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New city manager search underway

Form of government shift gets council discussion

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh could have a new city manager by January if everything goes well with the executive search for a new CEO of the city. After the announcement of City Manager Mark Rohloff retiring in January, the council has started the process of finding his replacement. Rohloff has held the position since 2008.

Oshkosh operates a city manager-council form of government where the Common Council serves as the board of directors for the city setting policy and the budget while the city manager acts as the chief executive and handles day-to-day

operations.

MGT of America Consulting submitted a proposal with the city. The city had previously worked with the firm GovHR, which is now a part of MGT. The proposal was approved 6-1 to hire MGT for \$25,000.

MGT senior vice president Lee Szym-

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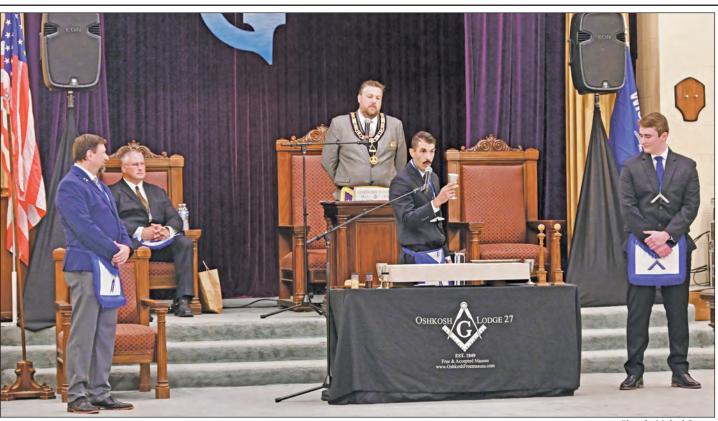


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Dedication ceremony

Oshkosh Freemasons celebrated their 175th anniversary and centennial at its Masonic Center on Washington Avenue with a community event Saturday. Junior warden Chris Mattmiller (from left), past master Chris Cochrane, Wisconsin grand master Thomas Stevens, senior warden Paul Brown and Oshkosh grand master Will Cochrane dedicate the temple's new cornerstone. Wine is poured as a symbol of joy and gladness. See story on Page 8.

Recycling program helps turn plastics into products

NexTrex recycling challenge engages communities

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

Turning trash into treasure has a new meaning to several local organizations and municipalities that are collecting thousands of pounds of grocery bags and other plastic to be made into park benches as part of an innovative nationwide recycling program.

Plastic bags are not recyclable through curbside recycling programs, with most ending up in landfills. The Larsen-Winchester Lion's Club and the towns of Neenah and Vinland are among the local entities collecting polyethylene (PE) film plastics, including grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, ziplocks, bubble wrap, food wrappers and shrink wrap, as part of the NexTrex recycling challenge.

Participants sign up to collect more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics in a 12-month span and those that successfully complete the challenge are awarded a bench made from recycled plastics.

The NexTrex challenge is hosted by Trex, a composite decking company out of Winchester, Va. Trex collects PE plastics and mixes them with wood waste

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A bench made of recycled plastic and wood waste in Trailhead Park in Larsen was installed by the Larsen-Winchester Lion's Club, who received it as part of the NexTrex recycling challenge.

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Free student bus passes being distributed

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GO Transit, in partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District, is extending its student bus pass program that allows all students to ride free.

District students in grades 6-12 will be required to have a WisGo Student Bus Pass for the upcoming school year effective Sept. 1 to ride GO Transit fare-free.

"Ensuring safe and convenient transportation for OASD students is a top priority for GO Transit," stated Steve Tomasik, operations manager for the public transportation service in the Greater Oshkosh area. "This initiative not only promotes safety but also streamlines the boarding process, providing a seamless experience for all bus riders."

In preparation for the upcoming school year, GO Transit is on location at school district events to give students their Wis-Go Student Bus Pass for the 2024-2025 school year. GO Transit team members will collect students' signed permission forms, take photos and issue bus passes at the following events:

South Park Middle School open house, 3:30-7 p.m. Aug. 21

Oshkosh West High School Chromebook pickup, 7:30 -11 a.m. Aug. 27

Carl Traeger Middle School open house, 5-7 p.m. Aug. 27

Vel Phillips sixth grade open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 27

Oshkosh North High School Chromebook pickup, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 28

Oshkosh West Chromebook pickup, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 28

Oshkosh West open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 28

Vel Phillips all grades open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 28

Oshkosh West Chromebook pickup, 7:30 -11 a.m. Aug. 29

Oshkosh North open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 29

Oshkosh North Chromebook pickup, 7:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 30

To obtain a pass, students must have a completed application form. If a student is under age 18, the form will need to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms are available online, at the GO Transit office or emailed upon request.

Parents do not need to be present to obtain the pass, but the student must have a signed parental consent form. Students who cannot attend any of the events must complete the application form and visit one of GO Transit's two offices to collect their pass. For this program, no other forms of student ID will be accepted.

'This program is critical in enforcing GO Transit's ridership policy and ensuring the safety of all who ride the buses, students or otherwise," the school district stated.

For more information, contact the main office at 920-232-5340 or visit oshkoshwi. gov/Transit.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 16, 1924

Cornerstone for New Masonic Temple Laid: An unusually large attendance, impressive parade and ceremony with an eloquent address, marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple on Washington Boulevard on Saturday afternoon. The program was preceded by a parade down Main Street led by the various commanders in their picturesque uniforms along with a platoon of police and 127th Infantry band. The procession moved from the armory as far as the Main Street bridge, then back to Washington Boulevard to the new building in construction. The grand lodge officers placed the stone with a ritual that was unique, in as much as it embodies the cardinal principles of Masonry. Under the direction of Grand Master Frank Johnson, the stone was put in place and tested with the square by Deputy Grand Marshall Fred J. Marien. Grand Senior Warden Herbert W. Dixon examined the stone with a level and Grand Junior Warden Fred L. Wright applied the plumb. The building will be a five-story structure measuring 91 by 95 feet. When finished, an expenditure of \$300,000 is expected on the brick building finished in terra cotta.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 18, 1924



This photo from the early 1920s shows the former Masonic Temple before a new building was constructed in 1924.

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District unlikely to lose funds for Title IX rules

Case expected to go to U.S. Supreme Court

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

An attorney told the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education that it is unlikely the district will stop receiving federal funds if it remains noncompliant with new Title IX regulations.

The school district voted last month in a tie on whether to implement the new Title IX regulations that expand the definition of genders and revise the standards for what is sex-based harassment.

Attorney Mark Kapocius of von Briesen and Roper was at the meeting to answer questions about the new regulations as the board will most likely vote again on accepting the new regulations. Kapocius said due to the amount of federal lawsuits surrounding the new regulations the case will likely be heard by the U.S. Supreme

The district is in compliance with the 2020 Title IX regulations but not the most recent, which have led to lawsuits from 26

Eight lawsuits have been filed in response to the new regulations that 26 states have joined. Defendants in the case include the federal government, U.S. De-

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partment of Education and Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

In three of the federal cases, judges have sided with the states, which will prevent the Department of Education regulations from taking effect in 15 states - Alaska, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming – on Thursday.

Executive director of business services Drew Niehans said the approximate \$5.5 million accounts for between 7 and 8 percent of the district's revenue. Kapocius said federal funds include special education services, food services and other grants that OASD receives.

"As a recipient you have to follow certain guidelines; it's part of the grant contract," he said.

Kapocius added it's unlikely the district would lose funding if it does not adopt the new regulations. His firm has done research on the topic and explained there has not been a single district that has lost funds due to noncompliance with new Title IX regulations.

OASD has two Title IX coordinators, executive director of human resources Sabrina Johnson and director of pupil services Matthew Kaemmerer. Title IX coordinators handle potential complaints within the district on a range of topics that include equity in team sports to sex-based harassment.

There are 26 states with pending lawsuits over the new regulations. There is a federal case in Kansas that directly affects the Oshkosh Area School District. A federal judge ruled that any child of a Moms for Liberty parent is not subject to the new regulations nor is the school they attend.

According to the judge, this includes children in three OASD schools: Carl Traeger Elementary School, Carl Traeger Middle School and Oshkosh West High School. Those schools would still be in compliance with the 2020 regulations.

The Department of Education released the new Title IX regulations in April.

"The final regulations advance Title IX's promise of ensuring that no person

experiences sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment or sexual violence, in federally funded education," the DOE stated. "The final regulations restore and strengthen vital protections for students and provide schools with information to meet their Title IX obligations while offering appropriate discretion and flexibility to account for variations in school size, student populations and administrative structures."

Administrators told the Herald that the district already has these policies in place to protect their students. Students are also protected by state law.

The board did not take any action after the questions asked of Kapocius but the topic will be going back to committee with the potential of being presented to the board at a future meeting.

Johnson said the topic will go back to the policy and governance committee in September and then to the full board for a re-vote. The board now has seven members, which it did not have for the first vote that resulted in a 3-3 tie.







Waterfest

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Danny Seraphine and CTA with former *Chicago* singer & bassist Jeff Coffey • plus **Child's Anthem: The Music of Toto**

Leach Amphitheater Gates open at 5:45 PM

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Family time under the stars, featuring "Trolls Band Together"a fun, colorful musical adventure about friendship, family, and the power of unity. Plus food trucks, bounce houses & face painting!

Leach Amphitheater Gates open at 6:30 PM FREE Movie starts at dusk

Oshkosh Jazz Festival

A FREE family-friendly event that transforms Downtown Oshkosh into a musical haven, where people of all ages enjoy a day filled with world-class jazz performances, community spirit, and the joy of live music under the summer sky.

