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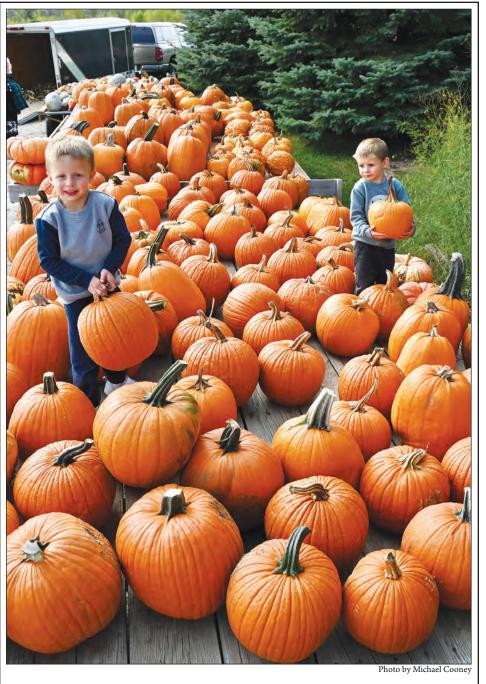


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# Hotel group makes case for Marriott

# Downtown TIF district proposed for facilities

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

The Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center could soon be a Marriott hotel. The owners of the hotel have asked that the city invest in the potential change that could bring more guests to stay the night and hold events at the Convention Center.

Scarlett Hotel Group acquired the hotel and convention center, 1 North Main St., in February. The group is hoping to be added to a tax increment financing (TIF) district to help cover the costs of converting the hotel to a new top-tier brand.

Last week the group made their preliminary presentation to the Common Council. They will submit a formal application in the future that will be followed by a closed session with city staff, council and the hotel group to go over the specifics of the agreement.

TIF districts allow municipalities to divert future property tax revenue within a defined district toward economic development projects.

Zio Pekovic of Scarlett Hotel Group (SHG) laid out their plan for the hotel and convention center at last week's council meeting. He said there is an opportunity to "unlock potential value" at

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# Domestic violence cases suffer when victims recant

# Awareness raised with educational programs

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

A Fox Crossing woman told police that her boyfriend hit her on the side of the head several times while she was holding their 9-month-old baby.

He later followed her into their daughter's bedroom with a pocketknife and said he "wishes she would die in her sleep." Then he allegedly grabbed her by the neck and restricted her ability to breathe for about 10 seconds until she kicked him off her.

Fearing for her life, she ran to a neigh-

bor's house and called 911. She was treated at a local hospital for her injuries, which included a bruised and swollen face and a broken nose.

These are the details from a Fox Crossing Police Department criminal complaint dated July 25. The Herald isn't identifying any of the defendants referenced in this article to protect the identities of the victims.



Winder

The Fox Crossing woman's 37-year-old boyfriend was charged with substantial battery with intent of bodily harm, strangulation and suffocation, and use of a dan-

gerous weapon – two felonies and a mis-

The victim is now asking prosecutors to dismiss the charges, stating that police "twisted" her words and that the charges are excessive.

District Attorney Eric Sparr, who has been a Winnebago County prosecutor since 2005, said he isn't sure whether prosecution will continue in the case, but it illustrates a scenario all too common for law enforcement. In about 80% of domestic violence cases, the victim recants, according to the National Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices Guide.

"I do think it's probably a little more common that the cases run into problems because of witness issues, either people not wanting to attend even if they're subpoenaed, or issues with people making new statements that are inconsistent with prior statements," Sparr said.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that about 36% of women and 32% of men in Wisconsin experience intimate partner physical violence, rape or stalking in their lifetimes. Wisconsin had the eighth-highest rate of females killed by males nationwide in 2020, according to the Violence Policy Center's most recent Why Men Murder Women study.

Attorney Andrea Winder, who has represented perpetrators and victims of do-

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# Tax levy options weighed by board

### School district now looks at 4% increase

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

At a recent Board of Education meeting there was public comment about raising the tax levy 12% and whether it would put an unnecessary burden on Oshkosh families.

The initial plan for the 12% increase was to help pay off its capital referendum earlier, but last week the board was shown a new plan that only increases the levy by

Drew Niehans, executive director of business services for the Oshkosh Area School District, gave a report at the meeting on the reason behind the 12% proposal and what the alternative 4% option would mean for the district's long-

"The school tax levy is the amount of money that a school district intends to raise through property taxes to meet its revenue needs, in addition to state aid, federal grants and fees," said Katie Neiman, district communications director. "That amount is expressed in a mill rate: a cost per \$1,000 figure that homeowners can use to figure out how much the district levies against any property.

"This initial recommendation balanced the school board's commitment to maintaining a consistent mill rate for taxpayers, while allowing the district to pre-pay referendum debt faster to realize more interest savings. It also supported the district's tax levy management plan to stabilize and minimize future tax impacts associated with the remaining phases of its four-phased consolidation and facilities improvement plan."

The 12% increase was proposed in September when the board approved the 2023-2024 district budget with \$135 million in projected expenses and an estimated mill rate of \$9.51. Niehans included



Drew Niehans explains the school administration's decision proposing raising the tax levy 12% at last week's Board of Education meeting. He proposed an alternate 4% increase after a few concerns from the community.

estimated projections for the 12% proposal and the alternative 4% plan. The main point he made was that the 12% tax levy increase would put the mill rate at \$9.60 for 2023-24 but would drop to \$9.39 the following year and the levy would drop about half a percent.

With the 4% tax levy proposal, the mill rate for 2023-24 would be around \$8.88 but would rise to \$9.05 the following year. Also, the tax levy could potentially rise another 4% with the stepped approach, according to Niehans. He added during the meeting that these numbers were all just estimates until data is released by the state Department of Public Instruction later this month.

He made it clear that this increase would go to paying off the 2020 referendum and not have any affect on the district's operating budget.

The 2020 referendum was for \$107 million but was set to cost taxpayers \$164 million with interest. District documents show the administration's new repayment plan is to save about \$40 million and paying about \$124 million.

The board is expected to vote on either

the 4% or 12% proposal at its Oct. 25

Board member Chris Wright said he is not in favor of the 12% proposal because of economic issues.

"I didn't feel like it was the right thing to do in this community, given the economic conditions we're currently in," he said.

Board members Kristopher Karns and Liz Szilagyi were in favor of the original 12% proposal.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said part of this stepped approach is in anticipation of possibly having another referendum in 2025 for phase 2 and 2029 for phase three of the school consolidation plan.

Phase 1 included building Vel Phillips Middle School and Menominee Elementary School along with a plethora of capital improvement projects across the schools, including safety and security im-

Phase 2 has an estimated cost of up to \$175 million and could be voted on by district residents in April 2025. It would include consolidating middle and elementary schools on the west side of Oshkosh. The district plans to replace or rebuild South Park Middle School and convert Perry Tipler Middle School into a professional development center and serve other district needs.

The plan would also consolidate elementary schools by expanding Oakwood, Carl Traeger and Franklin schools to each accommodate 600 students. Shapiro STEM Academy would be converted into a pre-kindergarten center and the district would close and sell Roosevelt Elementary. The plan also includes upgrading the North High School Performing Arts Cen-

The third phase of the plan would potentially go to referendum in April 2029 and focus on West High School and the fourth and final phase would focus on North High. There is no current timeline for when that phase would go to referen-

### UW Oshkosh announces workforce reduction

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh issued layoff notices to 140 administrative employees and staff Monday after it had projected a record deficit of up to \$18 million in its current fiscal year.

"We announced in August layoffs would be part of our plan to address an \$18 million deficit. That early notice in no way lessens the difficulty of this day," said UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "The actions we are taking are structured with stewardship: to support UWO's core academic mission, to have minimal impact on students and student success and to

sustain an institution this region, the state and its people will rely on for decades to

The university said it is providing resources, job assistance and other support to those affected, whose last day will be Jan. 20. No faculty members were part of the layoff notice.

UWO's workforce reduction plan also includes 76 employees who have accepted the voluntary retirement offer, including 49 staff members, 21 faculty members and six instructional academic staff.

There are 34.5 vacant positions that will remain unfilled, bringing the total number

of positions impacted to about 250.

Layoffs, voluntary retirements and open positions are expected to result in a total salary savings of about \$14.7 million, according to a press release from UW Oshkosh.

Twelve UWO leaders (serving in 10 positions) are being impacted by layoff, retirement or reassignment. This equates to 22 percent of the positions in the administrative organizational chart. Changes include the elimination of one of four of UWO's vice chancellor positions, four associate and assistant chancellors, four director-level positions and three other administrative posts.

### Farmers market resumes **Business news roundup**

Advocate Health has announced that Gabrielle Finley-Hazle will be joining the organization Nov. 27. as president of Aurora Health Care, leading the growth, development and strategic direction of the Wisconsin market. Finley-Hazle has more than 25 years of experience in executive positions in not-for-profit, faith-based and investor-owned health care systems. She most recently served as market president and CEO for Dignity Health Arizona Central and West Valley Markets in the Southwest Division of CommonSpirit Health. Dennis Potts, outgoing president of Aurora, will remain with the organization in an advisory capacity until his retirement.

The U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command has placed a \$39.5 million order to Oshkosh Defense for additional Remotely Operated Ground Unit for Expeditionary Fires (ROGUE-Fires) carriers and associated kits. Based on the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV), ROGUE Fires is an unmanned ground vehicle that leverages the JLTV's off-road mobility, payload capacity and advanced autonomous vehicle technologies to support its groundbased anti-ship missile operations. In August, Oshkosh Defense delivered six initial production representative models in support of the Marine Corps' modernizations plans of Force Design 2030.

**SNAP Match-20 Program** SNAP/EBT customers at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market will be able to

receive a match of up to \$20 in market tokens starting at the markets this Saturday and Oct. 28. The program will be continuing at the winter farmers market until the end of the year.

manager Michelle Market Schmid-Schultz said the market's SNAP incentive programs have become a vital part of helping SNAP/EBT customers to purchase locally grown produce and meat.

The programs are designed to encourage healthy food choice options. SNAP/ EBT clients can participate in the Match 20 Program once at each market.

# Visual art museum collective formed

A new collective of 13 statewide art museums working together to raise the profile of Wisconsin as a destination for the

visual arts has been announced by Paine Art Center and Gardens executive director Aaron Sherer.

Wisconsin Art Destinations, the first of its kind in the Midwest, was facilitated by Sherer through conversations and planning



Sherer

over two years with colleagues at other art museums. The effort invites state residents and visitors of all backgrounds, inclinations and levels of interest in art to "travel beyond your horizon" and explore art museums and their surrounding areas.

"Whether you're local to our area or are

### **Enrollment encouraged** in WIC for those eligible

Enrollment in the Wisconsin Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is underway this week through Friday through the Winnebago County Health Depart-

The program offers nutrition education, healthy food and support to pregnant women, new mothers and young children. These benefits include access to healthy foods, nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support and referrals to other health care providers.

For those who are pregnant or have a child under age 5, health officials encourage them to visit winnebagocountywi.gov/health or contact the WIC program at 920-232-3000 to learn more about enrolling.

just passing through, it's our goal that you don't just stop to visit us, but you also take the opportunity to travel to one, two, three or more of our fellow art museums across the state," Sherer said. "We're proud to be sharing the power of art and elevating the vitality it brings to our communities and state."

Each museum conveys its own sense of the state's culture of independence and originality through its building, exhibitions and educational experiences, while similar in their devotion to igniting a sense of discovery for visitors. The goal of the collective is to increase art museum attendance in general by highlighting the individuality of each museum and its community and encouraging visits to multiple art museums during one trip.

"There's so much great art to see right now. You can enjoy exquisite crafts down at the Racine Art Museum, and all the

way up in Wausau, you can experience the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's celebrated 'Birds in Art' exhibition," Sherer said. "In between, there's contemporary African art on view at the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison, and there's the John Michael Kohler Art Center's mind-blowing new Art Preserve in Sheboygan. And this is just four of the art destinations."

Besides the Paine, Wisconsin Art Destinations include Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass in Neenah, Chazen Museum of Art, Haggerty Museum of Art in Milwaukee, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Milwaukee Art Museum, Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend, Racine Art Museum, Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc and Trout Museum of Art in Appleton.

The caravan left the airport at 11:06 a.m. and were led by three Oshkosh police motorcycles and a squad car. Following the Wallace hardtop sedan were six cars with Wallace staff members and two buses loaded with visiting newsmen. At Monument Square a speaker's stand was erected and High Avenue was blocked off to accommodate the mass of attendees and onlookers – some pro and some con. Wallace, a candidate of the American Independent Party ticket, sometimes smiled and scowled at protesters, occasionally interrupting his speech to trade barbs and insults with them. He ended his speech at 12:30 p.m.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Oct. 22, 1968



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**Presidential Candidate Wallace Visits** Oshkosh: Presidential candidate George Wallace arrived in Oshkosh today as part of his campaign across the U.S. His plane touched down at the Winnebago County Airport at 10:50 a.m. where he was greeted by a small crowd of enthusiastic supporters before the Wallace motorcade made its way downtown to Monument Square.

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# Case of multiple vehicle thefts goes to plea hearing

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

A man has been charged with multiple counts of taking vehicles without consent from a Fox Crossing auto dealer and stealing other property throughout Winnebago County. The case was set for a plea hearing last week before the defendant's attorney said his client was talking with police about the case and needed to delay the hearing.

Sergio Sarabia, 39, Berkeley, Ill., went into court last week facing 10 felony counts spanning from take and drive vehicle without consent to theft of movable property over \$100,000. Every count comes with a modifier of party to a crime that could lead to a harsher sentence.

