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Lead pipe database aids inspections

City seeks to identify status of water lines

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

You may have gotten a postcard in the mail or seen an online advertisement urging you to check to see if you've got lead pipes; well, you're not the only one.

It's part of a new campaign for the city to be in line with new lead pipe federal guidelines by next year.

The Oshkosh Public Works Department's Clearing the Water initiative asks

property owners to check whether their water pipes are made of lead. These pipes are the laterals that connect the home to the main water utility lines that run beneath the roads.

Public Works assistant director and utilities general manager Steve Gohde said the city has more than 7,500 laterals throughout the city that are classified as unknown for containing lead. There are 21,650 public service lines that connect public lines to properties across Oshkosh.

Gohde said residents can go to oshkoshwater.com to set up a free inspection. The inspections usually take about 15

minutes; if lead pipes are found there is no immediate action the property owner has to make. That lateral will be added to the inventory list so the city has an idea of how many lead laterals are still in the city.

"Right now we're really focused on the inspections," Gohde said. "People need to let us in so the city can get this inventory done."

At this time the only lead laterals that are being replaced by the city are the ones at construction sites.

The city website states, "Some of the

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Spooky Saturday

Zooloween Boo celebrated Halloween fun and costumed characters Saturday at the Leach Amphitheater. Despite cooler weather and some rain, the city event was well attended with many trick-or-treat booths and family activities.

County stalls on vending machines aimed at harm reduction

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's acceptance of grant funding to install harm reduction vending machines in Neenah and Oshkosh has been on hold for months.

Harm reduction vending machines are gaining popularity across the country after Narcan, a drug that reverses opioid overdoses, was approved for over-the-counter sales this year.

In 2021, the county saw fatal overdose rates soar to their highest level, with 41 residents losing their lives. Last year, there were 38 such deaths. As of last

week, the medical examiner's office confirmed 38 fatal overdoses this year, with an additional four cases pending toxicology results. Fentanyl has been identified as the leading cause of overdoses in the county.

Winnebago County was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the vending machines to help mitigate overdose deaths amid the opioid crisis. The machines would be placed outside the Neenah Human Services building at 211 N.

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Vending machines provide access to Narcan, fentanyl test strips, Deterra drug deactivation bags, educational materials, crisis contact information, and treatment and recovery materials.

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Cashless restaurant drive-thru planned

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A new kind of restaurant could be coming to Oshkosh – a cashless drive-thru experience with flavors from the Mediterranean.

The city's Plan Commission approved plans last week for a new drive-thru restaurant to be built off Jackson Street. Plans show three one-way, drive-thru lanes will twist around the building for customers to order and pick up their food. The plan is to not have any customers inside the building.

Foodies Mediterranean Fusion would be situated on the northwest corner of Jackson Street and West Snell Street but would use the frontage road Zion Street to enter and exit. Along with three pickup

lanes there will also be a bypass lane that wraps around the site.

Jeff Peterson of CR Structures, general contractor for the project, spoke at last week's Plan Commission meeting.

"This is kind of the wave of the future," Peterson said. He added that younger people want this type of option.

"They just want to pull up to the drive-thru, pick up their food and be gone."

Mark Lyons, city planning services manager, said this type of restaurant would be a first for Oshkosh.

The application states customers would be able to order through touch screen kiosks or they will be able to order through

an app. The project is not designed to have any internal ordering, dining or pickups.

Peterson stated this could turn into a future chain of restaurants.

The site would also have a 6-foot-tall fence surrounding the property to visually separate a residential area to the west. Although the plan is to not have customers inside, the plans meet city parking requirements.

The Plan Commission approved the application without any opposing votes. The plan fits into the city's 2040 comprehensive plan, which calls for the area to be general commercial and will need Common Council approval before construction can begin.

Business news roundup

Titan CEO and headline sponsor Wipfli LLP has named Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh chief executive **Tracy Ogden** as a 2024 Wisconsin Titan 100. The program recognizes Wisconsin's leading CEOs and other chief executives using criteria that includes demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision and passion. Collectively the 2024 Wisconsin Titan 100 and their companies employ more than 148,000 individuals and generate \$76.4 billion in annual revenues. They will be honored at the

annual awards ceremony Jan. 18 at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee.

Jim Koepnick was one of six photographers awarded the Professional Photographer Achievement Award Oct. 18 by the International Photographic Council (IPC) at the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations in New York. IPC is a Civil Society Organization formally associated with the U.N. Department of Global Communications. Koepnick is an independent

digital journalist and Sigma Corp. ambassador from Oshkosh specializing in aviation, sports and street/documentary photography. He is also a freelance photographer for the Oshkosh Herald.

Acuity Insurance announced that it will be hiring about 150 employees next year mostly from new openings and positions. The Sheboygan-based company with multiple agents in the Oshkosh area said last week that it plans to hire analysts, underwriters, claims representatives, programmers, loss control representatives and clerks. More information is at acuity.com/careers.

Shea Electric & Communications has received a National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) 2023 Project Excellence Award in the Design-Build Under \$1 million project category for work done for SSM Health Treffert Studios, where neurodivergent individuals can find their passion and express their talents, giving them a voice and platform to share their strengths with the world. Shea Electric also received two national safety awards: Recognition of Achievement of Zero Injury Award and Recognition of Achievement in Safety Excellence Award for companies recording between 25,001 and 50,000 man-hours.

Xie Kitchen had a soft opening for its new restaurant this week at 2326 Oregon St., where it will be serving breakfast and lunch.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Oct. 27, 1958

The Pizza Parlor Celebrates its Grand Opening (Ad): Oshkosh's newest pizza joint, The Pizza Parlor, will celebrate its grand opening on Monday, October 27. Owners Lee Bradke, John "Schnockeye" Neustifter and Charles

"Red" Lawler invite the public to their new business located at 711 Oregon Street or dial BE 1-2705 for delivery. Ready to serve you the best pizza you ever ate! (Note) By 1962 Neustifter and Lawler left to open their own pizza businesses. Neustifter started The West End Pizza Palace (known today as West End) at 111 Sawyer St. across from Lourdes high school. Lawler started Red's Pizza at 1128 Oregon St. in the building that formerly housed the Star Theater.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Oct. 25, 1958

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Ascension ends birthing services in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

Ascension's Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh has moved its prenatal, labor, delivery and postnatal care operations to its St. Elizabeth Hospital campus in Appleton effective Oct. 16.

Ascension Mercy has been finding it difficult to maintain labor and delivery clinicians due to declining birth rates and low delivery volume, according to an Ascension Wisconsin spokesperson.

"In July, Ascension Mercy experienced unprecedented low volumes with only four deliveries for the month, followed by only one delivery in the last three months. In the past six months, there were 54 babies delivered at Ascension Mercy, a stark contrast to Ascension St. Elizabeth, which welcomed 589 newborns during the same period," Ascension Wisconsin's statement read in part. "At the time of the closure, there were no planned births scheduled at Ascension Mercy."

Ascension has a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and specialized newborn nursery with neonatologist coverage at St. Elizabeth. The Ascension Mercy emergency department will continue to provide emergent delivery care services and has transfer protocols in place.

"Obstetric doctors and nurses want to

practice where they have sufficient labor and delivery volumes to keep their skills sharp in order to safely provide care. With such low delivery volume, recruitment in this specialty area at Ascension Mercy was not achievable," the spokesperson added. "All remaining impacted associates have been offered the opportunity to transition into other positions across Ascension Wisconsin sites of care – including at Ascension St. Elizabeth."

Ascension Wisconsin noted that St. Elizabeth Hospital is just over 20 miles north of Ascension Mercy and that alternative sites of care for labor and delivery services are within a five-mile radius of Ascension Mercy.

Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh continues to provide primary maternity and birthing services in Oshkosh.

"We are committed to ensuring that women and their babies have access to high-quality health care before, during and after childbirth," said Dr. Carla Kelly, chief medical officer for Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh.

The hospital delivers about 700 babies annually and offers services for prenatal care, labor and delivery and postnatal care.

ThedaCare last week unveiled its newly named Theda Clark Peters Family Birth Center as the next phase of its modernization project in Neenah.

Women in aerospace focus of new exhibit

Oshkosh West High School graduate Elise Palecek has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award with the creation of an exhibit on women in aerospace at the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum.

Palecek will host an unveiling of the new permanent exhibit at EAA at 4 p.m. Nov. 5. She is a freshman at the University of Minnesota studying aerospace engineering.



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Oshkosh man waiting for attorney in child assault case

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man's criminal case continues to stall as the public defender's office has yet to find an attorney for the man charged with repeated sexual assaults of a child.

Jackie A. Parish, 59, remains in custody on a \$400,000 cash bond.

Parish is facing one count of repeated sexual assault of same child and child enticement. If convicted on both counts, he faces a maximum of 40 years in prison followed by up to 25 years of extended supervision.

Winnebago County Judge Daniel Bissett explained during last week's court hearing that the public defender's office made more than 114 contacts in attempting to find Parish an attorney. Bissett noted that Parish is eligible and has requested a public defender in the case and said

the seriousness of the charges and allegations allow him to delay proceedings for a month.

Parish was represented by attorney Ryan Van Ells for his initial appearance but has not had an attorney since July.

According to the criminal complaint filed in July, a victim reported to the Oshkosh Police Department that they had allegedly been sexually assaulted by Parish when they were a child starting around the age of 10.

The complaint alleges the abuse began around 20 years ago and happened between 30 and 40 times, mostly when the victim was between 12 and 15 years old.

There is a second victim in the complaint who alleges that at 12 years old was given drugs and alcohol by Parish and he would expose himself.

Parish is set to be back in court in November.

Race for the Light 5k moves to EAA grounds

Runners and walkers can register for the 21st annual Race for the Light 5K Fun Run, a family-friendly event hosted by the Oshkosh Area United Way set for Dec. 2 at the EAA grounds.

Race check-in begins at 3:30 p.m. in front of the EAA Youth Education Center at 3000 Pobereznzy Road.

The run starts at 4:30 p.m. on a course through the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights.

"We are thankful to the staff at EAA for generously allowing us to use their grounds for our race this year," said Beth

Oswald, OAUW president. "The Race for the Light has been a tradition for hundreds of families from Oshkosh and the surrounding area."

The registration fee of \$35 includes a race T-shirt if registered by Nov. 12 and a set of jingle bells. For information and to register, visit oshkoshunitedway.org/race-forthelight.

With race registration being held outdoors the day of the event, participants are encouraged to pick up their packets at the United Way office at 16 Washington Ave. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.