Downtown Oshkosh Music begins at 1 PM



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Fentanyl addiction and how it was robbing me

By Tessa Reed

I became addicted to fentanyl due to it being laced in heroin and methamphetamines, as if the two weren't bad enough already. I used because addiction ran in my family and I never knew how to cope. I always felt so lost. It was my numbing remedy.

It didn't take long for all the bad things to start happening, like overdoses withdrawals, mental hospital, eviction, losing my kids, jail and prison. I want it to be known



that I wanted to stop so bad; I said it over and over and even though I failed every time, I meant it.

I've never hurt so bad inside once the fix wore off. The pain

was unbearable. All my problems from before were still there and now much more due to what I have become, and anything and everything I would do to get my drugs.

I let myself and so many others down, including my children. No one wakes up, looks in the mirror and says, "I want to be a junkie." Matter of fact, I always would say I'll never be them; I'll never get that bad.

When help first started being offered to me while in drug court in Waupaca County I was still stubborn and stuck in my ways and scared. So I would fail. Then I wanted to do it for my kids because addict or not, I never stopped loving my kids. The hurt and guilt with that is still hard to carry.

When they say people, places and things, as cliche as it sounds it matters! Another thing that matters is whether you want this for yourself, because if you don't have yourself and belief and mindset, you have nothing. If I can get better, anyone can. It doesn't matter where you come from. Addicts don't just come from bad

About the series

August is Fentanyl Awareness Month, highlighting the impact of a drug that has contributed to 59% of the more than 150 overdose deaths in Winnebago County from 2018 to 2022. Many of these deaths were unintentional and the number is rising. The Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News are sharing personal essays of people who have been impacted by fentanyl and other dangerous drugs.

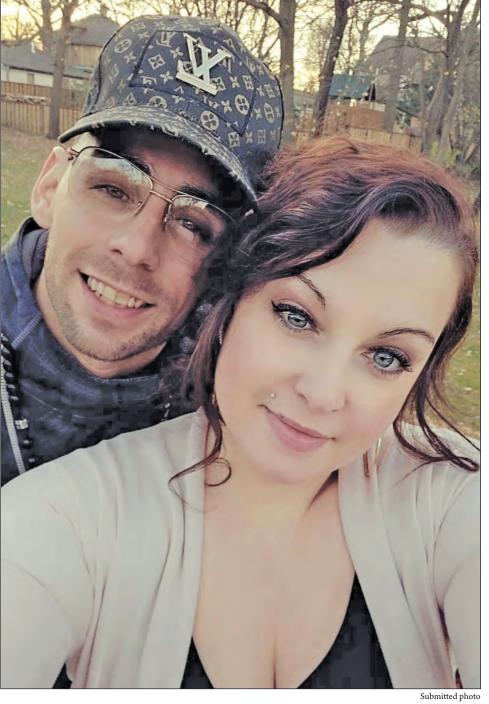
Winnebago County Public Health, sponsor of the fentanyl awareness series, has resources at www. co.winnebago.wi.us/node/13313 or by calling 920-232-3000.

families; it can happen to anyone.

I've come a long way and it's amazing. I want to give a big shout-out to my significant other, Tyler Shelton, who also has a story of his own, and Michael Hall, who runs treatment-based sober living called Mission of Hope in Waupaca County. They made me see things in a different light and taught me that I can be the person I want to be not the person that drugs robbed from me.

I can confidently say I'm finally, after a long eight years, on the right path. I have an amazing job at Evergreen Retirement Community, where plenty of people believe in me. I have my own place and am trying to rebuild relationships with my kids. I start school in August for substance abuse disorder counseling and I couldn't be happier that I'm in recovery – healthy, happy and going to be able to help people that struggled like I did.

Never give up on yourself. Recovery is peautiful.



Tyler Shelton and Tessa Reed share their stories of addiction and recovery.

Recovery required a combination of support, patience

By Tyler Shelton

This essay is going to give you insight on my life successes and struggles with drug addiction and traumas I have been through with my life. Addiction has been in my life since as long as I can remember, from childhood to adolescent to adulthood.

I have seen my loved ones struggle and even myself. My addiction started as an adolescent teenager. My mother was a crackhead and father in federal prison for drug distribution. Even though I was smoking weed at this time that was only the beginning of my downward spiral.

Growing up in a drug-infested hous

with mental and physical abuse only made me feel rebellious. I would run away from home get into trouble with the law and commit crimes to get away from home. Little did I know it would introduce me to this tragic world of addiction.

I guess I never really understood the reality of addiction or its outcomes. My addiction only got worse as I progressed throughout life. I can say that nothing good has come from this lifestyle I chased and craved. My addiction has brought me to a lot of jails, institutions and a criminal record that disgusts me. I've started and rebuilt my life more times than I can count on one hand.

I've asked myself when is enough going to be enough. Maybe when you hit rock bottom, some people think, but for me it wasn't. My addiction has caused me to do things I'm not proud of. I've been homeless and numbing feelings and filling voids due to my addiction.

When I met Tessa Reed, my significant other, my addiction was full blown. She taught me how to deal with my life problems without using substances for comfort and express feelings. She made me realize the life I was living and what "addiction" really looks like. She taught me that you can achieve anything you set your mind to and overcome any obstacle life throws at

you, which can be a lot as we know.

I haven't felt so good and powerful in my life ever since I started the life of recovery and sobriety. I wake up every day looking in the mirror and being happy with my appearance and accomplishments I have gained from being sober. I think back to my addiction and how I thought I was cool being that guy with drugs and honestly it disgusts me to think I was chasing and craving that.

I can honestly say sobriety and recovery is where it's at, not being an addict or "the guy." Every day the recovery community is

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Public Health Vending Machines: FAO

What will be in the machines?

Items available will include nasal Narcan/Naloxone, Fentanyl Tests Strips, Deterra drug deactivation kits, gun locks, feminine hygiene products, and other items as approved by the Winnebago County Executive.

Where will these machines be located?

There will be two outdoor locations in Winnebago County:

- David W. Albrecht Administration Building 112 Otter Avenue in Oshkosh
- Winnebago County Human Services Building 211 N. Commercial Street in Neenah

How were they funded?

Winnebago County Public Health was awarded grant funds from WI DHS to install the Public Health Vending Machines. Grand funds are from the state's \$400 million opioid settlement.

How do I access the Public Health Vending Machines?

Anyone will be able to access these life saving, free resources 24/7 by calling the PHVM Hotline to receive a PIN code. August 21, 2024 OSHKOSHHERALD.COM | Page 5

Firefighters, EMS workers seek best case outcomes

By Tyler Downs
OSHKOSH FIRE DEPARTMENT

I have been with the Oshkosh Fire Department for a little more than eight months but with EMS for over three years. In 2022, the fire department ran more than 10,000 calls and out of those, 8,788 were EMS oriented.

What people often don't know is that a lot of what we do is emergency medical service. We don't have fires every day and we don't go to the crazy calls you see on TV shows either. But we go on an assort-

ment of EMS calls every single day.

#END OVERDOSE

Unfortunately, some of those calls are overdoses. The department responded to 208 overdoses in 2022, some

of them from over-the-counter medications, prescription medication, cocaine, methamphetamines and more.

The one I want to talk about is opioid overdoses. I want to briefly touch on what opioids do to the body, how we as EMS providers can treat patients that overdose on opioids, what we see when we respond to these types of calls, and what we as a department do to try to help our patients from overdosing again.

To truly understand what we can do as care providers, it's important to know what opioids do to the body. Opioids have analgesic –pain control– and sedative effects, which is why they are used for pain management. But they also can cause euphoria, which is one of the main reasons why some keep taking them because they keep trying to get that euphoric feeling.

When used irresponsibly, opioids can cause someone to go into respiratory failure. If symptoms go on without intervention, the patient will go into cardiac arrest.

When it comes to treating someone



Submitted photo

Tyler Downs works in the Oshkosh Fire Department's emergency medical services.

who has overdosed on an opioid, we as care providers will give a medication called naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan. This will reverse the effects of opioids if administered within a timely manner.

When responding to an overdose there

are a lot of things that EMS, fire and police need to think about. Is the scene safe? How many patients are there going to be? Is there a "bad batch" going around? Is this patient a known user? What other drugs did this person take? How long ago did they take the opioids? What kind of environment could we be walking into?

When arriving at the scene of an overdose, many times patients are found in unsafe or dangerous locations, which makes quick and effective treatment of the patients more difficult. The patient could be in a small area between the toilet and the sink, could be in a hoarder house, or in a parking lot when the weather is not favorable, sometimes, the room is so dark we have to hold a flashlight to start an IV and perform other interventions, or in an area were family and friends are surrounding the patient yelling and screaming for EMS to help.

There have been times where patients have overdosed while driving and caused an accident and have been found in improvised shelters like tents, storage units, etc.

If we get to the patient in time where the Naloxone works, dealing with them can be difficult. There are some who get combative because we reversed the euphoric effects of the drug and some deny using opioids even though the Naloxone was the medication that helped them regain consciousness. We try to explain to those patients that if 9-1-1 was not called and their symptoms not treated, death could have occurred.

As a department, our goal in EMS is to help patients to the best of our ability on every call. When responding to opioid overdoses, we also try to inform the patient on resources to get help. One program adopted by the fire department, with assistance from Winnebago County, is the Narcan leave behind kit We give a close friend or family member a small bag with a dose of Narcan and instructions on how to properly administer it. If the patient overdoses in the future, that individual has the ability to administer Narcan and potentially save their life.

Another resource we inform patients about is called the Peer Support Team. If the patient is wanting help with their addiction, we can reach out to this team and they will respond to the scene and help get resources lined up.

In the end we always want the best for our patients. We strive not only to give the best care possible but to get them the proper resources so they don't go through the battle of addiction alone and receive the proper help they need to help them through their addiction.

