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Builder files for foreclosure on arena

Bayland lawsuit says millions are still owed

Oshkosh Herald

The company that built the Oshkosh Arena is asking for it to be foreclosed and sold so the company can recoup its losses as the arena owners still owe the firm millions of dollars.

Bayland Builders Inc. has filed a civil foreclosure of mortgage lawsuit against Fox Valley Pro Basketball, Inc. (FVPB) and owner Gregory Pierce with court documents showing the

arena owners have been missing payments for years. Pierce is trying to sell the arena.

Bayland alleges in their filings that FVPB owes Bayland about \$12.4 million. The total cost of building the Oshkosh Arena was about \$13.1 million. One exhibit filed in the case shows FVPB had an agreement to make monthly payments to Bayland and would have the arena fully paid off by 2045.

The lawsuit alleges FVPB and Pierce are in breach of contract for not making timely payments.

Court documents allege FVPB has been

missing payments going back to 2021 with Bayland submitting pages of default notices dating back to February of that year. The lawsuit also claims FVPB has not made a mortgage payment since this March.

There are currently no scheduled hearings in this case.

The Oshkosh Arena in the city's Sawdust District on the site of the former Buckstaff Furniture factory has been home to the Wisconsin Herd since 2017 when it first opened. The lease with the Herd runs until 2026 with an option to extend the agreement until 2028.



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The Orrin King building on Algoma Boulevard (left photo) has recently been the site where unhoused people stay as it one of the few places they have said they feel safe. The Winnebago County courthouse is seen a few steps from the building. First Presbyterian Pastor Deb Swets (right photo) speaks to a crowd gathered Thursday outside the Orrin King building.

Debate thickens on homeless camping

Deputy DA says group misrepresenting issue

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Recent storms have put a spotlight on communication issues within the city among the unhoused population, advocacy groups, city officials, county officials and law enforcement.

People who had been staying outside the Orrin King Building in Oshkosh were told to move along leading up to forecasts of heavy storms rolling through the area before Memorial Day weekend. First Presbyterian Church opened its green space for a safe place to stay.

Then the city stepped in and put an end to it.

Esther, a social justice advocacy group in the Fox Valley, contacted First Presbyterian as the holiday weekend forecast noted impending storms to see if the church's green space was available. What happened next has ignited more concern throughout the community as Esther personnel works

to keep this vulnerable population safe.

Mike Patton of First Presbyterian told the Oshkosh Common Council that these people were invited guests and were welcome in that space. By then members of city staff had already explained that due to the zoning of the church they could not camp there.

Esther then held a press conference Thursday to give details about the situation and the unhoused population. It was held on the green space west of the Orrin King building. People had been living there because it was considered a safe place and the metal grates on the side of the building provided warmth.

Katie Olson, executive director of Esther, said the organization is hopeful that in the coming days and weeks they will meet with police and county officials to discuss solutions.

Zoning issue at church

First Presbyterian Pastor Deb Swets outlined events that led to city officials saying they cannot allow camping on the property. Leading up to that holiday week-

end there were forecasts of large storms and Esther reached out to the church as police began dispersing the people outside the Orrin King building.

The day after Memorial Day, Swets was on the phone with police and members of the city planning staff, including community development director Kelly Nieforth. At that time city staff informed Swets the church could not continue using the area for tents as it was a zoning issue.

Nieforth explained that due to the zoning of the church they could not have a campground on the property. She told the Herald the city had received several complaints regarding the camping by Tuesday after Memorial Day. City officials said they were unaware the unhoused people were guests at the church and that it was a temporary arrangement.

Nieforth said there were no fines given out to anyone camping at First Presbyterian.

The city is sympathetic to the unhoused population in the city, Nieforth said, but

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Fox River cruise boat crash on trial

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD


An Oshkosh man accused of crashing his boat into a paddlewheel boat in 2022 is finally getting his day in court.

The Branch 4 gallery in the Winnebago Courthouse was full of potential jurors last week. Over the next two weeks the prosecution team from the state attorney general's office will try to prove Jason Lindemann, 53, crashed his boat into the On the Loos Cruises boat and failed to render aid after the crash.

Lindemann is facing two felony counts

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Ascension electronic systems restored in region

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Ascension Medical Group has restored its electronic health records after a ransomware cyberattack that has left those systems unavailable for more than a month.

Ascension, which acknowledged being attacked by ransomware on May 9 that made its electronic health records unavailable, said most hospital departments, physician offices and clinics now have access to electronic documentation, charting and ordering systems.

The company had been forced to switch to manual processes that caused delays for patients and employees.

“Patients should see improved efficiencies and wait times,” Ascension an-

nounced Monday. “Our team continues to work tirelessly to restore other ancillary technology systems.”

Ascension officials said last week that those records had been restored in the Florida, Alabama and Austin markets.

“These developments mark a turning point in our response efforts to this ransomware attack,” stated Eduardo Conrado, president of Ascension. “With EHR access restored in several of our largest markets, with the rest expected to come over the course of the week, we are moving out of downtime procedures and closer to normal course operations across our ministry. We are confident we will continue to provide quality care as this process

accelerates.”

After the cyberattack and while Ascension was dealing with the situation, all hospital, physician offices and care sites remained open and operational in Wisconsin.

Ascension also recently announced their retail pharmacies were again able to fill prescriptions.

“I am grateful for the compassion and professionalism of all our teams in response to this ransomware attack. Their dedication throughout our recovery efforts has been incredible, and they have continued to prioritize those who matter most, our patients,” Ascension chief executive Joseph R. Impicicche said in a statement.

Friends of Seniors Center celebrates 38 years of support

Since its inception in 1986, Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center has been a beacon of support for the senior community that originated from a need identified by then City Manager Bill Frueh.

The Seniors Center board of directors gave rise to the Friends of the Oshkosh

Seniors Center, a 501c3 nonprofit that has been bridging gaps when city funds fall short.

Last year, the Friends donated \$70,000 to the center to add capacity to its programs and services. These funds were amassed from annual donations and suc-

cessful fundraising events like Food Truck Friday.

Food Truck Friday has become a tradition since its inception in 2016 when it initially featured six food trucks. This year there will be two of these events, the first being this Friday.

The festivities from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at South Park include live music from Copper Box along with a smorgasbord of culinary offerings from 20 food trucks. Mischief & Magic’s face painting and balloon twisting will also be there and Piggly Wiggly is sponsoring a raffle for a chance to win \$1,200 in groceries.

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“Simply put, we could not accomplish our mission of working to enrich the quality of life for adults 50 and over without their support,” said Dan Braun, the center’s senior services manager. “Without their financial support, our programs and operations could not be what they are today.”

For more information or to donate, visit the Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center on Facebook or call 920-232-5306.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

June 21, 1949

Underground Pipe Laid to Bubbler at Sawyer Ave Field: Installation of an underground pipe connecting the restroom and bubbler at the municipal athletic field on Sawyer Avenue

was made yesterday in time for use during last night’s Wisconsin State League game between Oshkosh and Sheboygan. Hitherto, the pipe was on top of the ground, making the water too warm for drinking purposes. In addition, it discolored the restroom fixtures. The pipe was buried under about five and a half feet of earth from the restroom near Sawyer Street to the main line on Josslyn Street, a distance of 850 feet.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 21, 1949



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Candidates are lining up for county, state, national offices

Oshkosh Herald

Prospective candidates for state and national offices were lined up with last week's nomination filing deadline, setting up races for the state Legislature based on new Assembly and Senate district maps approved in February.

Heading toward a Republican primary race for the newly drawn 53rd Assembly district will be Rep. Michael Shraa of Oshkosh, who currently serves the 55th District that was redrawn, facing first-term incumbent Rep. Nate Gustafson of Fox Crossing. Real estate agent and Winneconne native Kyle Kehoe also filed his candidacy as a Democrat for that district.

The 53rd District includes the Town of Neenah and cities of Neenah, Menasha and a small portion of Appleton.

State Senate District 18, which includes Oshkosh, Appleton, Menasha and Neenah, will have a new representative as incumbent Sen. Dan Feyen, a Republican from Fond du Lac, was drawn out of that updated district and will seek re-election to represent the new District 20.

Appleton alderperson Kristin Alheim will be seeking that Senate seat as a Democrat while Anthony Phillips and Blong Yang will face off in an Aug. 13 primary election to determine the Republican candidate.

New state maps for the Assembly and Senate districts were signed into law Feb. 19.

In the 6th Congressional District,

longtime Republican incumbent Glenn Grothman will be challenged by Democrat John Zarbano, a retired lawyer from Oshkosh.

In Winnebago County, three people are vying to be the new register of deeds with Natalie Strohmeier not seeking another term.

They include Christopher Larson, a Democrat who is chief deputy of the office, and Oshkosh council member Paul Esslinger and Town of Black Wolf clerk Susan Snyder, both Republicans.

District Attorney Eric Sparr is seeking another term after being appointed to the position in May 2022 and has served in the county's DA office since 2005.

No other candidates filed papers to seek that office.

Also running unopposed for re-election are County Clerk Julie Barthels and Treasurer Amber Hoppa.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Tomatomania at the market

Chelsea (right) and daughter Lucy Peabody select a tomato plant at Olden Produce at Saturday's downtown farmers market. The Tomatomania program, supported by 4imprint, offers kids certificates to purchase tomato plants who can get a "Tomatomaniac" T-shirt. "We are hoping to get growing reports over the summer from our participants; it is really a cute program," said market volunteer Diane Lowe. The program will also be available at this Saturday's market.

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Former theater block on Oregon now on historic register

Oshkosh Herald

The Baumann Block on Oregon Street in south Oshkosh has been placed on the State Register of Historic Places by the Wisconsin Historical Society for its two-story, late 19th century commercial building that housed storefronts and a movie theater.

The commercial building in the 1100 block of Oregon was added to the state register May 24 with historic preservation officer Daina Penkiunas presenting a certificate to owner Luanne Laib.

The Baumann Block is considered an intact example of a Queen Anne style commercial building and as the home of the Star Theater, one of the last remaining movie houses in south Oshkosh. The two-story, brick-veneered building was built for Charles Baumann in 1894 with two storefronts at 1124 and 1128 Oregon, and apartments above. Baumann and his wife, Amanda, initially operated a grocery and a butcher shop there.

In 1910, they converted the north half of the first floor into the Star Theater, a small neighborhood movie house that

played second-run films, low-budget westerns and film serials. The interior of the theater and adjoining apartments were extensively damaged by a fire in February 1926 that started in the projection room. The building was renovated later that same year and Bauman operated the theater until his death in 1943.

Ron LaPoint's book "The Way We Were" has a chapter on the Star Theater credited to Joann Mueller Wendt, who recalled going to the Star as a youth in the mid- to late 1940s. She recalled that the 12-cent admission price included two full-length features, cartoons, a chapter of "Hopalong Cassidy," a jungle serial and coming attractions. Wendt also noted there was an upscale theater across the street called the Mode with a marquee and uniformed popcorn girl.

