Boyce, Jesse Angell, TJ Vanevenhoven, Tyler Hayes, Mike Lloyd and John Cetnar; (bottom row) Kyle Kannenberg, Nick Brennan, Anthony Waldrop, Dave Berger, Bryan Clark and Jared Schaaf.

Soccer, PP&K competition set at Lourdes

The Soccer Challenge for Oshkosh students ages 9-14 and annual Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-12 are being held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Lourdes Academy athletic field, 111 N. Sawyer St.

The contests are sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 614 of Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Jude parishes, with participants able to compete at any time during the three-hour period with win-

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The Soccer Challenge winner will be determined by a total score after 15 shots on goal with varying points depending on accuracy. The PP&K winner will be determined on the total distance of their punt, pass and kick. Winners advance to the Diocesan level.

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Herd's G League season details announced

The Wisconsin Herd will host its first 2023-24 season home game at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 against the Iowa Wolves after it tips off the season Nov. 10 at the Cleveland Charge.

The NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks will take on the Mexico City Capitanes and the Rip City Remix for the first time this season. The Herd travels to Mexico on Jan. 12 and 13 to take on the Capitanes. At home, the Herd will face the Remix, affiliated with the Portland Trailblazers, in its inaugural season Feb. 22 and 24.

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Warriors' Giannopolous makes impact in two sports

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Anna Y. Giannopolous was raised on basketball and considers it to be her preferred sport.

Giannopolous, though, has more going for her athletically than just hoops. She has game in another challenging sport involving slams, assists and nets.

Giannopolous – a key part of the Valley Christian girls' basketball team – is a volleyball player during the fall and a good one.

The 5-foot-10 middle hitter was a second-team all-conference player as a junior and has an advanced skill set that has made the Warriors formidable at the net.

"Anna's basketball background makes her a dynamic middle," said Warriors coach Lizzy Potratz. "She's aggressive and works hard in transition."

As a junior, Giannopolous led the Warrior in kills (231) and blocks (46) and was second in service aces (42).

"Anna worked very hard in the off-season, improving her athleticism and fitness," Potratz said. "We're excited to run a faster offense with her this year. I can't think of many middles in the conference that will be able to match her athleticism."

Not bad for an athlete who picked up the sport late and wasn't an overnight sensation. Giannopolous is a fourth-year varsity player who broke out her sophomore season and became an impact player who regularly finished plays.

"I started volleyball in middle school and no, I was not good," Giannopolous said. "It didn't come natural and took a lot of work. I wasn't too amazing my freshman year, but my sophomore year, that's



Submitted photo

Anna Y. Giannopolous has taken a background playing basketball and turned it into some strong volleyball skills for Valley Christian.

when things really started picking up."

Basketball came easier to Gianopolous, who hails from a hoops-centric family. Her two older brothers, Ari and Christo Giannopolous, were key players for the Oshkosh North boys' basketball team, while three of her cousins, Aristidis, Yiani and Alexandros, were valuable members of the Valley Christian boys' squad. Her uncle, Louis Giannopolous, has been the head coach of the Warriors' boys program for years.

"I guess I consider myself to be a basketball player first, but a good volleyball player as well," she said. "I've been playing basketball almost my whole life. My whole family, my brother, my cousins, my uncle were always heavily involved in basketball and that really pushed me."

Basketball games, shoot arounds and skills competition between Ari, Christo and Anna were regular activities in the family driveway during Ana's childhood.

"I'd always be out there shooting and

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practicing with my brothers," Anna said. "We'd do drills together and play one-on-one. They worked their butts off and set a good example for me. To be honest, they were my role models and I looked up to them. I'd always ask them, "What can I do to be a better player.?"

"My cousins and my uncle also had a big influence on me. I went to a lot of their games and that got me interested in going to school at Valley Christian."

Giannopolous will exit her prep basketball career on a memorable note. Girls' basketball will be recognized as a WIAA-sanctioned varsity sport this winter after years of being designated as a junior varsity program. The team will compete in the Trailways-East Conference and in WIAA tournament play.

"It's kind of a bummer that it's my last year and I played all these years without it being varsity, but I'm excited that I'm going to get to be a part of varsity ball this year," Giannopolous said. "I'm one of the people who worked hard to build the program up to get to the next level."

Giannopolous is a strong student who is interested in studying kinesiology in college. She hasn't yet decided on a school and is open to the possibility of playing either basketball or volleyball in college.

