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Property values on rise with update

City beginning its first revaluation since 2017

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

City staff is projecting that property values in Oshkosh have increased by 50% over the last seven years. All properties in Oshkosh will be revaluated this year to ensure all real estate locations, commercial and res-

idential, are paying their fair share of taxes.

The city assessor's office is conducting the revaluation for the first time since 2017. Properties owners will start receiving notices containing the assessments this month.

Revaluation includes placing new values on all taxable properties, which city staff say will lead to more accurate values citywide.

Over the last three months, city staff

have reviewed the values of the 22,000 parcels across the city, according to Community Development director Kelly Nieforth. The residential assessed value for residential properties was \$2.3 billion in 2023 and is now over \$4 billion with the newly updated values. For all properties in the city the 2023 values were assessed at \$4 billion and the new assessments value

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Gallery gathering

Downtown Oshkosh's monthly Gallery Walk brought art lovers to exhibits at various locations, including the Art Space Collective on Merritt Avenue where visitors look at Gail Panske's "Land Holds." Destiny Bortz (from left), Oliver Krueger and Sarah Vandersee are art majors and students of Panske (right) at UW Oshkosh. The Gallery Walks happen on the first Saturday evening of each month.

Boys & Girls Club welcomes new era with latest expansion

Open house shows updated space, services

By Jonathan Richie
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The Boys and Girls Club started a new chapter last weekend with the unveiling of new facilities that include expanded spaces for middle school students, teens and outdoor activities.

Hundreds of people attended the open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday afternoon as the club celebrated completion of the fourth phase of the \$18.5 million expansion project that began in October 2022.

Along with the Hyde Family Community Center, the Boys & Girls Club celebrated the completion of the Verve Adminis-

tration Center, OshKosh B'gosh Middle School Center, Community First Credit Union multipurpose field and Amcor Teen Center.

Club chief executive Tracy Ogden said it's the nicest club in all of Wisconsin and outside of Milwaukee is the biggest in the state, and thanks to the expansion can now accommodate 450 kids.

The open house was held at the 501 E. Parkway Ave. facility just a few blocks from where the club started in 1970. The club has been at its current site since 1992.

"This place offers a unique experience that will level the playing field for all kids in the community," Doug Hyde said.

Before the ribbon-cutting the Herald had the opportunity to tour the facility

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Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh club members and supporters gathered Sunday to celebrate the opening of the community center and administration offices.

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Three grade school principals selected

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The Oshkosh Area School District has recommended new principals for Carl Traeger Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School and Shapiro STEM Academy that the Board of Education was expected to approve today (May 8) and start their new roles July 1.

Kristin Burgert is being recommended as the next principal of Carl Traeger Elementary School after Principal Brenna Garrison-Bruden's retirement. Burgert, who is principal of Roosevelt Elementary, has been credited for building collaborative partnerships with student-centered leadership.

Kathryn "Kat" Noble is recommended as principal of Franklin Elementary School with the retirement of Jami Kohl. Currently principal



Burgert



Noble



Willert

at Washington Elementary, Noble led initiatives to enhance curriculum implementation, support high-leverage instructional strategies, and drive measurable student outcomes.

Courtney Willert is being recommended to lead Shapiro STEM Academy and replace Principal Lindsey Biesack, who is pursuing a principal position closer to her home. Willert currently serves as a math instructional support teacher at Roosevelt Elementary with more than 12 years of classroom experience grounded in Conscious Discipline principles.

"We are excited to recommend these three exceptional leaders to serve our elementary school communities," said Bryan Davis, district superintendent. "Their student-centered philosophies, instructional expertise, and commitment

to building collaborative cultures will provide outstanding leadership."

Oshkosh Museum hosts Historic Osh Hop tour

The Oshkosh Public Museum is celebrating Historic Preservation Month with a Historic Osh Hop, a new event that invites guests to visit eight historic properties.

The Saturday tour highlights venues such as The Howard and carefully restored homes like the Doe House among a wide spectrum of architectural styles, time periods and historical preservation.

"OPM is a nonprofit museum and proceeds from this event will help move our mission forward," stated Kate Stel, marketing and advancement coordinator. "Our community is fortunate to have many and varied examples of historic architecture and we're thrilled that property owners and caretakers are welcoming the public to experience them."

This event also celebrates the museum's centennial year. Tickets are available at oshkoshmuseum.org.

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Bridge lighting proposal demonstrated on Main St. span

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The company that produced a dazzling light exhibition for the Paine Art Center & Gardens in 2022 has been hired by the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau to develop a concept for a new lighting project for the city's four bridges and Riverwalk area.

LightSwitch gave a presentation on other bridges that have been done worldwide and how modern technology can be used to create light shows in public areas. City Manager Mark Rohloff said the company worked with the city's Electrical Division to understand the power capabilities on the bridges and along the trails.

A lighted demonstration area on the northeast side of the Main Street bridge near the Convention Center is on display to show a portion of the technology's capabilities.

Rohloff said this newer technology has more flexibility than a project proposed more than a decade ago by the Oshkosh



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A lighting proposal for the city's bridges is being demonstrated on the northeast corner of the Main Street bridge.

Community Foundation to light the bridges with color schemes that could be

changed periodically.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau and Community Foundation will have a more formal presentation to talk about possible

fundraising efforts for this initiative that would include the Main Street, Oregon/Jackson, Wisconsin Street and Congress/Oshkosh Avenue bridges.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 8, 1975

Policemen File Suit Against Cutting Hair: Two Oshkosh police officers who refused to get haircuts as ordered by Chief of Police William Gonyo have filed suit because they feel it is their right to grow their hair the way they want. The code forbids beards or goa-

tees, places restrictions on the length of side burns and mustaches, forbids "lambchop" sideburns and requires the hair cannot touch the shirt collar of the uniform or touch their ears. The men claim it is their constitutional right to grow their hair the way they want as long as it does not interfere with job performance. Gonyo contends the long, unruly hair represents a bad image for the department to the people they serve. A note of interest, it is reported that one of the police officer's wives is Chief Gonyo's niece.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, May 8, 1975

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Vel Phillips teacher resigns after racial slur in classroom

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District has ended the employment of a teacher at Vel Phillips Middle School after an internal investigation.

A letter was sent to parents in late April to the families of the children in the affected classroom explaining a staff member had used inappropriate language in the classroom. At that point the teacher was placed on administrative leave and the district was planning to do an investigation into the allegations.

“OASD administrators completed an internal investigation in response to allegations that a Vel Phillips Middle School teacher used a racial slur while interacting with students. As a result of the internal investigation, the teacher will not be continuing their employment with the Oshkosh Area School District,” the district said in a statement to the Herald.

“We take this matter very seriously. We want to be clear that racial slurs or any derogatory language have no place in our schools. The use of such language by any

staff member goes against the professional standards we uphold and is not reflective of the environment of respect and inclusiveness expected from all students and staff.”

OASD communications director Katie Nieman said the issue is a personnel matter and the district would not be making any further comment.

All families of Vel Phillips students received a letter signed by Principal Kristi Levy about the situation last month, stating that the school is committed to “maintaining a safe and welcoming learning environment for all.”

Levy also said school counselors are available to any students processing what happened.

“Our entire staff is here to support our students and families and we continue to honor and uphold deeply held values of inclusion and celebrating diversity within our school,” Levy wrote. “We stand with our students, we honor their unique identities, and we recognize that we are infinitely richer as a community because of our differences.”

Repair Cafe returns to Oshkosh YMCA

The fourth Oshkosh Repair Cafe will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Downtown Oshkosh YMCA.

The free, all-volunteer community event is about neighbors helping neighbors repair items people bring in, including jewelry, small appliances, electronics,

furniture, watches, computers and mending.

More information can be found on the Repair Cafe Oshkosh Facebook page. Contact head organizer Michael Borucke at repaircafeoshkosh@gmail.com for more information.



Photo from NAEL 173

Oshkosh mail carriers received help from their families to collect food in last year's Stamp Out Hunger drive.

Postal worker food drive set to deliver

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh mail carriers and supporting sponsors are participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger nationwide food drive May 11 that will help restock the shelves at local food pantries.

The city donated 45,100 pounds of food last year, an increase of 11,550 pounds from the previous event in 2019 before the pandemic, according to food drive coordinator Ginny Klein of the National Association of Letter Carriers No. 173.

The post office is working with pantries at the Salvation Army, Father Carr's Place 2B, Lutheran Food Pantry, Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry, Emmanuel Church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Klein said First Congregational Church will be helping get food to the Christine Ann Center.

Food should be placed by the mailbox and not at the door unless the mailbox is situated there. Donations can also be left

by cluster boxes at apartment buildings.

Klein said that on curbside mail routes, food should not be placed inside mailboxes. Most rural carriers have Metris vans that are not convenient for picking up a lot of food so they rely on volunteers taking care of those pickups.

Among the local volunteer groups that help each year are the United Way, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, National Guard units, veterans groups, Boy/Girl Scouts, Rotary clubs and AARP groups. Contact a local letter carrier representative, email fooddrivesocial@nael.org or Stamp Out Hunger on social media for more information.

Local program sponsors include 4imprint, Park n Print and Image 360.