The case was set for a plea hearing last week. In a Winnebago County courtroom, Sarabia's attorney Amaro Lopez informed Judge Michael Gibbs that they will need a couple of months before a plea hearing because Sarabia was speaking with police

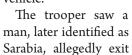
Sarabia sat in court in custody and was able to participate in the hearing with the help of a translator. He remains in custody on a \$50,000 cash bond.

Gibbs allowed for this extra time and set

a new plea hearing for Dec. 11.

According to the criminal complaint, a state trooper was parked on Interstate 41 and saw a white pickup truck towing a red pickup truck and a trailer with ATVs/

UTVs on June 14, 2022, in North Fond du Lac. The vehicle was located at Stretch Gas Station when the trooper attempted to make contact with the vehicle.



the white pickup truck, unhook the red pickup truck and drove off in the white pickup truck. There was a man with the red pickup truck that said he did not know Sarabia. The red pickup truck was reported stolen out of Chicago.

Online records show Eliud B. Quiroz-Gutierrez, 39, Chicago, was charged with the same 10 felony counts Sarabia is facing along with every count having the party to a crime modifier. In June, Quiroz-Gutierrez pleaded no contest to four counts of theft of movable property and one count of take and drive vehicle without consent, the remaining five charges were dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes. He received a sentence of five years' probation.

There were two ATVs and one UTV on the trailer at the gas station that were registered to several people and businesses. One of the businesses was in the Town of Oshkosh and another in the Town of Al-

The complaint states the white pickup truck was stopped in Washington County and driven by Sarabia. Washington County sheriff's deputies reported finding several keys and key fobs inside the truck, which was stolen from a business in Algo-

The investigation by the Fox Crossing Police Department and deputies with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office continued with an auto dealership employee contacting police about an apparent burglary in Fox Crossing.

There were three vehicles missing from the auto dealership lot along with between 18 and 20 keys to other vehicles still on the lot. Police reviewed surveillance video of the business allegedly showing a man carrying a crowbar and then another man approaches and the door is pried open.

Chicago police reported finding one of the vehicles June 11 and Carol Stream police in Illinois reported a different stolen vehicle linked to the case June 18.

Authorities allege there is video from a business in the Town of Vinland on June 10 showing all three vehicles reported stolen from the Fox Crossing dealer. The video shows a 24-foot trailer being attached to one of the alleged stolen vehicles and the men attempting to load two UTVs and one ATV onto the trailer. One of the UTVs fell off the trailer and sustained damage when the vehicle drove away.

A warrant was obtained by authorities to search the initial red pickup truck that was pulled over driven by Quiroz-Guttierez. Inside the vehicle there were allegedly items linked to the various victims' businesses.

Sarabia was at the Fond du Lac County Jail on June 15 when he agreed to speak with officers. He told an officer that the other suspect, Quiroz-Gutierrez, was his boss and at one point had a gun pointed at his head.

When police searched the red truck, they allegedly found a semiautomatic handgun with bullets and 13.7 grams of methamphetamine.

### Drug Drop program promotes safe disposal of household medications

Winnebago County Public Health and other community organizations are promoting an easy way for residents to safely dispose of unused medications with its Drug Drop program.

The annual National Drug Take Back Day is being recognized Oct. 28 at various

Medications can be brought to one of

the designated drop-off locations and deposit them in a secure box. The medications are sorted and safely and properly disposed of. The program is free and anonymous, and no personal information

By disposing of expired or unused prescription medications in the Drug Drop, it helps improve the water quality of Lake Winnebago, prevent prescription drug misuse and accidental poisonings.

In 2022, health department staff assisted with sorting about 2,300 pounds of medication from the Oshkosh location.

For more information, including permanent drop-off locations and accepted medications, visit winnebagocountywi.gov/ node/3771 or contact 920-232-3000.

This event, which happens two times each year, encourages the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes. Last year over 55,000 pounds of unwanted medications were collected across Wisconsin - the most in the nation!

Get additional information on the National Drug Take Back Day from DHS

### Women invited to event at Qamar Mosque

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Contact Duresameen Ahmad at 920-216-3131 or oshkoshsadr@lajnausa.net for more information or to RSVP.







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# Women gained labor strength in 1898 strike

By Virginia Glenn Crane WISCONSIN LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY

In 1898, a strike by woodworkers in Oshkosh generated some of the most dramatic moments in the history of women in Wisconsin. Immigrant working-class women participated in the strike as wage workers and helpmeets, as street fighters and political operatives.

The outcome failed to improve wages and working conditions materially, or to change the character of Oshkosh in any significant way, but the events of the summer of 1898 comprise a compelling story of traditionally marginalized women who, for a fleeting moment, spoke truth to power and challenged the hierarchies and conventions of their culture.

At the end of the 19th century, Oshkosh was a lumbering center with a population of about 28,000. It had long been known as the "Sawdust City" and was dominated economically by seven large companies that manufactured doors, blinds, window sashes and custom millwork.

In 1898, George Milton Paine of the Paine Lumber Co. was the corporate monarch of Oshkosh.

Throughout the 1890s, he and other local lumber company executives imported cheap foreign labor, repeatedly cut wages, and hired women and children for half the pay that men received. Wages in the local millwork industry were so low - about 90 cents for a 10-hour day - that the international labor press referred to Oshkosh as the "slave wage capital of the world."

Local woodworkers, hampered by the

disproportionate power of labor and capital as well as their own cultural divisions and the conservatism of their churches, were slow to organize unions. Eventually, however, they established four locals, united under a Woodworkers' Council, and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

When millowners ignored these novice labor organizations' efforts to increase wages, the rank and file concluded that a strike was the only way to improve their

What the union men and women of Oshkosh had set out to accomplish in 1898 was to increase working men's wages, and, more profoundly, to induce capitalists to share their profits and power with labor. It was an impossible dream. In practical terms, the woodworkers strike was a fail-

Yet despite this grim reality of loss and retreat, the naive and courageous pursuit of an unattainable goal of equality by a powerless working-class community makes the story of the Oshkosh strike all the more compelling. In human terms, it succeeded as one of those rare instances when oppressed men and women broke through the barriers of class and culture and seized their rights as autonomous cit-

WLHS is putting on a forum, "Victory for Workers in Millwork Capital: 125th Anniversary of Oshkosh Woodworkers Strike," at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Oshkosh Public Library. Find details at wisconsinlaborhistory.org.

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### Historical society elects new president

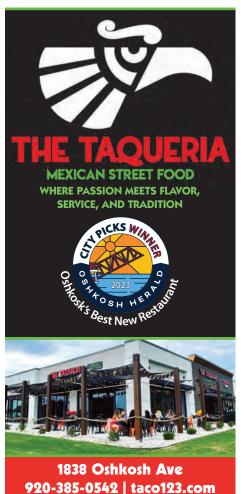
The Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society elected new officers and honored its retiring president at its annual meeting Oct. 8 at the historic Morgan House, the society's headquarters on Church Avenue.

President Randy Domer announced his retirement after serving 11 years as a board member, including eight years as president. He was honored with the Clarence J. Jungwirth Historian Award in recognition of his contributions to preserve

and promote local history.

Austin M. Frederick was elected as new president, Stacey Frank as vice president, Chelsey Smit as secretary and Greg Bellmer as treasurer.

Another focus of the meeting was restoration and conservation work on the Morgan House's interior, particularly the restoration of the Lincrusta and Anaglypta wall coverings this year. Steam damaged portions of the wall coverings in the parlor, and a large section of plaster ceiling collapsed last year.





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### **Grundman landing**

Workers with Jahnke Electric run service wiring at the Grundman Boat Landing on Lake Winnebago in the Town of Vinland last week as the public landing undergoes a major reconstruction project. The \$1.8 million improvement and renovation, set to be completed in the spring, will expand the parking and staging areas, add boat launches, improve the walking trail, lighting and bathroom facilities, and add a small shelter, floating dock and kayak launch. A new well is also being installed with the hope of adding a future boat wash station.

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# Chamber enters new fiscal year with strong initiatives

By Mike Pack
OSHKOSH CHAMBER CHAIRMAN

As the Oshkosh Chamber begins its new 2024 fiscal year, I am honored to be recognized as the new chairman of the board and am eager to lead with the support of our exceptional group of business leaders on the board of directors.

The Chamber's mission is to provide leadership and represent our members so their businesses and our community will prosper. I look forward to helping the Chamber accomplish this mission and be a collaborative partner on many community initiatives.

In 2023, the Chamber's board invested time and resources to update our strategy. I am pleased to report that we will be focused on many initiatives that will aim to improve our local economy.

We will focus on our four strategic pillars: Economic Development, Education and Talent Development, Advocacy for Local Businesses, and Programs and Services for members.

I am pleased to report that the Oshkosh Chamber is in a very sound financial position, and we have many reasons to be optimistic for a bright future. In 2023, the Chamber transitioned its leadership to president and CEO Rob Kleman, who had been with the Chamber for over three decades in an economic development role following the retirement of longtime president and CEO John Casper. John had a very successful tenure as the Chamber's president and CEO and we look forward to continued success under Rob's leadership.

The Chamber has emerged from the COVID pandemic stronger with a renewed sense of optimism. We are fully restaffed with a dedicated team of professionals that will enable execution of our strategy. We have seen record attendance at many of our Chamber events and activities in 2023.



This is positive news and I encourage our members to continue to stay involved, attend our networking and educational events, and participate as much as possible. I am confident that you will enjoy these opportunities.

Other examples of our progress in 2023 includes the graduation of more than 40 Leadership Oshkosh students and re-establishment of educational programming. This also includes the restart of the Youth Leadership Oshkosh program for 22 high school students in the Oshkosh area.

We have developed a new pilot Chamber Concierge program to assist local companies in talent recruitment efforts, and our economic development department is back on the road promoting our development opportunities at national trade shows and events. We will continue to report on our progress in future Herald columns.

I am also pleased to report that the Oshkosh Chamber currently has nearly 900 members. As the voice and guardian of the Oshkosh business community, we represent, advocate for and promote our members. It's through the support of these members that we can continue to drive our community forward. If you are currently not a member of the Oshkosh Chamber, I encourage you to consider joining one of the nation's only five-star accredited Chamber and experience all the benefits our organization has to offer.

The Oshkosh Chamber is here to help, and I look forward to serving as chairman of the board in 2024. Together, we will create a brighter future for Oshkosh.

Mike Pack is executive vice president and chief financial officer at Oshkosh Corp.





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# FVTC training center allows hands-on building experience

By Carmelyn Daley-Hinkens FVTC communications

It is only fitting that shovels of dirt be turned over to officially kick off the construction of a new training center for students in the Construction Management Technology (CMT) program.

When completed, the Construction Training Center (CTC) will allow students to construct and reuse a one-story, 1,000+ square foot mock building each semester. About 2.6 acres of college-owned property on Waupun Road in Oshkosh are being developed to create the new training facility. The project will include a 5,000-square-foot building to store reusable materials and equipment, a field office and site storage typically seen on a commercial construction site.

"We are developing project managers; the premise of the CTC is to introduce students to building products, site sequencing, logistics and installation methods," says Rich Cass, department chair of

Construction Management Technology. "When students are budgeting, scheduling and managing the work they will be better equipped to do so after building it themselves in a controlled, realistic environment."

The CMT associate degree program has seen steady growth since it was launched in 2009 and has outgrown the indoor lab it uses at the S.J. Spanbauer Center in Oshkosh. The new site will have enough room for 16 students to work together at one time.

"Instead of learning in an indoor classroom laboratory, students will now learn in a more realistic environment where they are dealing with the elements like sun, rain, and snow," Rich explains. "It will also be truer to life when it comes to the actual size of the components. For example, instead of a five-foot steel column in the old lab, they will now be standing a 12-foot steel column with a crane. It is essentially a job site."

The \$1.4 million outdoor job site lab



A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Construction Management Technology program.

should be ready for students in spring 2024. Donors to the project include CR

Meyer, Boldt, Omni Glass & Paint, The Commonwealth Cos. and Wells Concrete.

# Oshkosh Chamber Singers to present their annual fall concert

"Choral Couplings: The Power of Two" will be presented by Oshkosh Chamber Singers in its fall concert Oct. 28 beginning at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Pairs of varied compositions are titled "On the Lake," "Whispered Voices," "Singing Our History," "Visions of Strength," "The Shores of Hope," "Wonder of Night" and "Anchored." They include works by Ola Gjeilo, Elaine Hagenberg, Stephen Foster, traditional spirituals, Eric Whitacre, Desmond Earley and Stephen Chatman.

The Chamber Singers are directed by

Herb Berendsen, who retired from public school teaching in 2015 after 33 years in education. He also conducts the Mac-Dowell Male Chorus of Appleton and the Accordo Choirs in the Green Bay Boy and Girl Choir organization.

Accompanist Sarah E. Wheeler collaborates in musical theater, vocal, choral and instrumental music, and is staff pianist at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music. Other instrumentalists in the concert will include a string quartet, oboe, guitar and percussion.

Tickets are \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 at the door, and \$5 for students,

and available either from singers, at Heid Music and at Gardina's Wine Bar and Cafe.

Adopt a Family donors sought by B&G Club

Each Christmas season, with help from donors, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh tries to ease the burden on families in need through its Adopt a Family program.

Extra expenses for things like gifts are not always possible for a struggling family. Families create wish lists for the children in their household – basic needs, clothing,

The club anonymously matches families with donors that can help. Donors will be matched beginning in late October through early December as families become available.

More information is at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.

Other ways to help include putting together a hygiene basket with basic household items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent and hand soap.

Contact Bethany Ferguson, Boys & Girls Club development and grants coordinator, at 920-233-1414, ext. 122, or bethanyf@bgcosh.org.

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Veterinary services adjusting to meet growing demand

# Tips offered for better pet care experience

By Cheryl Hentz Herald Contributor

Last week, we looked at the significant problem of a veterinary shortage in the United States, including in our neck of the woods, and the many things causing it

Some local veterinarians are not currently taking on new patients unless the owner is an established client adopting another pet. Others are accepting new clients, while others say they are just taking it one day at a time.