"My mom (Jaymel) is a nurse, so I'd like to do something in the medical field," she said. "I'm interested in physical therapy."

In the meantime, Giannopolous is focused on helping the Warriors' volleyball

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Former West athlete to be inducted into WBCA Hall

Former Oshkosh West standout Meredith Ottman will be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame this weekend at Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Ottman will be one of five girls players inducted into the Hall among a class of 31 coaches, players, officials and friends of the game. Joining her as former girls player inductees are Dr. Sue Barts of Green Bay West, Sarah Gard of Lena, Kelly Leibham of Kettle Moraine and Jan Zimmerman of Fall Creek.

Among other noteworthy inductees are former boys standouts Brian Butch and Steve Nowak, as well as coaches Scott Anderson of Stevens Point, Troy Cullen of Kimberly and John Mielke, who ended his coaching career in Appleton.

Ottman was a four-year letterwinner at Oshkosh West, earning Miss Basketball and AP State Player of the Year honors as a senior when she led the program to the Division 1 state title and a perfect 26-0 record.

She averaged just under 15 points per game as a senior and shot better than 50 percent from 3-point range.

After high school, Ottman played one year at Boston University, starting 17 out of 28 games and shooting 42 percent from 3-point range. She transferred to UW-Milwaukee after her one season at Boston and was Newcomer of the Year in the Horizon League for the Panthers.

Ottman, who resides in Oshkosh with her husband, Ryan, and three children, has been involved coaching at West and with the Oshkosh West Basketball Club since 2017.

Oshkosh man takes second in Fox Cities Marathon

Erik Hofferber from Oshkosh took second place Sunday in the Community First Fox Cities Marathon held in Appleton with a time of 2:51:46 behind Neenah's John Hollister, who won the race at

2:46:41.

In the ThedaCare Half Marathon, Cheyenne Moore and Marya Haegler, both from Oshkosh, took first and second in the women's division.

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team win the Trailways-East Conference and make a deep postseason run. Her cousin, Anna E. Giannopoulos, is also a key member of the Warriors as a sophomore outside hitter.

"I have high hopes for us," she said. "I think we have a good chance to take over

the conference and capable of making it to state. I'm very excited about this team."

Giannopoulos has taken on a leadership role with the Warriors and enjoys providing direction for her teammates.

"Anna really stepped up last season as a leader in our program," said Potratz. "Her work ethic is second to none. She's been a great leader by example and has shown our program what being a student athlete should look like."



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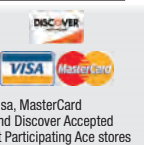
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Prep roundup

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Spartans can't slow down Lightning

Oshkosh North ran into undefeated Appleton North on Friday night and dropped a 42-0 decision in Fox Valley Association play.

The Lightning led 21-0 at halftime and then scored a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 35-point lead.

Jamare Scott led the Spartans with 46 yards of total offense on 10 touches. Quarterback Bryce Ott threw for 62 yards.

Appleton North outgained Oshkosh North 330-83.

Valley Christian suffers first loss

State-ranked Oakfield got off to a fast start and claimed 43-8 win over Valley Christian in an 8-player football game Friday night.

The Oaks scored 14 points in the first quarter and pulled out to a 36-0 halftime lead.

The Warriors lone touchdown came in the third quarter when AJ Richardson recovered a fumble in the end zone. Matthias Behling connected with Hampton Henderson for the two-point conversion.

Jackson Martin paced the Warriors of offense with 70 yards rushing on 10 carries. The Warriors finished with 107 yards of total offense.

Caedmon Golackson had 12 tackles and Josiah Lehman had 10 to lead the Valley Christian defense.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats take down Kimberly Papermakers

Oshkosh West bounced back from a first-set loss and rolled past Kimberly in four sets, claiming a 16-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-16 in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday.

Sydnee Nelson and Maeve Lasky led the Wildcats hitters with 14 and 10 kills, respectively, while Avery Paula finished with eight. Lasky also led the team with 2.5 blocks, while Kirsten Klatt added two.

Kierstin Martin registered a team-high 20 assists, while MaKaelyn Clark finished with 16. Nelson and Martin led the West servers with five and four, respectively.