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Prom party brought high schools together for fun night

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West's peer mentor club Connected hosted a high school prom recently that included Neenah High School students for "A Night Under the Sea" theme that packed the gym for a night to remember.

Special education teacher Stephanie Polak and Bruce Schreiber are the Connected club advisers at West who mentor students with disabilities to promote positive social and communicative interactions. They work with Neenah High teacher Jennifer Hager, who has a similar role.

"As a club we recognized that some students might struggle with a typical (high school) prom," Polak said. "We wanted to provide an opportunity for a smaller, more sensory-friendly and peer-supported dance for students with those needs."

"What made this dance so special is that a similar student club at Neenah High School reached out to me about working

together, so the idea of the two schools coming together was all led by students."

Connected members meet throughout the school year and take several field trips together. Polak said several of the students volunteer in the classroom to help students, often giving up their study hall to be a part of the classrooms.

West's prom that drew close to 70 people was the result of several planning meetings ahead of the April 12 event while looking ahead to Neenah hosting next spring's prom.

"It was so amazing to see the two groups come together and decorate the gym here at Oshkosh West and then later returned in their formal attire," Polak said, who also noted support from families and staff, along with several donations of pizza and door prizes. Local DJ Ed Eaton from Sound Sensations Entertainment came up with a playlist and photobooth.



Photo from Oshkosh West

Oshkosh West High School hosted a prom for West and Neenah High students last month in their Connected program.

Four Horsemen Poker Run event in last year

Oshkosh Herald

The annual Four Horsemen Poker Run backed by Sweetwater Performance Center and Marina is ending after this year following a 15-year run for the Lake Winnebago event set for June 7-9.

Sweetwater owner Jason Lindeman, in a press release April 18, cited "challenges such as staffing constraints, escalating operational costs and the evolving landscape of sponsorships" as reasons behind the decision.

"The Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run has been more than just a gathering; it's been a family reunion on the water, filled with laughter, shared experiences and unwavering support," Lindeman said

in a statement with the announcement. "Over the years, we've not only celebrated our passion for boating but also made a significant impact on our community, having donated nearly \$500,000 to local businesses and individuals in need."

Next month a Winnebago County jury will hear details of a boat crash in Oshkosh involving Lindemann on July 9, 2022, where he is charged with two felony counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and 15 misdemeanor counts of failing to render aid.

Lindemann has pleaded not guilty to the charges with a pretrial conference set for May 13 and a 10-day trial set to begin June 10.

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Probation, treatment ordered in drug house case

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Two of three Oshkosh men facing drug-related charges linked to a search warrant on Walnut Street last year have been sentenced in Winnebago County.

Nicholas S. Damman, 34, had three open criminal cases when he entered court last week. During the hearing, two of the cases were concluded with Damman receiving probation.

Damman was charged in relation to the search warrant on Walnut Street in December. Then in January, while out of custody on a \$1,000 signature bond, Damman was arrested and charged with felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor resisting

or obstructing an officer.

Both cases were part of the Damman's plea/sentencing hearing in April. The possession charge from the search warrant was dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes.



Damman

possession of methamphetamine. If he violates the condition of his probation his probation agent could impose up to 90 days in jail.

Circuit Court Branch 3 Judge Bryan Keberlein sentenced Damman to three years of probation for felony bail jumping and

"Please take advantage of probation," Keberlein said, adding that the sentence was put in place to help Damman be successful with his sobriety.

Damman was one of three people arrested after a search warrant executed at a home on Walnut Street. The same house has been identified by law enforcement as a drug house where Craig Deiner was previously found guilty of maintaining a drug trafficking place in March.

A third man arrested at the home, Noah M. Cuttill, is currently participating in the county Stimulant and Opioid Addiction Recovery (SOAR) program. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

The criminal complaint from December states that while the home on Walnut Street was being searched, Damman was seen by police throwing something out of an upstairs window onto the home's roof.

Police reported recovering a small plastic bag containing 1.1 grams of methamphetamine.

The judge commended Damman for participating in the county jail STAR program that allows him to live in a recovery pod with other inmates.

Damman is currently out of custody on a signature bond for a third case he is charged in, facing three counts of manufacture and delivery of amphetamine. If convicted, he could be sentenced to a maximum of 7.5 years in prison with five years of extended supervision for each count.

The case is scheduled for a plea/sentencing hearing in July.

In court on April 22, Keberlein talked about the dangers of meth.

"There are so many things in (meth) that could kill people," Keberlein said. "It makes me sad; it makes us all sad."

Oshkosh-Neenah ranked best for new college grads

Oshkosh Herald

A financial technology company's recent study of the nation's best overall places for new college graduates put the Oshkosh-Neenah metro area on top of its rankings.

SmartAsset looked at 370 metro areas based on metrics for the job market, costs and social aspects. Among its key findings was that the best place for college graduates is in Wisconsin, with the Oshkosh-Neenah area standing out in part due to a particularly low unemployment rate and relatively low cost of living at \$32,760 annually for basic necessities and taxes for a single adult.

The study also found that socially,

16.1% of residents are in their 20s and that there are plenty of bars. The Eau Claire metro area also makes the top 10 with similar metrics.

College graduates earn the highest incomes near the Bay Area and Washington, D.C., according to SmartAsset, while the high costs in these areas present some risks for new graduates who have yet to secure a job.

Jackson, Tenn., has the lowest cost of living and very low unemployment. For a single adult to support themselves with necessities, it would only take a pre-tax salary of \$27,955, compared with the average \$51,630 income for graduates.

Firearms case brings prison term

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man will be in state prison for the next several months after being convicted as a felon in possession of a gun.

Ronald A. Davis, 33, will spend 18 months after pleading no contest to possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Judge Daniel Bissett also sentenced Davis to two years of extended supervision after prison. He had faced a maximum of five years in prison and five years of extended supervision.

Davis was also charged with misdemeanor counts of battery, intentionally

pointing a firearm at a person and resisting or obstructing an officer. Those counts were dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes.

According to the criminal complaint, Davis was in an argument Nov. 25 with a woman inside a vehicle outside his home on Frederick Street. He allegedly hit the woman multiple times and fled the scene near Jackson Street and West Murdock Avenue.

Davis cannot legally possess a firearm due to a felony conviction of substantial battery in a 2021 Outagamie County case.

Fall prevention website launched by OFD

The Oshkosh Fire Department has launched a new Call Before You Fall website at bit.ly/OshFallPrevention to increase awareness of the risks of falls while providing education and prevention programs that include balance training.

According to the CDC, Wisconsin has the highest fall death rate among older adults in the United States.

The most frequent incident type that the Oshkosh Fire Department responds to is for a person age 60 or older and has suffered a fall.

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Next-generation UWO library design moves forward

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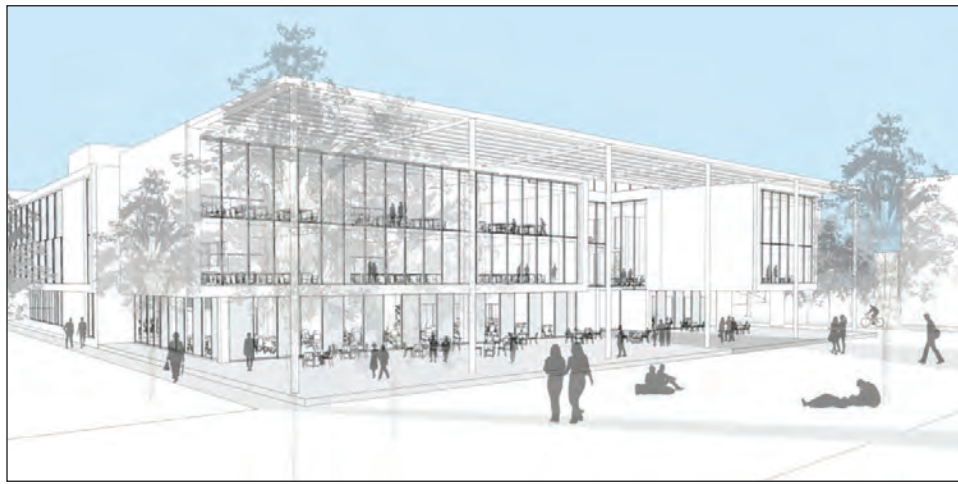
The design for a next-generation library at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is taking shape and moving forward.

A hybrid renovation-and-new-construction option for UWO's current Polk Library is advancing in Universities of Wisconsin capital budget and planning processes. The direction moving forward calls for a modernization to current Polk Library's 1967 building paired with the demolition and reconstruction of the complex's north wing.

Upon completion, the revitalized library complex will total 163,000 square feet, a footprint smaller than the existing Polk Library's but more modern, with brighter, more sustainable and efficient use of energy and space. The hybrid design approach is responsive to the preferences of today's UWO learners and reflective of sustainability goals within the UWO2030 strategic plan.

"The plan moving forward is a clear demonstration of a commitment to sustainability, form and function," said Library Director Sarah Neises.

"Students will be so excited to see a building designed with them in mind. With its layout facilitating access to tutoring, library resources and many entrances, the revitalized library is poised to emerge



UW Oshkosh drawing

An exterior view of the new, north-facing wing of the library.

as a focal point for academic achievement."