But there is some good news on the horizon.

Valley Veterinary Hospital went from a small clinic with only two exam rooms at their former location to a brand-new facility at 2765 Jackson St. this year, with six exam rooms and state-of-the-art equipment with all the bells and whistles.

They're also looking to add an urgent care operation to their clinic in the fore-seeable future.

"That will definitely fill a need within the (Oshkosh) community. There's not another emergency facility outside of Blue Pearl (formerly the Animal Referral Center) in Appleton within a 75-mile radius," said practice manager Stephanie Zeddies, a certified veterinary technician at Valley Veterinary Hospital. "Our thought process is to fill that need by offering urgent care services. We're currently interviewing for those positions."

She can't say when their urgent care will open because they're still in the early stages of interviewing but are hoping to open it sometime in 2024.

"We are hiring for both (our general practice and the urgent care). We'd love to add an additional general practice DVM and one to two urgent care doctors," Zeddies said, adding that they want to have just the right candidate or candidates in place before opening their urgent care, making it right for everyone involved.

"But what I imagine it would look like would be our seeing less severe cases, just like a human urgent care. It would be more minor things that could be addressed within a timely manner. Any kind of orthopedic surgery or things along those lines, or overnight stays, we would still refer to Blue Pearl."

While an urgent care veterinary service in Oshkosh is much needed and will be welcomed, it will not eliminate the veterinarian and support staff shortage.



Veterinarian services in the region and nationally have been in more demand while pet care resources are being challenged.

That said, there are many things pet owners can do to make the shortage easier on them and their pets.

- Before adopting a pet, make sure your vet is taking on new patients of existing clients; or if this is a first-time pet, make sure the vet you call is taking on new cli-
- When you know you're adopting a pet, call the vet ASAP to schedule a wellness exam appointment, rather than waiting until you actually have gotten the pet.
- Schedule appointments for routine things in advance. It's not uncommon to make appointments six months to a year in advance for wellness exams, vaccines, etc. When you are at the vet for a wellness exam or vaccinations, make an appointment for the next time. If you get a reminder card in the mail, call right away to schedule an appointment rather than waiting until the shots or exam are due.
- Expect that if you call with a concern about your pet's health, you may have to wait a couple of weeks to get in.
- Just because you may not see a lot of cars in a vet's parking lot, it doesn't mean they're not busy. There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes that people aren't aware of. The vet may be juggling intense internal medicine cases over the phone with three specialists to take good

care of a patient.

- "Expect the veterinary staff to ask you more questions than normal over the phone to see if they can manage the problem that way," said Heidi Burnett, doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) with Animal Hospital of Oshkosh. "If they do ask you triage questions over the phone, be very direct, factual and brief in your answers."
- Understand that if your current vet doesn't have an opening, you may have to take your pet to an emergency clinic or other veterinarian office, especially if the case is serious. Your vet's office will understand and not be upset with you for going elsewhere for treatment of a problem. All vets, regardless of the practice, are on the same team. If you do have to go to another vet, ask the treating veterinarian to send reports, images, etc. to your existing vet so they can be aware of what's going on and can maintain that information, especially if they must see your pet for follow-up or at some point in the future.
- Have a healthy understanding of the shortage and be patient and kind when calling your vet or any vet office for that matter. They are not trying to avoid seeing you and your pet. They are trying their best with only so many hours in a day and so much staff, and trying to figure out when or if they can get someone in.
- Do what you can with preventive medicine, advises Lowell Wickman, DVM and owner of Badgerland Veterinary Clinic. "Preventative care is always a way to stay ahead of most things and

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stave things off before they get serious. All too often people let things slide until it becomes an emergency situation."

- Instead of buying a puppy or kitten online, from a breeder, or from signs that you see along the side of the road, "look around for a pet from a shelter or rescue where there's already a dog or cat in need of a home. We don't need to continue to add to the population," Wickman said. "When you (get a pet from those other sources) you're just adding to the population of pets that need veterinary care. It also opens a spot for a breeder to continue breeding pets. There are enough pets in shelters, rescue and humane societies in this country without producing new ones all the time."
- Spay or neuter pets. Without that there are a lot of unnecessary births because too many people don't control their pet's breeding habits well enough.
- Feed pets well and keep them as healthy as possible.
- Be flexible with how your pets are being seen and cared for. "If a schedule is completely booked, many clinics will offer a drop-off service where you can leave your pet there for the day and it can be seen in between appointments," said Dr. Heidi Leder with Appanasha Pet Clinic. "The staff can then call and offer a plan of care later. We offer this a lot, but clients often turn it down. Be open to alternatives ways of having your pet cared for versus having a specific appointment at a specific time."
- Many clinics have a wait list, so if a cancellation occurs, people can perhaps be squeezed in.
- Many veterinary clinics also have emergency spots or same-day appointments that are held open on their calendar and filled on a day-to-day basis for that same day, as situations arise. There may be a few openings in some veterinary schedules if something comes up and a pet needs to be seen that same day. But those are often filled quickly.
- Consider pet insurance. Unfortunately, vet bills can come with high price tags, and it can be hard not to let that affect your pet health care decisions. A major benefit of pet insurance is that it can reimburse you for vet costs, helping you get your pet the care they need without hesitation.

"Many pet insurance companies have wellness plans as well as emergency plans. And plans are often customizable, based on the family and their budget," said Zeddies. "Some plans are strictly for emergencies with no deductible. Wellness-type plans cover a lot more things, but they are a little more expensive and often have a deductible. But having some kind of pet insurance makes your relationship with your vet (much) better because you're not worried about your finances and you're just going to do what's best for your pet. Taking the financial aspect out of your visit allows for the best care."



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### Students work to provide feminine products

The Monthlies Project, a group dedicated to providing free period products in local school bathrooms to students from refugee families and families in poverty, is collecting products for the Winnebago Area Literacy Council with the help of Oshkosh West Global Academy members.

Through the leadership of West seniors Olivia Baus and Annabelle Brest, the group is asking that donations be made of unopened packages of period pads and liners. Collection boxes will be located at West High through Nov. 4, followed by Oshkosh North the week of Nov. 5-11.

The effort will also be promoted at the Race for the Light 5K event on Dec. 2 that will be held at the EAA grounds with a goal of filling the United Way Trailblazer with products.

Its online donation page benefits Oshkosh Area United Way and the Monthlies Project. More information can be found on the Instagram page @fighting\_period-poverty.



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### Flight fund aided

Vietnam Veterans of America and Chapter 437 of Oshkosh recently donated \$5,000 to the Old Glory Honor Flight, an organization dedicated to transporting local war veterans to Washington, D.C., free of charge. Chapter president Duane Canon (right) presents the check to Old Glory board member Lorraine Van Kampen, which will help 100 veterans visit their war memorial. In a separate fundraiser for the honor flights, Pulling for Honor volunteers raised \$170,000 at Appleton International Airport on Sept. 16 where teams competed in pulling a Boeing 757 aircraft 20 feet.







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### Class of 1952 reunion

Graduates of the Oshkosh High School Class of 1952 met recently at The Roxy Supper Club for their 71-year reunion with 23 of the 465 graduates attending. The school was in the current Oshkosh City Hall that had a red brick building attached to the north-side building that was used for classrooms.



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# UWO journalism department undergoes rebranding as AMP

By Shane Nyman UW Oshkosh Today

Like the media environment its graduates are immersed in, the journalism department at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is always evolving.

Case in point: With the arrival of the fall semester came a rebranding. What was the journalism department is now the advertising, multimedia journalism and public relations – or AMP – department

Each of those three subjects is its own major, offering students three different paths to a degree within the modern multifaceted media department. Each is offered as a minor or certificate. Media studies is a fourth minor and social media is a fourth certificate.

Whichever path a student chooses, they will learn the foundational skills that then will lead them to a variety of career options in creative fields. Because despite the always-changing nature of the media environment, the ability to grab the attention of an audience and tell a compelling story never goes out of style

"AMP is a new department name that represents our three college-to-career majors," said Timothy Gleason, AMP department chair and professor, "and it represents the sound of success our alumni achieve in their professions."

Perhaps the most accomplished graduate of the journalism program, which spans more than 50 years at the UWO, is 1995 graduate Jim VandeHei. While educated in an era focused on traditional newspaper reporting, his career has been one of reinvention again and again. Since starting in Oshkosh, he climbed from

smaller Washington, D.C., outlets to covering congress for the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post. He then co-founded Politico and later Axios, two media organizations built around new ideas and fresh ways of presenting news and analysis

Earlier this year, VandeHei returned to his alma mater as a guest speaker. Fittingly, part of his message was how change is one of the few constants in life. That's a bedrock principle when working in and with the media – that's why transferable skills are key to the AMP department's approach.

"It's all tools in the toolbox, so students are able to adjust wherever they go," Gleason said.

The department prides itself in its graduates being immediately hirable.

UW Oshkosh is home to one of just two media programs in the state to have earned accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. UWO also is the only school in the UW System to offer advertising or public relations majors.

"We try to make sure we're always paying attention to the industry and we're adjusting to prepare students for what's next," said Kristine Nicolini, associate professor. "It's an exciting time to be in our space."

Brody Karmenzind, a 2014 graduate who majored in journalism with an advertising emphasis, now works in Chicago as a client partner at Meta (formerly Facebook), leading a team that manages a \$100 million-plus book of business for the company's highest priority advertisers.

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UW Oshkosh's journalism department has taken on a new title as the advertising, multimedia journalism and public relations (AMP) department.

reer, he's seen his share of changes — all while climbing from his first job out of college with Pandora to now having the most prestigious enterprise sales position at Meta. But the practical skills, like communication in a variety of mediums, working in teams and creating advertising campaigns, have always been the foundation.

"There's no more important skill than being able to convey information in a helpful, concise and effective way," he said. "This has been something I've been able to use daily since I left the program and has helped me tremendously with the jobs I have had since graduation."

Anna Murphy-Pociask, a 2023 public relations grad, is touring the country for a year representing Oscar Mayer.

Anna Murphy-Pociask graduated in May with a public relations degree and social media certificate. While in school, she served as president of UWO's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter and interned with the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau. She credits her outside-the-classroom activities with helping her land her first job after graduation: touring the country for a year as a Hotdogger in the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile.

"I felt that the department has an outstanding team of professors and advisers," she said. "I felt fully supported in classes and clubs I was a part of. It is very helpful that the classes had real-life and hands-on experiences so I could be prepared for my role post-graduation."

PRSSA is one of many student organizations, clubs or other groups that can give AMP students experience. The Advance-Titan is the student-run campus newspaper that publishes weekly during the fall and spring semester. Ad Club is an option for students with an interest in advertising and is open to all majors.

Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association (NEWSPA) is another long-running learning and networking opportunity for AMP students.

"Every student has applied experience, whether that's with an internship, working with client projects or they're involved with a student club that's doing a campaign," Nicolini said. "We tell them you need two or three of those, that one is not enough. You might not figure out your passion by doing just one."

Gleason spent years as a photojournalist before turning to academia. Nicolini worked more than a decade in strategic marketing, communications and public relations in corporate, nonprofit and agency environments. A strong suit of the department, Nicolini said, is its educators all have experience in the industry.

And the faculty are far from the only experienced professionals making an impact on students – another priority for the department is keeping a network of alumni and others working in and with the media involved.

Gleason said the AMP department has an advisory board, including some UWO graduates, who meet every semester with the faculty to talk about changes in the industry and how to best set students up for success. The department also constantly is in contact with other alumni for the same purpose.

Karmenzind is a perfect example of how these connections can go a long way. Through his involvement in NEWS-PA, he met 2008 graduate Kirsten Strom, who minored in journalism at UWO and had recently started a job at Pandora. That helped him secure an internship, which then led to his first job after college. He called it the "biggest career-altering opportunity" he's had.

"At the end of the day, companies are just groups of people working towards specific goals and having personal connections to these groups of people is the most important way to get a student's foot in the door for opportunities," Karmenzind said. "However, once your foot is in the door, you have to show up strong!"

Showing up strong is something UWO advertising, multimedia journalism and public relations graduates are prepared to do. It was true under the former name and same goes for the rebranded AMP department.

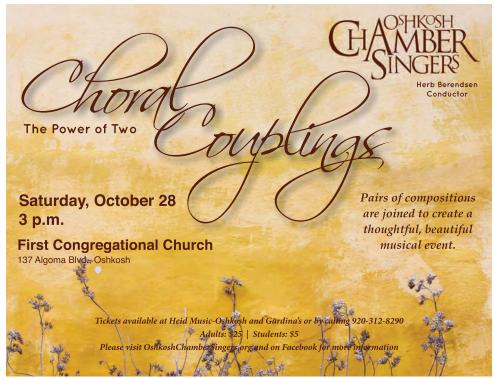
"When people come through the department they feel like they're part of a community and we're here to help them," Nicolini said. "We're not going to give up on them and we're going to give them the tools they need."



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### **Hotel changes**

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the property. Part of that is changing the hotel from a Best Western to a Marriott, and he said they are having serious conversations with Marriot.

He said Marriot Bonvoy has the world's largest customer loyalty program. The Marriott website boasts 173 million members using the program.

"We felt there could be a different branding strategy, which is typical in our business," Pekovic said. He said a brand change could help lift the perception of the hotel and convention center.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said it's important for the city to have the facilities run by a top-tier hotel brand, and for the convention center being busy for Oshkosh.

"Getting conventions into that building next, besides filling your beds, is also a huge priority for us and the community," he said.

The group owns hotels in the Midwest and southeast United States. Pekovic showed draft renderings of the hotel with Marriott signage.