Elaina Butz totaled 28 digs to lead West. West is now 15-5 overall and 3-1 in the FVA.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats suffered their first FVA loss to third-ranked Appleton North, 25-21, 25-17, 25-11. Nelson had 14 kills, Klatt and Paige Seckar had 2.5 and two blocks, respectively, and Clark and Martin had 13 and 10 assists, respectively.

Valley Christian posts three wins at tourney

The Warriors went 3-2 at the Hilbert Invitational, posting wins against Central Wisconsin Christian (25-18, 25-23), Roncalli (25-9, 26-24) and Algoma (25-18, 19-25, 15-10).

Leading the way for the Valley Christian hitters was Anna Y. Giannopoulos who totaled 35 kills, while Stella Wright had 23 kills. Lizzie Fink and Anna E. Giannopoulos added 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

Maliha Demler led the team with 88 as-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Knights' Charley Mullen goes up for a tip against Tri-County last week.

sists on the day with Anna E. Giannopoulos and Katie Wallace totaling 12 and 10 aces, respectively.

Knights knock off Tri-County in triangular

Three Lourdes Academy players finished with at least seven kills as the Knights won two close sets en route to beating Tri-County 25-22, 25-22, 25-13 as part of a home triangular on Thursday.

Sabur Machiros led the Knights with 11 kills while Anika Lietch had nine and Delaney Ruedinger finished with seven.

Celia Ralofsky posted a team-high 31 assists, while Reagon Jabor paced the team with 16 digs and Ruedinger had 11.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost to Horicon 25-17, 25-21, 25-22. Lietch had 10 kills for the Knights, while Jaber had 17 digs, Ralofsky had 12 digs and Hannah McDowell had 11 digs.

GOLF

Hammen, Footit lead West golfers

Hailey Hammen and Kennedy Footit each shot 48s at High Cliff golf course in a dual meet against Kimberly on Thursday.

The Wildcats finished with a team score of 225, while the Papermakers won the meet with a score of 183.

Lydia Barr with a 61 and Gwen Koepke with a 68 rounded out the West scoring golfer.

On Wednesday, Oshkosh West lost 216-247 to Appleton East at Oshkosh Country Club.

Hammen led the Wildcats with a 59,

followed by Footit and Ava Wesenberg with 62s and Morgan Toman with a 64.

TENNIS

Lourdes Academy is perfect at invitational

The Knights went 3-0 at the Wayland Academy Invitational recently beating Ripon (4-3), Wayland Academy (6-1) and St. Joan Antida (6-1).

Ailish Mains at No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Avery Halla and Monse Luquin each went 3-0 on the day to lead the Knights.

West falls short against Appleton North

Oshkosh West dropped a Fox Valley Association dual meet against Appleton North, 6-1, on Thursday.

No individual results were available.

SWIMMING

Wildcats pull out close win over Cardinals

The Oshkosh West swim team edged Fond du Lac 92-91 in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last week.

Winning events for the Wildcats were Carly Salzer in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, Samara Zeinert in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke, Kayleigh Lau in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, Neva Schlies in diving and Kate Horejs in the 500-yard freestyle.

West also won the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay with a team of Zeinert, Horejs, Salzer and Lau.

SOCCER

Knights collect victory over Wayland Academy

Lourdes Academy used a pair of second-half goals to fuel a 3-1 win over Wayland Academy on Thursday.

Isaak Rucinski scored two goals in the game for the Knights, while Matthew Loker added another.

Will Loker finished with five saves in goal for the Knights.

On Saturday, Lourdes Academy played to a 0-0 tie with Clintonville.

Wildcats win showdown with rival Spartans

Max Meszaros scored a pair of goals as Oshkosh West knocked off Oshkosh North, 5-22, last week.

Mason Strange and George Miller also scored and Collin Carns converted a penalty kick in the win for West. Carns also had two assists, while Steven Tapia had one.

Owen Ervin totaled eight saves in the match.

CROSS COUNTRY

Valley Christian girls take eighth at Ripon

Led by Mya Moran and McKenzie Murphy the Valley Christian girls cross country team finished in eighth place among 12 schools at the Ripon Invitational on Saturday.

Moran led the way with a ninth-place finish for the Warriors, while Murphy placed 19th overall. Other scoring runners for Valley Christian were Merian Getz in 32nd place, Norah O'Brien in 62nd place and Allison Duehring in 66th place.

The boys, who did not field a complete team, were led by Michael Roberts in 14th place, Jonah Menet in 20th place and Jack O'Brien in 54th place.