The Star Theater closed in 1955 and a series of businesses occupied the building afterward before it became a warehouse for Kossel's TV & Appliance in the late 1960s.

The Baumann Block was restored to its original appearance in 1994 by local builder and restoration expert Terry Laib, who had to replace the roof and created two upstairs apartments. The ticket booth for the Star Theater remains as do the double doors to the seating area, and the projection booth.

The corner location features a corner turrey rising above the entrance and similar to one at 579 N. Main St. The historical description notes it is constructed of red brick with accents of rusticated limestone, has an intact conical metal roof and a second story with a plain metal cornice, raised parapet and brick corbeling detail.



Photo from Wisconsin Historical Society

The Baumann Block is considered an intact example of a Queen Anne style commercial building and was the home of the Star Theater.



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The front of the Star Theater on Oregon Street is shown in this 1920 photo.

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Feeding American summer program set

With Wisconsin continuing to face a substantial increase in food insecurity among children, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is launching its annual Healthy Kids, Healthy Summer campaign.

The campaign encourages supporters to make monetary donations to help Feeding America stock the shelves at area food pantries, meal programs and shelters for families in need with kids home on summer break.

Children who lack enough healthy food face a higher risk of certain health conditions, more likely to struggle in school, and

have social and behavioral problems. A donation of \$63 provides enough healthy meals for one child for an entire summer.

"Our pantry partners see a drastic increase in need every summer once school ends because families have lost a reliable source of nutritious meals," said Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin president and chief executive Patti Habeck. "Summer hunger is real and we need the help of our generous community to fill the gaps for kids throughout eastern Wisconsin."

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is also collaborating with school districts and parents in eastern Wisconsin to expand and enhance the way summer meals are provided to kids and supports the implementation of innovative new programming in rural districts that provide meals for families whose access to nearby grocery stores is limited.

Presented by the Meijer supercenter chain, the program has additional support from Associated Bank, Delta Dental, Brewers Community Foundation, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Give Back, Miron Construction, Rosen Automotive, and Hupy and Abraham.

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Prison term ordered for attempted arson incident

Criminal history factors into 14-year sentence

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man with a lengthy criminal history was given a prison sentence of 14 years after pouring lighter fluid all over his fiance's apartment.

Steven Streich, 41, will spend the next seven years in state prison followed by seven years of extended supervision after being found guilty of attempted arson in Winnebago County.

Streich pleaded no contest and Judge Bryan Keberlein found him guilty. The state had the remaining counts of felony battery or threat to law enforcement officer, misdemeanor disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes.

Assistant District Attorney Amanda Nash argued the seriousness of the crime could only be remedied by a lengthy prison term.

Nash outlined Streich's criminal history going back to Jefferson County in 1998 when he was 15 and found guilty of felony burglary. Nash outlined several other arrests that included charges related to burglary, traffic, theft and drunken driving.

She called it a "very serious criminal history" and said the situation in November was "extremely dangerous" as Streich poured lighter fluid through the apartment within a multi-unit building that could have led to casualties.

Streich's attorney Emma Blankschein argued for an imposed and stayed sentence so Streich could get the substance abuse

and mental health treatment he needs.

Blankschein told the court that on the night of the attempted arson Streich was angry and those feelings were compounded by his drinking alcohol. He went to a neighbor's place and relapsed using methamphetamine.

During sentencing, Blankschein said Streich never tried to light a fire and that the incident with the police officer lasted less than 20 seconds. An officer reported in the criminal complaint that Streich attempted to punch her, but Blankschein said Streich didn't know police were in the apartment and later apologized to the officer.

Three people spoke in favor of Streich receiving a stayed sentence so he could get the proper treatment. His fiance said he had apologized for the incident that occurred at her apartment. The mother of Streich's children and one of his children also spoke against Streich being sent to prison.

Keberlein gave Streich an opportunity to speak to the court. He apologized to his fiance, children and community for the incident.

"Allow me one more opportunity to be a productive member of the community," Streich said to Keberlein.

Streich said he is in the STAR program at the county jail and is living in the recovery pod. The program allows inmates dealing with substance abuse to meet with peer support specialists while in jail.

"We're lucky in this county to have a sheriff that is willing to try these things like a recovery pod," Keberlein said, but explained he needed to weigh the need to protect the public, the character of the de-

fendant and gravity of the offense.

According to the criminal complaint, on the evening of Nov. 22 an Oshkosh police officer was dispatched to a home in the 2100 block of Evans Street, where Streich's fiance said he covered her entire apartment in lighter fluid. The officer could smell it as soon as they entered.

At that point Streich walked into the apartment, the officer spoke to him and he allegedly held up a fist as if to punch someone. The officer drew a taser and pointed it at Streich, after which he was taken into custody without additional incident.

The girlfriend told police she saw Stre-

ich take a handful of muscle relaxer pills and was in the hallway where lighter fluid is kept. He continued to threaten her until police arrived.

Streich, who was convicted of disorderly conduct in Marathon County with conditions including absolute sobriety, was given a preliminary breath test showing he was intoxicated.

The complaint alleges Streich was verbally aggressive with officers as they escorted him out of the apartment. He also allegedly made remarks to jail staff about the arson attempt, including, "If I could get away with it, I'd have done it."

Waupun prison deaths bring charges

Oshkosh Herald

Nine state employees at Waupun Correctional Institution, including two from Oshkosh, face criminal charges in connection with two inmate deaths at the prison since last June.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office said at a press conference last Wednesday that four prison deaths occurred at the state facility in the past year. Investigators found no probable cause for criminal charges in two of those deaths; one in which a man died by suicide, the other from a fentanyl overdose.

Along with prison warden Randall Hepp, those arrested included Jessica Hosfelt, 47, a registered nurse; and Sarah Ransbottom, 35, a correctional officer, both identified with Oshkosh addresses. Six others charged are correctional officers and another registered nurse.

Charges include misconduct in public office and abuse of residents of a penal in-

stitution.

Donald Maier, 62, died of dehydration and malnutrition after water was turned off in his cell and staff allegedly failed to provide meals, according to the charges. Cameron Williams, 24, died of a stroke after staff allegedly repeatedly ignored signs of medical distress until they checked on him 12 hours after he died.

Hepp had previously announced he was stepping down this month as warden, and Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt said he brought his complaints to former Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr, who also resigned three days after that conversation.

A state and federal investigation into the fatalities led to nearly a dozen prison employees placed on leave after sweeps of the prison found illegal drugs and cellphones.

The prison has been on lockdown for most of the last year because of an ongoing shortage of guards.

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Waterfest celebrates 38 seasons of music, community

By Mike Dempsey
WATERFEST INC. PRESIDENT



Since its inception in 1986, Waterfest has become a cornerstone of Oshkosh's cultural and social landscape. What began as a city initiative to boost local morale during the economic downturn of the early 1980s has transformed into Wisconsin's top community music festival.

Commissioned by the Oshkosh Chamber and city leaders, Waterfest has evolved over nearly four decades, cementing its place as a cherished summer tradition.

Waterfest's journey began in Riverside Park, initially organized by the Oshkosh Jaycees in 1989. By 1992, Waterfest Inc. took over, expanding the event into a weekly Thursday concert series that brought people together through music.

The festival found a permanent home in 2005 at the Leach Amphitheater, a move driven by the Oshkosh Area Com-

munity Foundation and the Chamber. This state-of-the-art venue, along with the ongoing development of the Riverwalk and Wiouwash Trail, provided a perfect setting for the festival's continued growth.

Every Thursday throughout the summer, thousands of music enthusiasts gather at the Leach – some traveling more than 60 miles – to enjoy a night of camaraderie, good music and a festive atmosphere. Fans arrive by foot, bike, boat, car and even buses, transforming the downtown area into a lively hub of activity.

Waterfest prides itself on offering exceptional value. For just \$100, a season pass provides admission to nine shows, averaging less than \$12 per concert. The VIP season pass, at \$150, offers front-row

access for less than \$17 per show. Both passes are shareable, making it easy for friends and families to enjoy the events together.

Admission is only \$10 for those in line by 6 PM for the June shows, with gates opening at 5:45 PM and live music starting shortly after. Waterfest also allows re-entry, encouraging attendees to explore the nearby bistros, beer gardens, and restaurants before returning to the amphitheater. Veterans can enjoy free admission all summer long, emphasizing Waterfest's commitment to community and inclusivity.

Opening night this Thursday promises a spectacular start with Hairball's theatrical production of '80s arena rock. Later in June, the festival will feature Grammy Award-winning Los Lonely Boys, Chuck Prophet and The Mission Express, and the Steely Dan tribute band Steely Dane.

July highlights include a full theatrical performance of ABBA's music by Swedish-based ARRIVAL and the Voices of

Rock Radio featuring former members of iconic rock bands.

August is packed with performances by the Gin Blossoms, Toad The Wet Sprocket, Vertical Horizon, Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, American English, The Mavericks and more.

Waterfest's success relies on the support of sponsors, donors and volunteers, who subsidize 30%-50% of the admission costs. As a nonprofit, Waterfest reinvests all proceeds back into the event, ensuring its sustainability. Key partnerships with corporate sponsors, the Oshkosh Chamber, Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and city departments play a vital role in maintaining the festival's high standards.

Waterfest is more than a music festival; it's a celebration of community, culture and camaraderie. Join us this summer for unforgettable evenings of music, friendship and fun. For more information, visit Waterfest.org.

Business news roundup

Mary Goggans has been named as a new co-chair of New North Inc., the economic development corporation for the 18 counties of northeast Wisconsin, joining Sachin Shivaram of Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry. She replaces Michelle Schuler of Microsoft, who will remain as a member of the board of directors and executive committee. Goggans is the retired president of Encapsys LLC, a division of Milliken & Co. Before Encapsys, Goggans spent more than 25 years at Kimberly-Clark, holding roles in marketing, sales, research and development, and operations, before moving to Appvion to

become vice president of Encapsys and innovation.

Insight magazine's 40 Under 40 recognition of impressive young professionals across northeast Wisconsin includes **Dan Brosman**, a Neenah native who starts a new position this week with the Universities of Wisconsin's Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship, the parent organization of the UW Oshkosh's Small Business Development Center in which he was executive director of its Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation. He also owns the Oshkosh Pedal Trolley.

Simple steps reduce spread of invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive plants and animals in June, which is Invasive Species Action Month, and all year long.

Nonnative plants, animals and diseases cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if introduced and established here.

The state's invasive species rule makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are restricted or

prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology or the economy.

The DNR encourages reporting invasive species and offers tips. While hiking and camping, clean mud and dirt off shoes, remove seeds and burs from clothing, stay on designated trails, roads and other developed areas, and follow state firewood rules to avoid moving harmful invasive pests and pathogens like the emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease.