Pekovic gave his pitch for including the hotel in an existing TIF district created in 2012. He said it would cost \$10 million to convert the space to a Marriott. Representatives from Marriott came to the site and did a rundown of everything that would need to be updated, including new night-stands and mattresses in the guest rooms.

"Basically, soup to nuts on what the requirements are in order to have this property compliant with what their brand standards are," Pekovic said, noting that even if the hotel would stay under the Best Western name there would be upgrades estimated at about \$4 million.

Pekovic said the SHG lenders' appraised value of the hotel once the \$10 million renovations have occurred would be \$23.1 million. He said their budget to convert is \$26.1 million and was asking to join the TID help cover the \$2.9 million gap.

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"We're here tonight to request the cities assistance in helping to bridge that gap, which is just under \$3 million," he said

Potential economic benefits to the hotel becoming a Marriott include additional room tax revenue that would bring in \$100,000 annually associated with higher room fees and up to eight new positions at the hotel. Those jobs would come from expanding the restaurant and bar as well as staffing the M Club, which includes a lounge and concierge service for Marriott Loyalty members.

Pekovic said converting the hotel to a Marriott would position it as the top meeting place in the region. SHG hired a TIF specialist that reported the TID could earn more than \$7 million over the next 16 years the TID No. 25 is open, with about \$3 million of that going back to SHG, according to their numbers.

The hotel and convention center has served locals and guests downtown for more than 35 years. The property includes 176 guest rooms, 5,600 square feet of meeting/event space in the hotel, another 19,000 square feet of meeting space in the convention center, its Ground Round restaurant and catering services.

#### Native artifacts find

The council approved an additional \$169,782 for the cost of archaeological investigations in Menominee Park. The team is from the Cultural Resource Management program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and has done many of these investigations, including at Lakeshore Park in Oshkosh and along Lakeshore Avenue in Neenah.

UW-Milwaukee's Jennifer Haas said an extensive American Indian village, going back to around A.D. 1000 to 900, was found at Menominee Park as crews prepared for Pratt Trail road reconstruction. Archaeologists were on the site before the work had begun.

The investigation has revealed up to 550 cultural artifacts, including house features, cooking pits and trash pits.





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The Best Western Hotel and Convention Center could undergo a rebranding to Marriott under a financing proposal being made to the city.



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### **Domestic violence**

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mestic violence, said Wisconsin has a mandatory arrest policy in these cases.

"When police are called to investigate any sort of allegation of domestic violence, they actually are required to arrest someone if they have probable cause that a crime was committed and that there's a domestic relationship between those individuals," she said. "It's a mandatory arrest policy, whether or not the victim wants them to arrest that individual."

Winder said a common misconception is that a domestic violence victim has the option on whether to press charges against the perpetrator.

"The district attorney's office, in their sole discretion, gets to decide what to charge if anything, even if the victim is saying, 'I don't want that.'" she said. "And the state has an interest in prosecuting these sorts of things because they're trying to show the community that this behavior won't be tolerated."

In an Oshkosh case, a pregnant woman told police she was with her boyfriend in Asylum Point Park in December when he accused her of cheating and began punching her upper body, stomach and the left side of her face. He also allegedly pointed a gun at her and told her, "We're going to drive to Milwaukee to my mom's house where I'm gonna kill you."

The victim later recanted, claiming nothing physical occurred that night and that she exaggerated. The two felonies and four misdemeanors he was facing were dismissed after the victim told prosecutors she was unwilling to participate in the trial.

Christy Coenen, Harbor House Domestic & Sexual Violence Center director of

services, said the reasons behind recantation are as nuanced as the charges themselves. The victim may be experiencing manipulation and threats from the offender. They may be ashamed and embarrassed. They may have reconciled with their abuser or remain in communication with them.

"I think that there's a lot to consider when you're talking about having to poten-

tially give evidence that supports a prosecution against a person that you either are currently in a relationship with, have been in a relationship with, or continue to have a connection with because of children, family situations, or a mix of all those things," she said.



Hirsch

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services director Carly Hirsch said those who commit violent acts may minimize the incident, deny it happened and blame the victim.

"An abusive tactic that people who harm use is trying to control that participation in the legal system," Hirsch said.

Domestic violence victims who contact authorities often want the abuse to stop, but don't want their abuser arrested and prosecuted.

"And so going through the criminal justice system doesn't necessarily stop the behavior," Coenen said. "I think it can create additional barriers or issues within the relationship that oftentimes aren't considered."

Sparr said when a victim recants it makes prosecution challenging and while prosecutors could legally arrest a victim to pursue a case, it's rare and reserved for particularly egregious violations.

"Some of those we can proceed on and

some we can't," he said. "One of the difficult things for prosecutors in any case is that they have to take into account the victim's wishes."

Winder countered that while some prosecutors respect the victim's wishes, there are others who only take the victim's wishes into consideration when they align with what prosecutors want.



Coenen

"If the victim is pursuing a conviction and wants to see a conviction, then the prosecutor is more than happy to make their voice heard and respect that," she said. "But then, on the flip side, a common thing I see happen is there's a domestic incident and a prosecutor

will show up at an initial appearance or a bail hearing and request as a condition of bail no contact between the two parties."

Winder said having a no contact order in place can strain domestic relationships, especially when the individuals were living together or share children.

"It makes them feel less empowered because they are grown adults who are trying to make their voices heard, but it's not what the state wants to hear," she said.

In some cases, prosecution may continue without the victim's cooperation, particularly if there is another witness that can testify such as a neighbor or child. Sparr said prosecutors may also provide both the victim's initial statement and later inconsistent statement to the jury.

"For (the jury) to find someone guilty, they have to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that something happened," he said. "So, sometimes they might look at those inconsistent statements and think they have a pretty good guess of what the facts really were; but sometimes that doesn't quite meet the threshold of beyond a reasonable doubt."

Prosecutors may also reduce the charges after a victim recants, which is what happened in an incident in Oshkosh in February when a woman reported that during an argument her 30-year-old boyfriend grabbed her face and squeezed her cheeks, which were both pierced, causing her piercings to painfully dig into her face.

Documents say the woman was able to remove his hands from her cheeks at which point he allegedly grabbed around her neck with both hands, causing her to temporarily lose the ability to breathe and told her, "I'm going to kill you." He also grabbed her phone and threw it across the room, causing the screen to break.

The couple's 5-year-old child witnessed the incident and ran out of the apartment to alert the victim's mom, who lived in an apartment downstairs. The boyfriend was arrested and charged with two felonies and four misdemeanors.

One week later, the victim contacted police and asked that charges be dropped. She said she has not had contact with the defendant and believed he was residing in Milwaukee. During a traffic stop in Oshkosh a month later, the victim was driving the vehicle and the defendant was a passenger.

Based on the victim recanting and remaining in a relationship with the defendant, prosecutors moved to amend the charges to remove the felonies and add a repeater enhancer to the misdemeanor counts, noting he has three previous convictions that include criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and battery.

Sparr said domestic violence defendants frequently end up back in court for similar charges.

"That's a pretty common thing all around the country for domestic violence that we do see people reoffend," he said.

Coenen said the propensity to use abusive behaviors may be generational and while reoffending is common, she believes intervention programs can help.

Harbor House in Appleton offers no cost services and a shelter for domestic violence survivors in northeast Wisconsin. The organization reports a 40% increase in domestic violence services this year compared to previous years.

"We're not here to tell a person what to do, whether that be to stay or to leave, because we know that there's safety ramifications either way," Coenen said.

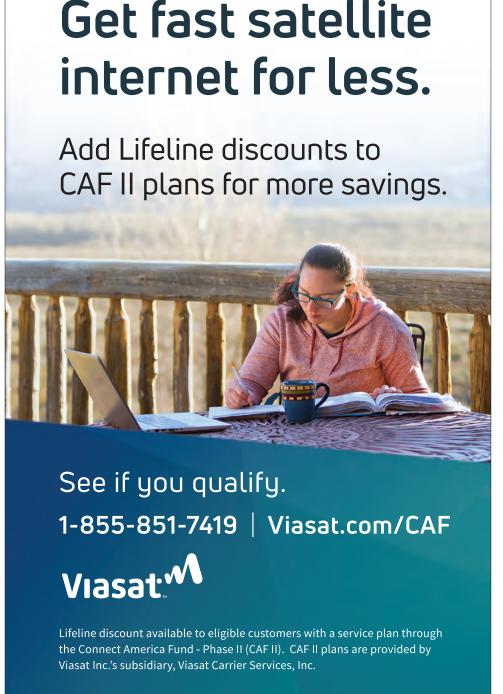
Harbor House is one of several area nonprofits holding events throughout October for national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The organization's fifth annual Purple Porch Project encourages homeowners and businesses to switch out their porch and outdoor lighting with purple lights for awareness. Purple Porch kits and lightbulbs are available for purchase through Harbor House.

The Christine Ann Center in Oshkosh provides domestic violence services including legal advocacy and emergency shelter in Winnebago and Green Lake Counties. In 2022, 57% of domestic violence restraining orders filed in Winnebago County had support from Christine Ann.

Christine Ann partnered with Reach Counseling Services, Diverse and Resilient and UW Oshkosh to host its annual Take Back the Night event at the Culver Family Welcome Center this Tuesday. The event included a march to protest against sexual assault and domestic violence.

Hirsch said Christine Ann supports survivors' decisions about whether to participate in domestic violence prosecution and offers a 24-hour help line at 800-261-5998.

"There are supports available to them," she said.





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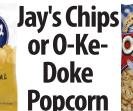
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#### **Ongoing**

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#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Our Changing Climate: Madeleine Para, 6:30 p.m., Reeve Union Room 221 at UW Oshkosh

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

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Aviation Speaker Series: Flight for Life, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Valley Jazz Institute Student's Jam, 6:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

#### Friday, Oct. 20

Antique Sporting & Collectibles Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Brews at the Leach, 5 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Paranormal Investigation in Morgan House, 6 and 9 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

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

#### Saturday, Oct. 21

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Antique Sporting & Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Fall Market & Food Fest, 9 a.m., Carl Traeger Elementary School

Gourd Vibes Only, 10 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Halloween Spooktacular, 1 p.m., UW Oshkosh Albee Hall

Paranormal Investigation in Morgan House, 6 and 9 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Twelve Pack Tour of Riverside Cemetery, 10 a.m., Riverside Cemetery, 1901 Algoma Blvd.

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

#### Sunday, Oct. 22

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Haunted Happenings: Ghost Tours, noon, The Grand Oshkosh

Fall Fest Craft & Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Poplar Creek Barn, 4541 County K

#### Tuesday, Oct. 24

Trick or Trivia, 6 p.m., The Grand Osh-

#### Wednesday, Oct. 25

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

Hot Diggity Dog Wednesday, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St. Cody James, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

Writers, Witches and Wine, 5 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

#### Friday, Oct. 27

Barn Bash, 6 p.m., Brighton Acres Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

The Macabre Market, 6 p.m., Venue

Chris Moon, psychic medium, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

The Claudettes, 10 p.m., The Reptile Palace, 141 High Ave.

#### Saturday, Oct. 28

Lucky Dog Rescue Barktoberfest, 12:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Oshkosh Chamber Singers — Choral Couplings, 3 p.m., First Congregational Church

Trunk or Treat, 4 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave.

Trunk or Treat, 12:30 p.m., Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St.

BAGO Haunted Hustle 5K, 5 p.m., James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y

Dia de los Muertos Celebration, noon, Oshkosh Public Museum

Monster Mash Bash, 5 p.m., The How-

"Coco," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Trick or Treat with Scoob, 10:30 a.m., Marcus Oshkosh Cinema, 340 S. Koeller St. Nashville Pipeline, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl

#### Bar & Grill Sunday, Oct. 29

Herd 5K Run and 1K Walk, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Monday, Oct. 30

Haunted Happenings, 3 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

#### Tuesday, Oct. 31

Halloween Trick or Treating, 5 p.m., citywide

#### Wednesday, Nov. 1

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

#### Friday, Nov. 3

Wisconsin Resource Center

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



### Gameapalooza event

The 10th anniversary of Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza was held last weekend at the Culver Family Welcome Center on the UW Oshkosh campus, where event organizers estimated there were more than 250 attendees from across the Midwest. They said many participants attend to try out new games and test their skills against others while welcoming first-time players.



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Spartans eye bright future after rough season

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North football coach Luke Ott walked off a rain-drenched, wind blown II Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Friday night already looking to the future.

The Spartans had just been manhandled by a very good Neenah team, 43-0, to end the 2023 season but Ott believes that even with the struggles the past few months the program has come out stronger moving forward.

And when the program leaves the Fox Valley Association for its new home in the Fox River Classic Conference South next fall – leaving the likes of Kimberly, Kaukauna and Appleton North behind those who battled through this season will be better for it.

"I don't think we know how much we've grown just because of the frustrations of this season," Luke Ott said. "I think next year when we come into camp and the kids have put their effort in the weight room and we are in a conference we belong in, I think that's when playing our juniors and our sophomores this year will show the dividends of what happened this

"We just hate it for our seniors because we want success for all of our kids and they played a big role for us this season."

Instead of the powerhouses of the FVA, Oshkosh North will join a conference which includes Manitowoc Lincoln, Sheboygan North, Sheboygan South, Menasha, Green Bay Notre Dame, Green Bay East and Green Bay West.

Although there are some traditionally strong programs in that mix, North figures to match up better numbers wise as well



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Bryce Ott (17) hands the ball to Logan Schettle during the first half against Neenah on Friday night.

competitively.

"(The FVA) is one of the toughest, if not the toughest, conferences in the state and we're playing against 30 seniors every

game," said starting quarterback Bryce Ott, one of at least a half-dozen sophomores who started this season. "Playing these games against these bigger schools

is a hard journey but it's going to make us

Even though North won just one game this season and were winless in the FVA, Bryce Ott feels the foundation for success was set this year even if it didn't result in a lot of success on Friday nights.