More information

Winnebago County Public Health (www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health) provides substance use harm reduction services from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday with offices at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh and also has an office in Neenah at 211 N. Commercial St. The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team reviews local fatal overdose data and offers recommendations for preventing overdoses in the county. Free Narcan training sessions are offered periodically.

Solutions Recovery Inc. provides sober living, peer support and a recovery center. Staff are available at 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and there is also a 24/7 Recovery Hotline to assist with addiction-related needs at 866-465-0010, or by stopping by the facility or going to solutionsrecovery.org and through its Facebook page for more information.

Day by Day Shelter at 420 Ceape Ave. provides temporary shelter, individualized services and opportunities for self-sufficiency to empower the most vulnerable adults in the community. Go to daybydayshelter.org or call 920-203-4865 for more information about its services.

Father Carr's Place2B at 1062 N. Koeller St. in Oshkosh carries on its namesake's mission of supporting community needs that began a half-century ago with a youth center and evolved into a multiservice center for food, housing and health essentials. Go to fathercarrs.org or call 920-231-2378 for more information.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) is a nationwide education program that tries to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs and violent behavior. (https://dare.org)

The **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI) of Oshkosh is a non-profit organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support to those affected by mental illness. NAMI Oshkosh partners with local crisis, law enforcement, social services agencies and community groups (www.nami.org).

Mission of Hope's Resiliency Center is a 16-bed peer supported living environment at 520 N. Shawano St., New Londin, that offers programs and services designed to help clients break from poverty, substance abuse disorder and homelessness. (https://mohwi.org).

Tyler's story

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growing and getting stronger. That's where I want to be, not battling with addiction and the struggles that came with it. I went through hell with my addiction and that's not "cool" or the way I want to live.

I never thought I could make it but here I am, taking it day by day and reminding myself there's only one way from here and that's up. Sure I have triggers and cravings I deal with but I cope and defeat them. I tell myself cravings are temporary and will pass and also tell myself you know your outcome and consequences if you fold.

I have achieved so much in the months I've been sober, more than I could ever in my full-blown addiction. I have a lot of traumas and stuff I didn't discuss or share due to me still dealing with the effects it had on me but I'm dealing with them slowly and in the way I found best for me. Recovery is not an overnight process or immediate but it does get easier as time comes as for me.

Everyone is different and responds differently to recovery. I never thought I would be part of this amazing community or ask for help when needed but I did, and couldn't feel better and want be part of a community where everyone is there to help or listen.



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Oshkosh tops rankings for hot housing market

Oshkosh Herald

Last month's Realtor.com rankings for the nation's most desirable housing market put the Oshkosh-Neenah metro area on top of its Hottest Housing Markets list for the first time.

Oshkosh listings were getting 3.7 times more views per property in July than the national average and were on the market for a median of 18 days, according to the report, which is more than a month shorter than the average market time.

The metro area's homes have a median

list price of \$374,000, about \$66,000 below the national median.

Local real estate agents said the ranking gives the area more visibility on a national level and validates the progress made here in recent years.



Stein

"Much of the coun-

try, especially larger metro areas, has seen a slowing in the housing market so far in 2024," said Kevin Stein of Expert Real Estate Partners. "But Oshkosh has continued to enjoy growth and demand. As of August 1, we've had a 16% increase in home sales and an almost 8% increase in sales price when compared to this time last year."

Stein said reports like this benefit the community beyond the real estate and related title, mortgage and insurance in-

"Larger companies and employers can cite these articles as recruiting tools to attract employees from around the country," he said. "Small businesses benefit as the city grows and demand for their products increases."

Other factors contribute to the desirability of a community beyond sale and list prices emphasized in the report, Stein noted, such as schools, employment opportunities, crime, parks and activities.

Chris McPhetridge of CMcP Realty also noted the potential bump that a national report could provide for housing interests here.

"It's certainly going to make it interesting for buyers again because we're lacking inventory," McPhetridge said, "but we are seeing an increase in inventory.

"It's exciting to see that our ranking for Oshkosh are higher. Through the years I've noticed more of my buyers are from out of town and a lot of them out of state."

The Janesville-Beloit metro area ranked No. 9 in the study and Green Bay was No. 18. Several other Midwestern cities were in the top 20 as those markets expanded as a result of lower prices in comparison to higher home prices nationwide and rising mortgage rates.

The Oshkosh-Neenah area was No. 20 in May and rose to No. 4 in June before July's top rating.



Judge Rust takes oath

New Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge Michael D. Rust is sworn in with members of his family present at an investiture ceremony Thursday at the courthouse. The former court commissioner was elected to the bench in April.

Anti-vape program expanded in state

The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line has expanded its text-based Live Vape Free program to include young adults ages 18-26, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The program supports young people seeking to end their use of nicotine and vape products and provides people over age 18 with two weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy if medically eligible.

According to a 2022 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, nearly one in five Wisconsinites ages 18-24 vape. They account for 34% of current adult e-cigarette users.

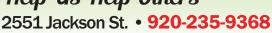
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Voters chose Gustafson, Phillips in GOP races

Winnebago register of deeds, congressional races also set

Oshkosh Herald

First-term incumbent Rep. Nate Gustafson of Fox Crossing prevailed over Rep. Michael Schraa of Oshkosh in last week's Republican primary for the newly drawn 55th Assembly District that Schraa was shifted to from the 53rd that he has represented for 12 years.

Real estate agent and Winneconne native Kyle Kehoe will face Gustafson in November as a Democrat for that state seat.

Gustafson received 4,643 votes compared with 3,787 for Schraa in the Assembly district that covers Fox Crossing, Grand Chute, Omro and Winneconne, along with portions of south and southwest Oshkosh.

"I am beyond thankful," Gustafson posted on Facebook after the votes were tallied. "Onward to November."

Schraa, an Oshkosh native and owner of Leon's Frozen Custard, has been in

the Assembly since 2012 serving the 53rd District that was remapped earlier this year with boundaries farther north of the Oshkosh area. He expressed his gratitude for serving the district in a Facebook post.

"The election results were not what we had hoped for last night," he said. "I finished with integrity, keeping my word that I wouldn't run a negative campaign. I will be forever grateful to my family, my campaign team and all the voters who trusted me to represent them these last 12 years."

Anthony Phillips defeated Blong Yang for state Senate District 18 in the area's only other Republican primary challenge for the state Legislature, receiving 8,602 votes over Yang's 5,225.

Phillips will now face Appleton alderperson and Democrat Kristin Alfheim for that redrawn Senate district that covers the Oshkosh-to-Appleton corridor. State Sen. Dan Feyen, a Fond du Lac Republican who had represented District 18, is now running in District 20.

"I will continue to work hard as a common-sense conservative to win the gener-

al election in November," Phillips posted on Facebook.

In Winnebago County, Town of Black Wolf clerk Susan Snyder defeated Oshkosh Common Council member Paul Esslinger, 8,241 to 7,286, as Republicans vying to be the new county register of deeds with Natalie Strohmeyer not seeking another term. Christopher Larson of Oshkosh, the current chief deputy in that office, is the Democratic candidate who will face Snyder.

County District Attorney Eric Sparr, clerk Julie Barthels and treasurer Amber Hoppa are ran unopposed for new terms.

Wisconsin voters also rejected two questions on the primary ballot asking if they think the state constitution should be amended to give the Legislature more control and limit the governor's power when it comes to federal fund distributions.

Both referendums failed by a margin of about 58 to 42 percent. The outcome was a victory for Gov. Tony Evers and other Democrats who campaigned against the measures. Critics argued the amendments would have introduced too much red tape by making it harder for Wisconsin to distribute aid quickly during an emergency.

In Winnebago County, voters were against the delegation of appropriation power question by a margin of 18,587 to 14,419 and the second question on allocation of federal moneys by 18,493 to 14,614.

Downtown stabbing death brings charges

Oshkosh Herald

A 20-year-old Oshkosh man is dead and another man charged after a stabbing outside an Oshkosh restaurant that was preceded by a fight between two groups of men who had a reported history of disputes.

Sybastian W.L. Crossman, 23, has been charged with first-degree reckless homicide and remains in custody on a \$500,000 cash bond set by Court Commissioner Eric Heywood during his initial appearance last week.

The charge has a repeater modifier, which could lead to a harsher sentence if convicted due to Crossman being convicted of throwing bodily fluid at a public safety worker or prosecutor stemming from a 2020 felony case in Winnebago County.

If convicted, Crossman faces up to 40 years in prison followed by up to 20 years of extended supervision.

In the early hours of Aug. 10, Oshkosh police were dispatched to a restaurant in the 500 block of High Avenue where they saw a man lying on his back with a puncture wound to his abdomen. He was later pronounced dead at 3:26 a.m.

Crossman and another individual Evan Mack were working at the restaurant before the incident occurred. Police were shown video by the manager that allegedly showed Mack and Crossman involved in the physical altercation inside the restaurant with a group of young men.

After watching the video, police said Crossman and Mack appeared to be the aggressors when four men between ages 19 and 21 entered the restaurant. Video allegedly shows one of the four men with a cellphone in his hand before Crossman knocked it out of his hand.

Punches were thrown and other employees intervened before the altercation moved outside into the parking lot area. Mack and Crossman reported they were getting jumped by the four men.

One of the men said two people were fighting with Mack and the other two, including the victim, were fighting Crossman.

One witness told police they saw Crossman hit the victim in the chest and the victim collapsed immediately. They initially believed the victim was only punched but now knew he was stabbed.

Crossman was taken into custody without incident around 3:30 a.m. Aug. 11. He told police that he and Mack ran into the

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group outside an Oshkosh bar and robbed him. He said he didn't tell the police about the robbery because it was \$25 and didn't want to escalate the situation.

The doctor who conducted the autopsy reported the shape of the wound was consistent with a double-edged blade or knife. Crossman told police he had a switch-blade during the incident but tossed it somewhere after fleeing the scene.

