Roadwork cost review continues

Most on council want end to assessments
By Jonathan Richie

The debate over special assessments at city hall continues, but it now appears that most current Common Council members are in favor of fully or partially eliminating these assessments that help pay for road projects.

When construction projects are planned, they are paid for by the city and the property owner by way of a special assessment, usually added to the owner’s tax bill and paid through a billing plan.

The special assessment covers property owners’ portion of the costs to fix the road, sidewalk and utilities beneath the road such as water and sewer pipes. Last week, council members had a lengthy discussion about how to handle these costs with all but one member supporting eliminating special assessments.

In Oshkosh, special assessments have been a topic of debate for years and City Manager Mark Rohloff has said the final decision lies with the council. Some options include eliminating city assessments entirely and have all taxpayers cover the costs or to partially eliminate those assessments by adding a floor or a ceiling to assessments which would mean the city covers the first $5,000 of the assessments or caps the assessments at $20,000.

This was all discussed at a recent budget workshop at city hall as staff members presented road assessments on Page 10.

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Fresh start

Oshkosh Area School Superintendent Bryan Davis welcomes Vel Phillips Middle School eighth-graders Friday as public schools opened for the new year. The students will mentor sixth- and seventh-graders when they join them Tuesday at the new school.

Menominee Park’s Pratt Trail closed for needed upgrade

Black bear exhibit construction continues
By Jonathan Richie

Construction began last week on Pratt Trail, which meanders throughout Menominee Park, on a project that is estimated to be finished by Zooloween Boo next month.

The Menominee Park Zoo will remain open during road work until its scheduled closing day Sept. 24. Parking is available near the Lake Fly Cafe on Siewert Trail along Merritt Avenue while Pratt construction progresses.

Road work includes replacing stormwater infrastructure along with curb and gutter repair. There will be new asphalt along the complete length of Pratt Trail from Merritt Avenue to Siewert Trail. The pedestrian trails crossing Pratt will be closed during the project.

There is another ongoing construction project at the zoo for a new black bear and fox exhibit that was approved by the city last year. There were no public funds allocated to the project as it was a gift to the park but the city will be responsible for maintenance costs.

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation secured donations to fund the $1.4 million project. The council, along with the foundation and CR Meyer, entered into an agreement similar to those used to construct the otter and eagle exhibits at the zoo.

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Construction has begun on Menominee Park’s Pratt Trail. The road is scheduled to be closed until mid-October.

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Menominee Elementary to open doors in 2024

By Jonathan Richie

With the Webster Stanley school demolished, Oshkosh officials from the school district and city hall launched the building of a new elementary school with an Aug. 22 groundbreaking ceremony.

Menominee Elementary will combine three communities into one with Merrill, Washington and Webster Stanley elementary schools on the former site of Webster Stanley Elementary and Middle School.

District Superintendent Bryan Davis said the new school is possible with a partnership with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and is the “namesake of this amazing school.” The new school will pay tribute to the rich history of the tribe.

“This new school is going to be really good for the Oshkosh community and the Menominee tribe wishes you well in the coming years with this new facility,” said David Grignon, Menominee tribal historic preservation officer. “The Menominee people will always remember this – that you remembered us.”

Oshkosh sits on ceded territory of the Menominee Tribe, which lived on Lake Winnebago, in the Oshkosh area named by their former chief and throughout northeast Wisconsin.

Davis called the groundbreaking a “milestone moment” and another piece of the roadmap to the future the district has outlined in a long-range facilities plan.

He said the vision for the school came out of the district’s 2017 facilities study. It is possible through the public approval of a 2020 capital spending referendum. It is the second school groundbreaking in as many years with Vel Phillips Middle School opening last Friday to students on the first day of school.

“The new elementary school will give an opportunity to experience learning like never before,” Davis said, “allowing for collaboration and inclusion and enhancing technology.”

OASD Board of Education president Beth Wymas said the new school represents the district’s commitment to students’ well-being and future success. She also thanked the community.

“You’ve entrusted our district to do what is best for our students and our community and your support allows us to do just that,” Wyma said.

“Menominee Elementary is built on a commitment to bring opportunity to the community and our students,” said Board President Beth Wymas. “The students who attend will be well prepared for the world of work and the workforce of 2050.”

“As the centerpiece of the neighborhood, it will be a place where community and fellowship flourish.”

Beth Galeazzi, future principal at Menominee Elementary School, was Webster Stanley Elementary principal for 10 years and said she is happy the three schools will be combined in one.

“This groundbreaking represents more than just the start of construction. It signifies the beginning of an incredible opportunity, one where we will be bringing the amazing school families of Washington, Merrill and Webster together,” Galeazzi said.

She has worked with teachers from all three schools and noted their unwavering commitment to student achievement and success.

“Teachers will bring their expertise and their passion to create an environment where every child feels valued and empowered. Our students will in turn be active participants in shaping the culture and the traditions of our new school,” Galeazzi said.

“It’s a great time to be a part of the Oshkosh Area School District,” Davis said.

Correction

AUG. 30, PAGE 15: Oshkosh High School’s class of 1964 will have its reunion this Friday at Fox River Brewing Co., not Saturday as noted in the article.

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Hmong vendors have anchored farmers markets

Oshkosh Herald

Since its opening at Riverside Park in the summer of 1994 and through its moves downtown, the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market has benefited from diversity in both its offerings and vendors. Generations of native Hmong and Hmong American entrepreneurs have been a consistent part of that mix.

Market manager Michelle Schmidt-Schultz said Hmong vendors are a vital part of the Saturday market and have not gotten much recognition for their contributions. They include 15 agricultural vendors that represent one-third of that segment, along with eight food vendors and two selling handmade crafts.

“The Hmong vendors of the Oshkosh Farmers Market provide a steady stream of produce that has fueled the popularity of the farmers market in Oshkosh,” she said. “Farmers who are able to bring fresh and locally grown food to the market provide a valuable and affordable supply of nutritious food to the community.”

Schmidt-Schultz said Dow Yang has been a staple at the market for many years, growing fresh produce and beautiful floral bouquets for customers.

“She often works long hours by herself in one of her three garden areas south of Oshkosh in the Town of Black Wolf,” she said. Yang, like many area Hmong, arrived in the late 1970s. She began gardening in 1989, working for another grower near Neenah and has grown her business to the point that she now farms more than 5 acres.

“Her family assists her at the market in displaying and selling her produce and flowers,” Schmidt-Schultz said. “We are privileged to have her as one of our vendors.”

Market board chairman Michael Cooney added, “Every time I visit one of our farm vendors I am left with a deep appreciation of how hard they work and how many hours it takes to produce the vegetables and flowers that they bring to the market every Saturday.”