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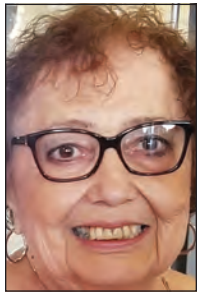
Joan Nimke

On July 6, 1939 Joan Gertrude Spannauer was born in the backroom of her family's (Sportsmans) tavern. The daughter of Anton and Gertrude (Kroll) Spannauer Joan grew up with her brother Ron and sister Sue. She attended St. Vincent's School and Oshkosh

High School.

On December 29, 1956 she was united in marriage with Alfred Nimke Jr. They celebrated 66 years of marriage. They were proud parents of Douglas, Katherine, and Richard.

Joan loved being a "stay at home mom."



Alongside her husband she was an active member of the Marine Corp League and volunteered numerous hours at the local clubhouse and held the office of President of the Marine Corp League Auxiliary. After coaxing her daughter in law Joan produced the Oshkosh Community Players production of Damn Yankees and co-directed the Miss Fox Cities Pageant. She also enjoyed years spent and the Miss Wisconsin Hostess.

After the birth of her first grandson Joan took over the Oshkosh Recreation Department's Tot Spot Program. She nurtured numerous little children for 18 years. She was awarded the Outstanding Leadership Award and her legacy is immortalized on a plaque at the Oshkosh Recreation Department. There were many times over

the years that people would stop her and remind her that they had been in her class.

Joan enjoyed traveling, including to Hawaii, flower gardening, cooking and attending her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's activities. She was a lifelong member of St. Vincent Parish.

She is survived by her husband Alfred, children Douglas (Carol Bartelt), Katherine (Kevin Karstedt), and Richard (Paul Calenberg). Grandchildren: Douglas Jr. (Katie), Bren, Charles (Deepti) Nimke, Kenneth (Kathleen), Emily (Michael Siwinski), William Karstedt. Great Grandchildren: Henry, Thomas, Theodore, Madelyn, Makenzie, Riya, and Grant Nimke, Milo Siwinski and Thomas Karstedt. Additional family members include David and Nancy Nimke, Robert and

Doris Genal, Mary and Thomas Chappa, Barbara Nimke and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joan is proceeded in death by her parents, brother Ronald, sister Sue Anne, her in-laws Alfred and Augusta Nimke, James Nimke, Marlene Spannauer and Son-in-law Paul Calenberg.

A Memorial Mass for Joan will be held on Friday September 22, at 11:00 AM in St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (St Vincent site) with the Rev Louis Golamari officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the Church on Friday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.



Christine Hirte

Christine Marie Hirte, 60, of Oshkosh, passed away September 10, at home after her battle with cancer.



Christine was born on November 29, 1962, in Portage, WI to Richard and Joyce Breitenbach.

She married Daniel W. Hirte on July 17, 1981. They spent 42 wonderful years together.

She loved baking cookies and goodies for everyone. She also enjoyed camping, rummage sales, spending time making the holidays special for family, friends, and neighbors. Especially Christmas with her lights. Christmas will be a little less bright and not the same without her this year.

Christine worked many years at Miles Kimball Company, leaving at the age of 45 to become a homemaker, loving and watch-

ing her grandchildren grow. She was a great friend, wife, mother, and grandmother.

She wanted to let everyone know to be happy, go on with life, and do good things for others. Christine will forever be missed by her husband, family and friends.

Christine is survived by her husband, Daniel Hirte; children, Laura (Anthony) Bradley, Brent (Sarah) Hirte, Terri (Christopher) Jarvis; grandchildren, Oz Bartotto, Avery Hirte, Samantha Schlager, Baylee Hirte; and her brothers, Richard, Dennis, Gregory (Nicole) Breitenbach; and sister, Catherine (Robert) Dunn.

A heartfelt thanks to be extended to Casey Reetz and Trica Morell at Aurora Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at Lake View Memorial Park on Thursday September 14, 2023, at 11AM.



by his natural and extended family.

David is survived by his wife, Denise; children: Robert (Jess) Strange, Carisa Fronczak, Trisha (Vince) Flores; grandchildren: Kayla Strange, Carter Strange, Cassandra Kubicz, Justin Kubicz, Jaiden Fronczak, Clairra Fronczak, Vicente Flores, Dominic Flores, Cecily Flores, Morgan Doro; and siblings: Jackie Strange, Frank (Cory) Strange, Billy Joe Strange, and Tracey Dobbs. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin Strange and Sandra Dobbs-Strange, and stepson, Nathaniel Doro.