"This past year, our work ethic has been showing. We've come out and competed. The scores don't always show what we've done. Every day after school we come out and work," Btyce Ott said. "The leadership of our seniors really helped. They knew it was going to be a tough season but our seniors have guided us. Coming to practice giving it their all no matter the outcome."

In fact, having this young squad getting experience against the rigorous FVA

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# Knights gear for playoffs after loss to Randolph

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

The Lourdes Academy football team could be looking at a potential revenge tour in the WIAA Division 7 playoffs.

First, though, the Knights have to take care of business on Friday.

Lourdes Academy was paired against Ozaukee in a Level 1 game on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium this Friday night with a win likely earning them a rematch with Randolph, who handed the Knights

Wing

Ostrowski

a 30-24 loss in the regular-season finale on Friday.

Reedsville, who beat Lourdes Academy in Week 2, could also be a potential down-theroad matchup.

"I think we have a pretty good draw, but I'm sure those other teams believe they have a good draw, too," senior Mitchell Wing said. "It would be nice to play those teams again and see what we can do."

However, the Knights know that those matchups aren't possible without a win on Friday

night against Ozaukee so the Warriors are drawing the team's entire focus.

Knights head coach Kevin Wopat said that Ozaukee – which finished 3-4 in the Big East Conference and 5-4 overall – does present some concerns for the Knights.

"They have a really good back and he's going to carry the ball 30-35 times and they also have a big play receiver," Wopat said. "They thrive on kind of lulling you to sleep and then taking shots over your head

"The key for us will be not falling asleep on the back end and then try to find ways to make them drive 10 plays or more and then hopefully we can get them to force some things."

Lourdes Academy will also have some added motivation.

The last two seasons, the Knights have been knocked out in the first round of the playoffs. That's a bitter taste in the



mouth of the team, especially the seniors, and that's something they are looking to change.

"The past couple of years, we haven't had a real good run in the playoffs and so this is kind of our comeback season now. Show what we can do. Let's go far and play hard," said senior Gavin Ostrowski. "It's very different (as a senior). You have a lot to lose. This is the playoffs so if you lose it's over and so it makes every game mean that much more."

Ozaukee, which beat Trailways member St. Mary Catholic 20-8 earlier this year, also enter the playoffs on a loss having dropped a 35-0 decision to Cedar Grove-Belgium last Friday.

The Knights had a much closer tussle with Randolph, even taking the lead in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold off the Rockets and their ground game.

"It was a great high school football game," Wopat said. "I know we were disappointed to be on the short end of it but as I told the kids, there are no regrets. We played hard and it was back and forth with the scoring. They just made a few more plays than we did."

Despite playing in the rain and wind, Knights' quarterback Wade Lindahl threw for 211 yards and three touchdowns in the game.

He connected with Mat Yaggie on a 66-yard tackle-eligible pass early in the second quarter to get on the board while also throwing touchdowns to Braden Studinski (19 yards) and Wing (16 yards) in the second quarter as Lourdes Academy led 21-16 at the half.

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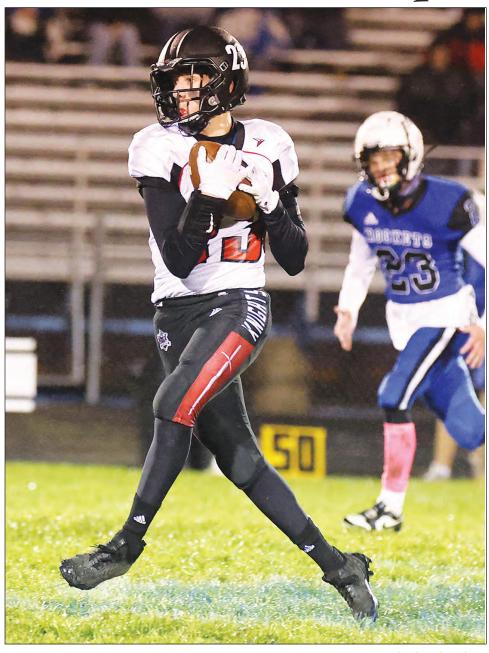


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Lourdes Academy's Mat Yaggie hauls in a touchdown pass in the first quarter against Randolph on Friday night.



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# West's versatile Ambati pursuing four-sport finish

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Timeouts have a place in sports.

However, they're not a part of Jeevan Ambati's world.

Ambati is one of the Oshkosh area's busiest athletes. The do-it-all Oshkosh West senior is expected to return to competitive sports this winter after dislocating an elbow in football and will try to finish his final year as a rare four-sport athlete. While three-sport high school athletes aren't highly unusual, four-sport athletes are unique because only three prep sports seasons are offered in Wisconsin.

Ambati is pursuing four sports after playing two of them - football and soccer – during the same fall season. He also plans to swim for Oshkosh West this winter for the second season and close out his prep sports career with a third year of track and field in the spring.

The ambitious sports schedule hasn't hindered Ambati in the classroom. He's an academic all-star, carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

"Jeevan is an outstanding athlete, football player and student," said West football coach Joseph Ray. "More than anything, he's an outstanding person. He led our team in community service hours this offseason and is one of our most high-character kids."

Ambati is currently dealing with some unwanted down time after dislocating his left elbow in a Sept. 29 football game against Appleton East. A playmaking wide receiver who was also the team's punter and kicker, Ambati was hurt after catching the ball on a bubble screen. He was tackled near the sideline and fell on his elbow while trying to brace his fall.

"I felt it right away," Ambati said. "I

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could tell it (the elbow) was out."

Ambati – a third-year varsity letterwinner - was forced to miss West's final two regular-season games. He finished the season with 15 receptions - the second highest on the team – for 261 yards (a 17.4 per-catch average) and two touchdowns. He also averaged 31.5 yards per punt and placed two of his 25 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. As a kicker, Ambati nailed both of his field-goal attempts, including a 45-yarder, and was six of eight on extra-point attempts. Both of his misses were blocked.

Ambati couldn't get on the field for his final two prep football games, but made sure he was on the sidelines supporting his Wildcats.

"Even though I wasn't playing, I needed to be there," said Ambati. "You can't just leave. I was on the leadership council and it sets a good example for the freshmen. Plus, it's just the way I was raised.

"It's sad that I couldn't play my last two games, especially one against our rivals, Oshkosh North, for the (Schumerth) Cup. I trust that God has a plan. I have to trust him and know that it was probably for the best in the long run."

Ambati, a striker-winger, also had to miss the remainder of the soccer season. He was one of the few Wisconsin prep athletes to compete in two sports during the fall season.

"It was definitely a little difficult," Ambati said. "But our soccer coach (Matt Callahan), our football coach (Ray) and our athletic director (Brad Jodarski) made it work by communicating with one another and finding a way to make it work. There



Jeevan Ambati was playing football and soccer for Oshkosh West this fall until an injury ended his seasons.

were times when I had to leave practices early or miss them entirely, but the coaches were really nice and worked with me. No one really got mad about me not going to all the practices."

What was unique about Ambati's balance between football and soccer was that he wasn't just another soccer player who doubled as a kicker in football. He was also a starting position player.

"I just tried to do my job, catch the football and make plays," Ambati said. "I always loved playing soccer. It's just so much

fun and I got to do it with teammates who I've played soccer with for years. But I consider football and track to be my main

Many kickers in football have a soccer background, but the transition isn't as easy as some think.

"Soccer helps some, especially early on with just the mechanics of kicking," said Ambati. "But once you get further along in the football kicking process, you real-

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# First set loss stings West as it falls to Hortonville

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

When Oshkosh West had the first set against Hortonville slip through its fingers, it also took a bit of the Wildcats' mojo.

And they simply never got it back.

After scoring 24 points in the first set, West totaled just 29 points in the last two sets combined as Hortonville ended the Wildcats' Fox Valley Association season by handing them a 26-24, 25-15, 25-14 loss Thursday night.

"We knew what we were going to be up against and we knew it was going to be a dogfight," Oshkosh West head coach Gillian Pakula said. "When we get to the point and we can't find our rhythm, it's more on our side of the game. It's between the ears and what our mindset is and how can we fight back."

The loss, which left the Wildcats with a 6-3 record in conference play and tied with Fond du Lac for third place in the league, is something Pakula believes the team can learn from.

"I think it totally does help us because we will need to draw back on those memories when we are in those types of situations," Pakula said. "We will watch film on this and pull out those pieces and really focus on that in our practices moving forward."

The Wildcats gave the Polar Bears everything they could handle in the first set.

Sydnee Nelson blasted a spike through a block for a sideout and then followed it with a service run of six straight points to give West a 15-12 lead midway through the set. Kirsten Klatt had a big spike and Maeve Lasky had a smothering block in the run, which Nelson capped with an ace.

Hortonville answered with the next three points to pull back even before an Avery Pakula kill pushed West back in front and the Wildcats' got a key block from Josie Berg to keep the lead.

West held a slight lead over the next stretch of points until the Polar Bears tied the score at 23. Nelson, followed with a kill to get the Wildcats to set point before Hortonville rattled off the next three points to take the set.

Not being able to close out the first set seemed to take some steam out of the Wildcats as Hortonville never trailed and built early 9-4 and 12-5 leads in the second set.

Oshkosh West never got closer than six points the rest of the set as Hortonville took the set for a 2-0 lead.

A Kierstin Martin ace early in the third set tied the score at 2, but Hortonville answered by scoring five of the next six points to take the lead and then stretched the advantage to 13-4.

The Wildcats played better over the second half of the set and narrowed the margin to 17-13 at one point when Nelson won a 50-50 battle on a ball at the net for a point. The Polar Bears, though, scored eight of the next nine points to keep West at bay and close out the win.

"The third set we had those chunks and those moments but it was a case of not being able to put enough of them together at the times we needed," Pakula said "Hortonville is a very solid team and I'm proud of the way we fought."

One of the ways Hortonville was able to keep West off balance was by turning to a bevy of tips at the net instead of just bombing away with hits.

The Polar Bears got a wealth of points via tips and often seemed to squelch any West momentum in the final two sets with a well-placed shot.

"They are known for their big outside hitters and they are going to bang the ball so when they did throw in those shots, we weren't ready for that," Pakula said. Then when you start second-guessing yourself, then you are never in the right position. That's when the rhythm is hard to get into"

Nelson led the Wildcats with 12 kills in the match, while Pakula finished with nine. Lasky added three blocks and Berg had two.

Elaina Butz led the team with 14 digs and three aces, with Martin and MaKaelyn Clark leading the way for West in assists with 13 and 11, respectively.

Nelson also totaled 13 digs in the match. Oshkosh West will return to the court for WIAA Tournament play Thursday when they host Sheboygan South at 7 p.m. If the Wildcats win, they would likely face Fond du Lac in a regional final Saturday night.

No matter what happens moving forward, the Wildcats experienced quite a resurgence this season and Pakula is proud of the way her squad regained a spot among the best teams in the powerhouse FVA.

"It is a great bounce back year and that was said in the huddle (after the Horton-ville loss)," Pakula said. "We went from 3-6 to 6-3, with a chance to be a 7-2 team. I'm really proud of the girls for that."

### **Prep sports roundup**

#### **STATE TENNIS**

# West's Potter, Conger finish 2-2 at state tourney

The Oshkosh West doubles pairing of seniors Keegan Potter and Kate Conger played to their seed but narrowly missed reaching the podium for the second straight year at the WIAA Division 1 state tournament last weekend.

Potter and Conger, who were seeded eighth, reached the consolation semifinals as one of the eight tandems left playing at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium, but lost to the fourth-seeded pairing of Lily Liu and Sarah Neubert of Arrowhead, 6-2, 6-2.

After receiving a first-round bye, Potter and Conger scored a 7-5, 6-0 win over Sophia Landis and Ishani Nayak of Brookfield Central.

The duo then knocked off ninth-seeded Bryn Gonzalez and Elena Kemp of White-fish Bay in a tight match, earning a 7-6, 5-7, 10-5 win.

In the quarterfinals, Potter and Conger fell to top-seeded and eventual state champion Molly Jex and Lizzie Stuckslager of Divine Savior Holy Angels.

The duo, which finished the season with a 24-9 record, was the only doubles team from the Fox Valley Association to make the third day of the tournament and one of two entrants from the FVA, joining Kimberly's Julia Gurholt who also lost in the consolation semifinals.

# Knights' Quandt has successful showing

Lourdes Academy freshman Sasha Quandt made the final eight of the Division 2 singles tournament but fell one win short of earning a medal.

Quandt, the only unseeded player to make the top eight, lost to fifth-seeded Caitlyn Stadter of Mondovi 6-2, 6-1 in the consolation semifinals at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium on Saturday to end her first trip to the state meet.

Quandt opened the tournament with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Onalaska Luther's Emma Kolb and then upended eighth-seeded

Josie Rechek of Altoona, 6-1, 3-6, 11-9.

She then lost to top-seeded Lily Olson of Edgewood, 6-0, 6-1.

Quandt finished the season with a 12-6 record.

#### **FOOTBALL**

# Oshkosh West's season ends at Fond du Lac

Oshkosh West's resurgent season came to a close on Friday night as the Wildcats fell to Fond du Lac, 45-0.

West was held to just 43 yards on 22 rushing attempts and finished with 131 yards of total offense in the loss.

The Wildcats trailed just 7-0 after the first quarter but Fond du Lac extended the lead to 24-0 by halftime. The Cardinals then scored three touchdowns in the third quarter for the final margin.

Damarion Williams caught four passes for 33 yards for West, while Eddy Schroeder and Leo Ulrich each finished with seven tackles to pace the defense.

Oshkosh West finishes the season with a 4-5 overall record, 2-5 in the Fox Valley Association, after posting just one win last year.