The existing Polk Library has, for years, suffered from water penetration problems and outdated, failing mechanical systems. UWO explored three design options for the next-gen library: a full-on renovation of existing Polk; a completely new library construction project; and the hybrid renovation-and-new-addition option which is now moving forward in UW planning.

The reimagined library will "appear as one new building when complete," according to architects' design approach. It will integrate entrances and exits on every side of the building, make better use of the

campus's north-facing quad, align with Dempsey Hall and campus's central mall and walkways, incorporate a new café-like "social collector space" on its north side referred to as the "porch," and feature a striking multi-use space on the building's northwestern, second-floor corner.

"It will include both communal areas and secluded nooks for solitary study and promises to foster a culture of collaboration and individual learning," Neises said. "A curated selection of printed materials will be presented in an inviting atmosphere, fostering an environment conducive to both collective engagement and personal reflection."

Modern and future libraries maintain traditional curriculum-focused collections and house distinctive local and state archives. However, on university campuses, they also continue to evolve into digital and social nerve centers, more accommodating to student, faculty, staff, alumni and

community member study and research. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ed Martini said UWO library's transformation will follow that standard.

"For decades, Polk Library has been a haven for collaboration and discovery at UWO, and that function and identity will only be enhanced within the reimagined library," Martini said. "Early feedback and input from students, faculty and staff have been positive given the technologies, refreshed community and study spaces and bright, modern atmosphere designed to reinforce the idea of UWO's library as the academic heart and soul of our university. The new library will be a beacon for 'a high-quality liberal education to all of its students in order to prepare them to become successful leaders in an increasingly diverse and global society' as our mission prescribes."

The library project still has a significant journey to groundbreaking. The project will need continued endorsement from UW and the Board of Regents. Currently, the timeline suggests enumeration in the state's 2025-27 biennial budget, with groundbreaking—at the earliest—in later 2025 with completion targeted in 2027.

"We are ready to earn the support of our Board of Regents, our regional delegation in the state legislature and the members of the State Building Commission," Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said. "Legislators have recognized the value of investing in modernized UW libraries for years, and we are excited to work with our stakeholders to make the case for UWO's. The design advancing for UWO will serve the university community and our broader public well for decades to come."

Water monitoring to resume on lakes

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Winnebago County Public Health in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's ERIC Lab monitors the water quality at beaches and boat launches on Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Poygan.

Student interns collect water samples from public access points and analyze the samples for E. coli bacteria and blue-green algae. If a water test is concerning, the beach will close for swimming until E. coli bacteria or blue-green algae levels go down.

The beach monitoring program checks for E. coli and beaches can be closed if the level is too high. Most strains of E. coli are not considered dangerous but some can cause illnesses such as diarrhea, urinary tract and other infections.

Large rainstorms will wash dog or bird feces into the water, carrying pathogens

with them. Raccoons that may be living in storm sewers can be a source of E. coli-containing feces, as can farm-manure runoff. Aging sanitary sewer pipes and other wastewater infrastructure also can leak sewage that then makes its way into lakes.

To reduce potential health risks, assume all surface waters contain some E. coli whether or not it has been monitored or an advisory issued. Do not swallow the water and wash hands before touching the mouth or eyes after swimming.

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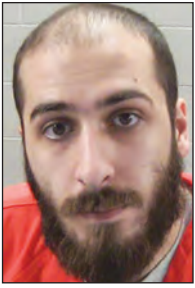
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Charges pending for shooting range, rigged gun in home

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh police responded to a home after roommates reported a resident was using their room as a firing range and had rigged a booby trap with a string tied to the doorknob attached to a gun to keep people out of his room.



Kleis

Anker E. Kleis, 25, Oshkosh, is facing one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and two misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property with bullet rounds striking neighboring homes.

Kleis remains in custody on a \$5,000 cash bond set by Court Commissioner Eric

Heywood at an initial appearance April 30.

If convicted, Kleis faces up to five years in prison followed by up to five years of extended supervision for the count of endangering safety.

Police received a weapons complaint April 24 at the home in the 800 block of Central Street. Residents told dispatch they believed their roommate was shooting a gun in his upstairs bedroom.

When officers arrived they entered Kleis's room through an exterior window after being told of the firearm rigged to face the doorway.

Officers allegedly found a string on a hanger from the ceiling tied to the doorknob, which was connected to the trigger of a .22 long rifle on a tripod. The rifle was aimed at the door.

There were dozens of spent .22 casings

on the floor along with dozens of bullet holes in the drywall, the complaint alleges.

Earlier that day one of Kleis' roommates confronted him about the popping noises and told him to stop. When Kleis left, one of the roommates saw the spent casings on the floor, picked some up and called the police.

Kleis told officers that the landlord had entered his room without prior notice and felt his privacy was being invaded. He also told police he often goes to firing range in Appleton but that had gotten too expensive so he turned his bedroom into a shooting range.

Kleis admitted that he shot at a Kevlar vest in his room that was placed in front of a fabric cushion and a piece of wood. He believed the cushion, wood and vest would be strong enough to stop the rounds.

Kleis set up a security camera and booby trap that he said was just for show and a threat and that the gun wasn't loaded.

Police reported finding 123 spent shell casings for a .22 long rifle and one from a handgun on the floor, but no handgun was found in the room.

Police also found two vests in Kleis' room but no evidence of bullet holes or damage. There were bullet holes in the south wall of the room.

An exterior search of the house revealed a 4-inch hole in the exterior siding where police believe the bullets were exiting. Several rounds allegedly struck a house south of Kleis' home with two bullet holes going through a window of a neighboring home.

Kleis is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for his preliminary hearing in front of Heywood.

Property values

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the properties over \$6 billion.

"Our last revaluation was in 2017 and the market real estate prices have increased substantially since then so the majority of assessed values will increase," Nieforth said. "Oshkosh is not unique as this trend is common to what we've seen in other municipalities who have recently completed a revaluation."

Nieforth said residential properties increased an estimated 75% and commercial properties increased 30%, according to staff projections.

State statute requires municipalities to complete revaluation once the difference is greater than 10%. Oshkosh has reached that threshold and has five years to complete the revaluation being done this year.

The median home value in Oshkosh has grown from \$148,500 in 2020 to \$190,000 in 2023. Over the last four years there has been a substantial drop in residential sales. In 2021 there were 945 homes sold, 873 in 2022 and just 745 in 2023.

City reports show the average home

price in 2023 was \$218,000 with 745 residential sales. From May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, 608 homes were sold with the average price at \$218,000. Staff are projecting the average home price could increase this year with a higher demand for housing for the sales season between May and September.

When it comes to taxes, a new increased assessment in the property does not necessarily mean property taxes will go up; the tax rate is what determines how much a property owner pays.

"If the assessed value increases, it doesn't automatically mean that the property owner will pay the same percentage of increase or more in property taxes," Nieforth said. "The assessed value is one factor in determining how much a property owner will pay in property taxes."

The tax rate or mill rate is the total city tax levy divided by the total assessed values in Oshkosh. A property tax is the assessed value multiplied by the tax rate. The four taxing jurisdictions for Oshkosh property owners are the city of Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Oshkosh Area School District and Fox Valley Technical College.

"The city does not recommend that

property owners use the current tax rate to estimate what their new property taxes may be because the number will be incorrect," Nieforth said. "More than likely, the tax rate will decrease due to the overall increased assessed value of properties citywide."

City Manager Mark Rohloff stated that following a citywide revaluation the tax rate often goes down. The new tax rate will be approved by the Common Council later this year after the budget approval process.

As an example, if a home was assessed at \$100,000 with a tax rate of \$30 before revaluation and after is assessed at \$140,000 with a tax rate of \$21.43, both tax bills would be \$3,000.

The timeline for the revaluation process has already begun with assessment notices being sent out this month. These letters are sent if the assessed property value has

changed.

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Tracy Ogden and Kevin Ralofsky discuss the possibilities of the new Teen Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Club expansion

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with Ogden and Kevin Ralofsky, president and CEO of Verve, a Credit Union.

Ralofsky met with several club members in fourth and sixth grades and talked about the upgrades to the club. All spoke highly of the new field situated on the south side of the facility. One member noted how much he liked the new test kitchen.

“It’s a very nice addition for the kids,” Ogden said of the kitchen where kids can learn to cook. “They really love it.”

The kids also talked about their favorite programs such as Torch Club and their favorite staff members. One thing the students agreed about was that when they are at the Boys & Girls Club they learn to try new things.

“It really is an amazing place,” Ralofsky said.

Ogden noted all the windows create a bright and inviting atmosphere that will feel more open to the growing number of club members.

The new Verve Administration Center and Hyde Family Community Center have

office space for staff but also has flex offices for community partners that may need the space for a couple of days. The space also has offices for Rawhide Youth Services that will be used for services including occupational therapy and counseling.

Hyde said on Sunday that these offices will allow for the community to tackle topics of workforce development, mental health services, higher education classes and financial assistance. Some of the more than 20 organizations that connect with the club include Winnebago County Health, Fox Valley Technical College and Community for Hope.