Reduction of county board committees will be put to vote

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors will vote later this month on whether to reduce the number of committees under the county board’s purview.

The county authorized creation of a special structure review task force in February to evaluate the existing committees and develop suggestions for improvement.

The board currently has 12 standing committees and three boards under the county executive’s purview. The committees have slots for 70 supervisor members, excluding legislative, committee on committees, and minor committees, commissions and boards.

The committees do the preliminary work of drafting resolutions and ordinances, reviewing budget requests and assisting in policy development. Each committee’s recommendations are then sent to the full 36-member board for a vote.

The task force conferred with other counties and solicited the opinion of the state Legislative Counsel and county corporation counsel. It also surveyed supervisors.

Supervisor Jacob Floam said the task force wanted to create a committee structure that was unique to Winnebago County.

“Essentially, what we were trying to do is create a structure that works for us,” he said. “So we talked to a bunch of different people and reached out to different counties.”

The task force’s recommendation is to reduce the number of committees to 10. The supervisor member slots in the committees would be reduced to 46. Floam said none of the committees would be eliminated.

The remaining committees would include Public Works, Judiciary and Public Safety, Finance and Administration, Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Land Conservation, Aviation, Legislative, Planning and Zoning, and Solid Waste.

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Photo by Michael Cooney
Dow Yang grows produce and floral bouquets to sell at the Oshkosh Farmers Market.
Pause for a moment, close your eyes, and think of a big old house. What do you see?

If I were asked the same question, chances are my brain would put together a colonial home of some sorts. And it’s no wonder when you consider that 40% of homes built between 1910-1930 were made in the Colonial Revival style. What does that mean though? This article is the third entry into our series on architectural styles. Our goal is to educate readers on the specific type of homes that they live in, so that we can think of our houses as more than the “character home” catchall that they are so often labeled.

“Colonial” encompasses a vast array of features. True colonial homes were built from 1600-1820 or so, and primarily showcased on the East Coast where the European colonists were settling. During this period, notable styles included Postmedieval English; Dutch, French, and Spanish Colonial; Georgian; Federal; and Early Classical Revival. Oshkosh examples come into the picture during the golden age of Colonial Revival from 1880-1950.

Spurred on by the United States Centennial in 1876, architects drew inspiration from the roots of our country to design homes for the next 100 years. With their front doors accentuated with a decorative pediment supported with quintessential columns, symmetrically balanced facade with a center door and double-hung windows to the side, and grand fireplaces typically on one or both side facades, Colonial Revival homes are iconic to us.

Most Colonial Revival homes in the country drew inspiration from their Georgian and Federal cousins on the coast, but in Oshkosh we see a disproportionate amount of homes giving a nod to the Dutch Colonial movement with notable gabled roofs.

While writing this I can vividly picture several of these homes on or just off Murdock between Bowen and the lake. In fact, this area north and south of Murdock on streets like Graber, White Swan, Doemel, etc. are ripe with samples of late Colonial Revival, particularly the second-story overhang variant.

There’s something so richly 1950s black-and-white, wholesome family TV about these homes that makes me think “My Three Sons” or “Leave it to Beaver.” Fast-forward several decades right up to today and picture homes being developed west of town in Ruschfield or off Shepheard in the Town of Algoma and you can see examples of New Traditional Colonial Revival homes among the many Millennium Mansions.

These draw design inspiration from their Postmedieval English and Colonial Revival precursors on the outside, but with attached garages as big as, if not bigger, than the homes themselves. As a northsider, I often find myself driving down Algoma to get to the businesses along Oshkosh Avenue or the frontage roads. There are plenty of examples of great homes on this stretch, but I particularly like the Thomas R. Wall residence.

Any UWO student will recognize it as the neat old home that stands in the shade of Taylor Hall that is presently used as the multicultural education center building. This house is a prime example of Colonial Revival featuring a hipped roof with a full-width porch.

Another terrific example caught a great deal of media attention in 2015-2016 when it was picked up and moved down the street. That’s right, the Schriber house that once stood on the spot of the Paine parking lot is another textbook brick Colonial Revival.

Both of those homes were designed by famed Oshkosh architect William Waters, and at one time each was under threat of demolition.

The “Save the Wall House” committee had monthly meetings at the house until Chancellor Wells came to the university and put an end to any talk of demolition.

The Schriber house could have ended in demolition as well had a great deal of work not been done to find the right buyer and home mover for the job.

There are other homes in Oshkosh that were saved from demolition by moving them during the great UWO expansion in the 1960s as well. The grand white colonial revival home at 2511 Vinland St. was one of them.

It was built in 1925 by Emil Steiger, originally located on 100 Elmwood St., and moved all the way to Vinland past Oshkosh North High School to make way for what is today Fletcher Hall.

Do you live in a Colonial home of some variety? What is the newest feature of the facade of your home? Share this article with your friends and your favorite realtor, and start a discussion about how the knowledge about your home style enriches your appreciation and the value of your house.

If you’re not certain about what kind of home you have, consider starting your journey by searching for information on the Wisconsin State Historical Society website.

A simple search can result in information about your home’s style, important dates in its history, names of people who resided there, and so much more.
Error leads to surprise billing for some UWO graduates

Wisconsin Public Radio

A group of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduates say they shouldn’t have to repay more than $35,000 in total charges they received months after graduation due to a campus billing error.

The university says the former students should have known they were undercharged and it’s obligated to collect.

Stuart Kuzik and seven others graduated from UW Oshkosh’s executive Master of Business Administration in January. Kuzik told Wisconsin Public Radio that on June 1, he got a letter stating he was owed the university $7,903.78. He said the other six graduates in his cohort were also owed the university $7,903.78. He said the other six graduates in his cohort were told the same thing.

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Kuzik’s surprise bill came months after a campus financial aid director told him the university actually owed him a refund of nearly $4,000.

Before graduating in January, he said his online accounts showed he had a negative credit balance of $3,715.78. Kuzik shared emails from a campus financial aid director stating he had a zero balance. The emails offered a guide for applying for the refund.

“I paid for this with student loan money. I’m not a student. I can’t get a student loan for this,” Kuzik said.

Kuzik said they haven’t gotten a response. UW Oshkosh chief of staff Alex Hummel said the university regrets its mistake.

“Y ou know, no matter what the conditions are out there, we’ve got to do our due diligence, and we have an obligation to make sure that we’re collecting the monies for the cost of a program,” Hummel said.

“So, that’s really the spirit with which we reached out,” Hummel said.

Hummel said all students at the university, whether they are undergraduate or graduate students, are asked to do “a financial sort of declaration” that they understand the tuition rates and what they will be charged.