# Valley Christian suffers close loss on the road

The Warriors couldn't convert a twopoint conversion with about five minutes to go and ended up falling to Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 14-12 Friday night.

Valley Christian opened the scoring in the game on a 22-yard run by Dennis Thur in the first quarter.

The Resorters scored late in the first half to tie the game at 6 at intermission. After a scoreless third quarter, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah took the lead with a touchdown and two-point conversion midway through the fourth.

The Warriors answered with a scoring drive of their own, capped by a Jackson Martin four-yard touchdown run. But the two-point conversion pass didn't connect and the Resorters held on for the win.

Thur finished with 112 yards on nine carries, while Josiah Lehman had four

catches for 29 yards. Lehman also led the defense with 10 tackles.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

# Lourdes Academy girls second at conference meet

Led by Erin Moore's individual title, the Lourdes Academy girls cross country team finished a close second to Dodgeland at the Trailways Conference meet held at Princeton last week.

The Knights finished with 54 points to come in seven points behind the Trojans. Madison Country Day was a distant third with 96 points.

Moore claimed the individual title by finishing more than seven seconds ahead of the field and was one of two Knights runners to finish in the top 10.

Dasha Averkamp crossed the line in seventh place, followed by Annie Moore in 13th place and Tezza Mroczkowski in 15th place. Allison Stromske rounded out the Lourdes scoring runners in 18th place.

Valley Christian finished fifth overall in the standings and was led by Mya Moran, who placed sixth overall. McKenzie Murphy was the next Warrior runner to finish in 12th place.

Also scoring for the Warriors were Norah O'Brien in 40th place, Allison Duehring in 48th place and Chloe Mueller in 62nd place.

For the boys, Lourdes Academy finished sixth in the team standings led by Henry Spanbauer in 14th place and Joshua Rucinski in 25th place. Also scoring for the Knights were Cameron Kapral in 30th place, Zach Foster in 53rd place and Henry Achterberg in 61st place.

Valley Christian did not have enough runners to compete as a team but had a pair of top 20 runners in Jonah Menet, who took eighth, and Michael Roberts, who placed 19th. Also finishing for the Warriors was Jack O'Brien in 36th place.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

# Wildcats take fourth at Arrowhead invite

Oshkosh West went 2-2 to take fourth

place at the Arrowhead invite on Saturday.

The Wildcats opened with wins over

Greenfield (25-18, 25-20) and Muskego (25-17, 25-22) before falling to Menomonee Falls (21-25, 15-25) and Mukwonago (16-25, 20-25).

Sydnee Nelson paced the Wildcats with 29 kills, while Avery Pakula finished with 22 kills and 23 digs. Kierstin Martin led the team with 37 assists with MaKaelyn Clark adding 33 assists and a team-high six aces.

Elaina Butz finished with 40 digs to lead West, while Kirsten Klatt and Josee Berg registered 4.5 and three blocks, respectively.

# **Spartans top Terrors for first conference win**

Oshkosh North earned its first FVA win of the season holding off Appleton West 25-19, 25-11, 23-25, 22-25, 15-8 last Thursday.

No individual stats were available from the match.

### **SOCCER**

# Lourdes/Valley drops contest at Omro

Isaak Rucinski tallied the lone goal for the Knights but Omro rallied in the second half to pick up the win, 3-1.

The Foxes scored a pair of goals in the second half to break a 1-1 halftime tie and collect the win.

Lourdes/Valley finishes the regular season with a 12-3-2 record and placed third in the Flyway Conference. It will host Gibraltar/Sevastopol in a WIAA Regional match at 7 p.m. Thursday.

### Wilondja fuels Spartan win over Waupaca

Patrick Wilondja scored in the opening minute and finished the first half with a hat trick as Oshkosh North downed Waupaca, 6-3, in a nonconference match last week.

Oshkosh West rolled by West De Pere 5-1 in the regular-season final last week.

No other information was available from the game.

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# Titans breeze past Blugolds for second straight win

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

When the UW Oshkosh football team opened its game against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday with a deep pass to Trae Tetzlaff, the receiver didn't know that was the plan until the play was called.

The attempt fell incomplete.

Coming out at halftime, the Titans' first play from scrimmage was talked about by all parties involved and the result was a 70-yard touchdown.

"The first play of the game they had already talked about going deep and I didn't know," Tetzlaff said. "At halftime, I knew what was coming. It was fun we were able to get that one. I think that confidence is there because we have repped it and grinded it so many times."

The touchdown pass was one of four thrown by Kobe Berghammer, who highlighted the offense, while the defense nearly pitched a shutout in a 35-7 win over the Blugolds on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

Titans coach Peter Jennings admitted that his 11-year-old nephew had told him to run a deep throw on the first play of the game but there was more behind the decision to actually follow through with it.

"The way it actually played out is that I wanted to show that we weren't scared to throw the ball vertically in the wind," Jennings said of the gusty conditions the game was played in. "This was one of those things; it was to make a statement that this wind was not going to affect our play calling, it's not going to affect our aggressiveness. We are going to come at you no matter what the weather"

It was the second straight win for the Titans, who will travel to fourth-ranked UW-La Crosse on Saturday.

Jennings hopes his team can avoid the sluggish starts against the Eagles that have plagued them the past two weeks.

Against Eau Claire, the Titans failed to put up any points on their first three drives, punting once, turning the ball over on downs once, while Berghammer threw an interception on UW Oshkosh's third drive.



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schedule may be an advantage for the program next season.

"This allows us to see how quick and how fast you have to play to be successful and the maturity these kids gained, they will be much better off," Luke Ott said. "For guys, like Bryce and Jamare (Scott) and Dalton (Clark) and our wide receivers Logan (Schettle) and Charlie (Clark), it will definitely help."

The Spartans were overwhelmed from the start as Neenah running back Grant Dean took the first play from scrimmage and burst 66 yards for a touchdown. Dean would add two more scores in the first quarter and Neenah extended the advantage to 35-0 by halftime.

Luke Ott was hoping things would have





Photo by Jim Koepnick

UW Oshkosh's Trae Tetzlaff runs away from a UW-Eau Claire defender for a touchdown in the third quarter Saturday.

It wasn't until there were just more than six minutes left in the second quarter when Berghammer connected with Kaio Harn for a six-yard touchdown pass. The Titans added to their lead about three minutes later when Berghammer threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Jon Mathieu.

'We stayed true to ourselves, which is something we talk about, and we focus on getting better at doing our tasks play in and play out," Jennings said of the offense finally clicking. "We have to continue to focus on starting fast. I am confident we will emphasize that moving forward and I'm very confident our guys will respond."

The Titans nearly added to their lead just before half but Berghammer's throw into the end zone was intercepted with about 20 seconds to play in the quarter.

That led to the decision to throw the ball deep as soon as the Titans had the chance in the second half, and after the defense forced a punt on the opening drive, it happened.

turned out different in the game but was pleased with his team's preparation and effort leading up to the game.

"Our kids had a great attitude all week. We had a good week of practice and learning football," Luke Ott said. "Our kids all season long have been great. We have not had anybody complaining about each other or had that in-fighting that can happen when you are losing. We didn't have that."

After graduating 20 of 22 starters from last season and having only a handful of seniors on this year's roster, Luke Ott knew the Spartans were in for a tough road this season

But he's pleased with the way the program came through the struggles.

"We all understood where we were at but it still hurts," Luke Ott said. "I thought our coaching staff did a great job of keeping their mojo and attitudes looking ahead."

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Tetzlaff got behind the Eau Claire secondary and Berghammer hit him perfectly in stride for the score.

"We pride ourselves in winning one-onones and when we get those situations we try to take advantage of it. I trust our guys that they are going to win," said Berghammer, who finished 25-of-36 for 382 yards and also ran for a team-best 45 yards. "No matter what gets called, we execute it how we do (it) in practice every day that's going to translate into the game. I think we were ready when Coach (Jennings) called it."

Berghammer added a six-yard flip to Clayton Schwalbe for a touchdown and then scored on a 10-yard run to complete the scoring.

All of that was plenty for a defense that held Eau Claire to just 205 total yards – including a mere 55 in the first half – while holding the Blugolds to just 5-of-17 on third downs. Eau Claire, which was shut out by UW Oshkosh last season, didn't score until

early in the fourth quarter.

Carson Raddatz and Kyle Dietzen each had seven tackles to lead the Titans, while Jacob Mandella finished with three sacks.

"Our defense was lights out. Love to see it. Love to see them playing with confidence," Jennings said. "When we fly around and play fast, we are tough to move the ball on and that's what I saw from us today. That's what we are going to continue to focus on the next few weeks and see where the chips fall."

### **Lourdes football**

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Randolph answered back with a touchdown for the lone score of the third quarter to take a 22-21 lead before Yaggie booted a 24-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to push the Knights back in front.

The Rockets then scored with about five minutes to play and held off Lourdes the rest of the way.

Despite the defeat, the Knights are ready to bounce back and are glad to have the opportunity to keep playing.

"It feels great to be in the playoffs," Wing said. "We have worked hard all season and we've worked hard to be here."

And, even with what might lie ahead for the Knights, Wopat believes his crew will be ready for the Warriors on Friday.

"We are happy we get a game at Titan. That was one of our goals going into the last two weeks of the season so we are thankful for that opportunity," Wopat said. "We aren't dominant enough to take anyone lightly. So, we need to be ready to go and play our best football against Ozaukee or our season will be over."

### **Senior Spotlight**

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ize it's a lot different than kicking a soccer ball. The sweet spot on a football is a lot smaller and the whole motion of kicking a soccer ball is different. I have to turn off the soccer part of my brain when I'm kicking a football. Otherwise, my kickoffs would end up looking like corner kicks. You have to flip a switch there."

Ambati grew up playing a lot of soccer in the Oshkosh area. His parents, Sheela and Kiran, emigrated to the United States in 2000 from India. Kiran served as one of Jeevan's first soccer coaches.

"My dad coached my older sisters, too," said Jeevan. "The big thing he always emphasized with us was to just stay active."

If the elbow heals through physical therapy and surgery isn't needed, Ambati hopes to resume his senior athletic season with the West swimming and diving team. He joined it last season – primarily as a way to stay in shape for track – and com-

peted in the 50 freestyle.

Ambati can elevate and is a skilled jumper and hurdler in track. He received second-team all-conference honors in the long jump after placing second in the event (20 feet, 11.50 inches) at the Fox Valley Association conference meet. Ambati also competes in the high jump and 110 high hurdles.

So how does Ambati pull off four sports and a perfect grade-point average?

"I guess I just use my time wisely and don't procrastinate a whole lot," he said.

Ambati will likely experience something completely different next fall when he attends college: no organized sports. He hasn't yet settled on a school but plans to focus on academics and major in biomedical engineering. College sports isn't in his plans, but he hasn't slammed the door on that possibility.

"We'll see what happens," Ambati said. "Right now, it would feel pretty weird to take a season off and not do any sports, but academics is going to be my priority when I start school."

North boys have career days at FVA cross country meet

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Sometimes the overall results don't do a

That is what happened with the Oshkosh North Spartans, who came in ninth place at the Fox Valley Association conference meet.

While the overall results may not look great on paper, it was the overall performances that stood out as the Spartans used six personal record (PR) performances and even a couple of career-best performances to end the day on a high note.

"I was very happy with our overall performance today," head coach Steven Danza said on the boys' finish. "Anytime you can have six PRs in one race there is a lot to smile about and that is what we accomplished today. As a team we knew we would most likely finish towards the back, but we managed to finish ahead of Appleton East which is a small victory for us."

Leading the way for the Spartans was Trip Kujawa who came in 38th place with a time of 18:16.

"I was happy that I PR'd but felt like I could have pushed a bit more in my third mile and I'm disappointed I didn't go sub 18 for my 5k," Kujawa said. "I think our team is closely knit and gets along well, and we also push each other when practicing and racing."

Chase Reyer was second on the team with a 42nd place finish and roughly four seconds back of Kujawa with Konrad Bowlus-Jasin coming in 52nd.

Rounding out the day for the Spartans were Matthew Indergand in 57th, Davante Kieya 58th, Devon Williams 66th and Drake Laurich in 69th.

"Our goal each season is to work hard to put us in a position to have days like this at the end," Danza said. "We were able to accomplish that goal today and it feels great. The kids have a ton of confidence right now and it is very gratifying to see them this happy knowing all of their hard work has paid

Oshkosh West landed in fifth place overall.



Oshkosh North's Trip Kujawa keeps his pace at the FVA meet last week.

head coach Stephanie Polak said. "The FVA cross country meet is a very compet-

itive event, but our athletes gave it their all and many achieved their personal bests. It's amazing to see their hard work and dedication pay off."

Jerry Sowers had a terrific afternoon for the Wildcats as he paced the boys with a 16th-place finish and a time of 17:13. Coming in behind him in 21st place was Celso Collins, who crossed the line with a time of 17:32. Carter Crowe also had a nice race finishing in 24th to give the Wildcats three runners inside the top 25.

"There was lots of great competition and I knew I had to push myself as hard as I could," Sowers said following his finish. "Last year I missed All Conference Honorable Mention by a place and that was in the back of my mind all off-season. I want to thank my teammates and coaches for making it a great four years."

Behind those three was another trio of runners who finished close to one another

in the standings. Preston Bokath and Delson Troedel crossed the line in 30th and 31st place with Juan Collins landing in 34th.

On the girls side of things, the Wildcats came in sixth place as a team, with all of their runners cracking the top 50.

"Overall, I believe our team did exceptionally well at the conference meet," Polak said. "I'm grateful for the effort and determination they showed. Abby's running in her first FVA meet and finishing 22 overall, is truly impressive.".