A Celebration of Life with be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation between 11:00am and 12:00pm with a service and full military honors starting at noon.



Ronald F. Groth

Ronald F. Groth, 87 years old, Oshkosh, WI, died peacefully at his home September 17th, 2023.



Born August 15th, 1936 in New London, WI to Martin C. and Lydia A. (Krubsack) Groth Ron graduated from Shiocton High School, attended University Wisconsin Oshkosh and then was drafted in the Army in 1959, spending just under 2 years in Germany, serving during Belgian Congo crisis and Berlin Blockage crisis.

Ron married the love of his life, Karen R. (Fischer) on November 11, 1962 at St. Patricks in Stephenville, WI, residing the rest of his life in Oshkosh.

He worked over 40 years at Strey Construction as Superintendent. After retirement he volunteered at Salvatorian Mission for 15 years, was a long time member of St Raphael, served on capital campaign fund, church council, usher, eucharist ministry, lecturer, and funeral server. Did 2 mission trips in Mexico and Kentucky.

His interests included spending time at cottage in Door Co, golfing (led the Utica Mens Golf League until diagnosed

with Parkinsons) volunteer worker for 2004 PGA Open and 2007 Senior Open, wood working, fishing and spending time with family, wintering and golfing in Golf Shores, AL, and researching family genealogy.

He is survived by wife, Karen, four children Christopher (Tamara), Jonathan (Terri), Eric (Karen), and Elizabeth (David) Horneck; 10 grandchildren Emily, Maggie (Hunter), Evan (Laura), Tara (Kyle), Jacob, Andrew, William, Sam, Rachel, Kate and 1 great grandchild, August, one sister-in-law Joan (Leo) Bernardin.

Preceded in death by his parents Martin and Lydia, one brother Gerald, sister-in-law Barbara (Dave) Jochman, brother-in-law Thomas (Bonnie) Fischer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St Raphaels and/or Parkinsons Foundation.

Ron's family would like to thank Aurora at Home Hospice and Roxi Lemieux for their care and support.

Funeral services will be held at St. Raphael's Church (830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI) on Thursday September 21, 2023 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am till 11:00 am, followed by mass in the church at 11:00 am.



David Ray Strange

David Ray Strange, age 64, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at home. He was born on July 18, 1959, in Rockford, IL to the late Martin Strange and Sandra (Johnson) Dobbs-Strange. David was united in marriage to Denise Doro on August 17, 1985.



"Dave" was a very giving man, often selflessly reaching out to help family, friends and neighbors. After spending some time in the Navy, he loved driving semi-trucks, ending up at Quad Graphics for almost 28 years. Dave liked old cars, 4x4 trucks and football. As a family man, he and Denise enjoyed spending time with their grandkids at home or their sporting events. Dave was well loved



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Obituaries

Mark A. Grunwald

Mark A. Grunwald, also known to many as "Grundy", passed away unexpectedly on September 8, 2023, at home. Born June 16, 1956, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, he was the youngest son of late Ralph and Rose Mary Grunwald. Mark graduated from Oshkosh North High School, and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business. In September 2022, Mark retired after 11 years of owning Mark and Susie's Piggly Wiggly, and 47 years of working at other Piggly Wiggly locations.



Mark loved and was so proud of his children Sara, Michael and Jennifer, and he enjoyed watching them grow into successful adults. He cherished the little moments with them, whether it was chatting with Sara about current events, watching Michael coach his son's baseball games, or going to the movies with Jennifer. While his retirement was short, Grandpa Grundy's greatest accomplishment during this time was cheering on his grandson Eli at every baseball game he played this summer. And, his granddaughter Gemma could always count on him having a pocket full of fruit snacks.

Mark was dedicated to his work, and with the help of his wife Susie, created a community- and customer-focused business with Mark and Susie's Piggly Wiggly.

Always going above and beyond for their customers and others, Mark prided himself in helping people. Mark also enjoyed the special relationships he had with all of those he worked with over the years.

Anyone who talked to Mark, knew his love of sports, especially baseball and the Milwaukee Brewers. One of his favorite pastimes was to watch, listen, or go to Brewers games with family and friends. Mark liked to stay active, and in retirement he took up biking which quickly became part of his daily routine, riding all over Oshkosh.