Once the administration was alerted to the billing discrepancy, Hummel said, it contacted MBA program managers who had conversations with the former students about the problem.

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Kuzik and the others were told they could arrange six-month repayment plans with the university. Otherwise, the entire $7,903.78 was due on July 10.

NYC firefighters featured at 9/11 program

Three longtime New York City firefighters who worked at Ground Zero during and after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, will be the featured speakers at the EAA Aviation Museum’s annual 9/11 memorial presentation coming at 7 p.m. Monday in the Eagle Hangar.

Matt Nelson, Charles Biais and Steven San Filippo were veteran members of the department who were on duty on 9/11. They also participated in the weeks of cleanup that occurred after the attacks on the World Trade Center. Their stories include the heroism and the human cost of those attacks, including 134 members of the fire department who were lost.

EAA has featured individuals ranging from military pilots to air traffic controllers who were part of the collective response to the attacks. EAA’s purpose for the annual 9/11 program is to highlight the heroism on display by thousands of people on that day and immediately afterward.

The presentation is free to all EAA members, as well as active military members, law enforcement/public safety personnel, and first responders. Admission is $5 for all others.

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Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Sept. 1, 1981
A psychological thriller which KIRKUS Reviews describes as ‘engaging tale of deception with a worthy payoff.’

Set in an opulent background of the privileged few, it shows humanity at its lowest and at its most human element. Unlike books of the same genre, readers know who the serpent is from the beginning. The crime is how each of the three protagonists – a famous writer, his personal chauffeur and the unrivalled bisexual sex worker - manipulate each other, like a game of chess, a charade, a cat and mouse game. A cliff hanger to the very last page, it keeps the readers guessing what happens next: who wins, who lives, and who dies.

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In the closing of its restaurant after three years at 424 N. Main St. Owner Rocky Pedersen had operated supper clubs, restaurants and bar & grills for decades before opening the downtown Rocky’s that served American subs and wraps along with a Tex Mex menu.

Camping World, the largest U.S. retailer of RVs and accessories with more than 185 locations, has opened an Oshkosh dealership at 3855 S. Washburn St. The company started in 1966 in Bowling Green, Ky., and now features thousands of products for RVs, camping, towing and outdoor living.

Spirit Halloween, a national retailer for Halloween costumes and party supplies, has opened a seasonal location at 2145 S. Koeller St. next to Rogan’s Shoes at Aviary Plaza. More information and hours can be found at spirithalloween.com.

Winnebagoland BMX is marking its 40th racing season in Oshkosh with its sanctioned USA BMX track for young people to exercise, socialize and develop skills. As the top-ranked BMX track in Wisconsin, Winnebagoland BMX hosted the Wisconsin State Finals BMX Race last month. The Winnebagoland BMX Club is seeking donations to raise $40,000 to fund a canopy over the racetrack start line.

Grant Wheat has been appointed to the position of vice president of risk management at Verve, a Credit Union. Wheat comes to Verve from Members Cooperative Credit Union in Duluth, Minn., where he served in the same role. He has served in senior leadership positions at various financial institutions since 2017. Wheat will be responsible for monitoring and mitigating Verve’s operational and strategic risk while ensuring organizational compliance with applicable laws and regulations pertaining to the credit union.

Qualified Remodeler, a publication serving remodelers and home improvement companies in the U.S., has ranked Wrightway Home Improvement as the No. 403 on its 45th annual Top 500 remodelers of 2023 for meeting a set of criteria including installed remodeling dollar volume, total years in business, industry association membership, industry certification, industry awards and community service. Wrightway is an exterior remodeling contractor in the Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Madison and Milwaukee areas.

Fox World Travel’s new Scan for a Cause initiative, launched during the recent Global Business Travel Association Convention, gives participants the opportunity to make an impact by having their name badge scanned by a member of the Fox World Travel team. For each scan received, Fox donates to Protect All Children from Trafficking (PACT), previously known as End Child Prostitution and Trafficking. The Scan for a Cause initiative has been successful for PACT, and Fox is providing a donation of more than $5,000 to the organization.
Metalcore powerhouse Amity Affliction to play arena

By Chase Millam
Oshkosh Herald

Australian metalcore band The Amity Affliction is coming to the Oshkosh Arena on Sept. 27 as a part of the Monsters of Oz tour with Parkway Drive. The show will also feature fellow Australian groups Northlane and Make Them Suffer.

The group was formed in 2003 and has been a mainstay in the genre ever since. Four of their albums reached No. 1 on the Australian Recording Industry Association charts.

The band’s latest record “Not Without My Ghosts” was released May 12. Founding member and co-lead vocalist Ahren Stringer is loving the fan reception for the new album. “It’s been awesome, probably the best response since ‘Let the Ocean Take Me’ and we totally understand why,” Stringer said. “We are just really happy everyone likes it.”

According to Stringer, the creative process for the new release differed massively from previous records. “We produced this one on our own and spent the least amount of time in a studio we ever have,” he said. “It was for the most part more relaxed and we got to control the whole process. One of many benefits of being on an independent label that has full trust in the artist.”

The group is known for their heavy sound and melodic choruses. Stringer said that when developing the record, they focused on going in a heavier direction. “The hooks and melodies are just something that will always be part of the band as that’s the way I write them and what comes natural to me,” he said. “But we talk about the direction from a long way out and Dan writes the music to fit that.”

The band brings a ton of energy to each live performance. Stringer says maintaining that energy is the easy part of the tour. “Touring gets very monotonous, and the show is all we look forward to the majority of the time,” he said. “So, you get to put a whole day of energy into the show. We of course also feed off the crowd in a big way and it’s always a better show when they are really giving it back to us.”

The band has been featured in the classic punk festival Vans Warped Tour in 2013, 2015 and 2018. Stringer said he has a love/hate relationship with the former event. “Glad it happened but we’re old now and a tour that long might kill us,” he said. “But for the fans I think it’s so iconic and legendary. Maybe there could be a shorter version or something. It had a huge impact on music and culture.”

Apart from Parkway Drive, the tour will also feature Northlane and Make Them Suffer. “They’re all legends, it’s going to be a sick tour,” Stringer said. “We can’t wait.”

The Monsters of Oz tour begins Sunday and continues through Oct. 8. “We’ve grown a lot and learned a lot over the years and just matured in general,” Stringer said. “I think the music speaks for itself.”