Submitted photo

Hometown Hero

State Reps. Lori Palmeri and Michael Schraa, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, recognized Mee and Lee Yang as recipients of the 2023-24 Hometown Hero Award for their service and community advocacy in Oshkosh for both the Hmong population and the entire community. Palmeri noted the pair's service on community boards, commissions, soccer tournaments, teen pageants, raising scholarship dollars for students and providing financial counseling while operating the Hmong Service Center on Main Street. "The Yang's passion for helping others is deeply rooted in their life experiences as refugees from their homeland of Laos, their time in refugee camps in Thailand, and their experience immigrating to the United States which has motivated them to help others and give back to the community that welcomed them and provided a new home and future," she said.

Museum's Dia de los Muertos celebration set

The Oshkosh Public Museum is presenting its second-annual free community celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Visitors can share in the traditional celebration by viewing the community altar, making crafts and watching performances by Ballet Folklorico Xanharati dancers

and mariachi.

Free face painting will be offered by Whimbubble Studio.

Downtown, participants can go to free showings of Disney Pixar's "Coco" at the Time Community Theater with a Spanish language matinee at 2 p.m. and an English language showing at 7 p.m.

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A look inside the Oshkosh Area United Way's Community Vault.

United Way stocking new Community Vault

Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW) continues to collect essential supplies for local agencies to be stocked in its Live United Community Vault at their new location on 16 Washington Ave.

"Thirty-three percent of households in our county cannot afford their basic needs – 41% in Oshkosh – and the need for services is stuck well above pre-pandemic levels," said Beth Oswald, OAUW president. "By collecting and stocking supplies in our new spacious vault, we hope to reduce expenses for the area nonprofits so that their limited dollars can be put to-

wards the programs that serve our friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers in our community."

Area nonprofits will be able to access these supplies year-round. The vault is currently either low on or out of shampoo, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, laundry detergent, pull-ups, baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, plates and plastic silverware.

For a list of supplies needed, ideas on how to organize a collection drive, and information on donations, visit oshkoshunitedway.org/collectiondrive.

Narcan access

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Commercial St. and in the county administration building's outdoor courtyard at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh.

The vending machines provide access to Narcan, fentanyl test strips, Detera drug deactivation bags, educational materials, crisis contact information and treatment and recovery materials. The vending machines are climate controlled and monitored with an internet connection. A unique code is required from the health department that allows those seeking access a specific number of uses and must be renewed monthly.

A resolution to accept the grant funds was on the county Board of Supervisors' agenda in August. County medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke in opposition of the vending machines during the public forum at the start of the meeting, although she did not identify herself as the medical examiner.

Brehmer said she's concerned about the health department providing drug users with supplies that facilitate use.

"Essentially, they're supplying almost everything needed for IV drug use other than the substance itself," she said. "I'm concerned that these supplies will eventually make their way into those vending machines."

Brehmer told the board that the county should be focusing on providing access to treatment resources.

"Our response to this epidemic needs to be proactive, not reactive," she said. "Sterile supplies will not save a person from overdosing; sobriety will."

The resolution to accept the grant funds was pulled from the agenda later in

the meeting. It has not been brought back to the county board for a vote.

Health director Doug Gieryn issued a memo in August, noting access to Narcan reduces overdose deaths, most of which are accidental and due to fentanyl being added to opioid and non-opioid substances. He said fentanyl test strips can alert a user to its presence, allowing them to modify or avoid use to lessen the likelihood of an overdose.

"Utilizing vending machines to increase the availability of Narcan and fentanyl test strips will help save more lives," he said.

County executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger said concerns regarding the harm reduction component of the vending machines were raised during the process of accepting the grant.

"The county has been meeting internally to better articulate the implementation strategy of the public health vending machines," he said. "The county executive and other county leaders are working to ensure a focus on treatment and recovery."

Hollenberger said the resolution to accept the harm reduction vending machine grant funds will return to the board in the coming months.



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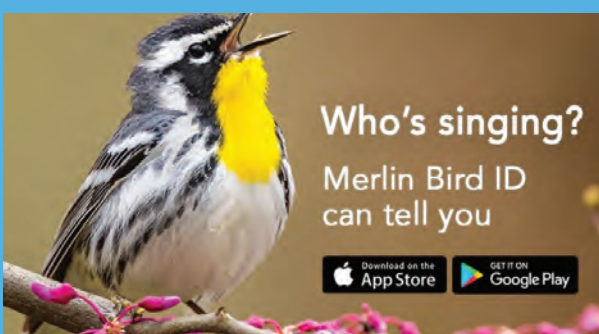
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Assistant chancellor at UW Oshkosh dies

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's assistant chancellor for access campuses died unexpectedly Oct. 14.

Martin Rudd, 53, was appointed regional executive officer and dean for the three-campus Northeast Region of the UW Colleges in 2016 before being named an assistant chancellor at UW Oshkosh in 2018.



Rudd

"Martin was not just a colleague, but a friend and an integral part of students' and our organization's success," UW

Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said in a statement last Monday.

Rudd had a bachelor's degree in chemistry and doctorate in inorganic chemistry from the University of Warwick in England. He was an assistant professor of chemistry at Northwestern State University in Louisiana before teaching at UW-Marathon in Wausau from 2002-2003.



Community Band photo

The Nov. 4 fall concert by the Oshkosh Area Community Band will feature British composers, jazz and spooky sounds.

Community Band announces fall concert

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present its fall concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium with British bandmasters, jazz, spooky sounds and dance music featured.

The concert will open with works of British composers Ralph Vaughan Williams, William Walton and Gustav Holst. Holst's Second Suite in F, which uses English folk songs and folk dance tunes

throughout, is the major work on the program.

The second part of the concert features the Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Jon Basten. The ensemble will be swinging to several jazz tunes including "Midnight Voyage" by Joey Calderazzo.

The concert band, under the direction of David Berndt, will also play spooky sounds of the Halloween season,

including a medley from the Broadway show "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" by Stephen Sondheim. Musical works inspired by dance beats will close out the concert including "Scherzpolka," subtitled "A Polka for Fun."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and while there is no admission charge, donations are appreciated.

Career Focus Program keys on young students

Oshkosh Herald

Forty students from Oshkosh West and North high schools learned from area professionals through immersive workshops in health care, safety and law enforcement, business and IT at the Winnebago County launch of the Pointters Community Initiatives (PCI) Career Focus Program earlier this month.

The new initiative from a group of diverse professionals inspired and guided the students throughout the day at Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh. Along with the

PCI team were experts from the Oshkosh Police Department, ThedaCare, Goodwill and FVTC, among others.

Jenny Xiong, an English as a second language (ESOL) teacher at Oshkosh North, shared her enthusiasm for the program by saying, "This is great exposure to different types of career fields, and to be in a college setting, it shows our students what their future could look like."

"I wish our students could have more opportunities like this. I think it is so cool

that it's all hands-on activities. Today, our students are writing business plans, engaging in crime-solving and health care simulations, and delving into the world of IT programming."

The majority of the attendees were high school freshmen and a few sophomores – an intentional choice, according to the PCI team.

PCI hosted a second Career Focus Program for Fox Valley residents this week at FVTC in Appleton. For more information about PCI, visit pointters.org.

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Winnebago County park bench honors late supervisor Norton

Oshkosh Herald

A memorial has been placed in Winnebago County Community Park in remembrance of the late county board supervisor Mike Norton.

Norton was passionate about politics and devoted his life to trying to help others through the government venue, according to his obituary.

For 23 years Norton served on the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors representing District 20,

which encompasses the western side of Oshkosh between Witzel Avenue, Knapp Street and West 15th Avenue. His county board service was the second longest among active members.

Norton served on the Diversity Affairs Com-



Norton

mission, Park and Recreation Committee, Legislative Committee, Board of Health Committee, Human Services Board, Wisconsin Counties Association on Health & Education Committee and National Association of Counties.

Norton is credited with starting Winnebago County's annual wheelchair wash which he also co-chaired. The program helps residents ensure their wheelchair is serviced and cleaned for safety.

Norton passed away unexpectedly in April at age 58. He was found by the Oshkosh Police Department while conducting a welfare check at his residence and a statement from county officials noted his death was not considered suspicious.

A Mike Norton memorial bench and tree was placed in the south end of Winnebago County Park at 501 East County Y in Oshkosh during a ceremony last Wednesday.

CITY OF OSHKOSH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2024 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Oshkosh on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Oshkosh, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment on the City's 2024 Annual Property Tax Levy and Budget. A copy of the proposed 2024 Annual Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall and at the City Library during normal business hours. The City has also posted a link to the digital budget book on the City website <https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/BudgetFinancials/>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at such time and place, any interested party may appear in person, by attorney or agent, and be heard on these matters. A summary of the proposed budget and tax levy is listed below. The City may elect to change the proposed budget and tax levy prior to the public hearing.

The schedules below summarize the 2024 budget as it is proposed.

2024 General Fund Revenues & Expenditures by Function

	2020 Actuals	2023 Budget: Amended	2023 Projected	2024 Proposed Budget	Change from 2023 to 2024	% of Change
Revenue						
41 - PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	(24,181,007)	(25,360,100)	(25,360,100)	(26,002,600)	(642,500)	2.53%
42 - INTERGOV REVENUE	(16,688,703)	(16,842,500)	(16,626,720)	(19,200,900)	(2,358,400)	14.00%
43 - LICENSES AND PERMITS	(825,081)	(822,000)	(805,500)	(817,000)	5,000	-0.61%
44 - FINES & FORFEITURES	(573,152)	(864,300)	(673,800)	(683,600)	180,700	-20.91%
45 - CHARGES FOR SERVICES	(6,328,007)	(6,377,100)	(6,637,800)	(6,651,800)	(274,700)	4.31%
48 - INTERNAL SERV CHRG	(1,147,769)	(764,900)	(764,900)	(729,257)	35,643	-4.66%
49 - MISC REVENUES	(1,146,729)	(946,800)	(2,275,500)	(2,431,200)	1,484,400	156.78%
52 - OTHER FINANCING	-	(280,000)	(280,000)	-	280,000	-100.00%
53 - SALE-CAPITAL ASSETS	(95,377)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	-	0.00%
Revenue Total	(50,985,825)	(52,282,700)	(53,449,320)	(56,541,357)	4,258,657	8.15%
Expense						
61 - DIRECT LABOR	30,416,031	29,952,800	29,633,980	30,313,378	360,578	1.20%
62 - INDIRECT LABOR	-	668,800	-	2,220,083	1,551,283	231.95%
63 - PAYROLL BENEFITS	10,977,251	10,724,300	11,099,255	11,940,781	1,216,481	11.34%
64 - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,119,728	8,800,430	9,049,184	10,165,130	1,364,700	15.51%
65 - MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	1,380,145	1,506,789	1,609,150	1,460,100	(46,689)	-3.10%
72 - CAPITAL OUTLAY	492,137	285,200	285,200	440,600	155,400	54.49%
74 - OTHER FINANCING USES	742,500	2,780,000	2,500,000	-	(2,780,000)	-100.00%
Expense Total	50,127,792	54,718,318	54,176,769	56,540,073	1,821,754	3.33%