While fishing and boating, clean all recreational equipment and gear after every use; inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris; drain all water from gear and compartments before leaving a fishing location, dry gear for five or more days between uses, and never move live fish away from any waterbody.

Add beauty and variety to a yard with native plants to benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife, and learn how to identify and remove potential problem plants.

An Invasive Species Awareness Day is set for June 22 at a Wisconsin State Park property. Find Invasive Species Awareness Day volunteer opportunities on the State Parks Volunteer webpage.

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Walnut Street house continues to generate drug charges

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

There are three open court cases linked to a drug-related search warrant at an Oshkosh home. The home has been the subject of three search warrants and is known to law enforcement as a place where illegal drugs are used and sold.

A search warrant in April led to the arrest of two individuals and further investigating led to the arrest of a third person. One of them was in court last week.

Virgil L. Gipson, 44, is charged with two counts of manufacturing and delivering cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

He was allegedly selling crack cocaine out of the residence and an Oshkosh police investigation led to him being arrested after two controlled narcotic buys at a Walnut Street home.

Gipson was in court last Thursday for his preliminary hearing in this case. Winnebago County assistant district attorney Megan Gomez called police investigator Zachary Wilkens to testify.

Wilkens said he observed two controlled buys of cocaine from Gipson at 1402 Walnut St. with a confidential informant.

Gipson's attorney Michael Lim asked if visual contact was kept on the informant during the entire purchase and Wilkens said no one could see when the person

was in the house allegedly purchasing cocaine from Gipson.

Lim requested the charges be dismissed but Court Commissioner Eric Heywood found probable cause and the case was bound over for an arraignment.

According to the criminal complaint, police arranged for an informant to make two purchases of crack cocaine in March at the home. The first buy was for \$40 and the informant was allegedly given 0.8 grams from Gipson.

The second buy was also for \$40 with the informant receiving 0.6 grams of cocaine. A third buy was planned for early April but Gipson didn't show up during the agreed-upon time.

A search warrant was executed April 9 at 1402 Walnut St. where Gipson was found in an upstairs bathroom. When searching a room identified as Gipson's bedroom, police allegedly found 5.9 grams of co-

caine and 0.5 grams of methamphetamine.

Gipson told law enforcement he did not live there and had not sold any drugs "hand to hand."

The 1402 Walnut St. house has been the site of three search warrants over the last six months with at least six individuals being charged in connection with the warrants.

Two charged in connection with the December warrant have been sentenced and a third individual was enrolled in the county's Stimulant and Opioid Addiction Recovery (SOAR) program and their charge was dropped upon successful completion of the program.

Gipson and two others were arrested in connection with the April search warrant. Those cases are set for a plea or sentencing in the coming weeks. Gipson is scheduled for an arraignment in front of Judge Michael Gibbs on July 8.

'Asphalt gypsy' draws probation for scams

Oshkosh Herald

A Texas man dubbed the "asphalt gypsy" was sentenced to five years' probation last week on five felony counts of theft by false representation for contractor fraud targeting elderly homeowners in Winnebago County.

Circuit Court Judge Daniel Bissett also sentenced Mico Miller, 30, to five years in prison and five years on extended supervision imposed and stayed, meaning Miller will only serve that sentence if his probation is revoked.



Miller

Miller was previously convicted of one felony in Waupaca County and two felonies in Brown County and is serving a two-year prison sentence for the traveling asphalt scam. He also faces an additional 11 felony and 10 misdemeanor charges in six other counties.

According to the Winnebago County criminal complaint, Miller approached a couple in Winchester in July 2020 and offered to seal their driveway for \$500. Miller and a partner began sealing the driveway and halfway through informed the victim that if he wanted the driveway finished he would have to pay an additional \$6,000. The victim said he felt threatened that if he didn't pay, Miller would come back and take his belongings. He paid Miller \$5,100 in cash.

Three days later, Miller approached a 77-year-old Omro man and his wife offering to seal their driveway at "a deal" of \$38 per gallon of sealant. He and a partner spent 45 minutes working on the driveway and then requested \$7,500 as payment, claiming he used 241 gallons of product.

The victim paid the fee.

Investigators noted the asphalt sealing was poorly done, peeling and sticking to the tires of vehicles five days after it was applied. A local sealcoating business was consulted and said the product used on the asphalt didn't appear to be sealant and at most the driveway would take about 20 gallons of sealant and cost \$300-\$500.

Miller was arrested in Grand Chute in August 2020 and his partner was identified as his 12-year-old nephew who was in Wisconsin to work. In a statement to investigators, Miller allegedly admitted he was misrepresenting how much product he was putting down and overcharging people.

District Attorney Eric Sparr said Miller initially posted \$20,000 cash bail in Winnebago County and a total of \$22,000 in his other county cases and then took off. His bail was forfeited and a warrant was issued for his arrest in 2021. In 2023 the county extradited him from Texas.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) issued a consumer alert in September that traveling asphalt crews were reported in the southeastern portion of Wisconsin.

DATCP advised residents in need of driveway resurfacing to contact local contractors, gather multiple bids and never pay the full price of the project up front.

If approached for unsolicited asphalt paving or sealing services, DATCP recommended residents turn the workers away and contact law enforcement with a description of the workers' vehicles and license plate numbers.

Residents who have been scammed by a transient asphalt crew may file a complaint at DATCP's Consumer Protection webpage at ConsumerProtection.wi.gov.

Boat crash trial

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of second-degree recklessly endangering safety with a maximum prison sentence of five years if convicted. He is also charged with 12 counts of failing to render aid after a boating accident and one count of negligent operation of boat, all misdemeanors.

During the final pretrial conference last week, the state and defense went over and argued some of the final details before jury selection began June 3. Assistant attorney generals Tara Maire Jenswold and Emily Thompson, and Lindemann's attorney Scott Ceman went over many aspects of the trial such as the criminal history of witnesses, victim sequestration and jury instructions.



Lindemann

Jenswold and Thompson are prosecuting the case after Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr requested a special prosecutor in the case last August.

Jury instructions are the guidance handed from the judge that the state and defense agree upon. These instructions are what the jury uses to decide if a person has committed a crime and if it has been proven at trial.

The trial started Monday with jury selection and opening statements and is scheduled to conclude June 21.

There was also a text that the state wanted to use as evidence from a friend of Lindemann's who is also an attorney. Ceman

argued the text fell under attorney-client privilege and Gibbs agreed by ruling the text would not be admitted into evidence.

According to the criminal complaint, on July 9, 2022, Lindemann allegedly drove his large speedboat into the On the Loos Cruise ship on the Fox River between and Oregon-Jackson and Main Street bridges and then headed toward Lake Winnebago. Law enforcement spoke with several witnesses and victims on the boat during their investigation.

The captain of the cruise ship told authorities he was unable to get out of the way before the boat collided with his ship but honked the horn of the vessel. The captain then maneuvered safely to shore along the river.

After the crash, Lindemann allegedly fled the scene with the boat's lights off, according to witness statements included in the complaint. His boat was found at the nearby Pioneer Marina the next day. Law enforcement reported finding dried blood and a decoration from the On the Loos on the boat.

A DNR warden reported that GPS data from Lindemann's boat showed it reached a top speed of 46 mph and was traveling around 31 mph when it struck the cruise ship, which was traveling between 4-5 mph, the captain told officers.

Passengers on the cruise ship reported neck, back and knee injuries. One thought the cruise ship might sink and feared people were seriously injured or could die.

Lindemann is also facing a personal injury civil lawsuit filed by the owners of the cruise ship company. There is a status conference in that case set for July 16 in front of Judge Bryan Keberlein.

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Work set to begin on Winnebago County morgue

Outdated facility faced construction delays

Oshkosh Herald

Construction is set to begin on a much-needed morgue and sheriff's office evidence storage about two years after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors gave the green light for the project.

Facilities and property management director Mike Elder noted last year that the addition of the morgue altered the project's scope, requiring additional planning and funding. It was later determined that the proposed site location wouldn't work, requiring a new survey, new site work and a redesign of the building.

Elder gave a status update on the project

at the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting last Monday, noting that the county is working through the permitting process with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Specifically, Elder said the DNR requested a better plan on how the county will mitigate any interruptions to water flowing through a north ditch on the property.

"We've got the information together and they should be getting a revised permit application tomorrow, so we are looking at having the permit to start both the evidence garage and the morgue June 15," he said.

Winnebago County doesn't have its own cold storage for bodies. When a resident dies of a suspicious death an autopsy is conducted in Fond du Lac County, with

Winnebago County required to store bodies for up to 12 days until the autopsy.

Medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer told the board in 2022 that a morgue is necessary to keep up with the rising number of overdose deaths in Winnebago County. Last year the county logged a record 50 overdose fatalities.

At one point the county was storing nine bodies at various funeral homes. The county temporarily borrowed a cold storage trailer from another county that was riddled with problems, including a cooling system failure.

A livery service that transports bodies was providing temporary storage for the deceased. Then in August, Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition donated a mobile morgue unit to the

county that is being used until the permanent morgue is completed. It will then be used in the event of a mass casualty or when the morgue is over capacity.

The new morgue is expected to solve the county's issues with storing bodies and place the medical examiner's office and an exam room at the same location.

The sheriff's department evidence storage expansion was approved in January 2021 and construction of a morgue addition was approved in June 2022. Ground-breaking was supposed to take place in early 2023 but no construction has been completed.

Miron Construction is expected to break ground later this month, with the project expected to be complete by the end of the year.

County overdose death review showing younger victims

Oshkosh Herald

An annual report on fatal overdoses and recommendations for preventing drug deaths in Winnebago County showed the average victim being younger than in previous years with fentanyl remaining the primary cause of death.

In its 2023-2024 report, the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team noted 47 overdose deaths confirmed by the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office. The majority of the individuals were ages 18 to 44 with 31 of the 47 fatalities caused primarily by fentanyl.

Major themes identified:

- Minors left behind due to overdose death lack support and access to vital services for families who experience trauma.
- Most victims who died had a history

of mental health disorders and did not receive the treatment services needed.

- There remain gaps in access to treatment and the overall continuum of care for those struggling with substance use disorders.

- Many victims felt isolated and had little to no support. Affinity groups and peer support can help foster relationships and build support to reduce the recurrence of use and bolster recovery.

"While our county has experienced a record-high number of overdose deaths, our team is more dedicated than ever to solving the problem. In working together, we can create changes in programming, systems, and our community to save lives," said Jennifer Skolaski, OFR program manager. "The number of overdose deaths is

only one metric. Our team continues to focus on the prevention work we've done to connect people to help no matter where they are on the journey to recovery."

The OFR team, which started in 2018 and represents 35 local organizations, reviews cases of people who lost their lives by sharing information about their life and death: risk factors and circumstances, examination of system issues, and identification of opportunities to influence policy and practice.