Around the corner is the new center for teens, who now have their own space after sharing space with the younger club members. The teen center also has a counseling office with access to mental health programming for that pivotal and sometimes difficult phase in life.

“The teens really enjoy and appreciate their own space,” Ogden said.

Downstairs has lots of space for elementary-age kids and younger children, including HeadStart learners. The space includes classrooms and other separate breakout areas where members can study and even put on a play.

The expansion isn’t completed. While walking around Sunday, many noticed a large patch of undeveloped land outside the east side of the building that will become a new playground and gym.

Ogden spoke Sunday about the great work of Boys & Girls Club staff who over the last year and a half dealt with construction and workers being around to make the new space possible.

“One way to make Oshkosh a better community is to have a positive impact on kids,” Hyde said.

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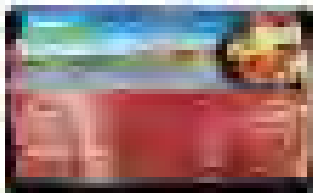
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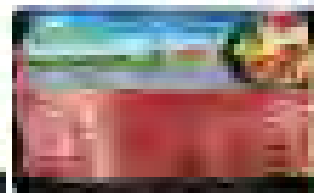
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Calendar of events

Thursday, May 9

Oshkosh North spaghetti dinner, 5 p.m., 1100 W. Smith Ave.
Michael Martin Murphey, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, May 11

Repair Cafe, noon, Downtown YMCA
Downtown Oshkosh Spring Wine Walk, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Richard's School of Dance 75th anniversary show, 12:30 and 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
Historic Osh Hop, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 3 p.m., reception at The Howard

Lourdes Academy Booster Flower Sale, 10 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

"Alive Again: A Tribute to Chicago," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Power Play Trio, 7 p.m., Oblio's Lounge, 434 N. Main St.

Star Six Nine, 7 p.m., Mabel Murphy's, 701 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day 5K Run & Walk, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Park
Paine Art Center & Gardens free admission on Mother's Day, 9 a.m.
Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, May 14

"A Taste of Ireland – the Irish Music & Dance Sensation," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, May 16

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue, 7 p.m., 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, May 17

Oshkosh West forensics team fundraiser, 5 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Saturday, May 18

Oshkosh Garden Club plant sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens
Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 6 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Heartland Elite Allstar Rugby Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
UW Oshkosh Commencement, 9 a.m.

and 2 p.m., Kolf Sports Center
Morgan House Tea Party, 11:30 a.m., 234 Church Ave.
Jerry Unger with The Fog, Anjie's Bar, 6 p.m., 413 Ohio St.
"The Super Mario Bros. Movie," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 19

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 6 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Heartland Elite Allstar Rugby Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Hmong Celebration Free Day, 10 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens
Local Children's Author Book Fair, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center
Fox Valley Technical College Commencement, 1 p.m., Kolf Sports Center
Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, May 21

Spring onto the Runway Fashion Show, 5 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Wednesday, May 22

Rebekah Pepler "Le SUD" book signing, 6 p.m., Elsewhere Market and Coffee House, 531 N. Main St.

Friday, May 24

Oshkosh Into the Night, 5 p.m., Opera House Square downtown

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, May 25

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

Sunday, May 26

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Menominee Park Zoo opening day, 9 a.m.
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 10 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Shlock the Block 2: Bride of Schlock, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Monday, May 27

Lazy Days Horse Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Memorial Day ceremonies, 7 a.m.; procession at 9 a.m.
Memorial Day Brat Fry, 11 a.m., American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Firefighter training keys on young students

Oshkosh Herald

Fox Valley Technical College will receive \$15,405 toward a high school fire program through the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, one of four organizations in the state awarded a total of \$75,000 through the Youth Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

FVTC will offer a Firefighting Principals course at the college, part of a partnership with nine area high schools and fire departments. Through the four-credit course, students will learn fire behavior and fire control techniques, and meet all requirements of Firefighter I certification

in Wisconsin.

High schools in Oshkosh and Neenah are among those involved, as well as Oshkosh and Fox Crossing fire departments, while the program is not limited to the schools or departments named.

Besides the Firefighter 1 certification the course qualifies for one of the first-semester courses in the Fire Protection AAS program. The grant covers all course materials that students normally need to purchase.

If interested in more information, contact Jim Austad, department chair of Fire Protection at FVTC, at james.austad6983@fvtc.edu.

Business news roundup

Appleton International Airport logged its busiest month ever in March, welcoming 100,800 total passengers (enplaned and deplaned). The airport also broke all travel records in 2023 with total arrivals and departures topping 967,687, an increase of 14.27% over 2022, making it the fastest growing airport in the state according to TSA numbers. Airport officials credit a busy spring break season with the growth in passenger numbers and the growing

number of nonstop flights available.

Honorees for this year's 2024 Women of Influence in the New North Region include **Diane MacDonald**, executive director of the Old Glory Honor Flight organization that takes military veterans to Washington, D.C., and other locations. She received the Difference Maker Community award. The women will be celebrated at a lunch event Aug. 1 in Green Bay.

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Spartans' Geer a hit on field and in classroom

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Lauren Geer plans to enter the medical field in the future.

The do-it-all athlete has been the perfect pick-me-up for her Oshkosh North teams.

Geer is winding down a stellar athletic and academic career at North as a three-sport athlete and sensational student who is valedictorian for her class.

Softball may be her best sport. A slick-fielding third baseman and a productive right-handed hitter, Geer received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention as a junior after hitting .315 with 12 RBIs. She is a highly competitive player and a team captain for the second straight year.

"Lauren loves to compete and is one of the best third-base players in the FVA," said North coach Keith Koslowski. "She is a fearless leader. Her experience on and off the field is what helps us be successful. She's a hard worker at practice who isn't afraid of being challenged with hard drill work."

Geer is a fourth-year varsity player who was the Spartans' catcher her freshman year.

"We didn't have a catcher that year, so I became our catcher," Geer said. "Catching is a lot of work and I'm happy at third base."

Geer considers softball to be her preferred sport and has been playing the game since tee-ball at the age of 5. Her father, Mitch, and mother, Christie, were both all-around athletes at Princeton High School.

"My parents threw me into a lot of different sports when I was young and then we picked which ones I liked - which were softball and basketball," said Geer, who has also played travel softball with the Blaze and Oshkosh North teams. "I'll always remember playing catch with my dad and he was always there to rebound for me when I was shooting. They've both been so supportive."

Senior spotlight

Geer was a starting shooting guard in basketball who averaged 4.2 points, 1.0 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.0 steals last season. She also drained 34 3-pointers - second best on the team - and finished her three-year varsity career with 87 trifectas.

"I was a 3-point shooter and usually guarded at least one of the other team's top scorers, but my main role was to make sure everyone knew what they were doing out there," Geer said. "We had a young team and I had to get all the ducks in a row."

Geer also ran cross country for four seasons.

"I started this year out with tonsillitis, so it wasn't my best year in cross country," she said. "But I'm glad I went out all four years. I didn't know if I was going to do three sports entering high school, but I did cross country to stay in shape for basketball."

"It made a difference. I noticed that I wasn't tired in basketball while a lot of the other girls were huffing and puffing. Playing three sports along with travel softball and AAU basketball during the summer kept me super busy, but I loved it. I met a lot of different people and got to travel a lot which is so much fun."

Even with her ultra-busy sports schedule, Geer prioritized academics and didn't take an easy route to her valedictorian status. She has taken honors and pre-collegiate courses at North.

"I want to go to college and I've always had very good time management and organizational skills," she said. "My mom always studies with me. When I have a big test coming up, she'll stay up late and quiz me."

Geer will take her academic talents to the University of Minnesota this fall where she plans to major in nursing.

"I want to become a nurse practitioner," she said. "I've had my fair share of doctor's



Submitted photo
Oshkosh North's Lauren Geer is a three-sport athlete who earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition in softball last season. The senior is also valedictorian of her graduating class.

appointments over the years and the nurses I've had have always made things easier for me. I want to do that for other people."

Geer won't be playing sports in college and she's approaching the finish line of her outstanding prep sports career.

"I went back and forth about do I want to play D3 softball somewhere or go to a D1 school for academics?" Geer said. "I love the idea of going to a big school and

really want to get a good education. I'll miss sports for sure, but I'll play intramurals."

Geer is hoping for a big finish to her prep career with a promising North team.

"I'm hoping we can get a plaque this year and at least win a regional championship," Geer said. That's definitely a team goal and I think it's a realistic goal. I think we have the pieces to go far in the tournament."

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Six-run inning stings Spartans in FVA loss to Terrors

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

One bad inning stung the Oshkosh North baseball team.

Appleton West erupted for six runs in the top of the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie in handing the Spartans an 8-2 loss in a Fox Valley Association game Friday evening at EJ Schneider Field.

"I thought our effort was good," head coach Robert Loeper said. "We put together competitive at bats but struggled to keep continuous pressure on them throughout the game. We had a few chances to grow the lead but couldn't get that one hit to build momentum."

North starter Shaun Gavin allowed the first three batters to reach base in the top of the first inning but settled down quickly and only surrendered one run to the Terrors.