2024 Special Revenue Funds- Revenues & Expenditures

	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget: Amended	2023 Projected	2024 Proposed Budget	Change from 2023 to 2024	% of Change
Revenue Total	(14,899,809)	(14,100,501)	(13,945,855)	(14,280,261)	(179,761)	1.27%
Expense						
20 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS						
02010760 - SENIOR SERVICES REVOLVING	32,163	48,400	53,300	63,900	15,500	32.025%
02020740 - CDBG REVOLVING LOAN FUND	281,330	248,400	248,400	267,283	18,883	7.602%
02091030 - BID DISTRICT	215,805	140,600	190,066	205,000	64,400	45.804%
02110480 - RECYCLING	875,632	1,041,583	1,152,800	1,113,723	72,140	5.554%
02120470 - SANITATION DIVISION	1,610,265	1,759,770	1,812,400	1,800,274	40,504	12.017%
02150211 - POLICE SPECIAL REV FUND	336,719	350,621	270,796	99,000	(251,621)	-71.764%
02230460 - STREET LIGHTING	1,057,734	1,140,800	1,080,900	1,060,300	(80,500)	-7.056%
02271070 - MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP	138,661	50,500	50,500	74,300	23,800	47.129%
02310760 - SENIORS CENTER	616,596	691,779	634,074	728,209	36,430	9.025%
02350230 - FIRE SPECIAL REVENUE	224,320	255,287	288,019	170,309	(84,978)	-33.287%
02391060 - LIBRARY	4,060,302	3,885,200	3,988,300	4,172,329	287,129	8.162%
02411070 - MUSEUM	1,178,545	1,248,200	1,243,100	1,272,743	24,543	1.966%
02421070 - MUSEUM COLLECTIONS	11,210	13,500	13,500	56,900	43,400	321.481%
02470650 - CEMETERY DIVISION	382,574	451,700	466,300	527,676	75,976	16.820%
02490740 - COMM DEV SPECIAL FUND	178,089	167,000	42,000	-	(167,000)	-100%
02550610 - PARKS REVENUE DIVISION	491,624	688,700	657,200	428,075	(260,625)	-37.843%
02560610 - LEACH AMPHITHEATER	90,554	106,400	96,800	101,472	(4,928)	-4.632%
02570410 - PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL FUND	262,181	422,900	439,600	627,751	204,851	74.828%
02590610 - POLLOCK AQUATIC CTR	732,534	1,333,661	552,600	890,395	(443,266)	-33.237%
03010740 - NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROV LOAN PROG	-	218,100	-	218,100	-	0%
03020740 - HLTHY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE	525,667	1,226,200	1,019,100	698,689	(527,511)	-43.020%
03030740 - COMM DEV BLOCK GRANT	913,874	3,178,833	800,211	378,922	(2,799,911)	-88.080%
03040740 - LOCAL EC DEV - GO EDC LOAN PROG	250,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	-	0%
03070760 - SENIOR CENTER	6,750	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Expense Total	14,473,128	19,118,135	15,549,965	15,408,350	(3,709,785)	-19.40%
Grand Total	(426,681)	5,017,634	1,604,110	1,128,089	(3,889,546)	-77.52%

2024 Enterprise Funds - Revenues & Expenditures

	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget: Amended	2023 Projected	2024 Proposed Budget	Change from 2023 to 2024	% of Change
Revenue Total	(57,214,169)	(62,290,928)	(63,569,158)	(63,415,400)	(1,124,472)	-1.81%
Expense						
05011020 - GRAND OPERA HOUSE	89,140	35,488	34,800	36,900	1,413	3.98%
05031040 - OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTRE	1,993,723	2,525,284	2,623,684	2,335,848	(189,436)	-7.50%
05061040 - CONVENTION CENTER PARKING RAMP	25,106	321,000	71,000	322,000	1,000	0.31%
05091717 - PARKING UTILITY DIVISION	236,535	226,900	240,800	207,639	(19,261)	-8.49%
05111728 - TRANSIT UTILITY	6,144,766	11,747,384	11,347,722	7,190,319	(4,557,065)	-38.79%
05151040 - INDUSTRIAL PARKS FUND	30,936	31,600	32,100	7,600	(24,000)	-75.95%
05411810 - WATER UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	6,941,392	7,014,700	7,008,600	7,534,600	519,900	7.41%
05411861 - SUPPLY EXPENSE/ OPERATIONS	13,940	330,000	385,000	360,000	30,000	9.09%
05411862 - PUMPING	737,526	766,500	804,600	618,129	(148,371)	-19.36%
05411863 - PUMPING EXPENSE- MAINTENANCE	285,040	297,100	297,600	474,484	177,384	59.71%
05411864 - WATER TREATMENT OPERATING	2,068,639	2,538,623	2,963,187	3,168,374	629,752	24.81%
05411865 - WATER TREATMENT MAINTENANCE	464,672	500,500	554,300	748,993	248,493	49.65%
05411866 - WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATING	737,386	1,041,650	1,005,400	864,204	(177,446)	-17.04%
05411867 - WATER DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	1,510,145	3,503,810	2,368,137	4,294,756	790,946	22.57%
05411890 - CUSTOMER ACCT OPERATING	487,041	492,900	577,600	594,540	101,640	20.62%
05411892 - GENERAL & ADMIN OPERATING	363,882	2,150,200	2,163,250	2,182,791	32,591	1.52%
05511910 - SEWER UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	335,763	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	0.00%
05511920 - INTERCEPTING	2,729,476	2,947,628	3,309,800	3,365,077	417,449	14.16%
05511930 - PUMPING STATIONS	791,870	1,064,500	1,016,200	951,450	(113,050)	-10.62%
05511940 - DISPOSAL PLANT	4,136,001	4,646,087	4,783,187	4,899,600	253,513	5.46%
05511941 - SOLID DISPOSAL	806,089	1,259,537	888,387	1,312,312	52,776	4.19%
05511945 - LABORATORY	142,837	148,900	150,800	181,319	32,419	21.77%
05511946 - MAINTENANCE	1,106,814	1,194,000	1,058,800	1,387,641	193,641	16.22%
05511950 - GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	3,221,985	3,115,900	3,249,800	3,672,585	556,685	17.87%
05511951 - METER READING	159,192	637,000	637,000	643,000	6,000	0.94%
05511955 - PRETREATMENT PROGRAM	49,747	61,700	62,700	77,700	16,000	25.93%
05612010 - STORM WATER ADMINISTRATION	2,941,165	2,755,500	2,776,200	3,298,300	542,800	19.70%
05612020 - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	405,153	457,447	487,273	463,591	6,144	1.34%
05612030 - ENGINEERING & PLANNING	437,771	638,746	623,500	808,372	169,625	26.56%
05612040 - INSPECTIONS & ENFORCEMENT	73,738	90,500	90,000	143,061	52,561	58.08%
05612050 - OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	3,841,186	5,026,224	4,709,100	4,774,645	(251,579)	-5.01%
05710720 - WEIGHTS & MEASURES	107,400	93,700	95,105	109,569	15,869	16.94%
05710750 - INSPECTION SERVICES	874,948	984,700	981,435	1,214,359	229,659	23.32%
Expense Total	44,291,005	58,895,707	57,647,066	58,493,759	(401,948)	-0.68%
Grand Total	(12,923,164)	(3,395,221)	(5,922,092)	(4,921,641)	(1,526,420)	-44.96%

City of Oshkosh Tax Levy 2024 Budget

TAXING FUND	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024 PRELIMINARY	CHANGE FROM 2023 BUDGET	CHG %
GENERAL FUND	\$19,945,900	\$21,874,500	\$22,223,400	\$23,435,500	\$24,020,000	\$584,500	2.49%
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
GARBAGE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	1,350,300	1,460,400	1,460,400	1,460,400	1,730,000	\$170,000	10.90%
STREET LIGHTNING	1,075,000	1,075,000	1,025,000	1,025,000	1,060,300	\$35,300	3.44%
MUSEUM	970,000	970,000	970,000	970,000	1,029,100	\$59,100	6.09%
SENIOR SERVICES	327,400	327,400	353,500	353,500	393,000	\$39,500	11.17%
LIBRARY	2,772,700	2,772,700	2,792,700	2,792,700	2,876,500	\$83,800	3.00%
CEMETERY	300,000	300,000	321,000	321,000	328,500	\$9,600	3.01%
LEACH AMPHITHEATER	14,000	14,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	-	0.00%
POLLOCK WATER PARK	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	100,000	\$36,000	56.25%
RENTAL INSPECTIONS	25,000	25,000	16,500	16,500	-	\$(12,800)	-100.00%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS							
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,011,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,088,200	1,205,500	\$117,300	10.78%
DEBT SERVICE FUND	12,070,600	11,160,200	12,733,500	13,277,100	13,897,400	\$620,300	4.67%
ENTERPRISE FUN							

Steady mission tries to get big money out of elections

Groups work to promote 28th Amendment action

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Wisconsin man is making his way around the state telling people about his passion – a nonpartisan effort to get corporations out of elections.

George Penn is a former nuclear engineer turned renewable energy consultant after realizing the effects of climate change. In 2011, he spoke to someone about the Citizens United case in the U.S. Supreme Court and now goes around spreading the word in hopes of getting an amendment added to the Constitution to reverse the momentous precedent.

Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission was a 2010 decision that set the legal precedent allowing corporations and outside groups to spend unlimited amounts of money on elections.

It also allowed for creation of Political Action Committees (PACs) and super PACs, known to have wealthy donors

supporting legislation and candidates through these nonprofit organizations that don't have to disclose donor information.

Penn is part of the group Wisconsin United to Amend, also part of a national movement with 840 communities passing resolutions calling for the constitutional amendment, including more than 160 Wisconsin communities and 22 state legislatures.

He was in Oshkosh last week speaking to members of the American Association of University Women. The group discussed bringing a resolution to the Oshkosh Common Council in hopes of having that body pass a resolution in support of the amendment.

Jerry Thomas, an associate professor of political science at UW Oshkosh who teaches constitutional law, said passing a resolution at the local level signals to officials in the state Legislature and U.S. Congress that there is community support.

The intent of the We the People amend-



George Penn of Wisconsin United to Amend speaks to a group in Oshkosh about his passion to get an amendment added to the U.S. Constitution with hopes of getting corporate money out of elections.

ment would reverse the 2010 decision and stop corporations from making political contributions.

“This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the rights protected and extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, shall have no rights under the Constitution and are subject to regulation,” is a summary of the bill written by the Congressional Research Service.