Crossman will be in court Monday for his preliminary hearing.

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Freemasons share special anniversaries with public

In celebration of 175 years of Oshkosh Freemasonry and 100 years at the Oshkosh Masonic Center at 204 Washington Ave., the Masons threw a community block party Saturday.

Washington Avenue between Court and Jefferson streets was reserved for the party with attractions that included street entertainment, live music, food and activities for kids. The public was welcomed to explore the Masonic Center and take guided tours of the Lodge Room, as well as a walking exhibit on the history of Oshkosh Freemasonry.

Thomas Stevens, grand master of Masons in Wisconsin, led a cornerstone rededication ceremony. Among the speakers were freemason Will Cochrane, City Manager Mark Rohloff, Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel, U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, state Rep. Lori Palmeri, Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith, Oshkosh Fire Chief Michael Stanley and Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz.

The original cornerstone was removed



John and Savanna Breaux look at the contents that were inside the cornerstone, which has been replaced after it was damaged in 2023.

from the building and along with the accompanying contents were on display in

the Masonic Center museum.

The local Masons formed as Fox River Lodge F. and A.M. in 1849 - four years before Oshkosh became a city - and became many of the community's founders. Many of the streets are named after Oshkosh Freemasons.

The new temple officially opened in May 1926. Designed in the neoclassical style by local architects Auler, Jensen and Brown, and built by C.R. Meyer and Sons, it included an early form of air conditioning called a swamp cooler, as well as one of the area's first elevators.

The main ballroom, with an elevated stage and two-story ceiling, seats more than 400. There's also a museum inside with masonic artifacts and histories.

Much of the language and imagery used by Masons originated in 18th century England and is strongly symbolic. In 2009, the building's exterior was part of a robbery scene in the John Dillinger film "Public Enemies" directed by Michael Mann.

The Oshkosh Freemasons serve the community through scholarships to graduating high school students, providing for veterans, supporting Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, donating fire suppression tools to local emergency services, as well as partnering and assisting other local nonprofits.





Labor Day event set for next year at South Park

Oshkosh Herald

There will be no Labor Day Picnic and Car Show at South Park this year as the planning group works to return the celebration in 2025 at that location.

Winnebago County Labor Council officials said the cancelation was not an issue of finances and there will be an expanded group of organizers to bring back the picnic and car show next year. The council merged with the Fox Valley Area Labor Council, which is based in Neenah, in 2021. The Labor Day parade and Labor Fest at 157 S. Green Bay Road in Neenah starts with the Menasha-to-Neenah pa-

"Thank you for your support for many years and we will see you at South Park in 2025," the council said in a statement.





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Waterfest finds a way

Better Than Ezra performed Thursday at the Leach Amphitheater as the Waterfest headliner amid time adjustments to get around wet weather. This Wednesday's show will be the season closer with the music of Chicago, and Child's Anthem: The Music of Toto.



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Local face painter keeps her creative niche mobile

By Michael Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Brittany Atteberry took a high school art class that she never finished before going in her own direction as a self-taught artist.

Last fall, she packed up everything in her car and along with her little dog Maple left Oshkosh to travel the country with her Whimbubble Studio specializing in face painting and "seeing what is out there."

Atteberry has been face painting for six years and returned here this summer to work at the downtown farmers market – where she was first "discovered" by market manager Michelle Schmidt – and the recent Winnebago County Fair. Lines of children and parents waited for their turn at both events.

"I did it for fun as a teenager for Halloween and then I've always painted and I've always drawn, and my aunts volunteered me one summer for face painting for a little local event," she recalled. "Then years later I moved to Oshkosh and found the farmers market, and it just kind of came from the universe, you know, it just popped in my head to do it, and I did."

Atteberry is either hired for an event that offers free face painting or works as a vendor charging on a per-face basis. As a vendor she needs to pay a fee and have insurance.

"I can show up if I'm in an area and find a last-minute event that'll have me. Otherwise, I make contact in advance," she said. "So if I'm going to be in Arizona, I look for events during the time I'll be in Arizona."

The ability to financially support herself as a face painter has only been possible the last couple of years, and she previously



Photo by Michael Cooney

Brittany Atteberry works her face artistry on a girl at a recent downtown farmers market.

had to take on other part-time jobs. This past year has been Atteberry's first touring the country and admits the first few months were somewhat anxious before knowing she could get enough work.

"I find plenty of work now and I keep my bills low," she said. She traded in her 2007 Subaru Outback that she had converted into a car camper for a much larger RV, which she now lives in with Maple. She plans to be in Tennessee for September, then North Carolina in October and Georgia in November, which she plans out through contacts with event planners to see who's looking for her artistic services.

Specializing in speed painting, Atteberry creates a small piece of art in about two minutes per face with a menu of about 30 designs that can each be unique for a group where everyone wants the same type of image but with a variety of colors

and details.

"Every single person gets the same amount of attention, and every single person has waited in line for a long time," she said. "They want it, and they deserve the same experience."

Atteberry started a YouTube channel that recently topped 1,000 subscribers and now draws sufficient views to earn revenue.

"There's plenty of room for face painters," she said. "I just feel very lucky for having started it here in Oshkosh and I'm crazy spoiled in my community."

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Eagle and Friends with Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, 11 a.m., Menominee Park

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

Music on Main: Oshkosh Jazz Fest Preview Night, 5:30 p.m., Opera House

Waterfest: Danny Seraphine & Chicago Transit Authority, Child's Anthem, The Music of Toto, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Thursday, Aug. 22

Live at Lunch: Water Street Jazz Orchestra, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, Aug. 23

Family Outdoor Movie Night: "Trolls Band Together," gates open at 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Buffett's Margaritaville: A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

Saturday, Aug. 24

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

Lakeside Quilters Exhibit, 9 a.m., Morgan House

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Sunday, Aug. 25

Co-ed Beach Party Pickleball Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center, 640 E. County Y

Utica Volunteer Fire Department Chicken BBQ, 11 a.m., 1730 County FF Welsh Weekend, 11:30 a.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Monday, Aug. 26

Becket's Rumble on the River, 5 p.m., 2 Jackson St.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Love the Mess with Kate Swenson, 5 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Music on Main: Copper Box Duo, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, Aug. 29

Live at Lunch: UW Oshkosh Pep Band, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, Aug. 30

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

Saturday, Aug. 31

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

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

Thursday, Sept. 5

History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Friday, Sept. 6

Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church St.

Saturday, Sept. 7

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Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies opens The Grand Oshkosh's new season with a Sept. 21 show.

Louisiana music party coming to Grand

The Grand Oshkosh kicks off the 2024-2025 season with a feast of New Orleans music in a performance by Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies at 7 p.m. Sept. 21.

Hailing from southwest Louisiana, the Louisiana Music Hall of Famer Mister Mojo and his band channel bayou traditions by delivering a blend of Cajun, Zydeco, New Orleans Mardi Gras, rock 'n' roll, and rhythm and blues.

Celebrating 40 years, the band has 23 albums of original music. Mister Mojo

and band mate Zydeco T. Carrier also will be inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame on Sept. 11.

"From the moment the curtain rises, Mojo is dedicated to making sure the audience is out of their seats, dancing and having fun. He is the consummate entertainer," said Grand director Joseph Ferlo.

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FVTC, Marian University sign transfer agreement

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Fox Valley Technical College and Marian University formally signed an articulation agreement last week for a new collegiate transfer program between the two colleges.

The new arrangement creates opportunities for students to complete their first two years of general education classes, earn an associate of arts or an associate of science degree at FVTC, and transfer all credits to Marian University to pursue a bachelor's degree with junior standing.

"As we gear up for fall, Fox Valley Technical College is excited to welcome approximately 210 students into our University Transfer Degree programs," stated FVTC president Chris Matheny. "We value our partnership with Marian University and know this agreement will open even more doors for student success."

FVTC students have already been

transferring to Marian University to complete their degrees in professions such as nursing, education, social work and criminal justice.

"We appreciate Fox Valley Technical College students at Marian, because they come with the skills and the mindset to succeed," stated Marian president Aaron Sadoff. "Together, our two institutions are not just filling a need but we are creating a skilled and thoughtful workforce that will play a vital role in our communities."

FVCTC is part of the Wisconsin Technical College System with more than 250 associate degrees, technical diploma and other certificate programs.

Marian, founded in 1936 by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, offers more than 45 areas of study in bachelor's, master's and post-graduate certificates.







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City manager

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borski spoke at the council meeting last week to discuss the proposal and process of recruiting top candidates for the job.

The recruiting process would take about 14 weeks and starts with stakeholder meetings with department heads and council members on what they are looking for in the next city manager.



Szymborski

From there a profile would be created for what the next city manager would look like and outreach would begin. The next phase would be due diligence and checking that the candidates have the proper qualifications.

Szymborski would then have a one-hour Zoom call with each candidate, who will then be presented to the council. MGT would set up the interviews with the best candidates.

Council member Paul Esslinger voted against the proposal and said he wanted to hear from other firms. He also restarted a conversation about changing the city's form of government.

"Do you like what we have and do you want it to continue?" Esslinger asked.

He proposed asking residents if they want to continue with a city manager and spoke at length about his dissatisfaction with moving quickly to fill the position.

"Let's take our foot off the accelerator," he said. "We are in no hurry. I don't think we're racing anyone."

Esslinger laid out a process for considering a change in the city's form of government. Under Wisconsin law, a resident group would need to form a committee and propose a question for a petition and then gather about 3,600 signatures to have it reviewed by the city for potential referendum.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer had a message for any potential city manager candidates who will be watching the Common Council over the coming months.

"The city manager form of government is good, it's strong and it's what's right for Oshkosh," he said. "This body speaks with one voice and says (city manager form of government) is what we want and what we need to move us forward. It is the best form of government the city of Oshkosh could possibly have."