The team has implemented 54 recommendations and 11 projects to prevent overdose deaths in the past six years. The team will continue to focus on closing gaps in communication among systems, identify children falling between gaps and connect them with care, and focus on preventive efforts.

"My goals are to find ways to prevent sub-

stance use in the first place, reduce harm where we can to keep people alive long enough to get to recovery, and increase community support and involvement to come together to turn the tide of this tragic epidemic," County Executive Jon Doemel stated in praising the group's efforts.

The report outlines ways to get involved and support the team's work. These include connecting to the We Heart You app at weheartyou.org/app, picking up free Narcan at Winnebago County Public Health, connecting those in need to the Solutions Peer Response Team at 866-465-0010, and volunteering with Breakwater at breakwaterwi.org to help prevent and reduce youth substance use.

The full report can be found at winnebago-countywi.gov/health.

Time capsule tour explores Miravida history

The Carmel History Team of Miravida Living will host a reception and presentation at 2 p.m. June 21 exploring the timeline and history of the campus that have shaped the multilevel senior community.

In 1963, a coalition of Lutheran churches, along with the greater faith community, joined with business leaders to plan the needs of senior generations, starting with the purchase of open land near Witzel

and Westfield followed by the opening of Bethel Home in 1965. Additional buildings were added and Miravida has become a nine-building campus, serving more than 575 residents.

The campus includes Bethel Home, Carmel Residence, Eden Meadows Rehabilitation and Green House Homes, Elijah Place, Gabriel's Villa, and Simeanna Apartments.

Kimberly-Clark awards scholarships to seniors

Kimberly-Clark has awarded 2024 Bright Futures college scholarships to 18 Fox Valley students in recognition of their academic achievements and leadership in their schools and communities.

Established in 1993, the Bright Futures program is administered by the Kimberly-Clark Foundation and awards scholarships worth

up to \$20,000, or \$5,000 per school year, to children of Kimberly-Clark employees.

Among the seniors receiving scholarships was Charley Mullen, daughter of Rob and Erica Mullen, form Lourdes Academy.

K-C awarded scholarships to 47 students in the U.S. and Canada. The average GPA for this year was 3.97.

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EAA photo

A B-17 Aluminum Overcast aircraft has been brought to EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar for preservation work.

World War II bomber now on display at EAA museum

Oshkosh Herald

A World War II-era B-17 Aluminum Overcast aircraft has been brought to EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar to be displayed for the first time in 30 years with plans for future preservation and restoration.

"The B-17 Aluminum Overcast has one of the most enthusiastic fan bases of any aircraft in EAA's collection," said Chris Henry, museum manager. "Bringing the airplane to the Eagle Hangar offers an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the airplane while we explore all the options available for the airplane's future."

Measuring more than 74 feet in length and weighing more than 36,000 pounds,

the B-17 is a heavyweight among World War II aircraft and primarily used as a bomber. It also served other uses such as transport, antisubmarine, and search and rescue. More than 12,000 were made, with only a handful remaining on display or air-worthy.

The economic challenges of owning a vintage bomber led the investment group owners to donate it to EAA in 1983 and was on display until 1993 when it was moved to prepare for its first national tour. Aluminum Overcast carries the colors of the 398th Bomb Group of World War II, which flew hundreds of missions over Nazi-held territory. Veterans of the 398th helped finance the B-17's restoration.

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UWO elementary ed major eager to share love of learning

By Grace Lim
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Jasmine La Sage is well aware of the challenges her family faced – her grandparents worked as migrant workers and her mother raised her as a teen mom – to get her to the finish line at graduation.

La Sage, of Oshkosh, who is majoring in elementary education, will be the first in her family to graduate with a college degree. She will be among the 1,300-plus University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students eligible to cross the stage at its recent commencement.

“My family is so excited,” La Sage said. “Education has always been important to my family, but they didn’t get the opportunities to achieve their educational goals.”

Her grandparents, of Mexican descent, lived in Laredo, Texas, which borders Mexico. Her grandfather traveled a lot as an itinerant worker, and her grandmother had her first child at age 14 and another a couple years later. For years, her grandmother had come to Wisconsin to pick berries and work on farms as a seasonal worker, and after her second child, she decided to move the family to Menasha in 1987.

“My grandpa would always ask how I was doing in school because he didn’t get to live that,” La Sage said. “I think that is his way of living through me a bit.”

Her grandmother, her mom and the rest of her extended family have always encouraged La Sage to lean into education.

“My grandma became a mom at 14 years old, my mom at 17, my aunts were teen moms,” she said. “So it started from a young age that I was not to become a teen mom. I was to focus on school.”



University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior Jasmine La Sage, who is student teaching at Emmeline Cook Elementary School in Oshkosh, reads to her students during daily “read aloud” time.

Her family put her in every after-school activity—gymnastics, softball, soccer, basketball, dance and cross country.

“I did everything,” La Sage said. “I had to be in sports because that would keep me out of trouble. It was always the stan-

dard that education was really important, and I was going to be the one to be the change for our family.”

Kimberly Oamek, an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Services at UWO, said she was moved by a poem and paper that La Sage had writ-

ten in her class last semester. The students were asked to reflect on their cultural knowledge and to consider how these experiences shaped who they want to be as a teacher.

“(Jasmine) has demonstrated incredible perseverance during her time in the program and she is poised to make incredible contributions to education locally,” Oamek said.

La Sage, who has been student teaching at Emmeline Cook Elementary in Oshkosh since January, hopes that she lands a teaching position locally after graduation. Her biggest immediate concern was telling her proud family, who all want to attend her graduation, that she only had eight tickets to the ceremony.

“Yeah, we’re going to have some awkward conversations,” she said with a laugh. “But I know that a big piece of me graduating is them graduating with me.”

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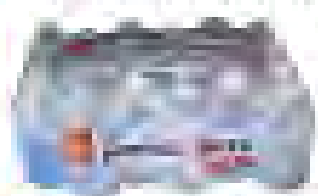
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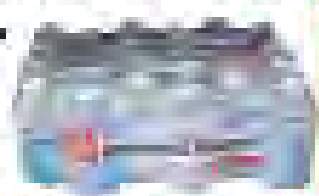
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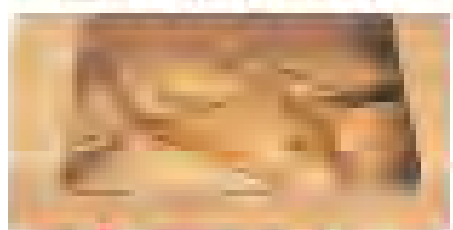
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Thursday, June 13

Vento Brass Trio, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Live at Lunch: Taylor Jacobson, noon, Opera House Square

“The Baltimore Waltz,” 7:30 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Waterfest: Hairball, Road Trip, the Michael Weber Show, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, June 14

Oshkosh Food Truck Friday Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., South Park

Rebel Alliance Theatre: “True West,” 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

“The Baltimore Waltz,” 7:30 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Shelly Belly Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, June 15

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Author program with Tammy Borden: “Waltrud: A True Story of Growing Up in Nazi Germany,” 9:30 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

June Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Rebel Alliance Theatre: “True West,” 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

“The Baltimore Waltz,” 7:30 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Sawdust City Fright Fest: Lil Bloodies 2, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

“ABBAFAB: The Premiere ABBA Experience,” 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Lil Bloodies 2: Return of the The Bloodies, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 16

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Wednesday, June 19

Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Music on Main: Daddio, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Thursday, June 20

Live at Lunch: Janet Planet, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Los Lonely Boys, Chuck Prophet & The Mission Express, News-ki, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
Aviation Adventure Speaker Series: Bazooka Charlie, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, June 21

Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Art Festival, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum grounds

Sweet Summer Solstice, 5 p.m., Bowenstreet Market, 2837 Bowen St.

Rebel Alliance Theatre: “True West,” 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Saturday, June 22

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition, 4:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Rebel Alliance Theatre: “True West,” 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

“Explorers,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 23

Oshkosh Century Bike Ride, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA 20th Avenue

Plein Art Festival reception and sale, The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, June 25

Read Elementary School playground grand opening, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Music on Main: Brent Bel, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band summer concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, June 27

Live at Lunch: Cody James, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Steely Dane, Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound, The Fox Menagerie, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, June 28

Family Outdoor Movie Night, gates open 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

“Creature From Haunted Sea,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, June 29

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Pride 2024, 2 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

“Jaws,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Homeless camping

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added the property did not allow for long-term camping.

Unhoused in Oshkosh

Last week outside the Orrin King building, Esther president Connie Kanitz offered a plethora of reasons why some have become unhoused recently, including job loss, not being able to afford rent and having their house foreclosed on.

Of the unhoused people that spoke at the press conference, they all said they felt safe when staying outside Orrin King.

“We recently found out they are looking to find funding to build a fence around the grates,” Olson said, which would essentially disallow people from using them as a heat source.

Assistant to the county executive Ethan Hollenberger said the county is looking at options to protect the mechanical functions of the grates that some people have been sleeping on over the last few months.

“After having brief discussions with Esther, it is unlikely that we will be moving forward with the fence as we discuss other options for protecting the mechanics of the grates,” he said.

The grates on the west side of the building function as air intake and exhaust for heating and cooling the building. Hollenberger said over the past few weeks there have been personal effects and drug paraphernalia thrown into the grates that could damage the building’s operations.

Law enforcement response

Multiple accounts given last week told of Oshkosh police officers asking people outside the Orrin King building to move along. Police Chief Dean Smith has said in the past that most of the interactions with the unhoused population are officers telling people where they cannot sleep.

Public affairs officer Kate Mann told the Herald there is a jurisdictional agreement between OPD and the sheriff’s office that has OPD responsible for services outside of the Orrin King building and the sheriff’s office responsible for inside the building, similar to other locations across Oshkosh.

Mann said no one has been ticketed for being homeless and it is not their policy to do so. There was one citation issued outside the Orrin King building on May 6 around 5 a.m. to a man playing loud music in the parking lot intended to disrupt the people sleeping outside.

“It was determined that this person had an issue with the homeless population and was intentionally trying to disrupt them,” she said

Building safety

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Of-

fice met with individuals from the offices of the district attorney, corporate counsel and county executive in early May to discuss the camping issue.

According to Sheriff John Matz, several were camping on the west side of the Orrin King building and that building employees were concerned for their safety. The building houses departments linked to the Winnebago County justice system such as the district attorney’s office.

Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett said after the press conference that Esther was being disingenuous and dishonest about those who were staying outside the building.

“These are people that refuse the services offered by the county to help them,” he said.

Inside the Orrin King building there are mental health and substance abuse resources available.

“The people outside Orrin King by their presence are actively deterring people trying to use the services available inside the building,” he said.

Gossett said DHS employees have tried to offer services to these individuals and were refused. He said the main issues that need to be addressed are substance abuse and mental health, and that this group has not shown interest in dealing with those issues.