“The ‘We the People’ amendment calls for only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights and that money is not speech,” Penn said.

The bill was introduced in the U.S.

House in April. Penn said it has also been introduced in both houses in Wisconsin and will continue to be introduced until it gains more traction.

“I don’t want corporations owning our democracy,” Penn said.

Penn believes “We the People” should be put back into the Constitution after the Citizens United decision turned it into “We the Corporations” for the last 10 years.

He outlined two court cases that created “legal myths.” Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Co. set the precedent that a corporation is a person.

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Citizens United

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The second case was Buckley v. Valeo, which Penn said set up the legal myth that money is speech.

Citizens United then became the decision that set the precedent of the government cannot limit funding or spending, leading to an abundance of money being pumped into federal elections. Penn said that in 2016 about \$7 billion was spent on federal elections, then doubled in 2020 to about \$14 billion.

"I hope it doesn't double again and jump to \$28 billion in 2024, but there's only more money going into the system," he said. "This money could be spent on health care or schools."

Thomas said there is often a lot of focus on political contributions from large corporations, but the decision also helped smaller nonprofits such as environmental groups that can work collectively to advance legitimate public issues in government.

Penn wants to get enough people involved in this movement so that when he can no longer talk to groups about the amendment, someone else can take up the torch and continue the work.

There are two ways to pass an amendment and have it added to the Constitu-

tion, which currently has 27 amendments with the most recent being passed in 1992 that states Congress members cannot give themselves raises during an ongoing session.

One way is to have the proposed amendment pass by a two-thirds majority in both the House and Congress. The second route is getting two-thirds of the states to request a constitutional convention where three-fourths of the state legislatures or three-fourths of the states at the convention vote to ratify the amendment.

"A constitutional amendment is not likely because it requires approval of two-thirds of the House and Senate and ratification by three quarters of the states. There is not enough political support to overcome these barriers in the House, Senate or states," Thomas said. "Amending the Constitution would be an uphill battle but it is not impossible. The country has done it before, many times."

Penn acknowledged this fact by pointing out that the women's suffrage movement in the United States started in 1848 and the 18th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, was passed in 1920. Penn also argued the Civil Rights movement was started in 1861 with the emancipation of enslaved people and culminated with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

More information on the initiative can be found at wiuta.org.



Oshkosh Herald

Red Kettle award

Donn Lord (second from left) was honored last week as Ringer of the Year at the Salvation Army of Oshkosh's annual Tin Cup Luncheon to kick off the Red Kettle season. Shown with him are Rachel Manek from WLUK-TV and Maj. James Mungai (far right), who said the organization has seen its food program demands double as it seeks to get 55% of its Red Kettle sites covered by volunteer ringers this year.

Lead campaign

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things we will be looking at are the drains on water softeners, hose bibs, laundry tubs, boilers, toilets and other connection points, including irrigation systems. This assures compliance with the state's cross

connection plumbing code."

Gohde said the most common issue with plumbing fixture hose-bibs is not having backflow prevention. The issue can be solved with the inspector installing a vacuum breaker on a hose connection during the inspection.

The city has been working on this inventory since 2017. However, the new U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead rules will be enforced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and require the city to have a full inventory. At that time any unknown laterals will be considered lead pipes.

Officials need to have the database together by next October. After that the city will start removing and replacing 3% of

lead laterals every year.

Gohde said there are about 2,220 private lead laterals and 5,616 public lead laterals.

This also is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, which focuses on reducing childhood exposure to lead by removing lead-based paint from rental and owner-occupied homes.

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Waupun prison lockdown continues; two others restricted

Staffing shortages limit prisoner movement statewide

By Mario Koran
NEW YORK TIMES / WISCONSIN WATCH

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections is confining prisoners to their cells due to a lack of staff to operate facilities at full capacity — a practice unfolding at more prisons than officials previously acknowledged.

The New York Times and Wisconsin Watch have learned that Stanley Correctional Institution — a medium-security prison in Chippewa County — has limited prisoner movement for the past year. Department officials previously said only Waupun and Green Bay correctional institutions were doing so.

Meanwhile, in Waupun, 30-year-old Tyshun Lemons became the second prisoner to die in custody since the department instituted lockdown conditions in March. DOC spokesman Kevin Hoffman said a medical examiner has yet to determine a cause of death, but attorney Lonnie Story, who has been in contact with the Lemons family, said Lemons died by suicide. The death follows the June suicide of Dean Hoffmann.

In August, more than two dozen inmates incarcerated at Waupun described to Wisconsin Watch and The New York Times squalid conditions inside the prison, including dirty water, limited opportunities for recreation and showers, canceled family visits and a dearth of timely access to medical and mental health care. Men were so desperate for medical care, they said, some have cut themselves or threatened self-harm to be seen by nurs-



Talib Akbar speaks during an Oct. 10 protest at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. He was incarcerated for 20 years before his release in 2013 and spent at least 10 stints in solitary confinement, including a stretch lasting nearly a year.

ing staff.

Elsewhere, prisoners inside Green Bay Correctional Institution, facing restricted movement since June, describe similar conditions, including rodent infestations.

The department refers to the restrictions not as “lockdowns,” but rather “modified movement,” because officials can adjust the restrictions over time. Some prisoners

have been allowed at times to leave their cells for work, appointments or recreation. But experts call lockdown an appropriate term for conditions in Waupun, where prisoners in recent months have been confined to their cells for up to 24 hours each day, going without family visits and regular access to showers and recreation.

Waupun staff have themselves used the term lockdown when refusing medical care.

“No optical during lockdown,” read a note from Waupun medical staff, in response to a request from a man seeking medical attention for eye pain and blurry vision.

Story, who is representing several Wau-

pun inmates in a class-action lawsuit, said he’s shocked to see the Waupun lockdown approach seven months. In 1983, Waupun prisoners were locked down for just three days after seizing control of buildings, taking hostages and setting fires.

“These men are already serving a sentence, and these conditions are going above and beyond that. It’s almost as though they’re receiving a second sentence,” Story said.

Hoffman, the DOC spokesman, said the department is incrementally easing the restrictions in Waupun and Green Bay. In Waupun, for example, the number of pris-

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Prison staffing

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oners allowed out of their cells to work jobs within the facility has tripled, and behavioral health groups have resumed. In Green Bay, prisoners have been allowed to resume chapel services, he added.

The lockdowns come amid a staffing crisis in Wisconsin's prisons. At Waupun, more than 53% of sergeant and correctional officer positions remain vacant. It's the shortest-staffed prison in a system averaging a 32% vacancy rate.

Initially, prison officials denied any link between lockdowns and staff vacancies, telling Wisconsin Watch and The New York Times that threats and assaultive behavior prompted the restrictions.

"Staffing is not the reason for the modified movement," a DOC spokesman said in July.

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and department officials have since acknowledged that vacancies hinder efforts to resume normal operations.

"Staffing did not cause the modified movement," Hoffman told Wisconsin Watch in September. "But staffing does factor into the facility's ability to lift these restrictions because adequate staffing is required for escorting, responding to threatening behavior, and maintaining the safety of everyone at (Waupun)."

Department officials have also shared conflicting information about how many prisons face restricted movement. In July, Hoffman said only two prisons met that criteria. DOC Secretary Kevin Carr repeated that information to lawmakers during his September reappointment hearing.

But The New York Times and Wisconsin

Watch have since obtained a memo authored by Stanley Correctional Institution Warden Chris Buesgen announcing that a "modified movement phase" was to begin Nov. 7, 2022.

"While it is understood that these changes will not be favored, they are necessary at this time given the current staffing shortage," Buesgen wrote.

Stanley's 44% vacancy rate for sergeants and correctional officers ranks third highest among Wisconsin prisons, department data show. Stanley prisoners say they've spent 18 hours a day in their cells with reduced access to the day room, where they can use the phones. They had previously been allowed to spend about half of each day outside of their cells.

Lack of staff has so hobbled the institution that educators must supervise the yard during recreation time. Prisoners say they've missed education time due to teachers being assigned other duties within the institution.

Hoffman said the department has eased some restrictions at Stanley in recent months, including increasing recreation time. It is not uncommon for education staff and other non-uniformed personnel to assist with supervision and recognize emergencies, he added.

"Bottom line, security is everyone's role in an institution," Hoffman said.

Multiple prisoners and their family members say they are facing increasing discipline during the restrictions, with some drawing citations for infractions as small as eating a turkey sandwich on the stairs or speaking with someone during a video visit who is not on an approved visitor list — even if that person is an infant being held by their mother. The infractions could land a prisoner in solitary confinement.

Among the biggest effects of the restrictions, said Emily Curtis, whose loved one is incarcerated in Stanley: less time to speak with him at visits and on the phone.

Research has long shown that connections with family and friends can improve a prisoner's likelihood of successful reintegration after release.

"You might only talk to a loved one twice a week," Curtis said. "They are constantly living within such a negative space there and a lot of times we are the only positive thing they have, the only hope and encouragement they have, as we try to bring them out of the dark place they're in."

"We are not numbers on a piece of paper," said Curtis' loved one, Martell Rogers, who while incarcerated has built a real estate company with the help of people outside of the prison.

"We are not items that you can bind up and mistreat and think everything will be fine when we're set free. You cannot separate us from our humanity," Rogers said.

The nonprofit Wisconsin Watch (www.WisconsinWatch.org) collaborates with WPR, PBS Wisconsin, other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

UWO alumni to receive honors

Jeffery Gerritt and Marc Nylen from Oshkosh are among 11 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumni to be honored for their achievements by their alma mater Friday during Homecoming 2023 activities.

The UW Oshkosh Alumni Association will present seven top graduates with the Distinguished Alumni Award for accomplishments in their fields. Three will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award for professional and civic accomplishments within 15 years of receiving their degrees; one will receive the Alumni Outstanding Service Award for exemplary contributions.

Gerritt, an Oshkosh native now in Detroit, was a 1978 philosophy and music major who is editorial page editor for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He has more than 60 national and state journalism awards, including the Pulitzer Prize.

Nylen, a 1991 Spanish major who has a master's degree in counseling, is associate director of residence life and director of Gruenhagen Conference Center/Residence Life Conference Service at UW Oshkosh.



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High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 2
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 3
Archive Dives: Geer-Murray Collection, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.
Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Nov. 4
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-4 p.m.

Nov. 5
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Nov. 6
Book Buzz: The River We Remember, 8 a.m., YouTube
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Nov. 7
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 8
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
Memory Cafe: Author Randy Domer, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 9
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 10
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Nov. 11
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 am.-4 p.m.