Mugerauer hoped other council members would join him in making that message clear to candidates.

Szymborski said the timeline for recruiting candidates would start just after Labor Day and interviews would be done before the winter holidays. The hope would be for the next city manager to be in place by January.

MGT has been contracted by several Wisconsin municipalities such as Beaver Dam, Sheboygan and Waukesha to find administrators.

Detective retires from Oshkosh police force

The Oshkosh Police Department announced that Detective Dean Artus has retired after serving the department and city for more than 32 years.

Artus started as a patrol officer and promoted to detective in 1995. He was

a member of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force since 2020, and has served as a MEG Unit investigator, Drug Task Force investigator, background investigator, and a member of the SWAT, Mobile Field Force and Crash Investigation teams.





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Plastic recycling

FROM PAGE 1

such as sawdust from flooring and cabinet manufacturers to turn them into decking, benches and outdoor furniture.

Trex recycling programs coordinator Emily Whitacre said there are benefits to using recycled plastic for decking and benches over traditional materials, with some lines warrantied to last from 25 to

"You don't have to maintain it in any way," she said. "I mean, once a year it might need a wash down. But it's not affected by insects, it doesn't fade, it doesn't stain. It's a fantastic product."

Each year, the company repurposes about 400 million pounds of plastic film.

"Over the past 16 years, our partnerships with schools and community groups have become a primary channel for sourcing this key ingredient for our products and we want to make it as easy as possible for these like-minded organizations to be part of our upcycling process," she said.

The NexTrex challenge is open to municipalities, schools, civic groups, houses of worship and university organizations. The company reports that more than 2,500 groups and schools have participated nationwide, recycling more than 1.8 million pounds of PE film.

"With the NexTrex program, you not only know where your recycled plastic film is going, but also how it will be used," Whitacre said. "With the help of thousands of community partners across the country, we are able to divert millions of pounds of plastic waste each year from ending up in landfills and give it new life as beautiful and sustainable Trex decking."

Trex also has more than 3,000 dropoff locations for PE plastics nationwide. In Wisconsin, those include Family Fare, Festival Foods, Fresh Thyme, Hyvee, Kohl's, Metro Market, Meijer, Pick 'n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Roundy's, Save-A-Lot and Webster's Marketplace.

Whitacre shared that one of the easiest ways to determine if material is a PE plastic suitable for recycling through the program is to check if the material stretches.

"If you can press your fingers into it and leave a dimple, it's generally the right type of plastic," she said.

Frozen food and chip bags, pet food bags, meat packaging and candy bar wrap-





flow PE plastic is also collected inside.

Clerk Karen Brazee said the town has

received two benches from Trex through

the program and is on its way to a third.

One will be placed near the town hall in

an area earmarked for a memorial for re-

tired staff, while the second one is being

raffled off to raise money to support acces-

sorizing the town's new fire truck. Raffle

tickets may be purchased in the office or

at the Vinland 175th celebration from 1 to

4 p.m. Sept. 14 at the town hall, with the

In the Town of Neenah, Clerk Ellen

Skerke said this is the town's first year

participating in the challenge and began

collecting plastic July 1. In less than two

winner selected that day.

Larsen-Winchester Lion's Club President Beck Hilliker shows a trailer that is used as a drop off site for polyethylene film plastics that are later turned into outdoor living products through an innovative recycling program

pers are not acceptable in the program.

The plastics are bailed and transported to a Trex manufacturing center where the materials are made into outdoor living products. Trex estimates a 20-by-20-foot deck contains more than 1,500 pounds of recycled and reclaimed wood and plastic film.

The Larsen-Winchester Lion's Club has been participating in the NexTrex challenge for about three years, recycling more than 13 tons of PE plastic. A trailer outside its warehouse near Trailhead Park in Larsen is open to the public to drop off PE plastics any day or time.

Club president Beck Hilliker said he weighed it out and 1,000 plastic bags weighs about 18 pounds, meaning it takes about 55,000 recycled bags to reach the 1,000 pounds of plastic required to complete the NexTrex challenge.

The club has obtained about 20 benches through the program that are placed in local parks, including two in nearby Trailhead Park. Hilliker said the Lion's Club is in discussions with the city of Neenah to place some of the benches in Arrowhead Park, which is undergoing improvements.

The Town of Vinland began participating in the challenge in 2021 and collects plastic in curbside bins at the two town hall entrances at 6085 County T, on the east and north side of the building. Over-

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months, the town has already achieved

The town hall has a drop box outside the

front door at 1600 Breezewood Lane, so residents can drop off plastics any day or

time. Skerke also encouraged area busi-

"There's probably a lot of small busi-

nesses that have this type of plastic, as

well," she said. "It could be shrink wrap

from when pallets and materials come

into their building, or when they purchase products and are putting them out

for sale, but I'm just thinking that smaller

businesses might have an opportunity to

save this type of plastic and keep it out of

Skerke said even after the yearlong chal-

"Of course the bench is a nice thing

and any time you can get something like

that for free is a good thing for the town,

but really the ultimate goal is to keep this

plastic out of the landfill so if we reach that

goal we're not just going to cut it off and

Though a location for a bench made

from recycled plastics hasn't yet been se-

lected by the town, Skerke said Keating

Park, which recently had new restrooms

and a gazebo added, would be an ideal lo-

"I think any of our parks could probably

In Neenah, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

is also participating in the challenge; while

First Congregational Church, Oshkosh

Area Community Pantry, Lakeside Ele-

mentary and Oakwood Elementary are

among participants in Oshkosh.

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Ready to roll: Wildcat's QB primed for big season

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Quarterback has been Chase Brandl's position since he began playing football in the fifth grade with the Oshkosh Flyers.

This will be Brandl's final season as a QB and he's determined to make it one to remember.

The Oshkosh West senior will open the season Friday night at Green Bay Preble as one of the most experienced quarterbacks in the Oshkosh area – and one of the best.

Brandl is a third-year starter at the key position and a pure playmaker. He received All-Fox Valley Association honorable mention as a junior and was selected as the Oshkosh Area Player of the Year after generating 1,242 passing-rushing yards and nine combined touchdowns. Brandl completed 65 of 119 passes for 842 yards and five touchdowns and ran for another 400 yards and four TDS, averaging 5.5 yards per carry.

"I can do a little bit of everything," Brandl said. "As a quarterback, I love being the guy that people can trust. The team needs to know I'm there for them. If I make a bad throw or have a bad read, I have to move on. I have to go up to my teammates and tell them I'll get them the next time."

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound Brandl won the Wildcat's starting quarterback job as a sophomore and had a solid year, completing 66 of 115 passes for 814 yards and seven touchdowns. A two-way threat with excellent speed, Brandl also rushed for 247 yards and three TDs.

Brandl doesn't coast on his natural skills and is more than willing to work for his success.

Senior Spotlight

"When I first took the job here at West, Chase was a kid I was excited to have," said coach Joe Ray. "His playmaking and athleticism stand out on film. He's one of the most dynamic athletes I've been around.

"What you don't see on film, though, is that Chase is one of the hardest-working and highest-character individuals on our team."

Brandl is hoping to get through his senior season injury-free after sustaining labrum damage in his right (throwing) shoulder during the Wildcats' 2023 season finale against Fond du Lac. A three-sport athlete, Brandl elected to bypass surgery but aggravated the shoulder about midway through the basketball season and missed most of the second half.

Brandl was able to compete in track and field during the spring and was a top sprinter who was a member of the Wildcats' state-qualifying 400-meter relay team.

"The doctors said I wouldn't be back for the football season if I had the surgery," Brandl said. "We decided to try to let it heal on its own. I'm so glad I didn't need surgery."

Brandl was able to avoid it by doing plenty of rehab work, focusing on shoulder and upper-back movements to strengthen the area around the labrum.

"I feel really good right now; I'm throwing the ball just like I did last year," he said. "I like basketball and track, but football is by far my favorite sport. If I didn't have a senior season, that would be awful."

Brandl is more than just a playmaker.



Submitted photo

Chase Brandl returns as Oshkosh West quarterback after rehabilitating a shoulder injury at the end of last season.

He's a team captain who takes that responsibility seriously along with being a role model as a high school athlete.

"Chase is a great leader," Ray said. "He's not only an incredibly gifted student, but he was one of our most active individuals when it came to community service this past season. It's been an honor to coach Chase. I'm so excited to see what he accomplishes this year."

Brandl knows his days as a quarterback are limited. He will play the game at the next level, but at a different position. Brandl has made a verbal commitment to play Division 2 college football next season at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The Bulldogs plan to move Brandl to either defensive back or wide receiver. He has received a partial athletic scholarship that will pay tuition.

"I'm a smaller QB and I've always known that I would have to switch positions at the college level," Brandl said. "It will be a big change, but I'm OK with that. I just want to play the best college football I can.

Brandl also received interest from Minnesota State-Moorhead, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire.

"When I toured Duluth, it just felt like the right place," Brandl said. "It's a good solid Division 2 program and they've had a lot of success. They know what they're doing over there."

Brandl carries a strong 3.75 grade-point average and plans to major in a business-related field, possibly financial management.

"My grandma (Denise Cornell) has worked as a financial manager and I've always been interested in what she did," Brandl said

Brandl's current focus is leading the Wildcats and helping turn around the program. West is coming off a 4-5 season and has gone just 5-13 the past two seasons, but Brandl feels his team could make a major step in 2024.

"We haven't made the playoffs since I've been here and that's what I'm really hoping for," he said. "This is a close group and one thing that really helps is that we have a returning coach instead of having to adjust to a new coach. So we're a lot further ahead than the last two years."

Brandl feels that it's a privilege to play high school football and plans to soak up practically every moment of it this fall.