“The area had turned into a space where people were urinating in public in front of windows with employees inside, they have defecated into the grates, openly used drugs and discarded drug paraphernalia into the grates and syringes out in the open,” Gossett said. “It takes a small amount of fentanyl to kill a child or dog that may step on a used syringe outside.”

Matz said a surveillance camera was set up outside the building to monitor the situation after the meeting. Over the next few days illegal actions were caught on camera, ranging from indecent exposure, public urination, intravenous drug use and physical altercations between individuals.

Matz said even though this illegal activity was recorded there were no citations issued.

“Being homeless is not illegal and we would never ticket someone for being homeless,” Matz said.

Olson said Esther is focused on the proposed fence around the grates as the conversations with officials continue.

Those at risk of losing their homes or currently unhoused can contact the Winnebago County Homelessness, Eviction, and Loss Prevention (HELP) Program, which collaborates with community partners to provide resources and support.

Contact HELPPProgram@winnebagocountywi.gov or call 920-509-7629. The Oshkosh Human Services Building’s ADRC office is on the third floor at 220 Washington St.




West alums play roles in Titans' World Series journey

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Last year, Brianna Bougie was helping lead Oshkosh West to its second straight WIAA state tournament.

This year, the right-handed hurler was again a part of a magical tournament run. The stakes were a bit higher.

Bougie was a freshman pitcher for the UW Oshkosh softball team and was joined by another Oshkosh West alum, Brianna Davis, as the Titans recently capped a record-setting 45-win season that culminated with the program's third trip to the NCAA Division III College World Series.

"Just playing in the environment, somewhere new and playing at that level was great," Bougie said. "Looking back, it was amazing the level we were playing at and how we did."

The Titans went 1-2 to finish fifth at the

World Series, beating Virginia Wesleyan University on the first day, before losing close games to Linfield University and Rowan University to be eliminated from the tournament, which was hosted by East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas.

It was tied for the best finish at a College World Series for the Titans, who also advanced in 1988 and 2021, but this one came with a little adversity before their first game was even finished.

Weather issues in Texas hampered UW Oshkosh's attempt to even make it to their destination.

"Half of us were on one flight and half of us were on another flight. One of the flights landed at 2 a.m., and the other got stuck at the airport and didn't have our luggage," Davis said. "We finally got to the hotel about 4 a.m. and had to practice that

morning at 10 a.m. ... We were running on little sleep that first day but we definitely made the best out of it we could."

Then, after the Titans took the field for their opener against Virginia Wesleyan severe storms in the area created more issues.

The game was delayed almost nine hours before both teams got to take the field.

"It was fun being together at that time but by the time it kept getting later and later. When we finally got the clear to go I think we were all still pretty excited," Davis said. "We were lucky enough to have the locker room in the basement. We hung out down there. We played some volleyball in the gym we had access to. We were trying to do anything to stay in the mindset we needed to be in for the game. But also trying not to get too tired out because we thought we would still be playing that night."

Davis started all three games in left field for the Titans and batted in the No. 2 hole. She finished with just one hit in the Series – a solo home run against Rowan University – but also scored a pair of runs, walked and recorded a sacrifice bunt.

Bougie started all three games in the circle for the Titans and was credited with the win against Virginia Wesleyan after pitching 6 2/3 innings, scattering 10 hits and one run in a 4-1 win. She also struck out five in the game.

"It felt amazing being able to beat a team at that level of competition because all of the teams there are the best ones. Just being able to play them and beat them was a great feeling," Bougie said. "I was pretty confident just knowing I had the defense to back me up. Even if they get a hit, knowing the defense would get them out."

UW Oshkosh gave up two runs to Linfield in the top of the seventh to lose its next game 4-2, and then suffered a 7-2 loss to Rowan on June 1 to be eliminated as Rowan scored two runs in the fourth and three in the sixth to break the game open.

Still, it was certainly a memorable run. "We want to win every game that we play but I think everyone is happy with how we played and how we handled ourselves down there," Davis said. "I don't think there is any bad way to go out. I mean only one team ends their season with their last game being a win. Just being down there and competing with those teams was a big honor."

UW Oshkosh started its tournament run on its homefield where it swept through the regional tournament to advance to the best-of-three Super Regional series against defending national champi-



Photo by Michael Sudhalter

Freshman Brianna Bougie was the winning pitcher for UW Oshkosh when the Titans topped Virginia Wesleyan University at the Division III College World Series last week.



Photo by Michael Sudhalter

Junior Brianna Davis started all three games of the World Series in left field for the Titans and hit a home run against Rowan University.

on Trine University.

Trine stung the Titans, 9-0, in five innings in the first game of the Super Regional, but UW Oshkosh came back to win the next two – by scores of 3-1 and 5-2 – to win the series.

Davis said the team got together after losing the first game and each individual talked about what they could contribute when the Titans took the field the next day facing elimination.

"We were just like let's flush yesterday. That wasn't who we were," said Davis, who scored the go-ahead run in each of the two games. "We wanted to make sure we were playing our game and controlling everything that we can and then obviously just having fun. Obviously, Trine's a great team - they showed us that the day before – we wanted to get back to what we know how to do and that's how we would win those

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Lourdes/Valley falls to Kiel in soccer sectional final

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian head coach Abraham Gutierrez could have spent the practice before facing powerhouse Kiel loading up his team with his knowledge of the talented players they were about to face.

Kiel, the defending WIAA Division 4 state champions, have plenty of strengths to be wary of and plenty of tactics that have led to their success this season and the Knights could have gone to school on how to try to slow the Raiders down.

Instead, Gutierrez just wanted his team to play.

“Kiel is a great team. Being here, I didn’t want to overwhelm the girls with Kiel’s information,” Gutierrez said after falling to the Raiders, 6-0, in a WIAA Division 4 sectional final at St. Mary Catholic on Saturday. “We just came here to face a game with the basic tools we had during the season and we would be OK with whatever the results were. This game was a bonus for us.”

The Knights were playing in their second straight sectional final, having lost to Kiel last year, 5-1.

But this year’s group was a much younger squad that started freshmen in three key positions and Gutierrez was pleased with the effort and composure his squad showed against the Raiders.

“We were not nervous and we did not panic,” Gutierrez said. “We knew what was to come and we did our best. They were just better.”

“But like one of my assistant (coaches) said, the power of this team is freshmen and they will come back with one year of experience. Today we paid the consequence of being a young team.”

Coming off a dramatic win over Xavi-

er in the sectional semifinal, the Knights were able to play the Raiders to a standstill in the first 12 minutes before Kiel scored twice in a span of 15 seconds to take the lead.

But the two goals would be all that Lourdes/Valley would allow in the first half as the Knights defense kept the Raiders in check the rest of the half.

Kiel extended its lead less than two minutes into the second half and then tacked on three more goals over the final 34 minutes for the final margin.

Despite not getting a goal, the Knights did have some opportunities on the offensive end.

Delaney Ruedinger nearly outraced Kiel goalkeeper Danielle Mueller to a through ball from Ellie Koch in the 28th minute but couldn’t get to the ball first to get a shot off, while Koch also had a chance to get to a ball in the penalty area but was thwarted by Mueller – who finished with five saves.

Early in the second half, Koch’s pressure on the Kiel defenders resulted in a scoring chance before Natalie Edwards had a free kick from about 40 yards that Mueller made a save on. Then, Ailish Mains blasted a ball forward from the back line that both Koch and Ruedinger converged on but Mueller was able to get to the ball first.

Edwards had another free kick later in the match that slid just to left of the goal, while Ruedinger worked herself free in the penalty area and unleashed a left-footed shot that forced Mueller to make a save in the closing minutes.

“The score ended up what it was, but if you see the micro-portions of the game, we had chances,” Gutierrez said. “The girls did their best.”

Lourdes/Valley advanced to the sec-

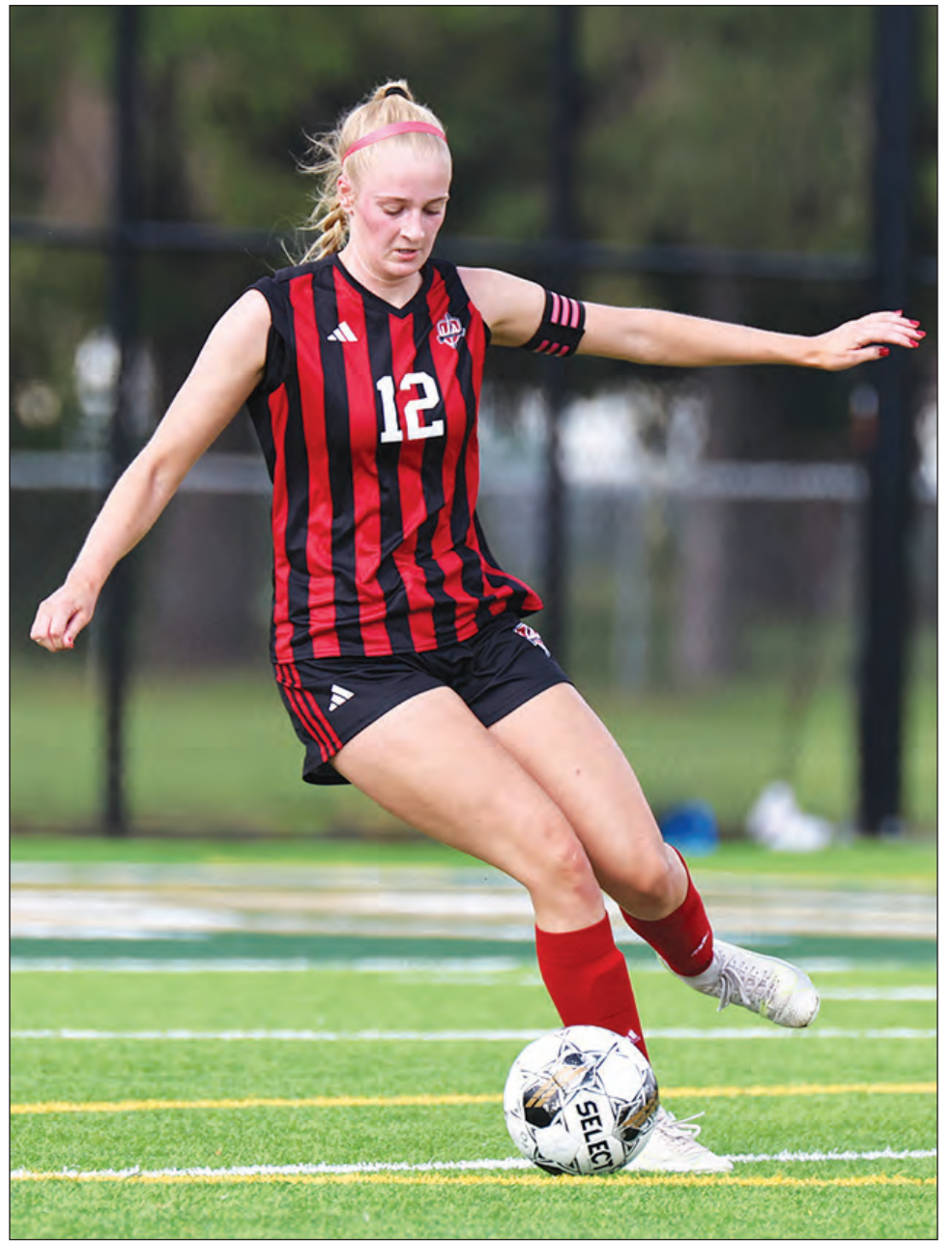


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Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian senior Charley Mullen controls the ball during the Knights’ WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal against Kiel last Thursday.