Mark is survived by his wife, Susie, daughters Sara (Aaron Zakowski) Grunwald and Jennifer Grunwald, son Michael (Larissa) Grunwald, grandson Eli and granddaughter Gemma, brothers Tom

(Diane) Grunwald and Tim Grunwald, sister-in-law Christine Grunwald, nephews Eric (Cheryl) Grunwald and Nathan (Taegan) Grunwald, and niece Jill (Carlos) Talbot. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jerry, and nephew Matthew.

A celebration of life will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive in Oshkosh, from 11am-2pm on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Stop by anytime, wearing your Milwaukee Brewers attire. In lieu of flowers, monetary or food donations in Mark's name can be made to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.



Dorothy Gerth

Dorothy A. Gerth, age 81, of Oshkosh, WI was called home by her heavenly father on September 15th, 2023. She was born October 16th, 1941, to Charles and Helen (Grimm) Nelson.



On July 13th, 1957 she married and became a devoted wife of 66 years to

William E. Gerth, she had their children Linda (Ron) Wachholz of Oshkosh, William (Theresa) Gerth of Green Bay and Dottie (Randy) Brown of Oshkosh. Ten

grandchildren: Joshua Wachholz. Kristina (Wayne) Hatfield, William Ginke, Hans Ginke and Mckenna (Dillon) Vania, Jessica (Ryan) Carriveau, Brett (Kim) Stordeur, Liz Brown, Nate (Mindy) Brown, Jess (Dave) Scott. Six great grandchildren: Claire Ginke, Madison and Bentley Carriveau, Joshua Hatfield, Sophie Scott, and Brenton Brown. Extended family loved just the same, Kelly Schwab and Grant (Kelly) Schwab who have always had a special place in Dorothy's (Auntie's) heart. Along with her sister Mary Ellen Nelson and Donna Borris.

Dorothy was first and for most a woman of faith. She attended Redeemer Lutheran Church for many years where she was

an active and inspiring volunteer within the church including, a member of the choir. It is there where she obtained close friendships with several of the church ladies who later became her Red Hat Society members and her canasta card playing group. Dorothy later became a member of First English Lutheran Church where she attended service every Saturday with her husband. She was a dedicated volunteer at Parkview Health Center and she was a skilled seamstress and owner of Momma Sans Laundry.

Dorothy was kind, compassionate, devoted and a giving Christian lady. Throughout her life she faced all challenges with courage and dignity. She was

a shopper who always had coupons and couldn't pass up a good deal. She had quick wit, a sense of calm and always made sure she received her hugs from her family. Dorothy was an inspiration and role model to those around her and she will be deeply missed by her husband and family. May you rest in peace.

Our family would like to thank the staff of Serenity Gardens at Bethel Home for their compassion and extraordinary care that they gave to our loved one. Especially Kelly, Alice, Kristine, Jaden, Pinky and Lynn.



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Pastor Ralph W. Hanusa

Pastor Ralph W. Hanusa met his Savior on September 6, 2023. He was born on March 14, 1928, the son of August and Bertha Reich Hanusa in Middleton, Wisconsin. After graduating from Middleton High School, he attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly Iowa and Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque Iowa. Ralph was ordained in the Lutheran church on May 31, 1953 at St Luke Lutheran Church.

Ralph married the love of his life Doris Hagen on August 21, 1949. They were blessed with four sons.

During his 40 years of full-time ministry, he served Faith Lutheran Church in Metamora Ohio; Lutheran Welfare as a part time chaplain to Lucas County Home in Toledo Ohio; First Lutheran Church in Oconto Wisconsin; Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville; St John American Lutheran Church prior to its merger with Christus and First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh where he served as senior pastor for 20 years. Ralph retired from the ministry in 1993. He is remembered for preaching without notes and many time reciting the gospel from memory.

During his ministry, he also was involved with the following organizations in Ohio and Wisconsin: Chairman of the Michigan District Rural Life Committee, Chairman of the All Lutheran Food Appeal, Treasurer of the Ohio Conference of the Michigan District; Chairman of the Central Conference of the former ALS; area leader of Ingathering for Higher Education; Chairman of the District Social Services Committee; Chairman of the Lutheran Council Social Service Strategy Committee; District Bible Camp Commissions; Dean of the Long Lake Bible Camp; Chairman of the Seminary Fund Appeal and area chairman for Lutheran Social Service. He also served on the Board of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan; Chairman of the former Bethel Home Board; Chair-

man of the Bethel Home second additional Building Committee; Lutheran Home Board; Vice Chairman of Winnebago County Housing Authority; Lutheran Campus Ministry Board; area chairman for the following appeals: Ingathering for Education, United Mission Appeal, Seminary Appeal, LSS Partners in Caring. He was a delegate to many National synod Assemblies.