Nov. 12
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Nov. 13
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Mini Job Fair, 1-3 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Nov. 14
Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults
Adult DIY, 6 p.m., adults

Nov. 15
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
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Nov. 16
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
Wonderlab: Build a Winter Village, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Nov. 17
Librarian Learns: The Hiker Monument, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.
Tween S.T.E.A.M: Build a Winter Village, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

Nov. 18
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 am.-4 p.m.
Everyday Tech: Drop-in Tech Help, 10-11 a.m., adults

Nov. 19
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Nov. 20
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Nov. 21
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Nov. 22
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 23
Library closed: Thanksgiving

Nov. 24
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.

Nov. 25
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 26
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Nov. 27
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 28
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 29
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 30
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'Two-Way Street' offers business expertise

Oshkosh Herald

"Two-Way Street" by local author and insurance consultant Eric Soda has been released this month on Amazon Books for anyone who wants to improve in sales, client satisfaction and running a business.

Soda started in the insurance business while in high school in his hometown of Princeton, Wis. During those years Soda's father told him about insurance and had a family friend who worked at American Family Insurance.



Soda

He ended up job shadowing during his remaining time in school. It spring-boarded from there.

"I worked with him, then I got licensed and I kept working with him and then from there I came to Neenah and started my own," he said.

While building his insurance agency, he was also fighting fires and pulling people out of car wrecks as a paid on-call firefighter.

Soda said those years shaped him as a business professional and person. He mentions that being a firefighter made him a laid-back person in life and in his professional career.

"It doesn't pay to get wound up or going in one direction on things that don't matter. What matters (is) family, dealing with people, talking to people," he said.

By age 32, with no college degree, Soda grew his insurance agency to be

one of the largest in the country, setting a record for most life insurance policies sold in a year for American Family Insurance. What Soda values most about his agency is the connection and relationships that have formed over the years.

"The relationships with people, you're helping people, but you have that connection. A lot of them come to us as clients, but become friends," he said.

Soda presents to business owners around the country on ways to improve their sales, service and overall operations. He is also the author of the blog "Spilled Coffee."

He lives in Neenah with his wife and two children.

Soda's insurance agency offices are at 1220 S. Commercial St. in Neenah, and 459 N. Washburn St. in Oshkosh.

Lyons Books in downtown Neenah is hosting a book signing by Soda from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 9, where it will be available in hardcover and paperback. It is also available on Amazon Books.

Calendar of events

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 404

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

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Oshkosh Chamber Singers, 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 Howard

"Coco," 7 p.m., Time Community

Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Morgan House tours, 10 a.m., 234 Church Ave.

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

Boss of the Toss Cornhole Tournament, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Masonic Temple, 204 Washington Ave.

Monday, Oct. 30

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

Dr. Kickbutt's Orchestra of Death, 6 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.

Water City Jazz Orchestra Singer Showcase, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Cocktails and Culprits murder mystery party, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Country Club, 11 W. Ripple Ave.

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

Friday, Nov. 3

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

Saturday, Nov. 4

Foghat, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oshkosh Area Community Band Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

TEDx Oshkosh 2023, 8:30 a.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Mason Street Band, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

Burgers & Bach with Peter Lowenstein, 6 p.m., Becket's

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Oshkosh Area Women's Association Benefit Style Show, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh West powers past Fondy in regional final



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Kirsten Klatt blasts a spike past a Fond du Lac blocker Saturday night.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

After leading the entire fourth set, Oshkosh West began to see its advantage dwindling.

Already ahead 2-1 in the match, the Wildcats had bolted to the early lead and eventually extended that advantage to 19-10 – just six points away from a regional title.

That's when Fond du Lac began to sway the momentum its way. A couple of points trimmed West's lead to seven before another two points brought the Cardinals to within 20-15. Then, after another point for West, Fond du Lac scored two more to get within four points, and seemed ready to put together a set-saving rally.

That's when Sydnee Nelson stepped in. Nelson ended a long rally with a rock-et-launched spike down the line that instantly energized the Wildcats and helped them finish off a 25-16, 23-25, 25-14, 25-19 win over the Cardinals that delivered Oshkosh West its first regional title since 2013.

"Sydnee plays with such confidence and I love that," head coach Gillian Pakula said. "It's like, 'Give me the ball and I will take care of it.' That's what we want to see."

The regional title – which means Oshkosh West will play Manitowoc Lincoln in a sectional semifinal at 5 p.m. Thursday at Sheboygan South – is a continuation of a bounce-back season for the Wildcats.

And getting to this point was certainly a goal for this group.

"I remember being at this game last year, playing at Manitowoc and the feeling after that loss is not something we want to feel again," senior Kierstin Martin said.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Paige Seckar (left) and Maeve Lasky celebrate after winning a point against Fond du Lac on Saturday night.

"We worked hard over the offseason and we worked hard at practice every day and now we are regional champions."

After Fond du Lac won the second set to tie the match at 1, Oshkosh West was in charge the rest of the night.

Kills from Nelson and Avery Pakula early in the third set staked the Wildcats to a 4-3 lead and Oshkosh West never trailed again. Fond du Lac got as close as three points midway through the set before the Wildcats rattled off seven of the next points to seize control, while it was a similar run at the start of the fourth set that put West in front.

"We all went out there with just a different mentality (in the final two sets). We wanted to get it done. We wanted our (regional championship) plaque and we just kept pushing through," Nelson said. "Our serve receive really improved in those sets and that really helped us."

West was able to keep control of things without relying on any one hitter to do all of the damage.

Both Nelson and Pakula had their moments in the final two sets, but Maeve Lasky had a key stuff block early in the third set, Kirsten Klatt racked up six of her nine kills in the final two sets, while Paige Seckar had tallied three kills and two

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Knights take down Warriors to claim playoff win

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It didn't matter if it was a blowout or a nail-biter to Lourdes Academy head football coach Kevin Wopat.

It had been a while since he had led the Knights to a WIAA postseason victory, so no matter how it happened Friday night in a WIAA Division 7 Level 1 game at Titan Stadium, Wopat was hoping his team could walk off the field with a W.

The Knights certainly obliged.

Wade Lindahl threw for three touchdowns while the defense picked off four passes as Lourdes Academy defeated Ozaukee, 33-21, to advance to a Level 2 rematch with Randolph on Friday.

"We said that was our first playoff win since 2019 and it was a big step," Wopat said. "For our seniors, it's awesome. They get to leave Titan (Stadium) with a win."

The Knights trailed briefly late in the first quarter before a 20-point second period put them in front to stay.

Lindahl opened the scoring by scampering 35 yards on a third-and-1 play on the first play of the second quarter to put Lourdes Academy ahead for good. He capped the next drive by darting through the middle of the defense for a 10-yard touchdown run giving the Knights a 19-7 lead.

Lindahl then connected with Jok Machiros for a 27-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute to go in the half. It was the second touchdown reception for Machiros, who hauled in a 19-yard pass for a score in the first quarter.

"It was our last game at home and that pushed me to play my best because it might have been my last game today," said Machiros, who caught eight passes



Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Lourdes Academy defense, including Max Behnke (67) and Will Bowman (9), wraps up an Ozaukee ball carrier Friday night.

for 73 yards and registered his first career two-touchdown game. "I was a little scared at first but I got it done."

The Knights' entire receiving core had a big night hauling in passes from Lindahl.

Mitchell Wing also had eight catches in the game and totaled 103 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. Dominic Bauer added four catches for 68 yards and Braden Studinski also had four catches for 46 yards.

"Our line did an awesome job of letting

Wade throw cleanly and that led to some easy completions downfield and that really broke this game open," Wopat said. "We keep preaching to Wade to take what they give you and I thought he did a great job of that tonight."

And to the receivers, it doesn't matter who is making the catches.

"As long as one of us does it, it's great," said Machiros, who also had an interception in the game. "It all counts for the team."

While the offense was racking up the points, the Knights defense was limiting what Ozaukee could accomplish.

Running back Brett Hamm rushed for more than 150 yards but never reached the end zone and was often bottled up at the line of scrimmage or just beyond it.

"All week, it was about slowing down his feet and making a pile. Slowing him down was a big goal for everybody," said linebacker Mason Carpenter. "I think it took the wind out of them when they were constantly trying to get some big plays to him and it just wasn't working."

Ozaukee put together a nine-play scoring drive late in the first quarter but would punt on its final two drives of the first half and then turned the ball over on the first two possessions of the second half.

"I'm ecstatic with how our defense played and I think a big part of that is getting Mason back," Wopat said. "I think that was an uplifting thing for our team. We pursued like crazy and we hung on and made it where Hamm couldn't get going."

Carpenter, who missed the last three games with an injury, finished with nine tackles on the game – one behind fellow linebacker Max Behnke – and was glad to be back on the field.

"It was a long three weeks. It felt good to be back and finally hit somebody after waiting for a while," Carpenter said. "Our defense is legit and if you fall asleep on us we will make you pay. Our defensive line did an incredible job and then it was up to me and Max to fill the holes and make the tackle."

Ozaukee did rally in the fourth quarter scoring on a pair of halfback option passes,

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Valley Christian topples Suring en route to regional title

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It's been an impressive season for the Valley Christian volleyball team.

The Warriors rolled to a Trailways East Conference title and in the process earned a No. 1 seed and a first-round bye in the WIAA Division 4 tournament. Now Valley Christian can add regional champions to this season's resume after rallying from a 2-1 deficit to beat Hilbert at home on Saturday night, 25-17, 21-25, 21-25, 25-23, 15-5.

Valley Christian will next face Green Bay NEW Lutheran in a sectional semifinal on Thursday at Lourdes Academy as the Warriors are chasing their first state tournament appearance since 2010.

The first step on that tournament path was a sweep of Suring last Thursday, 25-

13, 25-15, 25-23.

Head coach Lizzy Potratz – who was a key member of the Warriors' first state-qualifying team – said she was glad the team got that win over Suring and that they had to earn that third set win.

"I like that we were challenged because I didn't want it too easy. We need that mental challenge to get ourselves prepared for the tournament," Potratz said. "We can get a little relaxed sometimes and if you looked at their faces at the beginning of the third set I think that's what we saw so I loved that they challenged us. Make us better. Make us have to work for it."

After breezing through the first two sets, the margin in the third set was never more than one point until back-to-back Suring errors gave the Warriors a 14-12 lead. A kill from Stella Wright later made the score 16-13 before a string of three straight points for Valley Christian – a Lizzie Fink block, a Katie Wallace ace and an Anna Y. Giannopolous kill – boosted the Warriors to a 20-16 advantage.

"We haven't had that type of balance in a long time," Potratz said. "It's nice because we know that if somebody is a bit off, we know we have other hitters who can step in their place. It takes the pressure off our hitters and we are happy with what our team is able to do."

Suring eventually trimmed the Warriors' lead to one point at 23-22 but a nifty tip-set by Maliha Demler got Valley Christian to game point and Wright finished off the victory with a big kill.