"Going out on the field for those Friday night lights with my teammates – that's pretty awesome," Brandl said. "We have a great student section and great crowds. It's so much fun to play in front of them. It's something special, that's for sure."



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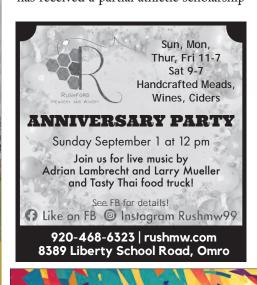
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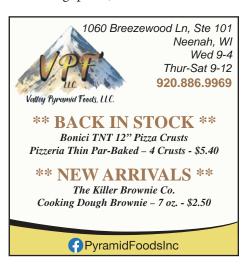
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Spartans take confidence, experience into new league

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

There is a new vibe wafting around the Oshkosh North football program.

After struggling to compete in the rugged Fox Valley Association the past couple of seasons, the Spartans are set to embark on a path to face a new league of opponents. It's a change that has brought a bit of swagger to the North roster entering the 2024 season.

"I can feel it within the kids. They are believing we have a chance every game we go into. Last year, there was doubt," third-year

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head coach Luke Ott said. "We're excited about going to the new conference. It's a different

vibe, a different mindset than the last two years."

Oshkosh North officially joins the Fox River Classic Conference South, which includes three Green Bay area schools – East, West and Notre Dame – both Sheboygan North and Sheboygan South, Manitowoc Lincoln and Menasha. Green Bay Notre Dame, Sheboygan North and Menasha were the only teams in the group to make the playoffs last year, with only Green Bay Notre Dame earning a postseason win.

Joining the new league in combination with an uptick in overall numbers in the program have the Spartans believing they can compete for their first playoff berth since the 2016 season.

"The battles from last year made the kids stronger, harder. But they also worked out hard going into this year knowing the chance is coming," Ott said. "We have some numbers, some experience and we are ready to get after it."

One of the key players returning for the Spartans will be quarterback Bryce Ott, who started every game for North as a sophomore in 2023.

Bryce Ott experienced some growing pains last season but his head coach – and father – believes what he went through last year will make him better this season.

"You can see he's grown a lot, just his composure and leadership. Not only from the pains of football last year but his successes on the basketball court," Luke Ott said. "There is some confidence there from Bryce in practice and that leads to confidence throughout the rest of the group. He brings some swagger to the group and some cocky confidence that we need."

North will also return its leading rusher from a year ago in junior Jamare Scott, while seniors Logan Schettle and Charlie Clark along with junior Dalton Clark are returning from last year and will compete for time at the outside receiver positions. Senior Jaykwon Jones and junior Xavier Waters-Eaton are also expected to see playing time at the receiver spots.

On the offensive line, juniors Everix Blessent, Hunter Davis and Andrew Oehler will be the leaders of the group, which Luke Ott is counting on to continue to show improvement as the season rolls on.

"Our line should be better than last year even though we have added some younger guys there. We have to get some nastiness in that group this year," Luke Ott said. "Andrew Oehler will be our center and one of our leaders of that group. The kids on the line and Bryce respect his work ethic and motivation. He's a team player and he knows his role at center is important to us."

Defensively, Davis – who Luke Ott said has gotten bigger and thicker entering this season – will anchor the defensive line with junior Andrew Brockman and Oehler expected to play at the defensive end spots.

Senior Connor Palmquist returns at inside linebacker and was one of the top tacklers for the team last season along with another returnee at linebacker in junior Cole Meiselwitz. In the secondary, both Clarks, Schettle and junior Jackson Anderson give the Spartans a talented group.

"The key is believing in ourselves and getting better every practice. Really, from where we were last year the belief is going to be the difference maker," Luke Ott said.

"It's just a good vibe here and that's going to translate down to our JVs and our freshmen and make the program stronger overall"

Oshkosh West

The Wildcats came within one win of making a WIAA playoff appearance last season and enter this season looking to return to the postseason for the first time since 2021.

Not that anyone in the program is specifically talking about it.

"Our P-word is the process. Consistency. That's something we have talked about and our kids have embraced," second-year coach Joe Ray said. "Our seniors sat down and (making the playoffs) is the legacy they want to leave. We were one game short last year and we feel like we can close that gap."

Scratching out at least four wins in the rugged Fox Valley Association is no simple task. But now that the program is in its second year under Ray – the first West head coach to lead consecutive seasons since Ken Levine retired – the Wildcats finally have some continuity.

Ray said that everybody is more comfortable being in the second year of his tenure but the team still has a big hurdle to overcome on the field.

"We had one quarter in every game last year that was pretty bad, where we self-destructed," Ray said. "The biggest thing we talked about is consistency from our kids. It's the teams that can consistently execute better, who can stick it out and win. Come out every play and execute and if we do that play after play, we will be able to close that gap."

Offensively, the Wildcats have some key

returning players to lean on, starting with senior quarterback Chase Brandl, who was an honorable mention all-FVA selection last season.

Joining him in the backfield are returning senior running backs Jaiden Fronczak, the team's leading rusher from a year ago and an honorable mention all-conference selection, and Jake Balog, who give the Wildcats a strong and balanced rushing attack.

"They run hard. For their size, they run bigger than they are. I think they feed off of each other and we will get Chase involved in the run game, too," Ray said. "Any time you can run the ball, you can be successful, so we have to have them be able to produce."

Senior Alex Dyken is the top returning receiver from last season, while junior Joey Ware steps in at tight end for West to round out the skill positions.

Junior Ricky Ludwig returns after missing last year due to injury to bolster the offensive line, while senior Nelson Fournier returns to lead the group which will have several new faces.

On the line, senior Nelson Fournier will return as the leader of the group, while Ray is also pleased to have junior Ricky Ludwig back from injury this season to key that front group.

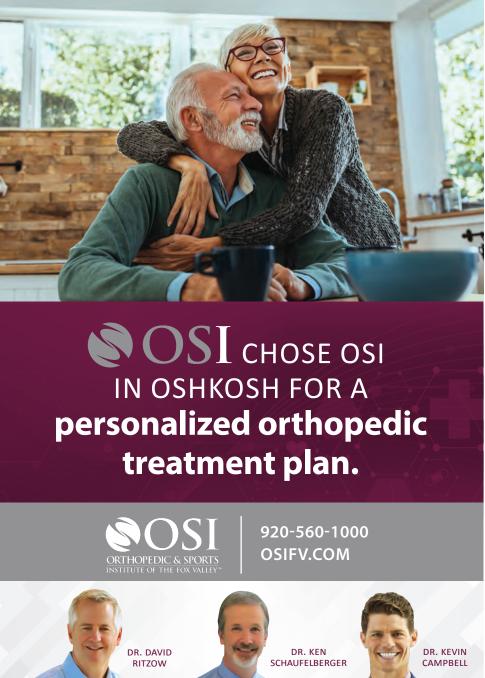
"We have a solid line, but we are not very deep," Ray said. "I think Nelson is our best football player. I think he's probably the meanest kid I've ever seen play football between the whistles and then the nicest kid after the whistle. He will be a stud there."

Defensively, senior linebacker Zach Bar-

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Football preview

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tels was one of the Wildcats' leading tacklers last year and returns after earning honorable mention all-conference honors.

Fournier on the defensive line and senior Caleb Christiansen at safety will be the leaders of their respective position groups, juniors Drew Streeter at outside linebacker and Elliott Reed at inside linebacker and sophomore Ethan Bowman in the secondary will fill key roles for the defense.

"I think this is probably the smartest group of kids I ever coached on defense. That's going to allow us to do a lot of different things and give a lot of different looks and be solid in what we do," Ray said. "We have a lot of kids who know what to do and where to be and are extremely coachable and I think that's going to really help us."

One wildcard in the Wildcats' favor entering the season may be on special teams where Reed has the potential to provide a boost in the kicking game.

West had one of the top kickers in the FVA last season in Jeevan Ambati and Reed could follow in those kicking shoes this sea-

"It's huge for us (to have Reed back) and we need him to be an impact player in the kicking game," Ray said. "If we get into positions where we need three points when we can't get six, it will be good to take advantage of those."

Lourdes Academy

It's rare for any high school football program to boast a four-year starter at the vital quarterback position, but that's what the Knights have in senior Wade Lindahl.

And head coach Kevin Wopat certainly wants to take advantage of having such an experienced signal-caller.

"For a high school level kid, he's got special arm talent. He can make any throw at this level. He improved tremendously to his junior year as a runner and he's going to take another step forward this season. He's fully healthy and I'm really excited to see him take off and show his abilities as a football player," Wopat said. "The best attribute he has is the type of teammate he is. He takes care of everybody, he's not too big for anybody. Even though he's been the kid that has played the most he wants to be just one of the guys in the halls and in the locker room and that's why we have the chance to be very close."

Lindahl threw for more than 2,100 yards last season while also finishing as the team's leading rusher, but his numbers in both areas may change some this season.

The Knights lost the bulk of their receiving corps to graduation and return only one starter in that group in senior Brayden Studinski. Junior Mat Yaggie looks to be in line to grab one of the open receiver spots but from there Wopat said the competition is open for who will get playing time.

'This is the biggest question mark on our team as that's where we lost the most production from last year," Wopat said. "We like the depth we have there. We have a slew of kids that we want to see what they can and cannot do."

Wopat hopes that Lindahl's rushing numbers will drop some, simply because the Knights have more options in the run

Junior Brady Ridenour was the starter at running back last year and looks to be improved with a year of experience at the position under his belt, while sophomore Brady Bauer, a transfer from Oshkosh West, also brings some talent to the position. Wopat also said that junior Andrews Syson and sophomore Nolan Gibson could

see time there as well.