Food co-op, pantry team up to fill school backpacks

The Oshkosh Food Co-op team is working with the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry on a Back-to-School Fuel Backpack Challenge that is filling 14 backpacks over 14 days with about 400 items to benefit children in need. The co-op is running two-for-one specials until Sept. 12 with donations going toward the backpacks. Go to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Facebook page for details.
Emergency planning for natural disasters set to get extra focus

To help Wisconsinites be ready for emergencies, September Preparedness Month through the work of ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to spend time developing a disaster plan.

“Disasters can strike at any time,” said Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. “While many emergencies can happen with little notice, the best way to prepare is to develop an emergency plan, know what threats can affect your area, and know what resources are available to help you stay informed during a disaster.”

Preparedness Month is recognized every September across the country as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Ready Campaign. This year’s campaign is focusing on preparing older adults for disasters.

ReadyWisconsin offers resources to help older adults with the process of emergency planning at readywisconsin.wi.gov.

During September, ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to prepare by creating or updating a disaster plan. This should include what to do in the event an emergency or disaster forces you to remain at home for several days or you are forced to leave your home.

4-H honors earned at County Fair

Winnebago County 4-H scholarships and awards were presented at the county fair last month in the fairgrounds expo building.

The Judith Gruszynske Memorial Scholarship went to Brooke Zillges of the Winchester club, the Ashton Simpson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Madison Plungy from Ridgeway, and the Stevenson Memorial Scholarship to Anna Buehring from Golden Oak.

Wisconsin 4-H Key Awards, which recognize 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth, leadership skills and active participation in their 4-H club and community, went to Buehring and Zillges.

State 4-H Leadership Council & Team recognition was given to Evan Numrich from Ridgeway and Finn Lettau from Winchester.

Vietnam vets chapter sets POW/MIA recognition

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 will hold its annual POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at South Park. The ceremony honors those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

Students plan Day of Service with shoreline cleanup

Students and staff of the Communities program at Oshkosh North High School will make a difference from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday in a collaboration with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. Juniors and seniors will be cleaning up shorelines at Menominee Park and work with the Oshkosh Parks Department to enhance Akan’s Acres, a wooded area behind North High School.
Your next true-crime fascination just might feature a supporting role from a member of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh faculty.

Bill Gillard, an English professor on the Fox Cities campus, is among a group of academics, historians and experts interviewed for an upcoming documentary series on the infamous Wisconsin killer Ed Gein.

“Psycho: The Lost Tapes of Ed Gein” is a four-episode series premiering Sept. 17 on MGM+.

While the series is centered on Gein, who in the late 1950s confessed to killing two people and digging up bodies from graveyards in the small town of Plainfield, it also explores his impact on popular culture. Among the works of art inspired by the grisly true story that played out about 60 miles west of Oshkosh is Robert Bloch’s novel Psycho.

That book—published in 1959 and written in the small town of Weyauwega—was the foundation for Alfred Hitchcock’s novel Psycho.

“Bloch’s really interesting because he had a whole career before World War II writing about external horrors, monsters from beyond, monsters under the bed and in the closet,” Gillard said. “After World War II, Bloch became much more introspective and writing about how the real horrors aren’t inside of us, the real horrors are inside of people and what individual humans are capable of.

“And so when the Ed Gein story came out and he was sitting in Weyauwega with not a lot to do, he started thinking about a guy like Ed Gein. I mean this is Wisconsin in the 1950s, this is a small town and everybody knew Ed Gein and he knew everybody. But he was this monster. That was the thing that drew Bloch to writing Psycho.”

The central character in Bloch’s novel was Norman Bates, a man who at first blush seems to be an unremarkable operator, with Salted Watermelon Key Lime Seltzer and Titan Gold Ale being offered.

After the seasons conclude, the Athletics Department will conduct an operational analysis and determine if expansion is offered.

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Bill Gillard, an English professor on the Fox Cities campus, is among a group of academics, historians and experts interviewed for an upcoming documentary series on the infamous Wisconsin killer Ed Gein.

“Psycho: The Lost Tapes of Ed Gein” is a four-episode series premiering Sept. 17 on MGM+.

While the series is centered on Gein, who in the late 1950s confessed to killing two people and digging up bodies from graveyards in the small town of Plainfield, it also explores his impact on popular culture. Among the works of art inspired by the grisly true story that played out about 60 miles west of Oshkosh is Robert Bloch’s novel Psycho.

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Bill Gillard said, “It’s most definitely a Wisconsin story, not just from the inspiration from Gein but the composition itself. This wasn’t some Hollywood screenplay writer swooping in to grab this.”

“Norman Bates is completely a creation of Robert Bloch, but the whole circumstance was inspired by the question of ‘How could this happen?’—especially in small town, especially in Wisconsin, in 1957.”

Author to speak at First Congregational service Award. There will be a reception before the service and a potluck luncheon after the service.

Cooperrider is renowned for his teaching on the connections between faith in God and taking care of God’s creation.
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The council discussed raising the tax levy to help cover these costs, which could be anywhere between a 4% and 6% increase. Special assessments approved earlier this summer ranged from $10,000 to $18,000, most being around $12,000 to $13,000. If the $5,000 floor was in place, the average special assessment would have been between $7,000 and $8,000.

During the conversation about having a $5,000 floor, Rohloff said this decision could upset property owners that received special assessments this year. "That argument doesn’t hold water," council member Joe Stephenson said. "Government changes rules every other day.”

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Residents living within the Stevens Park Neighborhood Association boundaries can apply to receive assistance with exterior home repairs and lawn care, including but not limited to edging, lawn patching & seeding, tree & bush trimming, weeding, raking, brush removal, mulching, pressure washing, and gutter cleaning.

Applications will be available online at www.habitatoshkosh.org/rock-the-block and at the Oshkosh ReStore (1640 S. Koeller Street).

The deadline to apply for 2024 projects will be October 1st.

Rock the Block Oshkosh

Benefits concert

Sheri Kuiper was one of six performers at the Cherith International benefit concert held Aug. 18 at Calvary SunRise Church in Oshkosh. A robust crowd attended the fundraising event to help Cherith minister to immigrants, refugees and homeless.

Park trail

Parks director Ray Maurer has stated the exhibit fits into the zoo’s master plan put together in 2014. Construction should be completed this fall and open in the spring.

“It’s been an exhibit that’s been requested by the community for years,” Maurer told the council last year.

City Manager Mark Rohloff mentioned the construction recently and noted Pratt Trail will be open by the time of Zooloween Boo on Oct. 21. There are two more Brews on the Bay beer garden events scheduled for tonight (Sept. 6) and Sept. 20 that have been moved to the Leach Amphitheater.

Snooze at the Zoo will be held this Saturday and Sunday. The event, sponsored by the Oshkosh Zoo Community Foundation, allows families to camp outside with dinner on Saturday and breakfast served Sunday morning. The movie “Family Camp” will be shown Saturday night.