"I think we were getting a little too excited and caught up in the moment after the first two sets but we pulled through and are ready for the next round," said Anne E. Giannopolous. "I think (this match) is go-



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Valley Christian's Maliha Demler (4) and Anna Y. Giannopolous (20) goes up for a block against a Suring hitter on Thursday.



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Anna E. Giannopolous eyes up a serve during last Thursday's win over Suring.

ing to help prepare us for the next rounds to come."

Anna E. Giannopolous was one of three players with a team-high eight kills in the match, joining Wright and Anna Y. Giannopolous.

Many of her kills came in the first two sets as some of the other Warrior hitters were still finding their groove at the net.

"Warm-ups aren't always the best so it just kind of comes up in the match," Anna E. Giannopolous said. "Through the game, my teammates surround me and they just bring me up."

Valley Christian used an 8-1 run of points early in the first set to seize control, while starting the second set by scoring seven of the first nine points to take the lead.

Both sets ended with Anna Y. Giannopolous at the serving line and rattling off the final four points in each set for the

win. Anna Y. Giannopolous led the Warriors with four aces, while Wallace finished with three.

Demler posted a team-high 27 assists, while Wallace finished with a team-high 17 digs, while Halie Weyenberg added nine.

"We haven't played in over a week, so on paper this is supposed to be our warmup game," Potratz said. "Obviously you want to respect the opponent, but we wanted to come in and do our job tonight. This is our match to get us ready for the tougher matches yet to come."

Against Hilbert, Anna Y. Giannopolous led the Warriors with 18 kills, while Fink added 12 and Anna E. Giannopolous chipped in 11. Demler racked up a whopping 45 assists in the match, while five different players totaled double-digit digs led by 17 from Wright and 16 from Wallace.

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Lourdes cross country headed back to state

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Lourdes Academy's girls cross country team is heading back to the state meet.

The Knights finished a close second to Bonduel at the WIAA Division 3 Wabeno/Laona sectional on Saturday to earn the program's 16th trip to The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids and the state cross country meet.

Lourdes, which has finished in third place at state the last two seasons, has qualified for the state meet every year since 2006, except for 2018 and the COVID-altered 2020 seasons.

This year's trip, though, is a special one for head coach Tim Moore, who will take the youngest team he has ever had to the state meet with four freshmen part of the varsity lineup.

"With the experience of this group, (making it to state) was more of a hope than an expectation," Moore said. "The girls have been phenomenal about putting their bodies under stress and then progressing through it."

Despite the youthful lineup, which is led by juniors Erin Moore and Dasha Averkamp as well as senior Ella Slusarski, Moore won't change his expectations for Saturday's state run.

"We don't temper our expectations at all. We go into every meet with the thought to do our best and to run fast," Moore said. "This group knows it's a privilege to run at the state meet. We won't focus on where we place, we will just go there and try to run fast."

The Knights certainly ran well at the sectional meet Saturday.

It all started with Erin Moore, who ran away from the field to claim the individual



Submitted photo

The Lourdes Academy girls cross country team will be returning to the state meet for the 16th time in the last 18 years after finishing second at the sectional meet Saturday. The team consisted of (from left) Coach Luke Spanbauer, Elizabeth O'Connor, Dasha Averkamp, Tessia Mroczkowski, Allison Stromske, Ella Slusarski, Annie Moore, Erin Moore and coach Tim Moore.

sectional title.

The junior finished nearly 35 seconds ahead of the second-place runner, completing the course in 19 minutes, 5.1 seconds.

"She is a great runner and just been patient all season," Tim Moore said. "She goes into every race focusing on the idea that she is going to have to work hard and she goes with that lead group."

Averkamp was the second runner to finish for the Knights, earning a top-10 finish by placing ninth overall.

After the two juniors, it became the Knights' parade of freshmen.

Annie Moore led the group, placing 12th overall, followed by Tessia Mroczkowski in 23rd place, Allison Stromske in 28th place to round out the scoring runners. Elizabeth O'Connor added a 47th place and Slusarski finished 61st.

The Knights finished with 61 points eas-

ily ahead of third-place St. Mary Catholic, which had 100 points. Bonduel won the sectional title with 52 points.

Valley Christian finished seventh overall – just two points behind Manawa – and will be represented at the state meet by freshman Mya Moran.

Moran finished fourth overall and won a tight race at the finish line for her place to earn her state spot. Moran clocked a time of 20:11.0, to lead a group of four runners to finish in a span of six-tenths of a second.

McKenzie Murphy was the next runner to finish for the Warriors in 24th place, with Merian Getz coming in 46th, Norah O'Brien in 57th and Allison Duehring in 76th place, one spot ahead of teammate Chloe Mueller.

For the boys, Valley Christian's Jonah Menet came within one place of earning a trip to state. The sophomore finished in seventh place with a time of 17:54.0. He

finished about nine seconds out of the final individual qualifying spot.

Michael Roberts added a 17th-place finish for Valley Christian, which just had the two runners in the boys field.

Lourdes Academy finished seventh overall in the team standings for the boys.

Henry Spanbauer led the finishers for the Knights, placing 22nd overall. Joshua Rucinski was next for the Knights in 35th place, followed by Cameron Kapral in 38th place, Zack Foster in 49th place and Kyle Hipple in 67th place.

St. Mary Catholic won the sectional title, followed by Bonduel and Omro.

Division 1

The Oshkosh West boys had four runners finish in the top 30 and came away fourth overall at a talent-laden sectional

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West alum Stack getting his kicks for UW-La Crosse

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Michael Stack was kicking in front of the biggest crowd he ever played in front of, kicking from a distance that was more than five yards longer than his pre-game range and kicking a field goal that would beat a team UW-La Crosse hadn't knocked off in almost 20 years.

Unfortunately, Stack – an Oshkosh West alum – never got to see his 51-yard field goal sail through the uprights at UW-Whitewater's Perkins Stadium as time expired.

"Off my foot I knew it was straight, which is good, but I wasn't 100 percent sure on the distance," Stack said in a phone interview last week. "Our sideline's reaction and kind of the hush of the Whitewater crowd let me know it was good."

The memorable kick happened Oct. 7 and gave the Eagles – who are currently ranked fourth in Division III and leading the always rugged WIAC – a 37-34 victory over the powerhouse Warhawks.

Stack had already kicked field goals of 29 and 44 yards in the game, but the gamewinner was the one he will certainly remember the most.

"I think the most meaningful thing for me is that for the past 19 years we have come up short against Whitewater," Stack said. "It feels good to help our team be on the other end of the way the ball rolls sometimes and to help finish something they started. It's more impactful."

Stack said he knew he might be called on when Whitewater tied the score at 34 with just less than six minutes left to play and began to mentally prepare on the sidelines.

That's something he has done since learning kicking from his Oshkosh West coaches, which included his father, John Stack.



Stack

"When they scored that two-point conversion (to tie the game), I realized I was going to have a shot and it was going to be a big kick that would be monumental," Stack said. "I tried to get my mental side things right, just staying calm. Getting my kicks into the net on the sideline definitely helped just to feel the good contact."

During warmups, Stack had set his range to that set of goalposts at 45 yards – that was the distance he felt confident he would make.

But when the Eagles reached the Warhawks' 33-yard line with less than 10 seconds on the clock, he knew that was it.

"Going out there I knew I would have to hit one of the better balls of the day into a pretty stiff breeze," said Stack, who is 8-of-8 on field goals this season. "I'm thankful for my coaches and teammates to give me that opportunity."

"The first person I hugged was (holder) Ryan Krueger and after that it was just a whirlwind of seeing a bunch of teammates and giving them hugs. I kind of got piled

on top of right away. A ton of great memories that I will take with me."

For his efforts against the Warhawks, Stack was named the WIAC Special Teams Player of the Week, the second time he had garnered the honor already this season.

"I'm definitely proud of those accomplishments but at the end of the day, I'm just looking at what our team can accomplish and what I can do to help our team," Stack said. "A lot of the field goals I've had haven't really been to decide any games up until that one so that was cool to make a difference to help our team."

Stack has also converted all 28 of his PAT attempts this season and ranks second on the team with 52 total points.

This is Stack's first season as the full-time kicker for the Eagles. He handled some kickoff duties but did not attempt a field goal or extra point in a game.

Stack was a first-team all-conference punter in his senior season at Oshkosh West.

Wisconsin Herd announce promotion schedule for 2023-24 season

The Wisconsin Herd tips off its sixth season Nov. 16 with select games featuring giveaways and theme nights, showcasing at least seven specialty jerseys worn in-game and auctioned off to benefit charities.

The NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks will bring awareness to important causes through the thematic jerseys. On Nov. 21 the Herd will wear specialty theme jerseys presented by P.R.O.S. Sports Housing to bring attention to National Homelessness Awareness Month.

In December, the Herd will change their name to the Wisconsin "BEHERD" and wear jerseys endorsed by Rhyme to bring awareness to suicide prevention.

The Herd will showcase a celebration of Women's History Month on March 2 where the Herd will change its name to the Wisconsin "HER" on theme jerseys presented by BMO. During Black History Month, the Herd will wear theme jerseys sponsored by TDS Telecom to honor black influential leaders. To tip off National Green Week on Feb. 1, the Herd will rep-

theme jerseys presented by Winnebago County Solid Waste.

Additional theme nights include the Annual School Day game presented by BMO with a lunchbox giveaway Jan. 17 and the return of Star Wars night on Jan. 20 with a T-shirt giveaway sponsored by Sadoff E-Recycling & Data Destruction.

A BMO Art Theme Jersey designed by local youth is set for Jan. 22, while March 16 is Marvel Super Hero Night presented by Winnebago County featuring theme jerseys and a comic book giveaway in-

spired by Captain America and featuring a Herd player within the Marvel universe.

Two bobblehead giveaways include a Franchise of the Year bobblehead courtesy of Discover Oshkosh on Jan. 8, and a Curdman bobblehead presented by LaClare Creamery on Jan. 24. February features a rally towel giveaway Feb. 1 and Herd bucket hat giveaway Feb. 22 in partnership with 4imprint.

To end the season March 27, the Herd will host a fan appreciation night featuring a team thank you poster giveaway.

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David Zeinert presents a \$5,400 check to Tracy Ogden, chief executive of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, raised at the Sawyer Zeinert Golf Outing on Sept. 16 at Utica Golf Club. The money will help children attend the club's Camp Radford. The outing was supported by businesses, family and friends for hole sponsorship and donations.

Prep sports roundup

VOLLEYBALL

Knights post tourney win before being eliminated

Lourdes Academy scored a three-set win over Almond-Bancroft, 25-14, 25-23, 25-21, in a first-round WIAA Division 4 regional volleyball match last week.