During his retirement he served as Chairman of Residential Services Committee of Bethel Home, Home Bound Visitation Pastor for Peace Lutheran Church since 1994, as well as serving as Sunday morning supply pastor for area congregations.

Ralph was a member of the First English golf league for 32 years. He and Doris golfed many a 9 holes together. They also enjoyed playing pool, cribbage, 500 and Skip-bo. They travelled often to visit sons and families in Florida, Texas and Washington state.

Ralph had many loves in his life; the greatest love was for Doris, his sons and their families. His marriage to Doris is an example of a true friendship, a partnership and loving marriage of 73 years. Ralph was a great father to his boys-encouraging and supporting their interests and setting an example of hard work and strong values. Ralph started running at the age of 42, he ran in 5k & 10k races with sons Jim and Dan. He also loved telling jokes – he loved a good Ole and Sven jokes and often started his sermon with a joke. There was always ice cream in the house, during summer months, homemade ice cream was churned with the boys. Another love/passion for Ralph was his lawn. He was known to mow sometimes 3 times per week to ensure the lawn looked good and for the exercise. He loved his hamburger/roast beef with raw onions, strong coffee and of course all of the wonderful homemade baked goods Doris made.

Ralph was a generous person – whether taking calls from parishioners on his days off, spending time to help friends and with his family. He taught us by example – his wonderful marriage to Doris; how to have fun and laugh, be kind, and to love.

Preceding him in death is his wife of 73

years Doris, and his sister Adeline Herrling.

Ralph is survived by his sister Pearl Jung and four sons, Dr. James (Robin), David (Janise), Timothy (Gail), and Daniel (Janell); eleven grandchildren and spouses, eight great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at Peace Lu-

theran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave. on Saturday, September 23, 2023 with visitation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and a service at 1:00 PM. Memorials may be given to the ELCA World Hunger program.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT 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

IT IS ORDERED: 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.

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

Richard L. Wahlgren

Richard L. Wahlgren, age 87, passed away on the evening of Sunday, August 27, 2023, at Ascension Mercy Medical. He was born to the late Victor and Carrie (Brennan) Wahlgren on August 9, 1936, in Oshkosh, WI.

Dick graduated in 1954 from Oshkosh High school and remained a lifelong resident. In 1998 he retired from Banta Publishing spending his winters in Green Valley, AZ. He enjoyed old westerns, crossword puzzles and especially his annual, week-long vacations with the entire family in Tomahawk, WI.

Dick was a great, award winning athlete and avid sports fan, from baseball, basketball, fast pitch softball, bowling, handball, racquetball to golf. In 1994 he was inducted into the Oshkosh Rec Dept. softball hall of fame. If Richard wasn't playing the game he was watching.

Dick is survived by his significant other, Arline Tollard; daughter, Pamela (Kal) Spanbauer; granddaughter, Andrea Monteith; Arline's children, Calvin Tollard, and Nicole (Jay) Schettle, and their children, Cole and Camden Schettle, and Kayla, Jes-

sica, Valerie, and Calvin Tollard III. Dick is further survived by his sister, Sonja Barlow as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dick is preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses, Robert (Lois) Wahlgren, Geraldine "Sis" (Joseph) Duffy, Marlene (Gerald "Sonny") Polishinski, and brother-in-law Robert Barlow.

He will be dearly missed. A private service was held by the family on September 13th at Lake View Memorial Park.

Dick, we'll meet you on the 19th hole.



Gloria Jean Ridgell

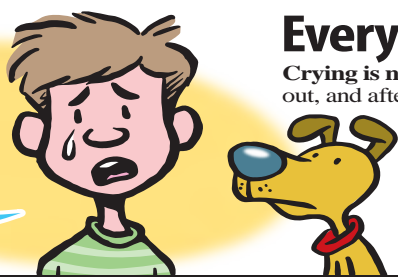
Gloria Jean Ridgell, age 76, passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Omro Care Center. She was born on March 7, 1947, in Omro to the late Ralph and Ernita (Belfeuil) Decker.