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Oshkosh Youth Choir marking 30 years

The Oshkosh Youth Choir is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The Oshkosh Youth Choir is celebrating its 30th anniversary with fall and spring performances around Oshkosh, along with tours starting in June with performances at Carnegie Hall in New York followed by the organization’s first overseas tour to stops in London and Paris.

The Youth Choir had its first performance in fall 1993 under the direction of founder Carl Chapman, then director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The original intent behind the choir was to create vocal performance opportunities for youth beyond those offered by both the public and private schools in the area. As an offshoot of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, the original group was composed of students in fourth through eighth grades.

In May 1995 a second group called the Youth Choir was formed to accommodate the growth and development of less experienced singers to prepare for the more advanced repertoire.

Current director Jennifer Jensen was hired by the parent advisory board for the 2003-04 school year, making this her 20th anniversary. Under Jensen’s tenure, the Youth Choir has grown from a single choir with 26 students to almost 100 singers across three choirs.

The group sang at the National Children’s Choral Festival on stage at Carnegie Hall in 2010 and will participate once again this June. The fall program includes several holiday songs that will be presented in story form. The 2024 spring program will include some of the biggest music hits of all time in a continuous show that will weave all three choirs in and out of the program.

Auditions were held for all three choirs from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at South Park Middle School for students going into grades 3 through 12. More information is available by contacting music@iphanyh.com or 920.338.8313.

Lakeside Packaging to hold fundraising event

Lakeside Packaging Plus, a nonprofit organization serving residents with disabilities, will be having its first fundraising event at 5 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Lakeside Talent Takeover includes dinner, show, raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are $45.

The event will highlight associates, giving them a chance to spotlight their talent, with 10 different performances. Mony the Magician will perform magic tricks throughout the event as the emcee.

The goal is to raise a minimum of $75,000 to fund programs that will provide the opportunity to explore potential talents and general operations, including a new art program at its Neenah and Oshkosh locations.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Sept. 6
Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Music on Main: Erin Krebs, 5-30 p.m., Opera House Square Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Sept. 8
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Sept. 9
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown Alley Art Market, 8 a.m., Algoma Alley Jazz in the Gardens, 5 p.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens Feed the Dog, Traveling Suitcase, Horace Greene, 6:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

Sunday, Sept. 10
Recovery Fest, 7 a.m., Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St.
Caramel Crisp 90th Anniversary event, noon, 200 City Center Becker’s Bike Night, 5 p.m., Becker’s, 2 Jackson St.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
Scotty Meyer, 6 p.m., The Hangar Bar & Grill, 1485 W. 20th Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Music on Main with Natural Satellite, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Thursday, Sept. 14
Author Ed Bentley, “What a Way to Go! Death in Oshkosh in the 1880s,” 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center
Festival by Jason Vi exhibit opening, 5 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Building

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

Friday, Sept. 15
Ali Clayton Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Sept. 16
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square Cider Day, 8 a.m., Calvary SonRise, 222 Church Ave.
Walk for the Animals, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, Barn E
Jurassic Empire, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Race Festival, Leach Amphitheater “Rocky Horror Picture Show,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Sept. 17
Jurassic Empire, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Fox Valley Vintage Fest, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.
Vel Phillips Middle School Public Dedication and Tour, 4 p.m., 1401 Kentucky St.
Knights’ Bauer brings energy, big plays to field

Senior spotlight

By Tim Froberg
herald contributor

Dominic Bauer likes to think big, and who can blame him? No word better fits him on the gridiron.

Bauer is a big target at 6-foot-3, 190 pounds, a big play waiting to happen and a big part of the Lourdes Academy football team.

Bauer led the Knights in receptions (33), receiving yards (520) and yards per catch (15.8) last season while tying for the team lead in receiving touchdowns (five). The playmaking wide receiver is off to a strong start in 2023 with six catches for 88 yards and two touchdowns in the Knights’ first two games.

He is a third-year varsity player who was a two-way starter in 2022, and the Knights are looking to limit Bauer’s defensive snaps this season and make him a focal point of their passing game.

“Dominic has grown a lot as a player over the course of his career,” said Lourdes coach Kevin Wopat. “He has loads of potential. When he plays to his talent, he’s a dominant player offensively. He works hard to be a great wide receiver and has improved as a blocker as he’s gotten older.”

Bauer has a wide receiver since the day he entered the Lourdes’ program after playing on the defensive line his first few years of tackle football in middle school.

“I fell in love with playing wide receiv-er,” he said. “It’s so much fun. People like to chirp and if you don’t talk and just show them how good you are and play your game – it speaks for itself.”

Bauer is a huge fan of Buffalo Bills wide-out Stefon Diggs and tries to bring the same kind of juice to his game.

“I love his energy – his passion for the game,” Bauer said. “He doesn’t just do it for the money. He loves the game.”

Bauer learned a valuable lesson last sea-son when he didn’t start the Knights’ season opener at wide receiver.

“I still got some reps at receiver that game, but it kind of set me off because I wasn’t doing the job I was supposed to be doing. It turned out to be a good thing. It made me aware that it wasn’t just about me. I got full-time reps every game after that.”

Bauer has more than just soft hands and ideal size for a receiver. He’s athletic and has the speed to stretch the field.

“I honestly see myself as a playmaker – someone who can make big-time plays – and love the energy that comes with the position,” Bauer said. “There’s a lot more to it than people realize. You have to be a good blocker and be unselfish. It’s not always about you catching the ball. Sometimes, you need to just run your route to open things up for someone else.”

Bauer is a three-sport athlete at Lourdes. He was a basketball starter last season, averaging 3.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.2 assists, while draining 10 three-pointers. He was also considered to be a “big” in basket- ball, routinely playing inside the lane and often guarding the opponent’s top interior player.

“I see myself as an energy player – wheth-er I’m on the court, the football field or on the bench,” said Bauer. “I feel that everyone
Valley Christian routs Tigersharks to improve to 2-0

By Dustin Riese

Herald contributor

Valley Christian is making this 8-player football look pretty easy.

Led by a ferocious defense that had two sacks with constant pressure on the quarterback and an offense built around speed and physicality, the Warriors moved to 2-0 with an impressive 43-8 win over Princeton/Green Lake at Xavier Middle School on Thursday night.

Head coach Daniel Birr loves what he has seen from his team so far this season.