Appleton West scored again in the top of the fourth to even the score at 2, but those were the only runs Gavin allowed in the first five innings.

"Shaun has been really good for us all season and I was proud of how he got himself out of a jam early in the game," he said. "Sometimes when you struggle early it's a good wakeup call to get you focused on the game."

Oshkosh North's offense answered the Terrors' first-inning run, when the Spartans took advantage of an Appleton West

error and got a two-out RBI-double from Zach Kiffmeyer to even the score.

"I was looking for a fastball early in the count that I could drive," Kiffmeyer said. "I got a pitch to my liking and drove it the other way which helped me contribute for our team."

Another Appleton West error in the second inning helped the Spartans take the lead.

North would get an RBI-single from Evan Brandl to boost the Spartans to a 2-1 advantage, a lead they would hold until the Terrors tied the game in the fourth.

Appleton West used a single and three walks, one of them with the bases loaded, to take the lead and were able to tack on

five more runs to break the game open.

North tried to answer in the bottom of the sixth as walks to Jackson Anderson and Charlie Clark started the inning, but the Spartans were unable to push around either runner.

The Spartans were then retired in order in the seventh to end the game.

Colton Angell had a pair of hits in the game to lead the Spartans, who were limited to just five hits.

"After a loss, it's important to focus on the areas of improvement," Kiffmeyer said. "Despite the loss, I'm proud of our team's effort today. We will review this game to look for areas that need to be improved and come back stronger next time out."

Strong pitching carries Knights to sweep of Rockets

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A pair of big-time pitching performances carried Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian to a sweep of Randolph in a doubleheader on Friday.

Hunter Stelzer threw a five-inning no-hitter in a 14-0 win in game one before Henry Achterberg followed up with a two-hitter in a 16-1 win in the nightcap.

"They did an awesome job," Lourdes/Valley head coach Matt Armatoski said. "We told them to go out and throw strikes and just dominate. They both threw a lot of strikes and let them put the ball in play and our defense is going to make the plays behind them. I'm proud of both of them."

Stelzer actually gave his defense off much of the game.

The senior lefty struck out 14 batters in the game, while allowing just one walk.

"I was just focused on throwing strikes," Stelzer said. "I have been having trouble with my command but tonight I had just one walk compared to my usual five."

The Knights backed Stelzer's efforts by scoring five runs in the first inning and tallying at least two runs in each inning that they batted.

That fast start helped Stelzer find his groove and Lourdes/Valley never let the Rockets get going.

"Getting the early runs makes it way easier when you are pitching compared to when you are behind," Stelzer said. "We were ready coming out."

Michael Roberts and Josiah Lehman were both 3-for-3 in the game, while Nolan Gibson drove in three runs to lead the offense.

The offense staked the Knights to a five-run lead after the first inning of the second

game and tallied at least one run in every inning, including four runs in the fourth.

Eli Humiston was the only player with multiple hits in the game and also drove in three runs, while Lehman scored three times. Michael Santiago and Adam Dinneen each finished with two RBIs.

"When you get a big win like (Game 1), it's easy to lose focus and take it for granted and think that just because we did it the first time it is going to happen again," Armatoski said. "We've got a lot of good leaders out here and they said let's forget the first game and go take care of business

in Game 2."

Achterberg struck out eight and walked only two in his five innings of work and the run he allowed was unearned.

He got the final two outs by strikeout as daylight was fading at the UW Oshkosh baseball field, earning the Knights their fourth straight win.

"Absolutely I feel like we are hitting our stride," Armatoski said. "We have fixed some of the mistakes we were making earlier in the year and I'm feeling that we are starting to build some momentum as we move through the heart of the season."




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Prep sports roundup

TRACK & FIELD

Moore breaks school records in 800, 1,600

Erin Moore broke a pair of school records last week, setting the new top times in the 1,600 meters Tuesday and the 800 meters Friday.

Moore ran a time of 5:01.05 to win the 1,600 meters by more than 21 seconds

at a Trailways meet at Dodgeland High School. She also ran the 3,200 meters at the meet and finished second.

On Friday at the Freedom Invitational, Moore won the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.49 – more than six seconds faster than the rest of the field.

In addition to breaking the Lourdes Academy records, both times rank as the third fastest times in the state in each of those races among all divisions.

Moore's win in the 1600 meters was one of four events the Knights took first in.

Natasha Konop added a win in the 300-meter hurdles, while Lourdes Academy won three of the four relays. Kylie Rietz, Bree Kane, Monse Luquin and Sabur Machiros won the 800-meter relay, while Konop, Rietz, Erin Moore and Celia Ralofsky took first in the 1,600-meter relay. Earning the win in the 3,200-meter relay was the team of Dasha Averkamp, Annie Moore, Tessia Mroczkowski and Allison Stromske.

Averkamp picked up a pair of second places in the 400 meters and 800 meters, while Konop in the 100-meter hurdles

was also second. Machiros in the 100 meters, Annie Moore in the 3,200 meters, Kate Lynn in the high jump and Kane in both the long jump and triple jump were third.

Adding fourth places were Stromske in the 800 meters, Annie Moore in the 1,600 meters and Kane in the high jump, while Mroczkowski in the 800 meters, Stromske in the 3,200 meters and Anika Leitch in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles were fifth.

For the boys, the Knights' foursome of David Mueller, Quin Ruark, Isaak Rucinski and Johnny Santiago won the 400-meter relay, while Mat Yaggie won the 110-meter hurdles and took second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters and Henry Spanbauer in the 800 meters were each third, while Spanbauer in the 1,600 meters, Kapral in the long jump, Sam Rehm in the discus and Mason Carpenter in both hurdle races were each fourth.

At the Freedom Invitational, the Lourdes girls won a pair of relays as Machiros, Luquin, Rietz and Kane finished first in the 800-meter relay and Averkamp, Annie Moore, Melanie Tushar and Erin Moore won the 3,200-meter relay. The Knights were also second in the 1,600-meter relay.

In addition to Erin Moore's win, Konop finished second in the 300-meter hurdles and Averkamp was fourth in the 800 meters.

Yaggie posted the lone top-five finish for the boys, taking third in the 300-meter hurdles.

Warriors turn in top finishes at Trailways meet

Valley Christian turned in a number of top finishes at the Trailways Conference dual meets held at Dodgeland High School last week.

Leading the girls finishers was Mya Moran, who placed third in both the 800 meters and 1,600 meters. Merian Getz also scored a third place for the Warriors, earning her finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Alaina Wojtowski was fourth in both the 100 meters and 200 meters, Anna Sawicki was fourth in the 400 meters, McKenzie Murphy picked up a fourth place in the 3,200 meters and a fifth place in the 1,600 meters, Grace Ocjowicz was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and Anna Giannopoulos was fourth in the shot put.

The Warriors were also fourth in both the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

For the boys, the Warriors collected second-place finishes from Maverick Luedtke in the 800 meters, Jonah Menet in the 3,200 meters, Matthias Behling in the high jump and Joshua Johnson in the long jump.

Menet in the 1,600 meters, Behling in the 110-meter hurdles, and Johnson in the triple jump were each third, while Isaiah Hyvonen in the 200 meters, Brady Patterson in the 400 meters and Luedtke in the 1,600 meters were all fourth.

Picking up fifth places were Patterson in the 200 meters, Ian Kramer in the 300-meter hurdles, Carson Stertz in the shot put and Behling in triple jump.

Valley Christian was also third in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays.

North boys third, girls fourth at Seymour

The Spartans finished first in three relays to lead them to a third-place finish at the Seymour Invitational last Thursday.

Jelani Hernandez, Logan Schettle, Evan Auer and Joshua Zietlow teamed up to win the 400-meter relay with Zietlow, Schettle, Auer and Trip Kujawa taking first in the 800-meter relay. The foursome of Zietlow, Devion Williams, Hernandez and Cooper Snell won the 1,600-meter relay. North was also third in the 3,200-meter relay.

Schettle also had a strong night winning the 100 meters and 200 meters, while Williams won the 400 meters. Hernandez added a second place in the 200 meters and Harrison Bell was second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Andrew Oehler in the discus was fourth and Chase Reyer in the 3,200 meters was fifth.


For the girls, Alai Awak collected the lone win for North, placing first in the high jump. Jen'Nycia Haynes was third in the shot put and fourth in the discus, while Lehna Mitchell added a fourth place in the 3,200 meters and Abby Schloskey in the 200 meters, Adri Clark in the 800 meters and Shylee Yenter in the shot put were each fifth.

The Spartans were also third in both 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays and fourth in the 400-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

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Prep roundup

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At the FVA relays held last week, Awak won the high jump and Mitchell was fourth in the 1,600 meters for the girls. North also took second in the Throwers 400-meter relay and fourth in the sprint medley relay.

The boys got a fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles from Bell, while taking third in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays.

Oshkosh West has strong showing at FVA Relays

Antoni Olszewski and Sydnee Nelson each won individual events for Oshkosh West at the FVA Relays held at Kimberly last week.