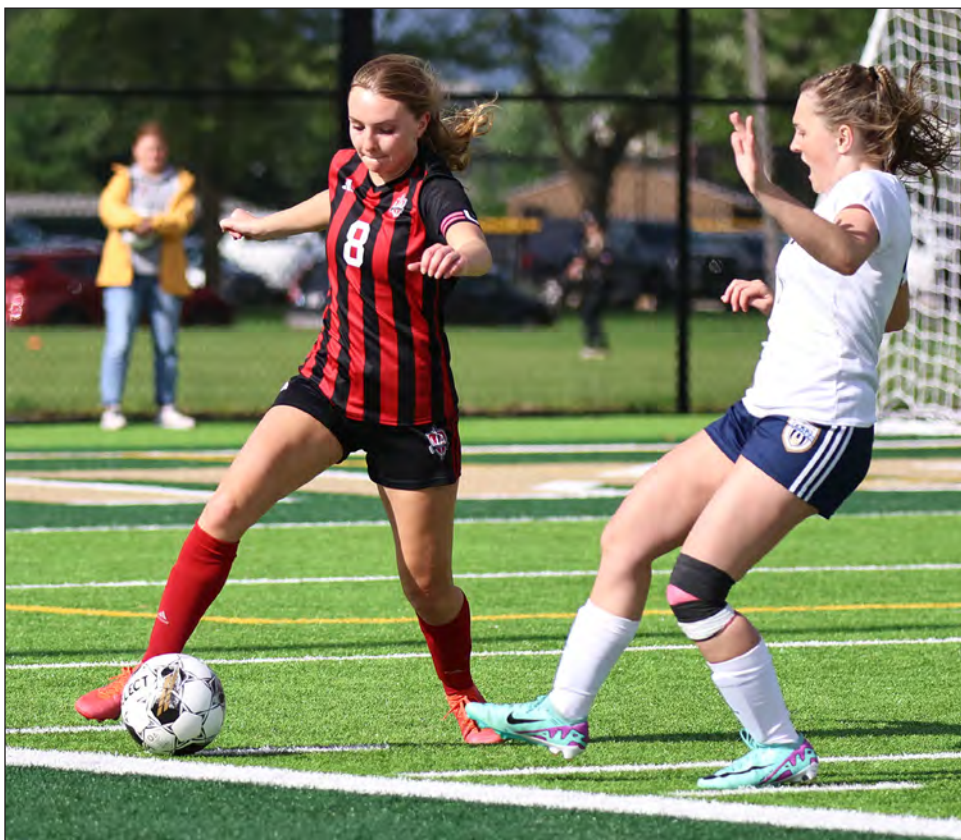


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Melanie Tushar tries to make a move around a Xavier counterpart during last Thursday’s WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal.

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Soccer at county park

The 38th Oshkosh on the Water soccer tournament drew more than 140 teams of all age groups to Winnebago County Park last weekend. A large turnout included parents and families shouting encouragement and a few playing tips from the sidelines.

Wisconsin Glo season abruptly canceled

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Glo women's professional basketball team announced last week it will not be playing this season just three days after revealing its debut in a new league.

The Oshkosh Arena had announced the Glo's fifth season last Monday and its debut in the Independent Professional Women's Basketball League (IPWBL) with head coach Patrick Doherty stating, "As three-time champions in the GWBA,

we are eager to bring our competitive spirit and dedication to the IPWBL."

In between the two announcements, Oshkosh Arena builder Bayland Buildings filed a foreclosure notice against the facility in Winnebago County court. Bayland alleges in their filings that arena owner Fox Valley Pro Basketball owes Bayland about \$12.4 million.

The Glo, which was to open the six-game regular season Saturday, has not revealed its future plans.

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games."

Bougie pitched all 14 innings in those two wins. She scattered seven hits and struck out three in the first win and then

added another three strikeouts while allowing just five hits in the second game.

She didn't walk a batter in either game. "I'd say it was one of my better moments," Bougie said. "Of course, I was nervous but it was a fun day. Playing against a team you know is ranked pretty high and being able to compete with them was great."

When the final out was recorded in the second win over Trine, the Titans celebrated near the pitcher's circle, knowing they had earned their trip to the World Series.

That was the moment that stuck out the most for both Davis and Bougie.

"Those final outs against Trine, that was incredible. We got the win and all of us are meeting together at the pitcher's circle kind of dogpiling on Bougie after she did so great that game," Davis said. "In that moment, there was just pure joy. That whole night was just a dream. I don't think anything will top that."

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McLaughlin scores top 25 placing at state golf meet

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy's Cooper McLaughlin earned a top 25 finish at the WIAA Division 2 State Golf Meet held at Blackwolf Run last week.

McLaughlin, making his third straight trip to the state meet but competing in Division 2 for the first time, placed 23rd overall among the 52 golfers in the division with a total score of 123. The tournament was shortened to 27 holes because of

weather issues on the first day of the event.

McLaughlin was tied for 11th after the first nine holes but shot 83 in his full second round on Tuesday for his finish.

McLaughlin finished tied for 22nd in Division 3 as a sophomore in his first trip to state and then finished eighth last year.

Camron Lee of Edgerton beat teammate Caleb Kern in a playoff to claim the individual state title. Both golfers carded scores of 111 after the 27 holes.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Delaney Ruedinger chases down a Xavier player during the first half on Saturday's WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal.

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tional final after playing Xavier to a scoreless tie last Thursday before winning 3-2 on penalty kicks.

Freshman goalkeeper Kenzie Grammer made 10 saves in regulation against the Hawks, while Gutierrez also credited senior Hannah McDowell for playing a key role in the Knights' defensive-minded approach in the game.

"What we knew about Xavier is their strength is in (Annalise Minorik) on the right side and Hannah did a great job patiently waiting for her and battled her until the end," Gutierrez said. "We struggled a little bit in the first minutes but once the game was settled, it was tuned perfect. We played more compact. We knew that Xavier would have the ball most of the time so we patiently waited for them on our half and that worked perfectly."

For the shootout, Gutierrez made the strategic decision to insert Charley Mullen in goal and the senior came through with a

pair of saves while another Xavier shot hit one of the posts and deflected away.

"We didn't want to put too much pressure on (Grammer's) shoulders so we talked about it and had Charley there," Gutierrez said.

Koch and Mains scored on their penalty kicks to match Xavier before Ruedinger provided the winning kick to earn the Knights the win.

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian finished the season with an 11-3-2 record.

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Brad Kuhr (second from right) was inducted with four others into the Wisconsin State USBC Hall of Fame for bowling achievements.

Oshkosh bowler inducted into Wisconsin hall of fame

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh bowler was inducted with four others into the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Wisconsin State BA Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Brad Kuhr has had more than three decades of bowling success at the national, state and local levels, highlighted by USBC team Eagles in 2003 and 2010.

He finished in the top five of the Wisconsin USBC Championships six times, including a perfect 300 game in 2006, while being a consistent member of the Oshkosh Bowling All Association Team from 2010-2020. He was on the first team

six times and bowler of the year in 2011, and twice named bowler of the year for the Greater Fox Cities All Association Team.

He has recorded 89 perfect 300 games, including at least one 300 in 33 consecutive seasons, and scored an 800 series 73 times throughout his career.

Kuhr, who also has served 12 years on the Greater Fox Cities board of directors, was inducted into the state USBC with John Albrecht, Steve Kotz, Gary Strand and Ron Wilde in the Superior Performance category in a ceremony held in Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

Shelley R. Rasmussen

Shelley R. Rasmussen, age 65, passed away unexpectedly at her home on



Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from complications of Type 1 Diabetes. Shelley was a bright light to all who knew her and was taken from this earth far too soon.

The second of four children, Shelley was born to William and Phyllis Blackwell on February 12, 1959, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where she would live the rest of her life.

Shelley is survived by her son, Jack (Kara)

Rasmussen; daughter, Jody (Seth) Hahnke; grandchildren, Leyna Herzog, Adeline, Margaret, and Samuel Hahnke and Logan, Ava, and Annie Rasmussen; mother, Phyllis Blackwell; siblings Linda Tedlie, Wendy (Jeff) Lueck, and Kim Blackwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Shelley was preceded in death by her father, William Blackwell.

Shelley graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1977. She went right into the workforce at Kimberly Clark, where she would work for the rest of her impressive career. While Shelley's first position was in the mailroom, she eventually worked her way up to a position in research and product development, and her name can be found on multiple patents. After 36 years, Shelley retired to spend

more time with her family and friends.

She lived in one city and worked at one job her entire life, but she saw the world through business travel and family ski and beach vacations. Most recently, she enjoyed visits with her granddaughters off at college, getaways at Linda's cabin up north in Wisconsin, adventures to Ireland and the Netherlands, and a girls' trip to Gulf Shores just a month ago.

Shelley was incredibly talented and excelled at pretty much anything she tried to do throughout her life. In high school she was an excellent volleyball player and continued to play in church softball and volleyball leagues for many years as an adult. Her golf league foursome will surely miss her shots in best ball, and she once rolled a perfect game in bowling. Shelley was a lifelong member at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Oshkosh and sang in the church choir for years, often singing duets with her dear sister, Linda. Shelley's athletic and musical talents live on in her children and grandchildren, who love to sing and play multiple instruments and who excel in track, baseball and volleyball. If you were playing any game, you definitely wanted Shelley on your team both for her fun personality and the fact you were most likely going to win. Yet through it all she was the most humble and unassuming person in the game.

Shelley was also well-known for her vibrant, snappy outfits. She was always sporting fun jewelry, the perfect shoes, and a new bag to match. Her closet was full of color and radiated joy, enthusiasm, spunk, and a little bit of sass. And the clothes matched her personality, as anyone who knew Shelley would tell you.

Shelley's most treasured moments were when she got to spend time with family, most notably with her three sisters, two children, and seven grandchildren. Mam-

my, as her grandchildren affectionately called her, was at every game, recital, meet, performance, tournament, speech, concert, and ceremony. It didn't matter if her grandchild's concert or tournament was several states away—her big, bright eyes and her proud, beaming smile were always there in the seats. Shelley was, and always will be, their #1 fan.