Abigail Tercha led the way for the Wildcats with a time of 20:10, which was good for 22nd. Right behind her and less than six seconds back was Rowen Stellpflug, who crossed the line in 26th place overall. While those were the only ones inside the top 30, the Wildcats had a strong showing from the rest of the pack as they finished close to one

Mila Crowe landed in 41st place on the afternoon with Gwen Liptow and Hayliee Hullar landing in 48th and 49th.

"I've enjoyed running with my team this year," Tercha said. "We all had a great race with a lot of PRs. I have always loved running because I can push myself to be better every day. It was a great experience for my first conference race."

Unlike the Wildcats, Oshkosh North only had two girls on the varsity roster and could only earn individual finishes.

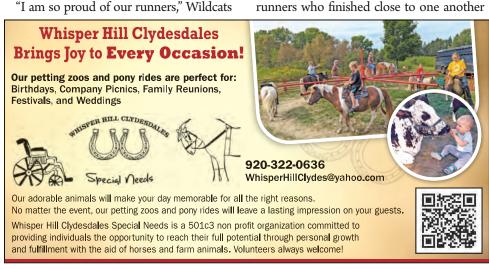
Lehna Mitchell set the tone with a 36thplace overall finish with a time of 20:53. She got off to a great start and continued to run strong despite cool and windy conditions.

"I thought I ran about as well as I could today," Mitchell said. "Coming into today, both Ava and I had goals in mind for what we wanted to accomplish. Not only did we accomplish what we set out to do, but both of us gave it our all which is all you can ask for."

Rounding out the afternoon for the Spartans was Ava Hanson in 42nd place as the two of them will now prepare for the sectional round of competition.

Despite the low numbers, Danza was proud of what he saw and hopes their efforts today will carry over to sectionals.

"Considering how you have a different mindset with only two girls as opposed to five or six, I thought both of them ran well today," he said. "They had their focus for their races and executed them perfectly. They did a phenomenal job."







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### **Obituaries**

#### Joan Zeatlow

Joan (Angle) Zeatlow passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on October 13th, 2023.



Joan was born in Berlin, WI on September 20th, 1934 to Ethel and Fenton Angle. Joan grew up in the country where she learned to love all God's creatures, and was involved in 4H.

She was the oldest of three and always shared a close bond to her sisters Connie

Nancy Lee Hartman

and Mary.

Joan married the love of her life, Art Zeatlow, on April 14th, 1975 and they spent their lives together in Brandon, WI.

Joan was a devoted woman of God and loved reading her daily devotions. She spent many years attending Our Saviours United Church of Christ in Ripon, WI where she enjoyed greeting and warmly welcoming all who walked in the door. Part of Joan's ministry was taking the time to write out cards for all the members, wishing them happy birthday and well wishes.

Joan was always a helper and loved serv-

ing others, including the Hayes family that were a very special part of her life for many years. Up until the end of her life, she enjoyed helping out others at Lake Pointe Villa settings tables, watering the flowers, and getting the mail.

Joan's family and friends were the most cherished and important part of her life and she loved taking pictures and being in the company of those she held dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art Zeatlow, sister, Mary Zuehlke, half sister, Loretta Smith, niece Debra Hildebrandt, nephew Craig Zuehlke, and brothers-in-law, Bob Hildebrandt, and Norm Zuehlke.

Joan will be forever loved and remembered by her dear sister and best friend, Connie Hildebrandt, half sister Sue (Wayne) Neumann, nephews Dave Hildebrandt and Keith (Julie) Zuehlke, niece Pam (Jerry) Padilla, great-nieces and nephews, Hannah (Joe) Briggs, Holly Hildebrandt, Hunter (Brittany) Hildebrandt, Austin (Amanda) Padilla, and Lexi Zuehlke, great-great-nieces and nephews, Clove and Vernon Briggs and Graham Hildebrandt, and many wonderful friends including Kay Quinn and Sharon Peters.

Joan's family would like to thank the staff at Lake Pointe Villa, including Kelly and Abbey, and AseraCare Hospice, especially Tammy Fox; for her amazing level of care given to Joan.

You will forever be in our hearts and memories, Joanie.

Visitation for Joan will be held on Friday, October 20th, 2023 from 10:00 -11:00 am at Our Saviours United Church of Christ, 343 Scott St., Ripon, WI 54971. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 am with Rev. Dr. Kevin P. Mundell officiating. Interment will take place at Brandon Cemetery, Brandon, WI.

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#### Nancy Lee Hartman went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 15, 2023. Nancy was born

on July 10, 1936 to



66 years. Nancy was employed at the office of Paine Lumber Company for 20 years and Citizens First Credit Union for 15 years before retiring in 1998. In her retire-

ment, Nancy enjoyed spending time with

friends, reading, and shopping. Nancy is survived by daughters, Peggy (Joe) Zacchilli, Kristy (Tim) Begun, nephew, Carter (Sue) Augsburger; grandsons Adam (Christine) Zacchilli, Matt (Victoria) Zacchilli, Mark (Amanda) great grandchildren; and many nieces and Augsburger and Dona Sullivan.

The family would like to give special thanks to the amazing staff at Gabriel's Villa Assisted Living and Moments Hospice for their compassion and care, as well as Pastor Knoll and Pastor Cole of Zion Lu-

service.

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nephews and cousins who were very special to Nancy. She is preceded in death by her spouse, parents, and siblings Marlin

theran Church for their ongoing support. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on October, 19, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church, 400 N Sawyer St., Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will take place at the church from 9:30 AM to the time of

tions will be donated to the Spierings Cancer Foundation, supporting cancer

FUNERAL HOMES! Zacchilli, Jacob Begun, Samuel Begun, 7 Health Institute. "Happy Birthday to You". Sandra Lee Werner Sandra Lee Werner, age 82, of Oshkosh passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at her residence. Sandra was born in Oshkosh on May 14, 1941 the daughter



#### Alice M. Rothe

Alice M. Rothe, 94, Green Bay, entered eternal life with Jesus Christ on Thursday,



October 12, 2023. An Oshkosh native and resident the first 88 years of her life, she was born May 21, 1929, to Arthur and Minnie (Pauls) Reinke. She married Oscar Rothe Jr. in Oshkosh

on October 20, 1962. Prior to their marriage, she worked for Winnebago Mental

She was a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church. She enjoyed word search puzzles, watching TV, yelling at the Brewers and Packers when they played badly, and spending time with her family (especially being Gigi to little Leighton). She loved her anise candy and Rippin' Good cookies, and at anyone's birthday party, it was a family tradition for her to sing "Birthdays Come But Once a Year" to the guest of honor after everyone sang

Alice is survived by her daughter Dawn

of Ira and Dorothy Carlson. On August 7,

1965 she married Robert Werner, Jr at St.

Vincent Catholic Church. For many years

Sandra enjoyed working as a home health

Sandra is survived by her two sons, Jef-

She was preceded in death by her par-

care worker, sewing and doing crafts.

ents and her husband in 1997.

frey and Kurt Werner both of Oshkosh.

(Tim) Luker, Green Bay; grandchildren Brittany (Anthony) Catalano, Little Chute; Melanie Luker (Chelsea Neubecker), Seattle, WA; and Jordan Luker, Green Bay; great-granddaughter Leighton Catalano, Little Chute; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Rothe Jr., on November 5, 2017; her parents; brothers Elmer (Melva), Edward, Robert (Rose), and Earl "Blub" (Amber); and sisters Dorothy

A service for Alice will be held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 pm until the time of service.

Reinke and Lorraine (Donald) Marx.

Dawn, Tim, and the entire family extend their thanks to the staff at Edenbrook Green Bay for the excellent and compassionate care Alice received during the past year that she was a resident there. We know that many of you will miss her good nature and sharp wit.

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Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 11 am at the Fiss & Bills Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI. Father Louis Golamari will officiate. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am until the time of service. Committal services will be held at Ellenwood Cemetery.

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#### **Tom Steven Karow**

Tom Steven "Steve" Karow, age 79 of Oshkosh, passed away at his home on



Wednesday, October 4, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh on February 15, 1944 to the late Stanley and Frances (Selwitschka) Karow. Steve was united in marriage to Sharon Gustavus on

May 15, 1965 at St. Mary Catholic Church and together raised two children.

Steve worked as a tool maker at Rockwell International, where he retired after 30 years. He then worked at Gollnick Machine. Steve served as a Town of Oshkosh volunteer fireman for 42 years.

Steve was an avid outdoorsman. He taught hunter safety and was a life member of the Otter Street Fishing Club. Steve was a founder of the summer walleye tournament, and Director of Sturgeons For Tomorrow-Northern Chapter. He was a talented sturgeon spear maker who was proud to know many sturgeon spear-

ers were successful using the spears he crafted.

Steve is survived by his wife, Sharon Karow; children, Ted (Holly) Karow and Michelle Karow(Dave Sattler); grandchildren, Brandon and Jacob Ristow, Travis (Selina) and Katelyn Karow; great-grandchildren, Genson and Amina Karow; cousins, Bill Monteith, Fred Monteith, Kathleen Monteith Omori, COL (R) MaryAnn Monteith, Sandy (Randy) Parsons; brother-in-law, Joseph Gustavus; sister-in-law, Betty Gustavus; God child, Stephanie Gustavus

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his brother, John Karow, cousins, Robert and Susan Monteith as well as sister-in-law, Debbie Schneider.

Per Steve's wishes, a private Mass was held for family.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, new firetruck fund.

### KONRAD-BEHLMAN FUNERAL HOMESN

**Debra A. Manser** 

Debra "Debbie" A. Manser, age 69, passed away at Ascension Mercy Medi-



cal on the evening of Thursday, October 12, 2023. She was born to the late Clarence and Margie (Hinz) Hyde on July 27, 1954, in Oshkosh. Debbie graduated from Oshkosh High School in the class of 1972. She

was joined in marriage to Thomas Buss on August 2, 1975, and together they had one child. Debbie married Joseph Manser on September 1, 1984, and they spent 39 wonderful years together.

Debbie worked as the office manager for many various metal fabrication shops.

Debbie enjoyed casino runs with Joe, family and friends. Debbie loved to crochet, she made many warm and cozy gifts for family and friends while watching TV with Joe.

Debbie was the baker of the family, making amazing desserts for any get together, but Christmas was especially where she shined, making hundreds of cutout cookies, anise cookies shaped like card suits, Root beer cookies, and chocolate dipped candies.

Debbie enjoyed getting together with family and friends to play Sheepshead and Rummy Royal. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren at various events- Bethany playing fast pitch softball and Eliza and William dancing at recitals. Debbie and Joe spent many evenings sitting around the fire pit in the driveway, Debbie always welcoming the neighbors to join them and offering desserts to anyone that showed up.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Joe; sons, Brian (Melissa) Buss and Dr. Nathan (Katy) Manser PHD.; grandchildren, Bethany Buss, Eliza, and William Manser; sisters, Susan Hyde, and Barbara (Dave) Giebel as well as sister-in-laws, Shirley Hyde, sister-in-law Mary (John) Gronlund, sister-in-law Elizabeth(Greg) Manser-Payne, brother-in-law Andrew Manser(Jeff) Rehfeldt, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Debbie was preceded in death by her brother, David Hyde.

A funeral service for Debbie will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-East-side (402 Waugoo Ave) on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 3PM. A visitation will be held from 1PM until the time of service. A burial will take place at St. John's Cemetery in Black Wolf.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center (who took great care of Debbie!)

The family would like to give special thanks to the hospital staff and nursing staff of Ascension on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and the ICU for their compassionate care of Debbie and family.

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#### **Robert G. Schumacher**

Robert G. Schumacher, age 80, passed away surrounded by his family at his



home on the morning of Sunday, 8 October 2023. He was born to the late Roy and Ruby (Schmidt) Schumacher on April 27, 1943, in Omro, WI. Bob married the love of his life, Donna Selle, on February 27,

1965, at Martin Luther Church.

Bob was a Firefighter and one of the first 12 Paramedics (The Dirty Dozen) for the city of Oshkosh for 30 years. Bob was also a Hovercraft operator and trained other Firefighters. Over the years Bob was also a boat Captain for many vessels that ran the Fox River, Chief Oshkosh, Valley Queen, Belle of Fremont, and the Show Boat in Winneconne to name a few. Bob enjoyed his part-time business in his home, Schumacher's

Rod and Reel Repair. If you were lucky enough, you may be an owner of one of his custom-made rods.

Bob enjoyed Fishing, Hunting and Sporting Clays and going on UTV adventures with his wife Donna. Bob also enjoyed traveling with his family and made many trips to Maui Hawaii over the years.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Donna; daughters, Michele (Rick) Wyro and Heather (Todd) Kohler; and grandchildren, Amber and Robbie Hoffman, and Elliot and Alex Wyro.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his siblings, Thomas, James, and Linda Schumacher as well as his mother and father-in-law, Arnold, and Winona Selle.

A celebration of life will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes- Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 3PM until 5PM.

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### **Florian Gene Stang**

Florian Gene Stang, 85, left his beloved golf course on September 26 for a better



place. He was born June 28, 1938, in Oshkosh WI, the son of Henry and Mary (Nebert) Stang.

Following high school he joined the U.S Navy during which time he met and married the love of his

life, Bettie Lucille Phillips. They celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 21, 2023.

After retirement, Gene enjoyed his winters in Florida and summers in Wisconsin. He was an avid golfer and was proud of his five holes-in-one, along with many other treasured trophies. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, softball and was a devoted Green Bay Packers fan.

Gene's legacy lives on through his loving family. He is survived by his daughter, Sheri Angell of Appleton, WI, Son Steven Stang of Oshkosh, WI, and daughter Shelley (Greg) Fromm of Neenah, WI.

He cherished his role of Grandpa, leaving behind many happy memories with his granddaughters Sydney (Ryan) Scholl and Savannah Ely, as well as great-granddaughter Paisley Scholl. He is also survived by his brother Gary (Judie) Stang of Overland Park KS. Love always to his loyal dog Lola.