Olszewski and Jeevan Ambati placed first and third in the 110-meter hurdles to lead the boys, who also got runner-up finishes from Ethan Pinkerton in the pole vault and Owen Heim in the long jump. Ambati added a fourth place in the long jump, while Landen Egnoski in the pole vault, Garth Martell in the discus and Clark Howell in the triple jump were each fifth.

West's foursome of Benediction Kakola, Morgan Tibbits, Damarion Williams and Reid Polak won the 400-meter relay, while West also took second in the 800-meter relay and fifth in the sprint medley relay.

Nelson posted her win in the 300-meter hurdles to lead the girls, while Marissa Dutschek was third in the shot out. The Wildcats were also fourth in the 1,600-meter relay and fifth in both the Throwers 400-meter relay and the distance medley relay.

SOFTBALL

North rallies in sixth to knock off Neenah

Oshkosh North scored a run in the sixth inning to tie the game and then plated three runs in the top of the seventh before holding on for a 6-5 win at Neenah on Thursday.

Morgan Kolodzik went 3-for-4, while Kara Cummings finished with two RBIs to lead the Spartans, who totaled nine hits in the game. Kolodzik, Ava Hanson, Emma Niemczyk and Lauren Geer also drove in runs for the Spartans.

Brooke Peters pitched the final 2 2/3 innings to earn the win for North, which trailed 3-0 after the Rockets scored three runs in the first inning. Peters and Cummings combined to allow just one earned run in the game.

The Spartans split a doubleheader with Appleton East on Friday, winning the first game 5-2 before losing the nightcap, 17-7.

Hanson and Geer each had three hits in the opener and Niemczyk hit a solo home run as North scored its five runs in the final three innings after falling behind 2-0. Hanson, Niemczyk and Sophia Housworth had RBIs in the game.

Peters threw a complete game for the win, allowing four hits and striking out six without walking a batter.

The Spartans scored seven runs in the first two innings of the second game, but the Patriots rallied for the win, keyed by an 11-run fourth inning.

Allie Leib had a pair of hits and Anna Borst drove in two runs for the Spartans.

Also last week, Peters threw a no-hitter with nine strikeouts as North topped Appleton West, 18-0. North scored 13 runs in the first inning and rolled to the win.

Niemczyk, Kolodzik, Borst and Olivia Borowitz each finished with three hits and three RBIs, while Leib also chipped in

three hits. Kolodzik had a home run.

Wildcats post three wins last week

Oshkosh West went 3-0 last week, posting a pair of wins over Appleton East while capping the week with a 10-6 win over Fond du Lac on Friday.

The Wildcats fell behind the Cardinals 5-1 before scoring a run in the second, three in the third and two in both the fourth and fifth innings to take control.

Alayna Sadowska went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs, while Colleen Fitzpatrick and Savannah Swanke each had two hits, including a home run. Swanke drove in a team-high three runs.

Alexia Monroe also had two hits.

Sadowska overcame some rough early innings to strike out six in throwing the complete game.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats beat Appleton East 2-1 as Laina Hammen and Emmy Reichenberger each had two hits, while Monroe pitched five scoreless innings to earn the win in the circle.

The Wildcats also beat the Patriots 11-5, seizing control of the game with a five-run sixth inning. Fitzpatrick and Chloe Tritt each went 4-for-5, with Tritt totaling five RBIs in the game. Swanke added a pair of hits and scored three runs for West.

Tough week of losses for Lourdes Academy

The Knights endured a rough week by dropping all four games it played.

Lourdes was held to just four hits in a 14-4 loss to Pardeeville with Reagin Jaber, Reagin Proud, Ella Slusarski and Faith Blanchard tallying the hits for the Knights. Blanchard drove in a pair of runs.

The Knights were then swept by Randolph in a doubleheader. Jaber had two hits and Proud drove in two runs in a 15-3 loss in the first game. Proud went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs and Aubrey Schettle had three hits in the second game, which Randolph won 11-8.

Lourdes then lost 16-1 to Cambria-Friesland in its final game of the week.

BASEBALL

Wildcats drop pair of home games

Oshkosh West was held to just two hits as Appleton East handed the Wildcats a 13-0 loss Friday at Peppler Field.

Eddy Schroeder and Jaxon Prill collected the hits for West in the game.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game with Neenah before the Rockets plated five runs in the top of the 10th to deal West the loss.

Schroeder finished 2-for-6 with a home run and drove in three runs to lead the West offense, while Landon Ubrig, Gavin Ruh and Evan Johnson each added two hits in the game for West.

The Wildcats also fell to Appleton West 19-6 earlier in the week with Ian Reichenberger collecting two hits, while Schroeder and Prill each driving in two runs.

Spartans lose pair of close contests

Zach Kiffmeyer allowed just one run in six innings but was the tough-luck losing pitcher in a 3-0 loss to Kaukauna. Shaun Gavun and Evan Brandl had the only hits in the game for the Spartans.

Against Appleton East, the Spartans scored two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 2-1 lead but the Patriots scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to secure a 3-2 win.

Kiffmeyer went 2-for-3 for the Spartans,

while Connor Palmquist had an RBI in the game.

Knights notch two wins over Markesan

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian used a pair of three-run innings and built an 8-1 lead en route to beating Markesan 8-4 in a trailways North tussle last Thursday.

Michael Santiago and Hunter Stelzer each had two hits, while Stelzer drove in three runs in the win.

Josiah Lehman struck out seven and allowed just two earned runs in six innings to earn the win on the mound. Parker Slusarski pitched a scoreless seventh inning to close out the win.

The Knights also picked up a 4-3 win over the Hornets on Tuesday, scoring a run in the bottom of the seventh to collect the victory.

Slusarski and Eli Humiston each finished with two hits in the game, while Nolan Gibson drove in two runs in the win.

SOCCER

Wildcats win showdown against Spartans

Five different players scored goals and Oshkosh West collected a 5-0 win over Oshkosh North last week.

Elliana Noe and Morgan Toman scored in the first half as the Wildcats took a 2-0 lead at intermission. In the second half, Taylin Heiman, Kaitlyn Schaller and Laney Weibel all scored to secure West's victory.

Heiman, Weibel, Toman, Brenna Gehri and McKenzie Blair each tallied assists in the win, while Hannah Wolf needed to make just two saves to earn the shutout.

Lourdes/Valley collects Flyway victory

Ellie Koch scored a second-half goal and Kenzie Grammer made it stand up as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian edged North Fond du Lac/Oakfield 1-0 in a Flyway Conference match last week.

Alish Mains assisted on the goal for the Knights.

Grammer finished with five saves to earn the shutout.

The Knights also played to a scoreless tie against Hustisford/Dodgeland earlier in the week. Grammer had six saves in goal for the Knights, who mustered just two shots on goal in the match.

Noe leads Oshkosh West past FDL Cardinals

Elliana Noe tallied a goal and an assist to lead Oshkosh West to a 3-1 win over Fond du Lac on Thursday.

Morgan Toman scored the lone first half goal in the game, while Taylin Heiman also picked up a goal in the win. Kaitlyn Schaller assisted on Noe's goal, which gave the Wildcats a 3-0 lead.

Hannah Wolf stopped seven shots in net for West.

Rees tallies both goals in Spartan win

Hailey Rees scored a pair of goals and the Spartans notched a 2-0 win over Beaver Dam last week.

Charlie Kempf assisted on one of Rees' goals.

Autumn Shelton made seven saves in goal to earn the shutout.

GOLF

McLaughlin third at Green Devil invitational

Cooper McLaughlin shot a 78 to finish third at the Green Devil Invitational held

at Northern Bay Golf Resort last week.

McLaughlin finished one shot behind the co-medalists at the meet as the Knights finished 12th in a 19-team field.

Lucas Neuens added a 93 for Lourdes/Valley, while Jackson Buttke had a 97 and Calvin Tollard had a 110.

Spartans' Weber earns medalist honor at invite

Owen Weber earned medalist honors with a 78 to lead Oshkosh North to a second-place finish at the Manitowoc Invitational held at Branch River Country Club last week.

Weber edged Green Bay Notre Dame's Thomas Bobinski by one shot to earn the honor.

Dan Chopp added a sixth-place finish with an 81, while Warren Seeley fired an 89 and Christian Geffers added a 91 for the Spartans.

North shot a 339 as a team to finish 12 strokes behind Green Bay Notre Dame for the team title.

In Fox Valley Association dual meets, Weber shot a 38 and Chopp followed with a 39 as Oshkosh North pulled out a 164-170 win over Appleton North last week.

Seeley added a 42 and Christian Geffers finished with a 45 in the win.

The Spartans came up short in a dual meet against Hortonville, falling 164-178 with Geffers firing a 40 to lead North.

North came up short against Kimberly, 150-168. Geffers with a 39 led the Spartans, while Weber and Chopp each shot 41s.

Lloyd leads West against Ghosts

Jaxen Lloyd fired a 40 to lead Oshkosh West in a 170-188 loss to Kaukauna on Friday. Ben Reitz added a 46.

On Thursday, the Wildcats competed in the Manitowoc Invitational where they finished 15th among 17 teams at Branch River Country Club. Caden McCone led the way with a 91, while Everett Phillips added a 100.

West also came up short in a pair of dual meets held Monday at Oshkosh Country Club, falling to Appleton East 165-193 and to Appleton West 174-193.