Shelley was very proud of the academic achievements of her children and grandchildren, and she generously supported their education over the years. Her last day with her family was spent celebrating the high school graduation of her granddaughter, Margaret, and she had recently attended a college band concert of her grandson, Logan.

Shelley's smile, generosity, kindness, and love will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. She made the world a nicer place to be.

A special thank you to Shelley's sisters, Wendy and Linda. Wendy was Shelley's go-to date for pizza and a beer, and they enjoyed many afternoons filled with laughter over the years. Linda was Shelley's best friend since the day she was born and her biggest supporter during her life. Linda has been a rock for the family over the last few days. Thank you both for your love, support and guidance.

A gathering for friends and family will be held on June 23rd from 1pm-5pm at Shelter #5 at Winnebago County Community Park in Oshkosh, to celebrate Shelley's life and her important place in all of ours. A brief commemoration will begin at 1:30pm. Bring your best Shelley stories and wear your most colorful outfit!

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John Marshall Mozingo

John Marshall Mozingo passed away unexpectedly on June 8, 2024, at Aurora



Medical Center in Oshkosh. John was born on January 22, 1943, in Winterset, Iowa, to John E. and Esther Mozingo. He graduated from Winterset High School, attended Iowa State University, then entered the U.S. Army where he

was stationed in Germany and Vietnam. He returned home to complete both an undergraduate degree in business and an MBA from Arizona State University.

For 32 years, he managed business outreach programs first at UW Stevens Point then at UW Oshkosh. He also taught Intro to Business and Marketing courses at UW Oshkosh.

John married Lynn (Will) Grancorbitz on December 20, 2005, in Las Vegas. They were together for 15 years before "tying the knot."

John was a gifted athlete. He played baseball and basketball in his younger years and was always an avid (and accomplished) bowler and golfer. For the past 10+ years, he drove every summer to Alabama to play the Robert Trent Jones Trail and was looking forward to this year's trip. He also bowled each year in the national bowling tournament and often planned to bowl during the university's spring break so he and Lynn could turn it into a vacation road trip.

John was a really smart guy with a sometimes self-deprecating and punny sense of humor. He and Lynn were best of friends, traveled throughout the world, enjoyed spending time together, and there was never an angry word between them. He loved and appreciated his family and was truly a one-of-a-kind guy.

John's family would like to sincerely thank the staff at Aurora Medical Center for their kind and compassionate care over the past year, especially the staff on 3 West who took care of him during his final days.

John is survived by his wife Lynn, sister Sheryl Christensen of Grimes, Iowa, niece Shelby (Michael) Moersch of Katy, Texas, and nephew Adam (Monica) Christensen of Urbandale, Iowa. He is further survived by great niece Ava, and three great nephews Andon, Cole and Graham. His feline "kids" Ginger and Trixi will miss his gentle rubs and warm lap.

John was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held in Iowa later this summer. Memorials can be made to the USGA or to a pet rescue or local humane society.

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Obituaries

Robert Allen Brehm

Robert (Bob) Allen Brehm, 76, passed away in Oshkosh on June 7, 2024 after a short illness. He was a gentle giant, a man of great principle who showed his love for his family in every action and deed, every day of his life.



Born October 12, 1947 to Raymond Brehm and Zola (Horn) Brehm in Colby, Wisconsin, Bob grew up on a dairy farm, part of a multi-generation farming family in central Wisconsin, working with his parents from milking to the hayloft and even once snuggling with a bull, but living to tell the tale. At Colby High School, he played basketball, baseball and football, did well in school, then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW-Oshkosh, where he earned his M.B.A.

In 1967 he met the love of his life at the age of 19 while she was visiting Colby with her college roommate, Mary (Vorland) Singstock. He told his coworker the next day that he had met the woman he would marry and he did: Bob married Judith Jane Thompson on November 9, 1968, at the Newman Center in Oshkosh. They had their first of three children in 1969 and two more followed in 1973 and 1978, making the family home in Oshkosh.

Bob worked for Muza Metal Products for 28 years, retiring as Vice President/General Manager in 1997. Also during that time, he and Judy bought SAILTEC, Inc., a global marine hydraulics manufacturer for luxury and racing sailboats. Together, they grew SAILTEC through the years into a diverse marine hydraulic product line specializing in sailing and motor yachts with an international reputation for excellence. As its president, he designed several new products that are on boats in 35 countries, racing and sailing across all of the oceans on the

Richard A. Sickinger

Richard "Dick" A. Sickinger, age 81 of Gilman, passed away at Aspirus Medford Hospital on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. He was born on May 19, 1943 to the late Mark and Frieda (Griep) Sickinger in Manitowoc. Dick was united in marriage to Earline Retzlaff on August 22, 1965 at First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Cornell, WI.



A proud veteran, Dick served his country with honor in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1967. His dedication extended beyond his military service, as he immersed himself in his business ventures and community involvement. Dick was the owner and operator of Fox River Bait and Tackle for almost three decades. Additionally, he served as the District Manager for Speedway, leaving a lasting impact on those he worked with.

His hobbies reflected his love for the outdoors and nature. An avid hunter and fisherman, Dick was a member of Wall-eyes for Tomorrow, where he shared his passion for conservation and environmental stewardship. Whether wielding a fishing rod or an axe, he found joy in the sim-

globe. The company was a great passion of Bob's, allowing his engineering talents and business mind to thrive. He loved his work and refused to retire because it made him so happy.

His early career also included teaching business classes at Fox Valley Tech, where he created a financial literacy curriculum for students. Bob was active in the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and an avid golfer, one time sinking a hole-in-one at Westhaven, which only slightly impressed his kids at the time.

He was well-loved at the campfires at Casey Lake for 43 years, where he was the hands-down winner for the largest, most golden roasted marshmallow of all time. He taught his Colorado grandkids to fish with admirable commitment and patience with the favored Barbie fishing pole.

Through it all, Bob was the sweet, quiet source of strength for his family, with a dry humor that was always good for a surprise laugh. He showed his love for his family in every act as the most devoted husband, reliable father and glowing-with-pride grandpa to his four grandchildren. His love for his wife Judy was a driving force in his life, leaving an inspiring legacy for his family.

He is survived by his partner of more than 55 years, Judith (Thompson) Brehm, children Tanya Duffy (David), Tamara Brehm and Tyler Brehm; grandchildren Liam Duffy, Quinn Duffy, Griffin Duffy and Isabelle Brehm; sister-in-law Phyllis Thompson (Mike Nigl), brother-in-law James (Kay) Thompson, sister Sharon Lazzara and brother Paul Brehm (Marilyn); and his Casey Lake family.

At his request, a private service will be held in the coming weeks. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Mercy Medical Center for their compassionate care. Honorariums may be made in Bob's name to the Salvation Army (Oshkosh).

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plicity of nature, often spending his days chopping wood on his land and relishing moments with his grandchildren.

Dick's life was defined by his unwavering commitment to his family, his country, and his community. He was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Cornell, WI, where he found solace and community.

He is survived by his sons, Jack (Beth) Sickinger and Mark (Sarah) Sickinger; grandchildren, Rachel (Evan) Korthals and Griffin Sickinger; sister, Dianne (Tom) Nass; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Sickinger and Jeannine (Dennis) Forsberg. He is further survived by nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Earline Sickinger; infant daughter, Chris; brother, Dan Sickinger.

A private service will take place for family and friends to attend.

Dick's family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the staff of Aspirus Medford Hospital for the compassionate care provided to him.



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Warren J. Nelson

Warren John Nelson, age 85, passed away on Monday, May 27, 2024 at Webster Manor Assisted Living in Omro. He was born on May 18, 1939, to the late John and Margaret (Schmidt) Nelson.

After graduating from the Racine County School of Agriculture, he pursued a career in education, ultimately earning his undergraduate and master's degrees from UW-Whitewater and UW-La Crosse, respectively.

From his early days as an elementary school teacher to his later roles as a supper club owner, printing company employee, and ultimately retiring from Miles Kimball in Oshkosh, Warren's work ethic and varied interests defined him. Warren was also an active member of the Lion's Club for many years. However, it was his fervor for tractors, particularly John Deere models, that truly encapsulated his spirit. Warren's collection of tractors ranged from real-life machines to miniature toy tractor

replicas, and he found joy in attending tractor shows, including the renowned events in Iowa that he frequented.

Among his many hobbies and endeavors, Warren remained a devoted fan of the Minnesota Vikings, cheering on his favorite team through victories and defeats.

Warren is survived by his nephews, David (Dorina) Nelson and Paul (Dawn) Nelson and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, Warren was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Nelson, and sisters-in-law, Carol and Sue Nelson.

A private graveside service will be held at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine.

Warren's family and friends extend their gratitude to Oshkosh Family, Inc., Webster Manor, and Heartland Hospice for the exceptional care and support they provided during his time of need.

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Scott Pietz

Scott Pietz passed away, May 27, 2024, at Park View Health Center where he had resided for three years. Scott was born November 6, 1969, in Neenah to Harold Pietz and Lois Zentner Pietz.

When Scott was three years old the family moved to Cincinnati, OH, where they lived until Scott was 43.

Scott made many friends at the special schools he attended. He also enjoyed attending church services.

Scott had many medical problems during his 54 years of life. But always had a good attitude. He loved going to restaurants, especially Roxy and Friar Tuck's. He spent many hours on his computer, sending emails and making greeting cards for family and friends.

Scott is survived by his mother, and special cousin, Harvey Harrison. He was

preceded in death by his father, and grandparents, Harry and Ida Klegin Pietz, and LeRoy and Laura Koplitz Zentner.

A memorial service for Scott will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. On Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 pm with Rev. John Dorn officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1:00 pm until the time of the service.

A special thank you to the staff at Park View Health Center for their care and compassion, especially the activity staff, Josh, Cheri, and Missy. He loved the gift shop and participating in all activities, especially Bingo and going to the Garden.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice.

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James L. Carroll, Sr.

It's with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved family member, James Luke Carroll, Sr. on June 2, 2024, at the young age of 49.



Luke was born in Greenville, TN on June 17, 1974, and was adopted 4 days later, by Rosemarie and Gary Carroll. They moved to Milwaukee, WI, where Luke grew up, and met his best friend, Maria Leibold. They became so close and were more like siblings.

He graduated from Vincent High School in Milwaukee, in 1992. Then he went on to marry Jody Rau, in May of 1997, and had three amazing kids, James II, Jasmine, and Justin. He divorced in June 2004. He met the love of his life, Ann, in 2003. They went their separate ways in 2004, and were finally reunited from 2012, until his passing.

Luke enjoyed camping, fishing, watching the Packers football team and playing pool. He could also often be found watching the "cannon" fireworks or hanging out with his kids and granddaughter. He will

be remembered for the way he could laugh and light up a room and his big heart.