He is preceded in Death by his parents Henry(Mary) Stang, two sisters Joyce(Melvin) Miller, Donna(Jerome) Zillges, brother Roger(Kathleen) Stang, nephew Jeff Zillges, great nephews Troy Schmick and Mitchael Persad.

The service will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, Lake View Memorial Park Chapel 2786 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Visitation 11:00 AM until time of service at 1:00 PM Burial with military honors immediately following. Celebration following to be announced.

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### **Eunice M. Verstegen**

Eunice M. Verstegen (nee Ebben), devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother,



great-grandmother, went peacefully to the arms of the Lord surrounded by her grateful family on Sunday, October 15, 2023.

She was born to Simon and Marie

(Hietpas) Ebben on October 22, 1930. Following the death of her mother, Eunice and her siblings were raised by a devoted stepmother, Ceceilia.

Eunice grew up in Little Chute, WI where she met and fell in love with Roger F. Verstegen. They were married on June 22, 1952, and celebrated 71 years of commitment to each other.

They were blessed with eight children: Ron (Sue), Mary (Ralph), Dave (Ellen), Tom (Kim), Jean (Bob) Kress, Donna (Fairon) Brown, Kathy (Randy) Pallo, and Christie

#### Harry S. Hartmann

Harry S. Hartmann, 80, passed away October 6, 2023 after a long illness. He was born on February 6, 1943 in Rockford, Illinois to Samuel and Edna (Beck) Hartmann.

Harry is survived by his wife, Lorraine, two sons, Troy and Darby; grandson, Hunter. He is further survived by two sisters, Penny (Carl) Schwertfeger of Oshkosh and Dorothy (Don) Wirkes of Flor-

(Joe) Demler. She was further blessed with 31 grandchildren and 30 (and counting) great-grandchildren. She knew the names and birthdays of each one right up to the end. In addition to her beloved husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she is survived by several siblings and in-laws. In addition to her parents, she will be greeted in Heaven by grandchild, Leah Verstegen, and

Following her first career as a homemaker, she worked 20 years as a nursing assistant at Bethel Home. She was truly happy when she lovingly cared for other people. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St. on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM officiated by Fr. Louis Golamari. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 AM until Mass.

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Harry is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Edna; and sister, Sandra (Henry) Bargenquast.

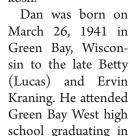
Per his wishes, no services will be held. Harry's family would like to thank the staff at Ascension Hospital for their kindness and care.

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#### **Daniel Robert Wanner**

Daniel Robert Wanner, aged 82, passed peacefully on October 11, 2023 at Aurora

Medical Center, Oshkosh.



1959. Dan proudly served his country in the US Navy as an E4 electrician from 1959 to 1962. He married Katherine Wara on July 31, 1965 and later married Deborah Wymbs on September 7, 1991.

Dan was a life member of the Vietnam vets, legacy vets, motorcycle club. He was known as Squid and cherished his time with every brother and sister.

Dan worked at Universal foundry, Kohler, and retired from Watry. He spent many years enjoying retirement in Florida-where his favorite health aide, Colleen took the very best care of him-before returning home to Wisconsin.

Dan love spending time on his motorcycle, listening to Bluegrass, fishing and

#### **Ann Jungwirth**

Ann Jungwirth, passed away on October 10, 2023. She was born in Marion, Wisconsin on December 19, 1937. She married Larry Jungwirth on April 8, 1961. She is survived by her husband Larry his Ojibwe heritage. He was able to enjoy his last 40 years sober, which he was very proud of.

Dan is survived by his children; Eric, Justin, Jason, Lucas (Jessica), Patrick (Jan), Tina (Ty) and Tracy; his grand children- Eric, Michael, JJ, Daniel, Spencer, Dalton, Micha, Myles, Sarah (Nick), Rebecca, Skye and Starr; as well as his great grands- James, Baylee, Lilyanna, Adalinn, Stella and Scarlett.

He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, great grandparents, Marie and Peter Lucas, and a cherished brother-in-law, Bill Wara Jr, who was his best friend.

Dans love will be carried on in many hearts.

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and five children.

Per her wishes, there will be a private memorial at a later date.

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#### **Cheryl R. Messerschmidt**

Cheryl R. Messerschmidt, 64 of Oshkosh, passed away at her home surrounded



by family on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. She was born on December 3, 1958 to the late Gerald and Donna (Schmidt) Hawley. On February 7, 1975 Cheryl was united in marriage to Kevin Messerschmidt

at the Pickett Church, and together raised three sons.

She worked as a radiology technician for 43 years at Aurora and Mercy Medical Centers. Cheryl loved spending time with her family and was especially proud of being a grandma. She enjoyed being in her yard, tending to her flowers, gardening, and canning her harvests each season. Cheryl loved camping trips with family, sewing, cooking, and baking sweet treats

for all to enjoy.

Cheryl is lovingly survived by her husband, Kevin Messerschmidt; sons, Michael, Matthew (Renee) and Joshua (Shonda) Messerschmidt; grandchildren, Billy, Cameron, Aubrey, Eddie, Luke, Parker and Reid. She is further survived by several siblings, in-laws, and fur babies, Willow and Blossom.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father-and-mother-in-law, Clark "Nook" and Betty Messerschmidt.

A celebration of life will be held for family and friends in June of 2024.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Gracie, numerous friends, family and neighbors who visited, brought food and gifts, and showed their support in countless ways. Thank you also to Compassus Hospice for the compassionate care provided to Cheryl during her most difficult times.

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### **Gary Lee Norkofski**

Gary Lee Norkofski, 72 of Oshkosh, passed away at Mercy Medical Center on



10/11/23. Gary was born 12/14/1950, in Oshkosh, the son of Jerome and Elaine (Pollnow) Norkofski. He attended Oshkosh High School and Fox Valley Technical College. He was united in marriage to Sharla

Horton on October 3, 1981.

He worked in various employment positions through-out his life, mostly in the printing industry.

Besides his family, his greatest passion was duck and goose hunting in the local marshes. He loved watching old movies and camping. He was a big fan of the Brewers, Badgers and Packers. Most recently he loved sitting on the patio and watching all the wildlife around the pond.

Anyone that knew Gary knew not to take him too seriously. His quick wit and sassy attitude were his MO, but it helped him cope with his multiple medical issues. He received a kidney-pancreas transplant in 1995, which gave him many more wonderful years. He and his family were

### **Mary Marguerite MacDonald**

Mary Marguerite (Lechleiter) Mac-Donald, age 92, passed away on Friday,



October 13, 2023. She was born in Oshkosh to the late Mary and Robert Lechleiter on September 14, 1931.

Mary grew up a lifelong Oshkosh resident, spending her

adolescent years in a beautiful historical home on Algoma Boulevard where her parents provided room and board for young collegiate women. Many fond memories of her mother's award-winning cooking, her father's doting love for his daughter, and the stories of all of the students living there have been reminisced.

On January 10, 1953 at St. Paul's Church, Mary wed Earl MacDonald and they celebrated 60 years of marriage before his passing in 2013. Together they welcomed two children, Bonnie and Jeff.

Mary had quite a gift of story-telling to anyone who would listen. She enjoyed giving the oral history of her family, and could elaborate in great detail on the many experiences she had growing up strong supporters of organ donation. He had many medical challenges but, he met them head on with the help of his caregiver, Sharla, and a wonderful circle of caregivers from numerous medical institutions.

He is survived by his wife, Sharla; children Danielle Norkofski (Bryan Bottomley), Callie Norkofski (Gary Lamp), granddaughter Hayley Sleik; sister and brother-in-law Kathy (Horton) and Kasy King, brother in-law, Randy Horton, many wonderful cousins, and his 4 boxer grand dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Elaine Norkofski, grandparents, and in-laws, Garner and Elizabeth Horton.

A time of visitation will take place at 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A memorial service will follow. Gary's wishes were that everyone wear camo, or your favorite Wisconsin sports team apparel.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

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in Oshkosh. While time with her family took precedence, she was a passionate Avon seller for over 40 years, loved to read, complete puzzles, and watch cooking shows. For the past 6 years during their daily lunch visits, Mary developed a very special bond and connection with her grandson JR. Every opportunity she was able to watch her young great grand-children laugh and play was a true gift.

She is survived by her daughter Bonnie; two grandsons: Jeff "JR" (Laura) Jungwirth and Alex Anderson; and four great-grand-children: Cooper, Reagan, Rowan and Macklyn. She is further survived by her brother Mike (Nancy) Lechleiter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her devoted husband Earl, and her beloved son Jeff.

A private showing will take place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home and private interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Angela Vilwock for the care and support she provided to Mary. Her kindness will never be forgotten.



#### **Kyle E. Schroeder**

Stephens City, Virginia – Kyle Edward Schroeder, aged 39, passed away on Oc-



tober 4, 2023, in Stephens City, Virginia. He was born on July 21, 1984, in Oshkosh, WI, to his loving parents Patricia Schroeder and the late Bruce Schroeder.

Kyle is survived by his children Anasta-

sia, Cheyenne, and Abraham. Kyle is also remembered by his girlfriend Alisha and her children Mariyah, Amya, Amia, and Ma'Leigha, who brought him great joy and happiness.

He will be deeply missed by his mother Patricia Schroeder and stepfather Michael Flood, as well as his stepmother Deb Schroeder. Kyle leaves behind his sisters Chrissy (Jason) Gomoll and Kimberly

(Mark) Barlow, who shared many cherished memories with him. He will also be remembered by his stepsisters Tina Flood, Crystal Malchow, and Ashley (Ryan) Hoglund, and his stepbrother Aaron (Jennifer) Malchow. Kyle's nieces Amanda and Braelynn, and nephews Ashdon and Ender, held a special place in his heart.

A ceremony to celebrate Kyle's life will be held at T&O Bowling Lanes, located at 1007 Oregon St, Oshkosh, WI, on October 28, 2023, from 1-5 pm. This gathering will provide an opportunity for friends, family, and loved ones to come together and pay their final respects to Kyle.

Kyle Edward Schroeder will always be remembered for his loving nature, kind heart, and the impact he made on the lives of those around him. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Please join us in honoring Kyle's life and offering support to his family during this difficult time.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: SIERRA LYNN LUMBY Case No. 2023CV000778

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Sierra Lynn Lumby

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of

To: Sierra Lynn Awadallah Birth Certificate: Sierra Lynn Lumby

Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere-Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh,

Date: November 6, 2023
Time: 3:00 pm

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three

(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: October 2, 2023 /s/ Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere Run October 11, 2023, October 18, 2023 and October 25, 2023

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# The most ferocious Viking warriors were called Berserkers. (That's where the phrase "going berserk" comes from.)

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary: Understand the origins and meaning of words in English.

### Who were the Viking warriors?

Long ago, a people called Vikings lived in what is now Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Rocks and thin soil

In 1016, a Viking became king of England. His name was King Cnut. He was a wise ruler who brought peace.



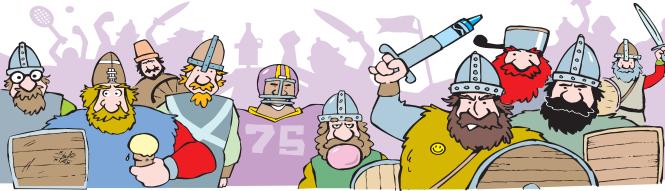
crops or raise animals for food. The people were often hungry.

Viking men built ships and sailed to England and France. There they attacked towns, robbed them of food and took prisoners. Sometimes they stayed and took over the towns. At one time, the Vikings ruled most of what is now England and the Normandy area of France.

Some Vikings even tried to live in America. In 1002 (more than 400 years before Columbus), a Viking called Leif (pronounced "leaf") Ericson landed with a group of people and set up a village in North America.

They stayed about two years. Difficult conditions forced them to leave.

Standards Link: History: Explain the aims, obstacles and accomplishments of the explorers.



How many silly things can you find in this bunch of Berserkers?

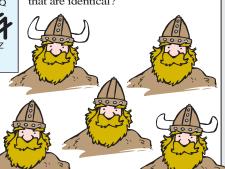


Vikings didn't have paper and ink. Messages were carved in wood or stone. That is why the runes are made of straight lines only; curves are hard to carve.

#### Viking Helmets

You have probably seen comic strips or movies that show Viking helmets with horns. But most Viking experts doubt that Viking helmets actually had horns. Extra! Extra

Can you find the two Vikings that are identical?



Explore the Newspaper Search through the newspaper to find:

- Something a Viking might
- have had. Something
- ferocious. Something that means the opposite of

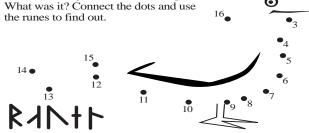
ferocious. Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the ewspaper to locate information

### Double

### Good Luck Symbol

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This animal was brought along on many Viking sea journeys. If the captain of the ship lost his way, he would let this animal go. It always headed toward land, showing the Vikings which way to go. A Viking ship often had a flag with this animal's picture.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you **BERSERKERS** 

find on this page? SUBMULOCME R E K R E S R E B Y H E L M E T S S S MLFECEGTEN BOIRCNONTR OSETINUHEO LTLKERATEH  $B \quad L \quad I \quad O \quad S \quad E \quad V \quad R \quad U \quad C$ RVSERLEIFK **LEIF** 

### **Double Word Search**

VIKING CNUT **RUNES SECRET** HORNS **FRANCE SYMBOL HELMETS** STONE **COLUMBUS CURVES** LOST

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Newspaper

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#### Helmet

Give yourself a point for each word you translate into

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11-15 Words: WORD WARRIOR

16-25 Words: TOTALLY BERSERK!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Answer questions based on information in text.

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