"It's created a pretty healthy competition between the two Bradys and it's making both better. They will both play somewhere because they are both so talented," Wopat said. "We think our running backs will be better than last year so that will take some of the pressure off of Wade to run. In a perfect world we don't need to run Wade as much as he did last year, but he's such a valuable asset, it's something that we have to tap into especially in competitive moments and bigger situations."

Lourdes will have one of the more experienced offensive lines in the conference, led by senior guards Vinny and Remy Force - both three-year starters. Lane Bradley is also a three-year starter at center, while Tristan Gomez returns after starting last year at right tackle to play at left tackle.

Senior Andres Javier and juniors Jacob Bogardus and Henry Geck are the likely candidates to round out the offensive line.

Ridenour and Bauer will not only fuel the Knights' running game but will also anchor the team's defense at the inside linebacker position.

The Force twins, Bradley and Gomez, give Lourdes some depth along the defensive line, while Geck and sophomore Harlan Kuehn are projected to hold down the defensive end spots. Junior Ryder Mullen, who started in the secondary last season, will move up into one of the outside linebacker spots.

"We really feel good about our box defenders. That's what we think the strength of our defense will be," Wopat said. "Like anything, if one kid goes down it could change the entire outlook of the team."

One player the Knights are missing to start the season is sophomore Max Behnke, who is dealing with an injury. Behnke was one of the top tacklers for the team last season at inside linebacker and was expected to be a starting offensive lineman.

He is expected to return to action in Sep-

In the secondary, Studinski and junior Johnny Santiago will be the leaders at cornerback, while senior Anthony Behnke is likely to be the starter at safety. Yaggie and sophomores Lucas Neuens and Michael Santiago could also see action in the secondary along with Lindahl.

Yaggie will also anchor the Knights' special teams as the kicker while sharing punting duties with Lindahl.

Yaggie was first-team all-conference as a kicker last year and gives the Knights another way to put points on the board.

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The Knights will face a different schedule than in recent history as four new teams -Parkview, Dodgeland, Palmyra-Eagle and Westfield - joined holdovers Randolph, Cambria-Friesland, Johnson Creek and Lourdes Academy in the Trailways.

Wopat expects the league to be very competitive with the new lineup, although he sees the four league veterans to be the top contenders - and he confidently puts his Knights at the top of the heap entering the season.

"My favorite thing about our team is that we are going to be upperclassmen heavy. We bring back a lot of kids and we have a lot of seniors who have played a lot of varsity football," Wopat said. "The league is wide open but selfishly, I think we should be the

Valley Christian

It's now year two in the Warriors return to having their own football team and head coach Dan Birr believes it will build on last season and the 4-4 mark the team posted.

"I think the excitement was built last year and that continued into the off-season," said Birr, whose team will enter the season with 32 players on the roster. "We had a real good turnout, especially with our younger players for offseason conditioning so we have a lot of kids coming back bigger, faster stronger. You can tell the guys have had a year of experience."

Although the team graduated a class of eight seniors, there is still plenty of varsity experience on the roster to build around.

One of the key returning players is junior quarterback Matthias Behling, who gives the Warriors a veteran leader under center.

"He's got experience on what we are trying to do. Last year was a real learning time for him and I think he has the big picture now," Birr said. "He's a good athlete and he's improving day by day with each practice."

Also returning to the backfield will be junior Derek Wallace, who was the team's second-leading rusher last season. He will be joined by senior Ethan Millar as running threats along with Behling.

At receiver, seniors Ian Kuhlow - a returning letterwinner from last season - and Brady Patterson are the leading candidates, while junior Rylan Koller will anchor the offense at tight end with sophomore Xander Osinga also in the mix in two tight end

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Obituaries

Paul K. Schaetz

With heavy and broken hearts we announce the passing of Paul K. Schaetz, 60



Preview

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of Oshkosh. Devoted father, cherished son, brother and uncle passed away suddenly on Saturday, August 17, 2024, while walking through the woods near one of his most favorite places:

his hunting cabin in Pray, WI. Paul lived to hunt and truly enjoyed getting his children involved in the sport. He took many fishing trips into Canada with his father and son. And had many trophies on the wall to show off his efforts and luck!

Paul owned and operated PKS Builders and was a very talented carpenter. He took great pride in his work and it showed in everything he built. He inherited this trait from his maternal grandfather, John Schaetz, whom he took after in many

Britton, Patricia (Pat) was a long-time

ways! The building community in Oshkosh and the surrounding area will miss his meticulous work.

Paul was a member at Martin Luther Church, where his children attended school. He volunteered a lot of his time and talents to the church over the years.

He leaves behind his three children: son, Zachary, daughters, Macey and Emma Schaetz. His loving family: father, Ralph, brothers, John (Sandy), and Jeff (Krystal), sisters, Debbi (Thomas) Luedeke, Shelly

(Eric) Allness. The mother of his children, Lori (Gehrke) Schaetz. Numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and great friends.

Paul's funeral will be held Friday, August 23, 2024 at Martin Luther Church 1526 Algoma Blvd. in Oshkosh. Visitation will be held from 9-11 AM with the service to follow at 11 AM. Paul will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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Bruce Britton; her husbands, Clarence West, and Kurt Prager; and her daughter Sheryl West Petrakis. She is survived by her daughter, Cindy West; her sister, Judy Britton; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss her deeply.

Pat's legacy as an educator and her unwavering love and support for her family will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her life was a testament to the power of dedication, both in her professional endeavors and in her personal relationships.

If you wish, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice in memory of

zo and sister; Patricia. She was preceded in death by her husband; George, son; Timothy, granddaughter; Breanna, sister; Gail and brothers;

George and Duwayne. As per Mary's wishes, there will be no formal service or funeral.

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Patricia Britton West Prager

Patricia La Von Prager, passed away on July 27, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 95. Born on July 10, 1929, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, to M.E. and Iva

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The biggest question mark for the War-

riors may be on the offensive line where

they lost both size and experience to last

year's graduation and will be looking to

some new faces to hold things down up

"We're definitely going to be young on

the line," Birr said. "We are going to be

playing all sophomores, but they did play

Millar and Wallace were the leaders on

defense at the linebacker position and both

return to play that role this season. Soph-

some as freshmen last season."

resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Ontario, California; Mesa, Arizona; and Las Vegas,

Pat embarked on a fulfilling career in

"Our linebackers set the tone for the defense and that's who we will be counting on," Birr said. "Overall defensively, we are focusing on not giving the outside up because in 8-player it's a little more wide open so we have to take that way and improve on our tackling technique."

The Warriors will enter the season with a bit of a different offensive philosophy because of the makeup of their roster.

With much of the size having graduated, Birr expects to open up the playbook a little more and feature a more diverse attack.

"I think this year we will have to be a little more diverse on offense - put it up in the air a little more and run more misdirection," Birr said. "To be a sound football team, you have to get back to the basics of education, driven by her profound passion for teaching. She spent over 38 years nurturing young minds as a Kindergarten teacher in Ontario/Montclair California School District, the Clark County Nevada School District and after retiring, serving as a Substitute Teacher in various private schools in the Las Vegas area. Her commitment to education and her ability to challenge and inspire the next generation left an indelible mark on countless students and colleagues. "Ms. Pat" is remembered as a caring influence, cherished for her ability to make each child feel valued and understood.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, M.E. and Iva Britton; her brother,

Mary M. Meisel

Mary M. Meisel, age 80, died Monday August 12, 2024.

Mary was born in Oshkosh, June 29, 1944 to parents Eldon and Agnes Burnett. In June of 1964 she married George Meisel. She worked at Mercy Medical Center for many years, until her retirement.

omore Aaron Harness also figures as part football and blocking and tackling is what Mary is survived by two sons; David of the mix at the linebacker position, which it comes down to. That's what we are trying (Shawna) Meisel of Oshkosh and Edward Birr believes will be the strength of the de-Meisel of Minneapolis, grandson; Lorento focus on right now."



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Oct 11	@ Montello	7pm
Oct 18	Green Lake/Princeton	7pm



Home Games Titan Stadium

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Oct 18	Fond du Lac	7pm



Home Games Titan Stadium Aug 23 Ashwaubenon 7pm Aug 30 @ Oshkosh West (@Titan Stadium) 7pm Sep 20 @Sheboygan South 7pm Sep 27 @Green Bay East 7pm

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Barbara J. Gill

Barbara J. Gill, age 77, passed away on Thursday, August 15, 2024. She was born



December 3, 1946, in Oshkosh, WI, to the late Edna Irene Hoffman Buck and Edward Dewayne Buck.

Barb dedicated her life to serving others through various positions, including

roles at Wesley United Methodist Church, Evergreen Manor, and the Department of Corrections from which she retired in

Despite any physical conditions or hardships, Barb remained unstoppable. She was the rock of her family, helping to raise her siblings during her youth, enriching and participating in her grandchildren's lives from the day they were born, and caring for her parents through their battles with dementia. Barb's perseverance and selflessness were evident to all who knew her. Her heart of gold and saintly patience touched many lives. She had a deep love for nature, snow, and chocolate, and she always ensured the birds were fed.

Preceding her in death were her son, David Andrew Gill; her mother, Edna Slover; father, Edward Buck; brothers, Harvey and Raymond Krueger; sisters, Elaine Messer and Donna Zander; and brothers-in-law Richard (Karen) Neubauer, Robert (Jacqueline) Sime, and Mark (Sandra) Christenson.

Barb is survived by her daughter, Dawn (Martin) Monroe; four grandchildren, Alex Hershberger and Nathan Hershberger of Oshkosh, Katelyn Hershberger of Omro, and Joshua (Sarah) Hershberger of Oshkosh; and 2 great-grandchildren, Skylar and Raelyn, whom Barb cherished through pictures. She is further survived by siblings: Jacqueline Sime, Sandra Christensen (George Jackson), Georgette Kaufman, George (Marie) Kaufman, Karen Neubauer, Charles Hagn, Charlene (Dan) Brehmer, Betty Neitch, and Joyce (Ivan) Westover, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Barb's family invites friends and relatives to a time of visitation on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., followed by a brief service at 3:00 at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home. A Celebration of Barb's life will take place following the service. Cremation has taken place.