"The kids played an outstanding all around game," Birr said. "There were times in the first quarter where I didn’t think we were aggressive enough and that did cost a little bit. However, once we started to settle in and let our physicality take over we started to look like the team we know we can be." After rushing for nearly 300 yards in the opener, the Warriors were back at it against the Tigersharks. Valley Christian piled up 258 yards on 46 carries in the game. Jackson Martin led the way with 125 yards on 11 carries, while Dennis Thr and Derek Wallace each contributed to the rushing attack picking up rushing touchdowns.

While the offense was on point early, it was the defense that struggled a bit throughout the first half as they allowed the Tigersharks to stay close with an early touchdown.

"We didn’t come out as aggressive as we expected and we needed to adjust quickly," Birr said. "Football is a game of adjustments and the ones that can adjust the quickest will come out on top. When it comes to our team, we have to be patient with our players as for most of them this is their first time playing football let alone the 8-player game.”

A pair of scores late in the second quarter broke the game open for the Warriors. The first came on a 53-yard screen pass to Josiah Lehman, who took advantage of some big open-field blocks and dashed to the end zone. Lehman had all three receptions for the Warriors, finishing with 76 yards.

"Coach called a great play and we felt we could catch them off guard with a screen," Lehman said. "I got to give a ton of credit to the blockers up front. Their effort to clear the way made things easy for me and it allowed me to get into the open field to get us in the endzone.”

Less than a minute later, the Warriors pounced on a fumbled kickoff and took over inside the 20-yard line. Martin, who earlier in the game had a 34-yard scoring run, would cash in the turnover four downs later with a 1-yard scoring run on fourth down to send the Warriors into halftime with a 29-8 lead.

Value Christian was unable to add to its lead in the third quarter but extended the advantage with a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Editor’s note:

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FOOTBALL

Powerhouse Kaukauna too much for Spartans

Kaukauna proved to be a little too strong for Oshkosh North as the Spartans were dealt a 35-0 loss by the Ghosts in Fox Valley Association action on Thursday.

The Spartans finished with 151 yards of total offense in the game, while quarterback Bryce Ott finished completing 5-of-13 passes for 45 yards. Liam Murphy and Roy Freeman each finished with nine tackles, while Antonio Thompson added seven. Jaykown Jones also had an interception in the game.

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GOLF

Hammen leads West

Hailey Hammen shot a 52 at Oshkosh Country Club to lead Oshkosh West, but the Wildcats fell to Appleton North.

The Lightning carded a 197 while West finished with a score of 243.

Kennedy Footit added a 57 for West.

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By Steve Clark

There were some mistakes typical of a team still finding itself and there were some struggles that happen when playing one of the premiere programs in the state. But there were also some big plays and bright spots for Oshkosh West in a 34-10 loss to Kimberly on Thursday night.

And that's what first-year head coach Joe Ray and his staff are looking to build on.

"We didn't execute very well tonight and that's something that kids can learn from," Ray said. "They saw that they can compete with them when they do things right, but its just a matter of not making those mistakes and beating ourselves."

"When we made the mistakes (the first two weeks) we could still win just because we are more talented. But when we play a team that has equal talent or better talent than us, we have to execute."

The Wildcat defense made two huge plays in the first quarter to generate some early momentum and keep the Papermakers off the scoreboard.

"That stop early on is what did it for us. It got that momentum going," senior lineman Garth Martell said. "It's all about momentum. That big pick by Demar, that was huge and when you get that ball rolling all we need to do is keep it going."

West converted a third-and-15 on the ensuing drive on a pass from Chase Brandl to Drew Blair but were unable to get much closer leading to a 34-yard field goal by Jeevan Ambati that gave West the lead.

"We talked about that and we needed some things to go our way and it didn't right away," Ray said. "I would have liked to go score a touchdown there. When we get an opportunity like that we have to take advantage of it."

Kimberly responded to West taking the lead with a march down the field, overcoming a holding penalty on a goal-to-go situation to reach the Wildcat 1-yard line.

But on fourth down from just outside the end zone, the middle of the West defense stood strong and stuffed Kimberly quarterback Carson Pendleton's sneak attempt to force a turnover on downs.

"That felt great," said Martell, one of the players who intercepted the goal line. "That's been my thing all season. I'll do my thing on the normal plays and when it gets to the goal line, it's time to eat."

West didn't generate one first down coming out of the shadow of their end zone, but a first down sack set the Wildcats back eventually forcing a punt. And this time, with less than a minute to go in the opening quarter, Kimberly was able to work its way into the end zone to take the lead.

The Wildcats were unable to pick up a first down in the second quarter and Kimberly took advantage to break the game open.

The Papermakers scored 20 points in the second quarter to take a 27-1 lead at halftime. Kimberly took advantage of an errant punt snap by West for one touchdown, while a Wildcat penalty on a missed field goal gave Kimberly a second chance and it converted the kick.

"The mistakes we made tonight were more us being undisciplined," Ray said. "When we are executing well and doing our jobs, things go well for us. When we get undisciplined or lack technique or anything, that's when things go wrong."

Kimberly added a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter but it was West that notched the final points.

Sparked by an 18-yard run for a first down by Ambati on a fake punt, West put together a touchdown drive. Brandl had a 23-yard scramble to pick up a chunk of yards, while Jaiden Pronszk took a pitch

Oshkosh West's Damarion Williams tries to avoid a Kimberly tackler after intercepting a pass.
Quarterback Chase Brandl (15) follows Jaiden Promczak on a first-half run Thursday night.

Oshkosh West

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around the right side for a 17-yard scoring run diving the final couple of yards to the end zone. “That was big for us,” Ray said. “Every moment is a learning opportunity and we’re trying to change the culture. I think we are getting that confidence and getting that belief that we can do this and have success at times.”

Kimberly outgained West 400-166 in total offense and held the Wildcats to nine first downs for the game. Brandl was the team’s leading rusher with 63 yards on 15 carries, while also completing 10-of-20 passes – five of which went to Blair, who finished with 44 yards receiving.

Alex Dyken, Zach Bartels and Caleb Christiansen were the leading tacklers for the Wildcats. “I think we did a lot of things well tonight, but it’s just the simple mistakes that we need to go and fix and the intensity in practice needs to pick up,” Martell said. “Otherwise, I think we are on the path to do big things.”

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feeds off my energy. If people don’t feed off my energy, I know I’m doing something wrong.

“If a team doesn’t have an energy, it’s just not as fun. You can always tell when a team is just out there, going through the motions.”

Bauer also participated in track and field for the first time, doing the long jump. 400-meter run and 1,600-meter relay. He will likely do track again this spring and remain a three-sport athlete.

“I did it because I thought the running and jumping would help for football, and it really did,” he said. “I love being a three-sport athlete. I’d play three sports in college if they’d let me.”

Bauer plans to attend college next fall and hopefully play football. He’s considering business and marine biology as possible majors.