The Knights were then ousted by second-seeded Tri-County, 9-25, 25-8, 25-20, 25-17.

Oshkosh North was knocked out in the first round of the Division 1 tournament, falling to Cedarburg 25-10, 25-13, 25-13.

SOCCER

West tops Fond du Lac on penalty kicks

Oshkosh West scored a WIAA Division 1 tournament victory last week, beating Fond du Lac, 4-2, on penalty kicks.

West scored two goals in the first half with Max Meszaros and Collin Carns

notching the goals for the Wildcats. Mason Strange and George Miller each had assists.

Fond du Lac tied the score with a pair of second half goals and then the match went scoreless through two overtime periods.

Iban Heredia had two saves during the shootout for West and finished with seven saves in the game. Owen Ervin also had three saves for the Wildcats.

West, which was seeded seventh, lost to second-seeded Homestead in a regional final on Saturday night.

Spartans, Knights knocked out of tournament

Both Oshkosh North and Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian were ousted from WIAA tournament play last week.

Oshkosh North was forced to forfeit its Division 2 first-round regional game to North Fond du Lac United.

Lourdes/Valley lost to Gibraltar/Sevasopol, 2-1, in its first-round game.

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Sydnee Nelson goes up for a spike during Saturday night's WIAA Division 1 regional final.

West volleyball

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blocks during an eight-point stretch early in the fourth set.

"As the season is continuing in practice, we are identifying that we are not a one-horse show and never have been," Pakula said. "We have the ones who score the most but our setters have been doing a nice job of distributing and identifying when we are forced on one side to spray the ball around. They did a nice job of that."

Martin, who finished with 26 assists in the match, and MaKaelyn Clark, who added 13 assists, were able to make use of the Wildcats' array of hitters.

"We knew their defense and knew we were able to move the sets around and get

all of our hitters involved that was key," Martin said. "Moving them around and getting them out of position."

Nelson said the balance the Wildcats can showcase also means that opposing blockers can't focus in on one player.

"It's really helpful that we have so many powerful hitters as a team," Nelson said. "We trust every hitter that they can score and it shows through on the court."

Nelson led the team's hitters with 13 kills in the match, while Pakula finished with 11. Seckar led the team with 3.5 blocks and Elaina Butz topped the team with 25 digs.

Martin paced the team with four aces, while Butz finished with three.

"It feels awesome. It feels so great to be with this team my senior year and get them to this point," Martin said. "We are just going to keep going."

Cross country

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meet at Stevens Point.

Stevens Point easily won the boys title, winning the crown with just 17 points. Neenah finished second with 73 points, while Kimberly was third with 122 points. The Wildcats and Appleton North each had 131 points.

Celso Collins led the Wildcats with a strong race, finishing 18th overall. Collins finished about 21 seconds behind the final individual state qualifier. Delson Troedel was the next West finisher in 24th place followed by Jerry Sowers in 26th and Carter Crowe in 29th.

Preston Bokath rounded out the Wildcat scoring runners in 34th place.

Oshkosh North finished 10th among the 12 complete teams at the sectional and was

led by Trip Kujawa in 47th place and Chase Reyer in 52nd place. The rest of Spartans' top five consisted of Matthew Indergard in 63rd place, Davante Kieya in 65th place and Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski in 67th place.

On the girls side, Abigail Tercha finished 24th to lead Oshkosh West, which finished seventh as a team. The Wildcats had been looking for the program's fourth straight trip to the state meet.

Behind Tercha, Rowen Stellpflug finished in 41st place, followed by Haylie Hullar in 47th place, Kate Elliott in 53rd place and Mila Crowe in 55th place. All five scoring runners for the Wildcats were freshmen and sophomores.

Oshkosh North had a pair of runners in the girls field with Lehna Mitchell finishing in 46th place and Ava Hanson placing 50th.

Neenah won the sectional title, placing ahead of Kaukauna and Stevens Point.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Mitchell Wing leaps in the air for one of his two interceptions against Ozaukee on Friday night.

Lourdes football

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the second coming with 17 seconds left, but the Knights were never threatened after halftime.

"They came out and put up enough of a

fight to make this game competitive into the late fourth quarter but we did a nice job getting the win," Wopat said. "Our kids are excited to play Randolph again. We felt like we needed to win a playoff game to have a really good season and now we are going to try to win another one."



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Obituaries

John W. Gronlund

John W. Gronlund, age 71, passed away at his home surrounded by love and reggae music on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. He was born to the late Howard and Rita (Maloney) Gronlund on February 21, 1952, in Milwaukee. John attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Oshkosh High in 1970. John married Mary Manser on February 8, 1989, on the beach in Negril, Jamaica.



Before John finished his career as a salesman, John worked as a lifeguard at the Oshkosh beaches, ran Brothers on the strip, managed the Truck Stop Restaurant, bartended at Mable Murphy's (where he met Mary), Derksen's and ended his career at Kitz and Pfeil.

John is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Speed); son, Jason Tuschen; brothers, Andrew (Cathy), David, and Patrick (Linda) Gronlund; sister, Mary (James) Napp; in-laws, Joseph, and Andrew (Jeff Rehfeldt) Manser, and Elizabeth (Greg) Manser-Payne as well as many nieces and nephews.

John was proud to be a founding

member of the Oshkosh Rugby Club and served several years as chairman of the disciplinary committee for USA Rugby. He played for years on the Mable Murphy's and Oblios softball teams. John loved over 40 trips to Jamaica, sitting with friends on the dock, and countless road trips with Mary, stopping at every little red square on the road map.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his sister, Ann Gronlund, and recently, his sister-in-law, Debbie Manser who suffered from the same type of lung cancer as John.

A service for John will be held at

Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes, 402 Waugoo Avenue, on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 7PM. A time of visitation will be held from 4PM until the time of service. A private burial will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Community Church Oshkosh and Oshkosh Area Humane Society. The family would like to thank all the neighbors, close friends, co-workers, and Pastor Karl who helped Mary and John deal with this difficult time.

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Frances Bauer

Frances "Fran" Bauer passed on peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the remarkable age of 97. A long-time resident of Oshkosh, her story humbly began in rural Pine Bluff, AR and was deeply marked by the untimely passing of her mother, Frankie, at the tender age of 19 while Fran was still in infancy. This early hardship formed Fran's resilient, practical and hardworking nature. A high school graduate and telephone operator in Little Rock by 16 years old, Fran enjoyed nights out dancing the jitterbug with friends, when time afforded. It was a time when the local Army Air Corp base was buzzing with WWII service men and one in particular, Clarence Bauer of Oshkosh, would steal her heart. Several dates and long-distance letters later, Fran and Clarence were married in Little Rock on September 2, 1947, and afterwards moved to Oshkosh.



on 12th Ave in a home Fran took great pride in and that would later welcome generations of family during times of celebration, summer badminton games, and baked ham dinners. A voracious reader and crossword enthusiast, Fran loved puzzles and was known to gently yet persuasively insist games were played at all gatherings, over coffee and dessert, naturally.

Outside of the home, Fran worked at Hrnak's Flowers and later at Miles Kimball, well into her 70's. But true to her coffee mug, she would rather have been golfing. A member of local women's golf leagues, she shared her passion for golf with Clarence. They traveled to courses across the state and down the coast to Florida. In retirement they had a seasonal home in Florida after many years of hard work, where they enjoyed golfing with friends.

Profoundly devout, Fran also dedicated much of her time to St Vincent Church (later St Jude the Apostle) as a parishioner, choir member, office volunteer and long-time member of the ladies craft group. If Fran didn't have a book in her hand, likely there was a crochet hook or knitting needles—and there is proof of that all across

sister-in-law, Diane Schmidt; special friends, Pastor Connie, Mary Ellen, Diane, Nancy and Marilyn. She is further survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Jerri was preceded in death by her brother, Daryl Schmidt.

A memorial service for Jerri will be held at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St. on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 4:00 PM concelebrated by Rev. Jon Wills and Rev. Connie Weiss. Visitation will be held at the church from 2:00 PM until the time of the service. A celebration of life will be held at the church immediately following the service. Inurnment will be held at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

To Jerri's good friends and caretakers who she loved like family, especially Brandy Longfellow, thank you for all of the help that each of you provided daily throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

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the city of Oshkosh from the many pieces she donated and sold at church fundraisers.

Fran lived a measured life, but her love for family and friends knew no bounds. She will be missed dearly by her son Greg Bauer of Seattle, WA; daughters Nancy (Jim) Ottman and Lisa (Dave) McKinney; grandchildren Rebecca Ottman (Steven Hawkins), Carrie (Brett) Bernier and Marissa Bauer of Seattle, WA; great-grandchildren Emily, Madeline, Esme and Rye; surviving sister Agnes McQuin of Little Rock, AR; and a wide circle of close extended relatives. Fran was preceded in death by her adoring husband Clarence Bauer; brothers Dr. Dewey Allen Jr and Harold Allen; and

parents Dewey and Frankie (Autry) Allen.

The family would like to thank the staff of Aspire Senior Living in Oshkosh and the AseraCare hospice team, especially Tammy, for their care and compassion during Fran's last days.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at St. Jude Parish, St. Vincent site, 1225 Oregon St, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place on Saturday morning at church from 10:00 am until the time of service. She will be laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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Harold F. Koeck

Harold F. Koeck Jr, age 77 of Oshkosh, passed away at Bethel Home on Thursday, October 19, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh on September 14, 1946 to the late Harold and Mary (Mueller) Koeck. Harold was united in marriage to Joan Knack on May 23, 1970 and had three children.



Harold graduated from Lourdes High School in 1965 and faithfully served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. In the midst of raising a family and working at Mercury Marine, Harold joined the family business and operated The Stadium Bar from 1980-1983. He retired from Mercury Marine after 38 years in 2008.

Harold enjoyed reading and gardening. He had a love for building model battleships and airplanes, playing military boardgames, and was a firearm enthusiast.

Harold is survived by his children, Stacy (James) Rankin, Brian (Debbie) Koeck and Kristen Koeck; grandchildren, Jaden Burdick, Rachel and Jonah Koeck;

step-grandchildren, Dantana and Jared Rankin; step-great-grandchildren, Aurora, Amelia, Charlotte and Jase Rankin; sister, Bonnie Koeck. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Koeck.

A funeral service for Harold will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Interment with Military Honors will take place at St. John Cemetery in Black Wolf.

The Koeck Family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the patient and compassionate staff at Bethel Home for the care provided to Harold throughout the last several years.