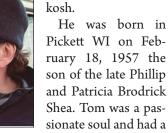
Her final resting place will be at Forest Home Cemetery in Wittenberg, WI, with some ashes "spread on the beautiful, cold, wet, soft, snow where her ashes will dissolve into the ground when nature's white fluff melts. Her ashes will recycle in the freshness of each morning dew and the droplets of every rainfall."

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Thomas Shea

Thomas Shea, age 67, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday August 3, 2024

at his home in Osh-



Pickett WI on February 18, 1957 the son of the late Phillip and Patricia Brodrick Shea. Tom was a passionate soul and had a

lust for life. He wrestled all that he could out of the years he lived. If you could say anything about Tom it's that he loved his family and he loved his friends dearly, of which there were many. He seemed to know someone wherever he went and reveled in conversation. Some say he could sell ice to an Eskimo. Tom was a storyteller had an amazing sense of humor. He loved to make people laugh and he lived for those moments. Sometimes he'd tell the same joke twice if he thought he could make a good time last.

Tom always showed up to coach his kids' baseball and basketball teams when they were young and they still enjoy talking about his Bobby Knight approach to coaching. He loved spending time with his grandkids and going to support them in their sports endeavors. Tom was an excellent cook and loved being in the kitchen. He'd cook for friends and family and was a master on a charcoal grill. He loved to be outdoors and was an avid camper. He went as often as he could. He enjoyed snowshoeing, hiking, walking, kayaking and biking. He loved his dogs, Lennon and Hiatt, and would bring them with

him as often as he could. Tom was a music enthusiast and had impeccable taste. He always had music playing and was always singing. He loved blues music and was the founder of the "O'Shea Shuffle". He enjoyed going to concerts up until the end and was always looking for the next show to go to. Tom loved golfing with his buddies and would light up when he'd talk about it. He didn't think that a man could have better friends. Thomas Edmund Shea will be very dearly missed but the memories and impact of his life will continue to live on for years to come.

Tom is survived by three sons; Matthew, Tyler, Nick, Shea all of Oshkosh, two daughters; Molly, Callie Shea of CO, one brother; Mike (Barb) Shea, Omro, two sisters; Cathy (Denny) Puhl, Oshkosh, and Ann Trembly (Jeff Trembly) also of Oshkosh. Tom is further survived by his grandchildren; Chloe, Allison, and Philip Shea (Matthew), Lily Bellin-Shea and Everly Shea (Tyler), Dylan, Charlie, Finley, and Piper Shea (Nick and Ali Shea).

Tom was preceded in death by one sister; Jane Barclay.

A Memorial Mass for Tom will be celebrated on Saturday August 24, at 11:00 AM in St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (St Vincent site) with the Rev Louis Golamari officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the church on Saturday from 9:30 AM until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.



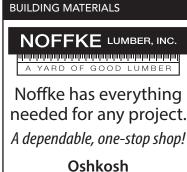
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Dolores P. Schmunk

Dolores Patricia (Wissink) Schmunk, age 93, passed away in the morning hours



on August 15, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born to parents, George and Florence (Gregor) Wissink on March 17, 1931, in Wisconsin.

She married the love of her life, Edward F. Schmunk on

June 4, 1953 together, they raised four children. Dolores spent over 20 years caring for others as a CNA. She worked for various facilities including Mercy Medical Center and Park View. She also worked for King Industries sewing garments.

Dolores will be remembered for being strong, determined and resourceful. She could stretch a budget like no one else, in fact, some describe her as a miracle worker. She enjoyed collecting hickory nuts, picking mushrooms, and was always collecting stones. The only limitation was that it had to be able to fit in the car. It was fitting when she had enough big rocks to complete a fence in her yard. She loved flower gardening every color of flower imaginable. She would crochet and embroider gifts for family and friends. Dolores would also make the best meals for all to enjoy. In her younger years, she would go on annual trips with her sisters and brother to Branson City to go to the theatre and country western events.

She is survived by her children, Edward R. (Daneen) Schmunk, Susan (Arlyn) Koplitz and Sally (Todd) Schmunk-Suchar-

da; grandchildren, Andrea (John Willey) Schmunk, Angela Schmunk, Sam (Jennifer) Koplitz, Amy (Nick) Ott, Chris (Lis) Sucharda and Mike Sucharda; great-grandchildren, Easton, Cortland and Turner Koplitz, Shiloh (Colin Anderson) Jones, Shawn Villavicencio, Caroline Ott and Geolene Ott; sister, Arline Kumbier; brother, Steve (Janet) Wissink; brother-in-law, Robert Schmunk; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Edward F. Schmunk; son, Richard L. (Vicki) Schmunk; parents, George and Florence (Gregor) Wissink; brother, Chuck (Betty) Gregor; In-laws, Alex and Christine Schmunk; great-granddaughter, Arabella; sister, Audrey (Harold) Demler; brother-in-law, Edward Kumbier and Richard A. Schmunk; and sister-in-law, and Muriel Schmunk.

Visitation will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 9:00am to 11:00am, with service to immediately follow. Her final resting place will be at Liberty Prairie Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice, Lake Shore Manor and Lakeland Care for doing an incredible job and for being very supportive during this difficult time.



Jacqueline A. Daker

Jacqueline Ann Daker (Will) age 59 of Oshkosh passed away on Monday, August



12, 2024 of diabetes complications. She was born on October 28, 1964 in Oshkosh, daughter to Arnold Will Sr. and the late Monica (O'Keefe) Will.

Growing up Jackie enjoyed going up North to Phelps with the whole family, fishing, swimming and going to the local dump looking for bears at night time. Jackie would always be the first one to jump in the lake, no matter how cold it was. Later in life Jackie still looked forward to going to Phelps just to relax.

Jackie also loved going to rummage sales and thrift stores to find her fortune. She was interested in everything fall. Halloween was her most favorite holiday.

Even though people thought she was a little rough on the outside, Jackie had a heart of gold. She would give you the shirt off her back or her last 20 dollar bill if she knew it would help you.

Jackie is survived by her father, Arnold will Sr., sons Sean Daker (Melissa), Emery Daker (Kira) and daughter Rae Czerwinski (Brian), her grandchildren Caitlyn, Ezra and Max. She is further survived by her brothers, Arnold Will Jr., Jay Will, her sister Teresa Gerrits (Alan) and also many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Jackie was proceeded in death by her mother Monica Eileen (O'Keefe) Will.

Per Jackie's request there will not be any services.



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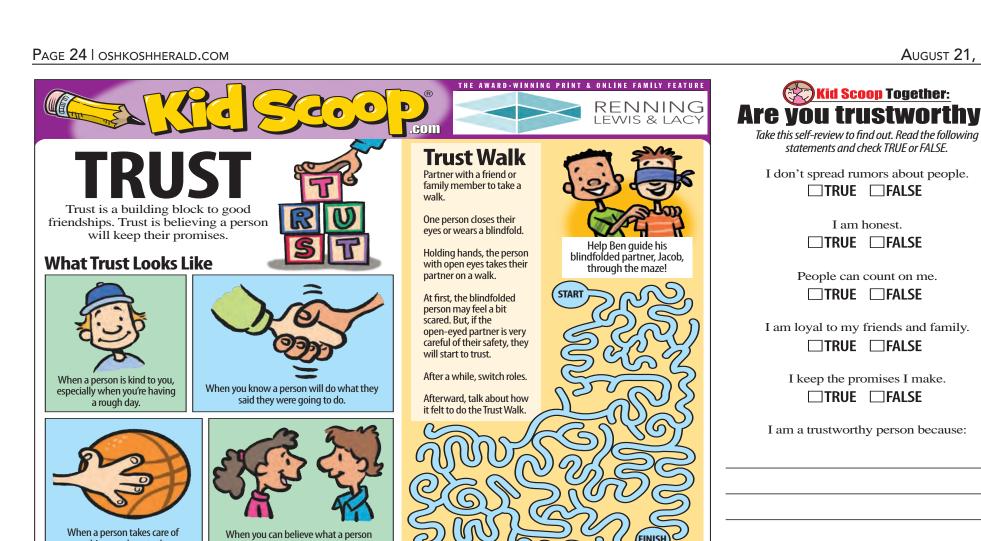
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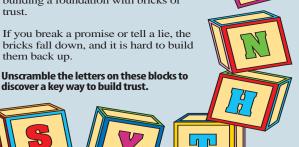




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Juan heard a bad rumor about Sarah. Juan should.

Tomas found \$10 in the gym. Tomas should



looking into it as best as they

can. After a few minutes,

Talk about how the mirror

Sasha found Maria's diary. Sasha should

Irusty Words

Select a person or a character in a book that you trust. Look through the newspaper for five words that describe that person or character. Use these words to write about why you trust them. Standards Link: Language arts



Face a partner. One person the other will be the person looking into the mirror.

The mirror follows the

and the person looking into it could help each other. movements of the person **How many differences** can you find between these two friends playing the mirror

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple writ

switch roles.

Double **Word Search** Double Find the words in the puzzle. BLOCKS

BUILDS CARES EYES FRIEND GOOD **KIND** LOAN ONE **PROMISE ROLES** RUMOR **SAFETY TRUST**

YOU

How many of them can you find on this page? NOROLESLYJ YNUVHCDEO TJEMXOKTL OEBCNOTBSK MFELGARUUW IAYUOYOIRC SSERACWLTG EUSDNIKDOY FRIENDHSVM

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

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