Lloyd led the way with a 45, followed by Reitz with a 46 and Parker Gerlach with a 48.

TENNIS

Oshkosh North posts win at Beaver Dam

The Spartans edged the host Golden Beavers 4-3, to go 1-2 at the Beaver Dam quadrangular on Saturday.

North posted three of their four wins in singles as Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski at the No. 1 flight, Brannick Larson at the No. 2 flight and Allan Koji at the No. 4 flight all won in straight sets.

Anjal Adhikari and Payton Rockteschel earned a win at No. 2 doubles to complete the victory.

The Spartans lost to Sheboygan North 6-1 with Koji collecting the lone win, while the Spartans also lost to Hartford 6-1 with the No. 3 doubles team of George Tapia and Quasi Alqawasmi earning the Spartans' win.

Earlier in the week the Spartans lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to Kaukauna, getting wins from Bowlus-Jasinski and Allan in singles and from Tapia and Alqawasmi in doubles.

North also lost to Appleton West last week, 5-2, getting both of its wins in doubles. Shepard Johnson and Rockteschel won at the No. 2 flight and Tapia and Alqawasmi won at the No. 3 flight.

Obituaries

Jerry Howard Jorgenson

On May 5, 2024, Jerry Howard Jorgenson died at home with his wife and family by his side following a brief bout with kidney cancer.



Jerry was born at home on Oregon Street in Oshkosh, WI on July 30, 1939 to Walter Howard Jorgenson and Mildred (Mortenson) Jorgenson. Baptized, confirmed and married in Peace Lutheran church and graduated class of 1957 – Oshkosh High School.

Jerry and Judith Ann Switlick were married on October 10, 1959, at Peace Lutheran Church and celebrated 64 happy years (in 2023). Their marriage blessed them with 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Jerry worked at Dunphy boats, and

eventually retired from Rockwell International after 30 years, and also owned and operated Valley Precast Unit steps for 10 of those years. In retirement he worked for Ideal Products for 16 years until final retirement in 2014.

Jerry is survived by his three children Scott Jorgenson (Robert Bruegmann), Susan (James) Robl and Stephanie (Rodney) Beck and his eleven grandchildren, Molly (Matt) Ziegenhagen, Amanda (Jesse) Simmons, Ellen Beck (James Briese), Audrey Robl, Mitchell (Seana) Beck, Thomas Beck, Jerald Beck, Robert (Montana Steier) Beck, Emma Robl, Abigail Beck, Evan Beck and seven great-grandchildren Jimmy, Lily, Grace, Nora, Evelyn, Henry and Sean. He is survived by sister Janet Schneider of Bozeman, MT. Further survived by in-laws, Mary Tollard, Nancy Lee, Kate (Elroy) Petermann, Kris (Mike) Domer, Elizabeth (Edward) Metzler and nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law, Anthony and Lenore Switlick, brother-in-law Tom Switlick, sister and brother-in law Karen (Tom) Kramer and brothers-in-law Claude Tollard and Richard Schneider.

Jerry was a quiet, gentle man with a dry sense of humor – loved to tease. Loved and treasured his grandchildren and great grandchildren and often attended their events and was proud of all their endeavors. He had a fondness for all animals and pets and was known to have many follow him home. Many years he spent time up at the 40 acres in Waupaca, WI with his father and family. Jerry and Judy enjoyed many years of traveling in the U.S. and with their children and road trips in later years. They enjoyed many scenic drives throughout Wisconsin and frequented favorite restaurants.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Konrad Behl-

man-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Maggie Berndt-Dryer officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

The Jorgenson family would like to thank the wonderful staff and neighbors at Aspire Senior Living for the care and camaraderie shared.



Suzanne Marie Davies

Suzanne Marie Davies, 63 of Oshkosh received her wings on May 2, 2024. She was born February 11th 1961 to William and Marianne (Yoder) Davies.



Suzanne attended Boyd School and later completed her education at Lincoln School graduating in 1982.

Suzanne will be missed by her parents and her siblings Mike (Merri), Dawn (Chuck), Warren (Mary). As well as 8 nieces and nephews, 17 great nieces/nephews, numerous cousins and Aunts and Uncles.

She participated in Special Olympics for many years earning numerous medals. She enjoyed playing “her” card game which only she knew how to play. Suzanne had an infectious smile and laugh and everyone that met her, loved her. She loved her little nieces, nephews and cousins and would try to tickle them every chance she could.

There will be a private family burial at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Ring, Wisconsin. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Special thanks to EdenBrook for the great care they took of her during her stay with them, especially Cindy and Jeannie.



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Carla Faye Toney

Carla Faye (Gilman) Toney, age 66, passed away at home on April 13, 2024,



in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was born on January 25, 1958, in Rhineland, Wisconsin. Her mother Barbara (Sutton) Kelley and Dallas Kelley raised her in Rhineland.

She obtained her bachelor's degree in social work at UW Oshkosh. In-between, she raised three children. She most recently retired from the Red Granite Correctional Facility.

In her earlier days, she hosted family events and cooked for everyone. Carla enjoyed playing casino games and meeting new friends in the later years of her life. She was also her grandchildren's biggest fan, always eager to see them show off their talents and watch them grow. She also had a big heart for animals, especially her cats. She will be remembered for being compassionate, willing to listen and being able to give honest advice. Her door was always open. Helping others came before helping herself. She wouldn't have it any other way. She is survived by her children, David (Trishia) Delap, Paul (Karen Woodruff) Delap and William “BJ” Roch; siblings,

Matt Gilman, Terri Kelley and Laurie (Al) Kraus; grandchildren, Derek, Adrianna, Zachery, Riley and Christian; father, Dallas Kelley; long-time friend, Patti Fox; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Preceding her in death was her mother, Barbara (Sutton) Kelley; and brother, Mike Gilman. Per her wishes, no service will be held. The family would like to thank the staff at Aurora Hospice as well as recognize Paul, Karen and BJ for their dedication and compassion shown to mom during the months she fought her battle.



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Beverly A. Ponzer

Beverly A. Ponzer, age 91, of Oshkosh, passed away at Theda Care in Neenah on May 2, 2024. She was born on February 25, 1933, in Oshkosh a daughter of Oscar and Jessica Laughtenschlager Herring. On October 25, 1952, she married Evan Ponzer in Oshkosh. He preceded her in death on

April 8, 2020.

Beverly worked at AT&T for many years and in various roles before taking an early retirement. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church on Main St and

enjoyed watching and feeding the birds in her yard, making quilts, and baking. She was a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

She is survived by her three sons Ron Ponzer, Mike Ponzer, and Doug (Kathie) Ponzer, her grandchildren Tricia Ponzer, Mike Ponzer, Karon Meyer, Kris Ponzer, Brian Ponzer Andrew Ponzer, Sarah (John) Kyei, Daniel Ponzer, three great-grandchildren Dylan Meyer, Norah Meyer, Oliver Ponzer.

She is further survived by one brother Ken Herring, two sisters Barbara Mohling, Linda Grefshim and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter-in-law Tammy Ponzer,

her brothers Norman (Beverly) Herring, Robert "Floyd" (Doris) Herring, sister Lois(Ray) Bielmeier, and brother-in-law Al Grefshim.

Funeral services for Beverly will be held on Tuesday May 14, 2024 at noon at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

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Judith Ann Burman

Judith Ann Burman, 76, of San Francisco received her heavenly wings on May 1 after battling a rare form of blood cancer.

She was born on October 13, 1947 in Milwaukee to the late Eleanor and Marvin Burman. She loved music, playing bingo and slot machines, and doing puzzles.

She also loved going to her favorite coffee shop, La Cuisine Cafe, on Market St in San Francisco. Judy was an avid NFL football fan and loved rooting for her favorite team, the 49ers. Her church family was very important to her and she enjoyed their company and worship time together immensely.

Judy worked many years as a hairdresser

and then as a private nurse both in Oshkosh and Appleton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sharon Burman.

She is survived by her son Michael (Mary Anne) Burman, two grandchildren, Matt and Kale, and cousins. The family would like to thank Pastor Dan Pelletier and his wife Chris of Hamilton Square Baptist Church in San Francisco for their love and support of Judith over the years.

Judy donated her body for medical research and her remains will be cremated. Per her wishes, no formal service will be held. Condolences can be sent to Pathways Church, C/O Judith Burman's family/Barb, 311 W Evergreen Drive, Appleton, WI 54913.



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Obituaries

Lois Mae Welk

Lois Mae Nina (Ament) Welk, age 88 of Oshkosh, passed away at Edenbrook



of Oshkosh on Sunday, April 28, 2024. She was born on May 16, 1935, to the late Roman and Esther (Borchardt) Ament in the family farmhouse in Merrill WI.

Lois graduated from Merrill Senior High School in 1953. Lois started her career as secretary at Anson & Gilkey Sash and Door Co. She also worked as a woman's physical education instructor in Merrill. She was united in marriage to William L Welk on August 6, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill WI. Lois was a co-owner of the Merrill Quality Beverage Co. The family moved to Kenosha in 1965, and Lois began her career working at Wonder Bread- Host-

ess. In 1978, the family relocated to Oshkosh. Lois continued her career with Wonder Bread, retiring after 27 years as manager for the thrift stores.