“Playing college ball is my main goal,” Bauer said. “Some people try and play college football and their bodies break down because of how overwhelming it is. If I get the chance, I’ll have to stay determined and just stick with it.”

In the meantime, Bauer is focusing on helping a solid Lourdes team improve on last season’s 6-5 record and fourth-place 4-3 record in the Trailways Conference.

“We want to take back the Trailways and go deep into the playoffs,” Bauer said. “I think this team can go far. What I really like about this team is its determination to win and that none of us really complain like we did last year. We’re excited about the opportunity to go out there and prove everyone wrong.”

Prep roundup

Valley Christian posts win

The Warriors came up short of earning a sweep, but dispatched Horizon 27-25, 25-23, 13-25, 25-20 on Thursday night.

SOCCER

Wildcats blank Kaukauna

The Wildcats scored late in the first half and early in the second half and made the tallies stand up in a 2-0 win at Kaukauna on Thursday.

Steven Tapio notched the first-half goal for West, while Colin Carns scored after halftime.

Owen Irvin needed to make just one save to earn the shutout in goal for West.

Zephyrs down Knights

St. Mary Catholic scored three goals in a one-minute span in the first half to break the match open and hand Lourdes Academy a 6-0 loss on Thursday.

TENNIS

Wildcats split FVA duals

The Oshkosh West tennis team split a pair of dual meets last week, falling to Kimberly, 6-1 on Tuesday before bouncing back to sweep Appleton East.

Knights serve up win

Lourdes Academy won three of the four singles matches and picked up two wins in doubles to beat St. Mary’s Springs 5-2 on Thursday.

Sasha Quandt earned a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles to highlight the win. Alisha Mains at No. 2 singles and Lucy Foss at No. 4 singles also earned straight-set wins.

In doubles, Siya Pharma and Melanie Tushar at No. 1 doubles and Monse Luquin and Avery Halla at No. 2 doubles collected victories.

Volleyball

Oshkosh West rolls in conference opener

Sydnee Nelson finished with 11 kills, five aces and 13 digs to lead Oshkosh West past Appleton West, 25-20, 25-20, 25-16 in the conference opener for both teams on Thursday.

Avery Pakula added nine kills for the Wildcats, who improved to 10-3 overall on the season.

Kierstin Martin led West with 15 assists, while adding four aces, and Elaina Butz paced the team with 13 digs. Mackenzi Clark added 10 assists and Paige Secker picked up 1.5 blocks.

Spartans fall to Ghosts

Oshkosh North suffered a loss in its first Fox Valley Association match of the season, falling to Kaukauna 25-10, 25-18, 25-8.

Lourdes Academy tops Oakfield in three sets

The Knights pulled out close wins in all three sets to knock off Oakfield in a Trailways Conference volleyball match, picking up a 26-24, 25-19, 25-23 win.

Anika Lietch led the Lourdes Academy hitters with 14 kills, while Delaney Ruizinger and Sabur Machiros each finished with eight. Ruizinger also led the team with three aces.

Celia Roll ofsky racked up 35 assists in the match, while Reagan Jabre and Ruizinger finished with 18 and 12 digs, respectively.
Brent Jarad Hielsberg

Brent Jarad Hielsberg, age 34 passed away unexpectedly of a massive heart attack on Sunday August 27, 2023. Brent was born March 30, 1989, in Oshkosh to Kurt and Wendy Hielsberg. Brent had a wonderful sense of humor and was loved by all who knew him. He and Meghan (Riesel) Hielsberg and together they had two wonderful boys, Jackson and Jayden. Brent was an amazing dad and devoted his life to the boys.

Brent graduated from Oshkosh West High in 2007 and then from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2012. He met his future wife there. Brent held various positions throughout his young life, including Sales, Sales Management, Recruiter and Regional Director for various companies throughout Wisconsin. He loved people and thrived when working with others.

Brent was in love with sports throughout his life. His proudest sports achievements were being on the Oshkosh West Basketball Team as they took the state Championship two years in a row (Brent was named the Milwaukee Valentine charge!!). He also took runner-up in the Oshkosh City Golf Tournament. Brent spent most of his free time on a golf course, watching and spending time with his family and friends. Brent was usually the life of the party.

Brent was a man who shared his enormous heart with everyone and was adored by everyone he came in contact with. He was known to light up a room with his energy, nurturing instinct, mentorship, motivation, laugh and drive to provide for those he loved most. Brent prided himself on providing and caring for his family. “Family is Strength.” He adored his boys more than anything and chose them to be his source of strength through his final days.

Brent is survived by his parents, Kurt and Wendy; brother, Carson; wife, Meghan (Riesel) Hielsberg; and his two children, Jackson (5) and Jayden (3). Brent was preceded in death by his grand- father, Wayne Macdonald and grand- mother, Jean Hielsberg.

The family is holding a private memorial service for Brent. A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 29, 2023 at Rev’s.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Brent’s cousin Courtney Schroeder who spent countless hours listening and talking to Brent throughout his struggles. We would also like to extend our thanks to the entire Hielsberg family who supported and loved Brent and his family with a listening ear throughout the last several weeks, years, days to know your unwavering support is appreciated. We would like to thank God for giving us Brent and has the power to move mountains. We love and appreciate every one of you.

“We may not know how much we needed you now, but we will when we see you soon.” Until we meet again Brenty.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to assist his family in these dif- ficult times.

Harold Malnory

Harold “Hal” Malnory, passed away in his home at the age of 77 on Wednesday August 30, 2023 surrounded by his loving family and his dog Hatti after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on April 8, 1946 to Ber- ton and Millie Malnory in Tacoma, WA.

Shortly after, the family moved to Os- kosh, WI where he spent most of his life. Hal was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was an avid sportsman and accomplished athlete beginning in grade school. Throughout his high school years, he excelled in football, baseball, and basketball. Upon graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1964, he received an offer to tryout for the Milwaukee Braves. U- nfortunately, Hal decided to enlist in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Long Beach, CA. He served four years and made two trips to Vietnam on the USS Talldage.

After returning from Vietnam, Hal con- tinued his love of sports playing fast pitch softball, most notably Oregon Clothing and Tommy’s Angels. At times, you could find him in the outfield but most often as the catcher. They were members of the State Championships and in 1976, Tommy’s Angels took 4th in the ISC World Tour- nament in Long Beach, CA. After many years playing under the lights, he decid- ed to hang up his cleats. He was inducted into the Oshkosh Rec Department Hall of Fame in 1999. Hal also enjoyed calling when he entered the Winnebago County Sheriff’s department in 1975. He is a member of the SWAT team, loved competitive shooting, and loved being part of the summer boat patrol. He cherished not only the job, but his coworkers. Hal re- tired a Lieutenant in 2002. In his spare time, he enjoyed following local sports teams and never ventured too far from his well loved pets, golfing, and fishing on any of his favorite lakes.