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Obituaries

Gregory Charles Jungwirth

Gregory Charles Jungwirth, age 81 of Midwest City, Oklahoma formerly of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on Friday, October 13, 2023. He was born on January 8, 1942, in Oshkosh, WI the son of the late Frank and Theresa (Bleckinger) Jungwirth. Greg proudly served in the Army and was stationed in Munich, Germany. There he met and fell in love with Renate Degenfelder. They were married in 1968. The couple returned to the United States in 1969 and moved to Oklahoma. Greg lived in Oklahoma for almost 50 years with his family and during that time he worked as a restaurant manager for Mackie McNear for over 33 years. Greg loved handball and skiing in his younger years



and spent years coaching at St. Phillip Neri. He loved being an umpire for baseball and instilled a love for sports in his children and grandchildren.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother and 3 sisters. Surviving is his wife Renate, 2 daughters Gloria (Brent) Formen, Candice (Toriano) Lands both of Midwest City, OK and 1 son, Brian Jungwirth of Cologne Germany; 4 grandchildren Ashley, Trajan, Lauren, and Noah; 1 brother, Thomas Jungwirth and 1 sister Mary (Jungwirth) Patnode both of Oshkosh, WI. and many nieces and nephews.

Greg lived by his strong faith in Christ and showed kindness to all people who he met. Greg loved his wife and family until the very end of his life.

A celebration of Greg's life was held on October 21, 2023, at Ford Funeral Services, Midwest City, OK. Friends may view tributes and share memories at www.fordfuneral.com.

James J. Groff

James J. Groff, 76, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Oshkosh on Sunday October 15th. James was born in Escanaba, MI to Herman and Lola Faye (Walker) Groff. After spending his early years in Michigan, the family relocated to Green Lake, WI where James went on to graduate from Green Lake High School. Following high school, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison before transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he graduated with a degree in Architecture.

Following college, James lived and worked in Fort Worth, TX where he met his wife of 48 years, Kathleen. They later relocated to Wisconsin where he went on to work at HGM Architecture in Oshkosh for many years. He was an avid gardener, spending the summer months tending to his prized vegetable

garden. In winter, he passed his time in his beloved workshop focused on wood-working and creating amazing, life like duck decoys and songbird carvings. He also made decorative wooden boxes and loved to surprise people with his creations as gifts.

James is survived by his wife Kathleen; two sons: Colin (Julie) of Neenah, WI and Ian (Gabriel Carbajal) of Kirkland, WA; two grandchildren: Parker and Allie as well as extended family including a sister-in-law, Sharon Groff of Gwinn, MI and several nieces. James was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Lola Faye Groff as well as a brother, Gerald Groff of Berlin, WI and Gwinn, MI

In keeping with James' wishes, there will not be a funeral service, but a celebration of life for family and close friends will be announced at a later date. James will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Obituaries

Bette Deiters

Bette Viola Deiters, age 80 of Oshkosh, went home to be with her Lord on October 18, 2023, while surrounded by her family.



Bette was born in Berlin, WI, on October 29, 1942. She attended Berlin High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 3 years. Bette was a teacher in elementary education and physical education in Oshkosh, Green Bay and De Pere, WI, school districts. She later worked as a real estate agent and broker in both Wisconsin and California.

Bette was a proud and loving mother of 3 children (Erin, Jay and Sara) and grandma of 2 grandchildren (Jake and Johnny). She was an avid sports fan with regional

favorites based on growing up in Wisconsin and then living in the San Francisco Bay Area. She cheered on the Packers, Brewers, Bucks, Badgers, Niners, Giants and Warriors through every season with passion. She loved playing sports and was proud of her baseball talent. Bette loved music and dancing, particularly tango. She was an excellent pianist and taught piano lessons as well. Spending time with her family, playing cribbage, eating ice cream and vacationing at Lake Forest Resort in Eagle River, WI were some of her favorite things. Bette will always be remembered for her faith, kindness, determination and humor.

Bette is survived by her daughter Erin (Jim) Brande and son Jay Deiters, sister Debi (Mark) Damico; grandchildren Jake and Johnny Brande; and many cousins.

Bette was preceded in death by her daughter Sara Ann Deiters and her parents, Ray and Violet Bahr.

Thank you to Aurora at Home Hospice

and Aurora Pain Management for the love and care they provided which allowed her to stay home with her family.

A service was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 S. 4th Street, Winneconne, WI 54986. Interment took place at Lake View Memorial Park following the service.

Carol Jean Kupsch

Carol Jean (Sibbald) Kupsch, 78, of Oshkosh WI passed away peacefully on October 12, 2023. She was born on September 20, 1945, in Ashland WI to Wilbur and Florence (Becker) Sibbald. Carol graduated from Ashland High School in 1963.



Carol previously worked at C.D. Smith in Fond Du Lac, WI and CR Meyer & Sons in Oshkosh, WI. She loved the outdoors and spent her time boating, snowmobiling and spending time at the cabin up north. Her passion for the Green Bay Packers was strong and was often heard cheering "Go

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org/>) or Aurora At Home Hospice.



Pack Go"! She had a talent and passion for making handmade crafts. Carol was an amazing scrabble player, taking part in and often winning, many tournaments. Her love of family and friends was reflected in her giving nature and big heart.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents Florence and Wilbur Sibbald and her brother Robert Sibbald. She is survived by her siblings Bruce Sibbald and Bev Wroblewski; her sister-in-law Addie Sibbald; her nieces and nephews, Jeff Wroblewski, Susan Simbro, Meghan Sibbald, Morgan Sibbald, Jena Toich, Sara Sachs and Matthew Sibbald; good friends Nancy Russell and Julie Garcia and best friend Lori Pease.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date to be determined.

Jane Larson

Jane Larson, 88, passed away on October 16, 2023. She was born in Oshkosh, WI on September 7, 1935, to Nathan Jess and Erna (Weber) Moon.



Jane married Russell Larson in March of 1956 and they shared over 50 years of marriage before he passed. She loved walking (especially with the dog), bird feeding, baking, tending to her garden, bowling, painting and camping. She will be remembered for her kindness and lov-

ing nature. She was devout to her faith.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Larson, Sandy (Allen) Whitney, and James (Mary) Larson; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding Jane in death, her husband, Russell Larson; parents, Jess and Erna; siblings, Jim (Mabel) Moon, Warren (Ruth) Moon, Phil (Joyce) Moon and Gerald (Joanne) Moon.

The family would like to thank Aspire and the caring staff there, as well as Aseracare Hospice especially Tammy Fox.



Janet also had an unconditional love for animals.

Janet will be deeply missed by her husband, Bill, her daughter, Kim (Michael) Gray and her son, James (Kristi) Rupert. Also surviving are her bonus children, William F. (Vicki) Guell, Jr. and AmyJo (Daniel) Wempner; grandchildren, Chad (Alicia), Nicole (Bryan), Grace, Gwen, Joshua, Alex, Ben, Justin, Merri Mae, Cameron, Armond, and Mason, and 2 great-grandchildren. Her loving heart and fun spirit will be missed by her brother, Kenneth (Therese) Stieg; sisters, Barbara Stieg, Sandra (Jeff) Knutson, Debra (Pat) Blankenship, and Katherine (Marcelo) Stieg; brother-in-law, Dan (Nancy) Guell; sisters-in-law, Betty Brumley, Kathy (Scott) Porter, and Nancy J. Guell. Janet is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends, who were blessed to know her and be loved by her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Mary Lavelle, and brothers-in-law, Jack Guell and Ed Brumley, and a sister-in-law, Dee Guell.

Please join us in honoring Janet's life at a Memorial Service on Sunday, October 29th beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ 887 Bonnell Ave. in Redgranite. (East side of Redgranite, South of Hwy. 21, across from the Shell Station.) The Rev. Jennifer Czarnota will officiate.

There will be a time of Visitation from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. prior to the Memorial Service at the Church.

Following the Memorial Service, all family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Janet's life until 6:00 P.M. at Dogger's Bar and Lanes in Wautoma.

In place of flowers, Memorials in Janet's memory will be appreciated for the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter (G.L.A.A.S.)

The Ruminski Funeral Home of Redgranite is assisting Janet's family with arrangements. (920) 566-2313.

Janet Mae Guell

Wautoma - Janet Mae Guell (nee Stieg), 76 of rural Wautoma passed away peacefully at home Thursday, October 19, 2023 after a brief illness. She was surrounded by the love of her family and beloved animals.



Janet was born May 11, 1947 in Oshkosh, a daughter of Harold "Babe" and Doris (Sherburn) Stieg. She was raised in Oshkosh and was a 1965 Graduate of Oshkosh High School. Janet married William Guell on August 11, 1989. Bill, her husband of 34 years survives.

Janet worked at Wells Mfg. in Fond du Lac for 23 years, and retired from Mercury Marine of Fond du Lac in 2007 after 15 years of employment.

She was an active member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Redgranite and the Church Board of Directors. She also assisted with the Food Pantry of the Church.

Janet had an energy and smile that would light up a room. She had a special gift of making everyone around her feel welcomed and loved. In 2008, Janet and Bill decided to embark on a new adventure and moved to the foothills of Kentucky, where she became an active member of her community. Along the way, she made lifelong friends. The love of her family and adoration for her grandchildren brought her back to Wisconsin in 2014, where rural Wautoma became home.

Janet was a wonderful cook. Her Christmas candy and cookies were a great treat. She always stayed active and gave so much of herself to others. Whether it was spending time with her church family, bowling, golfing, or vacationing with her loved ones, so many special memories were made. It was evident that one of her favorite roles was being a grandma.

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

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

Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere-Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 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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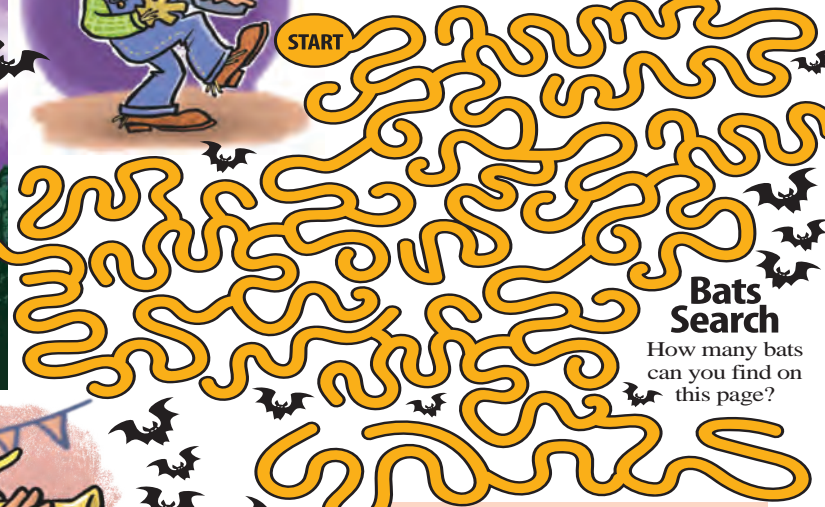
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