Lois enjoyed gardening, reading, cooking and sewing. She sewed over 400 quilts for family and church missions. She also crafted close to 100 braided wool rugs. She was very involved in the church choirs in Merrill, Kenosha and Oshkosh. Lois was an active member of the Dorcas Society at church. She also was the president of the Kenosha Lioness Club.

Lois is survived by her husband of almost 69 years, William L Welk; children, Karen (Dennis) Puckett, Marjorie (Leonard) Lambert, Gerald (Ellen) Welk and Brian (Debra) Welk; grandchildren, Carly (Kadeem Liggins) Jackson, Keith (Jeni Munns) Puckett, Andrew (Jamie) Puckett, and Hannah (Adam) Pulda, Casey Welk, Jordan (Morgan) Welk, Ethan (Sarah) Welk; great-grandchildren, Madysen,

Brianna, Brayden, Logan, Avery Puckett, Julian Romero, Kian Swift and Kadeem Swift Jr and Jadon Pulda; sisters, Jean Zimbal and Florence Mulvihill. She is further survived by daughter-in-law, Jill Welk, son-in-law, Mickey Jackson as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her children, Linda Jackson and Gregory Welk; grandchildren, Russell Jackson; great-grandchild, Rylan Puckett; brothers Roman (Evie) Ament and Jack (Darlene) Ament.

A funeral service for Lois will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St Oshkosh on Thursday, May 9th at 12:00 with Rev. Marvin Ahlborn officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A light lunch will follow. Interment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd, around 3:00 pm.



Kevin P. Andrasko M.D.

Kevin P. Andrasko M.D., age 74, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2024 at Evergreen Retirement Community. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time

of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3pm until the time of service. In lieu of floral expressions, memorials in his name may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. A full obituary will appear soon.



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Joyce F. Zak

Joyce F. Zak, age 88 of Oshkosh, passed away at Ascension Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. She was born in Milwaukee on October 14, 1935 to the late Joe and Francis Felhofer. She was united in marriage to Thomas Zak on August 21, 1954 and had four children.

Joyce was raised on a farm where her father believed in equality, and that is where Joyce learned her good work ethics. Joyce also worked in the Sturgeon Bay shipyard as a purchasing agent. Joyce finished her working career as the Head Food Super-

visor at Oshkosh North High School for 26 years.

Known for her green thumb and delicious meals, Joyce touched the lives of many with her warmth and culinary skills.

Joyce is lovingly survived by her sons, Tom (Janet) Zak, Todd (Linda) Zak, Troy (Connie) Zak, Tim (Lynn) Zak; grandchildren, Andrea, Tommy, Tyler, Tanner, Ryan, Sean, Bailey, Cody, Lyndsey and Samantha; 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Betty Rozek, Rosie Olson, and Sue Robinson; sisters-and-brothers-in-law, Sally Zak, Jim Zak, Karon (Gerald) Kita.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Zak; twin brother, Joe (Bev) Felhofer; sisters-and-brothers-in-law, Dick Rozek,

her late half-brother, Ivar Syverud, in Norway. In addition, Gladys is survived by her "adopted" families – the Fite/Brauns and the Moshers; as well as thousands of former students and friends, many of whom count her among the most valued and influential people in their lives.

A celebration of life will be held from 4:00 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Oshkosh Country Club, 11 W Ripple Avenue, Oshkosh, WI. The service will begin shortly after 4:00, and will be followed immediately by a reception.

To view the livestreamed service, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/@greenlakefestivalofmusic/streams>

Gladys V. Veidemanis

Gladys V. Veidemanis, 93, died peacefully on December 27, 2023, at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh.

She is survived by her son Maris Veidemanis and daughter-in-law Gail Dobish; her nephews Kristofer (Linda) Garmager Jr. and Timothy Garmager; as well as her great-niece Emily Garmager and great-nephew Doug (Katie) Garmager, and their children Savannah, Lillian, and Eleanor; and great-nieces and nephews Matthew, Mariana, Britton, Travis, and Tricia Garmager. She is also survived by the six children of

Jean Diane Johannes

Jean Diane (Raatz) Johannes was born to eternal life at her home in Oshkosh, WI, with family by her side on April 30, 2024. She was born September 20, 1934, in Wautoma, WI to Lauraine (Sauerbrei) and Richard Raatz. She left Wautoma to pursue a career in clerical work in Milwaukee, WI. While waiting for a bus, Frank Johannes of Wautoma saw her and that was the start of their courtship. They were married at Peace Lutheran Church in Wautoma on November 14, 1953. They made their home in Milwaukee and raised a son, Robert and daughter, Deborah.

Jean's first job in food service was as a car hop. When her children started high school, she began a lifelong career as a waitress. First at Dutchland Dairy, Boston Store's Purple Skillet and at Gritz Pazazz as a banquet waitress.

Jean and Frank loved vacations up north and camping and dreamed of owning a house on a lake someday. Their dream came true in 1986 in Midlakein Woodruff, WI. Jean began working at the Pointe Hotel in Minocqua as a housekeeper, then advanced to the Head of Housekeeping. Next, she began working at Dan's Minocqua Fudge and became the assistant manager. Frank's health declined from COPD, so they moved to Oshkosh to be closer to family.

She enjoyed planting flowers and making fleece blankets. Her favorite television shows were Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Her favorite vacation beaches were in Florida and the Gulf Shores I Alabama. Family was very important to her, and she loved being a part of all family events. She enjoyed cooking and baking for all holidays and made sure to make everyone's favorite food.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Jan

Erdman) Johannes; daughter, Deborah Braatz; four grandchildren, Daniel Hafemeyer, Julie (Joe) Whiten, Nicholas Johannes and Sara (Tom) Broach. She is further survived by her great-granddaughter, Magnolia Whiten; two sisters, Janice Dumonson and Judy (Gary) Oleson. She also has five grand-dogs, Bailey, Bella, Joy, Layla and Mabel. She has many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She also had a special friendship with Margarite Johannes and a very dear friendship with Gloria and Sandy from church.

Preceding Jean in death are her parents; husband, Frank on April 20, 2010; four brothers, James, Jerry, William and Thomas Raatz; son-in-law, James Braatz; niece, Alexis Roloff; and nephew, Matthew Raatz.

The family would like to thank Lori and Krista, who were Jean's caregivers. They were a constant support to our mother and our family. Jean stayed in her home while living with Brain Cancer. Aurora at Home Hospice was very helpful.

Visitation will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 338 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 9:00am to 11:00am, with service to follow.

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Linda Wokosin

Linda Wokosin passed away on September 26, 2023.

A Celebration of life will be held on the EAA grounds at the Nature Center Pavilion on May 11, 2024 from 1PM to 3PM.

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A funeral service for Joyce was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Konrad-Behلمان Funeral Home- Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating. Visitation took place at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A private interment will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery on Monday.

Thank you to the supporting staff at Aspire Senior Living of Oshkosh for allowing Joyce to be able to live on her own until the end. Also, thank you to the medical staff and doctors at Mercy Hospital for comforting Joyce at the end of her journey.

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Ricky R. Cavanaugh

Ricky "Rick" Roger Cavanaugh, age 71, passed away with his family by his side on March 1, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born on January 22, 1953.

Spending time with family and friends was the most important thing to him. Many memories were made while camping, fishing, hunting and telling stories around the campfire.

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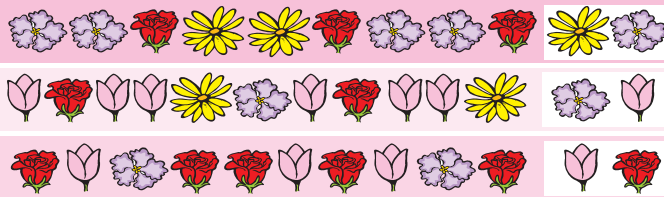
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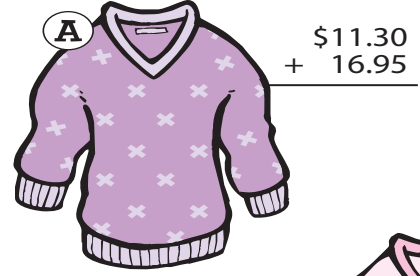
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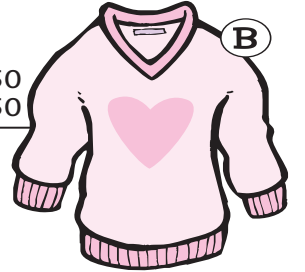
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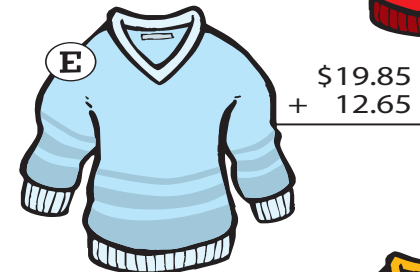
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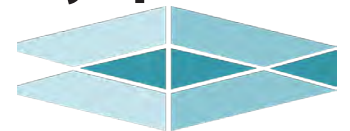
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