For a short while, Hal lived in Arizona where he loved the climate and truly had an opportunity to take on his role as grand- pa, or to be better known by his grandkids as Bukka. Even when living in Arizona, he continued to watch every Brew- er game and continued to root on the Pack. As fate would have it, he returned, to Wisconsin in May of 2019.

Hal was well loved and respected by so many. Some may say the party started when he arrived, a true comedian; peo- ple loved his sense of humor. Perhaps his best trait was his loyalty and role as praetor, always looking out for his fam- ily and friends. He was fearless, a touch guy all the way until the end. Gone much too soon. Rest in peace Hal, Bukka. We will meet you on the baseball diamond in heaven.

Hal is survived by his wife of 24 years, Lisa, his two children Tammy Deemel and James Malnory, his brother Matthew (Steve) Schug and Laura (Garrick) Morgan, his great grandchildren Adalyn and Elliot Schug and Henry Morgan, his mother and father-in-law Jan, and DuBoise along with many cousins and close friends and his sweet pup Hatti. Hal was preceded in death by his parents and Mildred Malnory.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday September 7 at 3:00pm with Police and Military Honors. Visitation will be from 11:00am until time of ser- vice at Konrad-Beihlman Funeral Home 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, WI. A mor- ial will be established in Hal’s name.

Ronald L. Widmer

Ronald L. Widmer to be with his Lord on Friday, August 25, 2023. He was 84 years old, having been born in Lawrence and Norma Widmer on October 29, 1938. He graduated from Os- kosh High School in 1956 and lived his entire life in Osh- kosh. Ron served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard from 1956-1959 and was honorably discharged just before his unit was deployed for the Cuban Missile Cri- sis.

Ron married Blanche O’Keefe on No- vember 23, 1966, together they had four children; Mark (Naim), Vernon (Fran), David (Jill) and James Gary Petri

James Gary Petri

James (Jim) Gary Petri entered eternal rest on August 29, 2023. Born to Harry J and Marie A Petri (Kowal) on January 1, 1940. Jim was a good man, hard worker and loved his family. Thank you to all Brent’s family for their support. He is survived by his wife Anne R (Bray- ton), daughter Deann (Jim) Morgan, 2 grandsons, and 2 great-grandchildren. Preceded by son Christopher James.

Special thanks to SSF Health at Home for their Hospice care.
Walter M. Domnie
Walter “Walt” M. Domnie, beloved husband, grandfather, brother, and mentor passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side. He was born on August 2nd, 1951, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin to the late Oscar and Hilde (Skok) Domnie. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Manitowoc and was a member of the Lincoln Shipbuilders football and wrestling teams. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Walt retired from his career of 20 years at Watermark 47. He previously worked for Journal Communications for 14 years. As Sales Manager for both companies, he thought of everyone he worked with as an extension of his family.

Walt volunteered for the Festival of Trees, United Way, Oshkosh Area Humane Society, and Dodge Correctional Institution. He was Vice President of The Board of Directors for The Exodus House Transitional Care Facility Inc. and President of The Board of Directors for The Exodus House Foundation.

Walt was happiest creating an amazing meal for his family, on the golf course with friends and family or during an adventure, big or small, with Mary.

As a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous, he was always there to support those in need and willing to share his story with others. He leaves a legacy of service and love in the hands of all he sponsored. 417

Walt is survived by his adoring wife, Marry, two devoted daughters, who were the pride of his life, Meghan (David) Servais and Tess (Tony) Domnie Alvarez; his loving sister, Mimi (Steve) Domnie Plummer; sister-in-law, Paula (Rodney) Measure; brother-in-law, Steven (Jeri-lou) Groth; granddaughter, Ester Servais; grandsons, Morrison Servais and Alfonso Alvarez and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law, Carol Weiland and brother-in-law, Jerry Weiland.

We will remember Walt for the endless love, respect, joy, and laughter that he gave to his wife, his daughters, his grandchildren and all his friends.

A celebration of life will be held at Konrad-Beelman Funeral Home 100 Lake Pointe Drive in Oshkosh. Stop in anytime between 1 & 4 Saturday September 23rd, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Walt’s name can be made to The Exodus House Transitional Care Facility Inc., 1421 Fond du Lac Ave., Kewaskum, WI 53040 or The American Cancer Society.

A special thank you to the staff at Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic, the staff at Omro Pharmacy, the Oshkosh Fire Department, and the staff at Aurora at Home.

The Sitter family would like to thank the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, the Promedica Hospice team, as well as the nurses and doctors of Ascension Mercy Hospital for the care provided to Jim throughout the years. Also, thank you to the American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70 for the compassion and support given to Jim. Another thank you to everyone that sent cards, gifts, support, and prayers. It brought great comfort to Jim and his family on his final journey.

James J. Sitter
James “Jim” J. Sitter, age 75, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at his home surrounded by family. He was born on December 16, 1947, to the late James Sitter and Elsie Lawler. He was united in marriage to Heidi (Nicol) Balda; grandchildren, Adelle, Charlotte, and Sage; siblings, George (Carla) Sitter and Anna (Kevin) Swan. He is further survived by countless cherished in-laws.

Sister, Marcia McCutcheon.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1206 Ontario St. with Rev. Paul Lutke officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 am until the time of the service.

A special thank you to the staff at Vince Cook Fuller Post 70 for the compassion and support given to Jim. Another thank you to everyone that sent cards, gifts, support, and prayers. It brought great comfort to Jim and his family on his final journey.
Obituaries

Don McPherson
Don (Donald) Carters McPherson, 76 years old, Neenah, WI, died suddenly Au-
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Follow these steps to draw a dinosaur! Have a family member try, too!

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How did Sue find this fossil?
"I was pretty lucky," she admits. "But it does take more than just luck," she adds. Sue Hendrickson also knew the right kind of rock to explore.

Fossil Hunters Know Rocks
Different layers of rocks were formed at different times in the earth’s history. This chart, called a stratigraphic column, can help you discover in which kinds of rocks T. rex fossils could be found.

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Earth Science: Students know some kinds of organisms that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared.

Standards Link:
Life Science: Students know some kinds of soft tissues rested against, or attached to, other soft tissues rested against, or attached to, the bone.

In North America, Tyrannosaurus rex lived between 66 to 90 million years ago. They did not have wings or feathers, but could fly or swim.

Spelling:
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