He is survived by his children, James II (Hunter) of Oshkosh, Jasmine (Green Bay), and Justin (Brown Deer); his siblings, Vickie, Patricia, Dorothy, Barbie, Mark and Joe; his granddaughter, Emberlynn Rosemarie; and the love of his life, Ann Kroncke (Oshkosh). He is further survived by other nieces, and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, best friends, Maria Leibold, Aimee Helwink, Kory Tritt, Jerome Nettekoven, and Brandon O'Brien.

He is preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Rosemarie Blaschke, Gary Carroll; his grandnephew, Nicholas Pieffle; and his nephew, Adam Austin, and close family friend, Betty "Kitty" Helwink.

Luke's Celebration of Life will be held at South Park Shelter # 4, 1300 Georgia St., Oshkosh, WI, 54902 on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 10:00am to 9:00pm. Please feel free to bring any pictures or memories to share with the family. Luke we will miss you, until we meet again.

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Betty L. Lorenz

October 14, 1935 – June 3, 2024

Betty Lee Lorenz passed away Monday, June 3, 2024, at Bethel Home after a brief stay there following an injury.



The daughter of Vernon and Clara Knecht, Betty's journey began in Eau Claire, where she grew up. It was also there where she met the love of her life, Bob. He was traveling through, performing with the Lawrence Duchow Red Raven Orchestra. A month later, they married in a small ceremony before "hitting the road" for two more gigs that day! That was in 1953.

Betty was devoted to her family. She supported her husband, working as a ticket girl at the Capital Theater in Madison, while he went to college and played with the Red Ravens.

In 1956, they followed the orchestra and moved to Oshkosh. Bob continued working on his degree in Oshkosh and his Masters in Madison. Betty began working as a secretary for Oshkosh News, a career she truly enjoyed. When Bob was offered a principalship in Oshkosh they decided it was a good place to raise their children, Renee and Scott.

Over their 70+ years together, Betty and Bob enjoyed traveling throughout the United States on "family vacations" (the movie wasn't far off), and visiting many European countries, Mexico, Hawaii and Canada as musical ambassadors with the

Roger Bright Band. They also hosted students from the Netherlands, Argentina, and Thailand, and for a year hosted their AFS daughter, Barbara, from Germany. In later years they enjoyed occasional trips to the casinos in Las Vegas.

Betty loved to dance to her husband's music. She even taught her children how to polka almost before they could walk. Many weekends, she would host "the gang," followers of her husband's music combo after the gig. Her famous lasagna at 1 o'clock in the morning was very popular. She also made the most delicious rosettes every Christmas and 150 of them for her daughter's wedding reception.

Betty loved to bowl. Every Tuesday evening for over 60 years, she got together with the same core league of women, initially at the Eagles Club and then at Shore

View Lanes. She garnered many trophies throughout those years. She also enjoyed playing in a dart league.

To her last days, Betty expressed her devotion and love for her family, husband Bob, and their many dear friends over the years.

Predeceased by her parents and her son Scott, Betty's memory is honored by her devoted husband Bob, her daughter Renee (Tim) George, grandson Brandon (Katie) Quast, and her great-grandchildren, Olivia, Annie and Max. Her sister, Eva Rineck, along with numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Plans for a private memorial will be shared with family and close friends.



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Wayne R. Miller

Wayne Robert Miller, age 91 of Van Dyne, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 3, 2024. Born on August 4, 1932, in Oshkosh, Wayne was the son of the late Reuben and Ruth (Bellmer) Miller. He shared over six decades of love and companionship with his wife, Arlene Ruth Madaus, whom he married on September 10, 1954, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Nekimi.

Having served his country with honor, Wayne was a proud United States Navy veteran who bravely served during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. Following his military service, Wayne transitioned into a fulfilling career at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute as an institutional aide, dedicating 32 years to aiding others in need. Alongside his professional responsibilities, Wayne found joy in driving a city cab and volunteering his time at Mercy Medical Center and the Salvation Army. Wayne found great purpose by serving the Lord and being an active member at St. John's in Nekimi, where he served as Council President for a term. His commitment to service extended beyond his profession, exemplifying the values of hard work, generosity, and compassion.

As a man grounded in his roots, Wayne cherished his time growing up on the family farm and retained a strong work ethic throughout his life. He and Arlene were proud to eventually purchase the family farm to raise and instill this same work ethic in their children. His love for fam-

ily, community, and sports was evident in his participation in fast pitch and slow pitch softball leagues, where he found joy and camaraderie. As a true Wisconsinite, Wayne was a proud "Cheesehead" and looked forward to each new season the Green Bay Packers played. He was a testament to resilience and kindness, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of crossing paths with him.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Arlene Miller; children, Steven (Kathy) Miller, Susan Miller, and Kurt (Debbie) Miller. He is further survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his daughter, Jeanine Joy Hart, and brother, David Miller, and grandchild, Amanda.

A memorial service for Wayne will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 491 Old Oregon Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54902 with Military Honors to follow. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. A private burial will be held at Schellers Cemetery.

The Miller family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the caregivers who provided such wonderful care to Wayne at the most difficult times.



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Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410

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Date: June 24, 2024
Time: 3:30 pm

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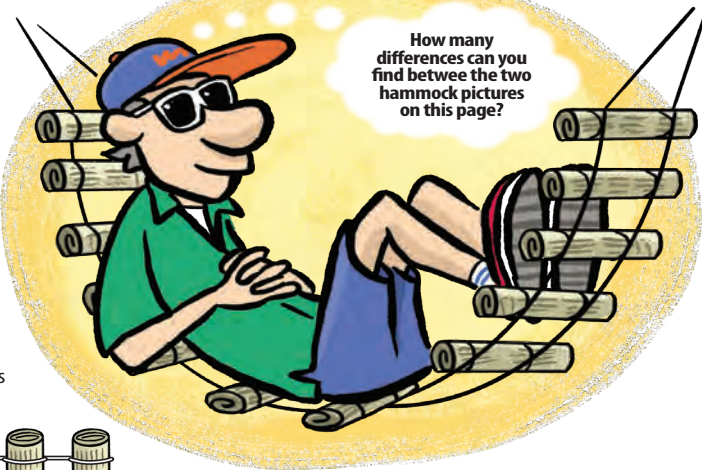
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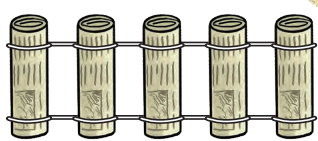
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What is black and white and FUN all over? **The newspaper!** Summer fun begins with your local newspaper! It can be used to play games, to say "Happy Father's Day" and even to take a nap.



Make a Newspaper Hammock!

- Starting at the narrow end, tightly roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a rigid tube. Tape it so that it stays rolled. Make about 10–15 of these tubes.
- Connect the tubes, using extra-strength clothesline. When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.



- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors. Tie the two ends to sturdy supports at each end. Two trees make good supports.

First Father's Day

The first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, WA. It was _____ by Sonora Dodd.

She and her five brothers were raised by their father after their mother died.

After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in _____ one Sunday, she thought of her father's love and the many sacrifices he had made to raise her and her _____. And of the many ways fathers everywhere took _____ of their families.

Her idea of a Father's Day celebration in her community _____ with strong support.

Newspapers across the country told the story of the _____ day for fathers in Spokane. However, it was not until 1972 that Father's Day was set as a national celebration on the third _____ in June.

How many years after the first Father's Day was it made into a national celebration?

Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival.

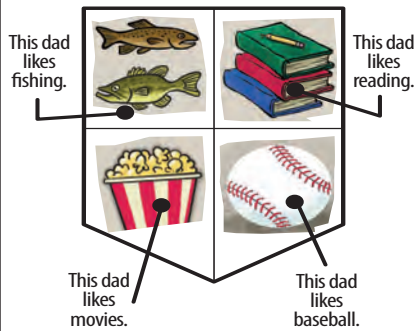


Replace the missing words in this story.

SUNDAY MET CHURCH BROTHERS CARE SPECIAL STARTED

What Is a Coat of Arms?

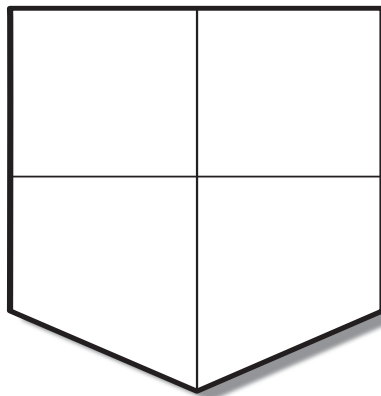
A coat of arms is a crest that uses symbols to describe a family or a person.



Extra! Extra! Say "Happy Father's Day" with a Newspaper Coat of Arms

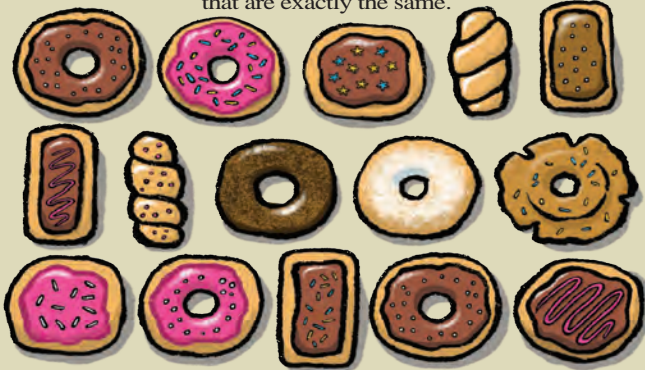
- Make a list of words that describe your dad.
- Pick the four you like the best.
- Find pictures in today's paper that represent the words you have chosen.
- Cut out the pictures and arrange them on the blank coat of arms. Decorate with markers or crayons, glitter, stickers, and ribbons.
- Mount the coat of arms on a heavy piece of paper and wrap it as a gift for Father's Day. Use newspaper to wrap the gift!

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dario and his dad went to the donut shop for Father's Day. They wanted donuts that were the same. Circle the two donuts that are exactly the same.



Standards Link: Use main idea and supporting details in writing.

Double Double Word Search

- BEST
 DAD
 FATHERS
 FORM
 GAMES
 GIFT
 JUNE
 LOVE
 NAP
 PAPER
 ROPE
 SPOKANE
 SUNDAY
 TAPE
 THOUGHT

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



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

Kid Scoop Together FAMILY MAZE

Race against a family member to see who can get to the newspaper first!



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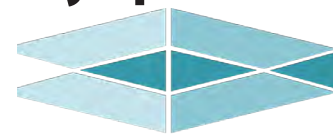
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Write On! My Day

What if there was a holiday in your honor? How would people celebrate YOUR day?

Standards Link: Write descriptively using a main idea and supporting details.

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