Private family graveside services will take place. Gloria will be laid to rest at Omro Cemetery.

Please visit Konrad-Behelman.com for a full obituary.



Why do I cry?



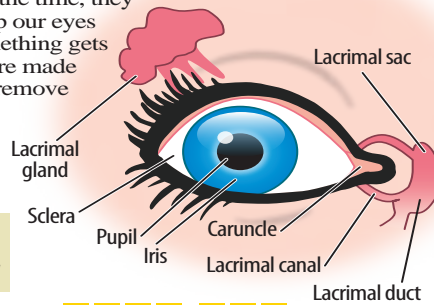
Everyone Cries Sometimes

Crying is natural! Sometimes crying gets the sadness out, and after a good cry, we feel better. There is a good reason for this. Tears contain some special ingredients that make you feel better.



Why do tears come out of my eyes?

Your eyes always have tears. There are special glands near your eyes that make tears. Most of the time, they make just enough to keep our eyes clean and healthy. If something gets in your eye, more tears are made that rinse your eyes and remove what shouldn't be there.



What's in tears? Use the code!

1 = A	4 = L	7 = S
2 = E	5 = O	8 = T
3 = I	6 = R	9 = W

Mostly **9 1 8 2 6** A little **7 1 4 8 5 3 4**, and something that kills germs. When you blink, your eyelids spread the tears around your eyeballs.

The **5 3 4** helps keep the **9 1 8 2 6** close to your eyes.

Happy Tears

When people have a lot of happy feelings inside, that can bring out the tears, too.

Circle the things that sometimes make you cry happy tears.



Kid Scoop Together

What's the difference between sweat and tears?

Your body makes liquids. Some of those liquids are tears.



Some are sweat.

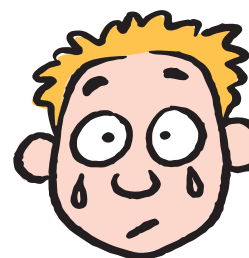


While they are both wet, they do different things.

Tears keep your eyes from drying out. They can also help you feel better.

Sweat comes out of your skin to keep you cool on a hot day. Sweat also cools you down when you exercise.

About how many tears do our eyes produce each day?



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Brain to Glands!

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Circle every other letter to discover what the glands that make the tears that flow to your eyes are called.

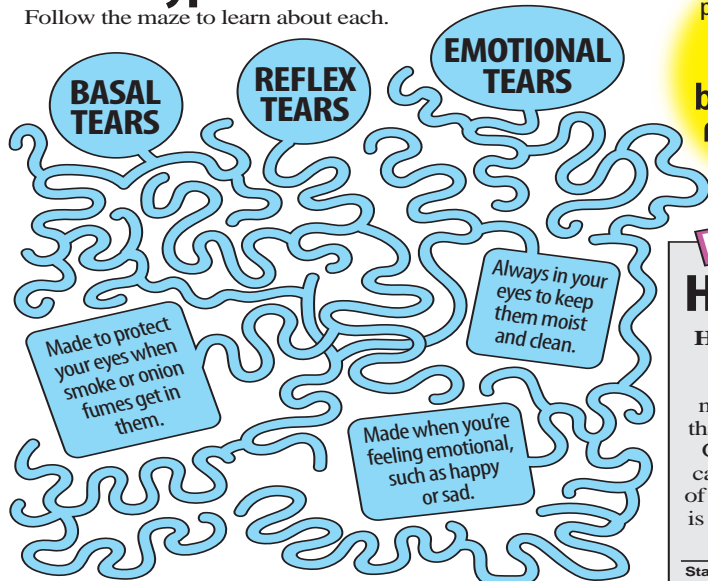
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Three Types of Tears

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Extra! Extra! Happy/Sad

Happy and sad mean opposite things. Look through the newspaper for words that mean the opposite. Glue the words onto cards and play a game of fish where a "match" is two words that mean the opposite.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Crocodile Tears

Long ago, a _____ told a story about crocodiles crying to get people to come _____. When they did, **SNAP!** _____ time!

People started saying certain kinds of crying are "crocodile tears." It means a person is just pretending to be _____ to get something.

Strangely, _____ have noticed that sometimes crocodiles **DO** indeed cry when they _____, but not for emotional reasons.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand the origin of idioms.

Double Double Word Search

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

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