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Arena rebound begins to take shape

NBA Herd games, other events in the works

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Arena officials say they are close to having a deal to keep the Wisconsin Herd in Oshkosh.

In June the Herd, the NBA G-League affiliate for the Milwaukee Bucks and primary tenant of the venue, announced six

games that will be played in Oshkosh but didn't specifically say where those games were to be played.

Now it falls to the new management team – VenuWorks – to get the arena ready for the season and other events.

The arena was placed under new management earlier this month after a judge put attorney Paul Swanson in place as the arena's receiver. One of Swanson's first moves was to bring in management company VenuWorks to handle operations.

H.R. Cook, regional vice president for VenuWorks, is optimistic for the future of the arena and believes the Herd will be staying in Oshkosh long term.

VenuWorks operates in smaller secondary markets with experience working with agents and acts that play across the country. The Iowa-based company manages more than 40 venues from arenas, stadiums, outdoor amphitheatres and conven-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Jazz fest headliner

Grammy-winner John Pizzarelli (right), with pianist Isaiah J. Thompson and bassist Mike Karn, was featured at the annual Oshkosh Jazz Festival downtown Saturday that filled Main Street with music and jazz fans for a daylong lineup.

Parents of son share story of his fatal fentanyl mistake



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Rick and Erin Rachwal speak about the loss of their son Logan to fentanyl. The couple speak to young people to encourage them to have awareness of the drug's risk.

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

It was 2021 on Valentine's Day when the family of Logan Rachwal changed forever.

Logan died after mistakenly taking fentanyl, believing it was a pain pill. Today the only way the Rachwal family can visit their son is at his grave.

Rick and Erin Rachwal spoke last Wednesday at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to a room full of young people along with members of the community. The event was held on National Awareness Day for Fentanyl.

"This is serious. We can't get our son back and that's why we're here," Erin said.

Their message was simple and based off the longstanding anti-drug slogan, "Just Say No." But the Rachwals' focus is, "Just know," as in knowing that pills and illicit substances can have anything in them and

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that just 2 milligrams of fentanyl is deadly and can fit on the tip of a pencil.

The Rachwals spend whatever time they have speaking to young people about the drug.

"One experimental choice can lead to an addiction," Erin said. She noted it could be from vaping, THC, alcohol or abusing prescription pills, but they can all lead to addiction.

Logan's story, as told by his mother, is that he suffered from anxiety at a young age and that developed into depression.

"Logan was a joyful kid; he was kind and sensitive," Rick said.

He first took opioids when he was 14 when a doctor gave him a prescription for

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County appoints financial administrator

Director chosen to help lead budget process

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel has selected Jamie Rouch as the county's new director of administration, replacing Mike Collard who retired in April.

Rouch has more than 15 years of experience in administrative roles within local government. She was most recently finance operations manager for the city of Independence, Mo., previously served as an associate professor at College of the Ozarks and as the city of Branson's director of finance.

The director of administration position was newly created by Doemel in 2022. According to the county's job posting, the position provides leadership, high-level analysis and direction to increase internal services and responsiveness to the Finance, Human Resources and Information Systems departments and assists the county executive and county board regarding public policy, budget development and administrative matters.

Among the skills listed in Rouch's cover

letter is priority-based budgeting, a focus of Doemel's administration. Earlier this year the county board approved \$175,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the county executive's



Rouch

office for assistance with strategic planning and priority-based budgeting.

"Jamie's experience with priority-based budgeting is on the cutting edge of this initiative," Doemel wrote in a letter to the board requesting approval for

her appointment.

According to the job posting, the position comes with an annual salary of \$135,890-\$150,989. Rouch was selected after a search process that included two rounds of interviews and she is relocating to Winnebago County with her family.

In her cover letter, Rouch wrote that she will collaborate with elected officials, city staff and residents to advance the interests of the county.

"I am particularly drawn to Winnebago County for its vibrant community, forward thinking and strategic vision for the future," Rouch wrote. "I am impressed by

the city's commitment to balancing the growth with financial stability and economic development and eager to leverage my skills in leadership, decision-making and problem-solving to support the city's goals and priorities."

Doemel introduced Rouch to the County Board at its meeting Tuesday.

"I'm really interested in picking her brain on how can the county be more intentional of how we assist economic developments and get a little bit better than what seems to be 1.04% net new construction," he said.

Rouch fielded questions from supervisors, stating that she was drawn to the job opening in Wisconsin because her family is in a transition period and wanted to move.

"I believe this is where the Lord really wanted us and that's why we're here," she said.

Supervisors asked Rouch about her experience with priority-based budgeting and she noted the city she was employed by was the first in Missouri to implement it and said the city conducted focus groups to determine priorities that represent the majority of the community.

With County Board approval, Rouch is expected to begin in the new position in the next week.

Area's jobless rate for July holds at 3.1%

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County maintained an unemployment rate of 3.1% between June and July, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last July's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and the county was 3%.

The preliminary, nonseasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in metropol-

itan statistical areas decreased or stayed the same in nine of those areas over the month; rates decreased or stayed the same in six areas over the year.

Unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 24 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month; rates decreased or stayed the same in 22 cities over the past year.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EAA offering campsites for NFL Draft in April

Oshkosh Herald

The Experimental Aircraft Association is making its drive-in Camp Scholler campsites available to meet the demand for accommodations during the NFL Draft being held April 24-26 in Green Bay.

"With hundreds of thousands of football fans coming to northeast Wisconsin, accommodations are at a premium and people have asked if we would be available

to assist," said Chris Farrell, EAA director of events.

Campsites can be reserved at EAA.org/Camping/Football and are available from April 19-29, with a three-night minimum. Each campsite has water and electrical availability for one camper or recreational vehicle.

Camp Scholler welcomes AirVenture volunteers and attendees in late June.



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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 30, 1934

Pros Play Exhibition Baseball in Oshkosh:

On this date, an exhibition game between the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals was played at the fairgrounds. A crowd of 12,000 people showed up to watch, making it the single largest sports event in Oshkosh history. Cardinal pitcher Dizzy Dean called the action over the loudspeaker. Oshkosh resident Opie Below had the honor of being named the third-base umpire in the match. Shortstop Leo "The Lip" Durocher played for the Cardinals that day as the Cubs breezed to a 12-5 victory over the "Gas House Gang" who would go on to win the World Series that same year.

Source: "We Shall Never Pass This Way Again" by Randy R. Domer; Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 30, 1934

Correction

AUG. 21, PAGE 7: A story about a downtown stabbing death mistakenly identified two men as working at the restaurant where the incident took place. The two men involved in the altercation did not work at the restaurant.

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Jail time ordered after 2022 paddlewheeler crash

Judge sends message to boating community

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Jason Lindemann was escorted out of the Winnebago County Courthouse, placed in handcuffs and began serving his jail sentence Thursday two years after a boating crash in Oshkosh.

The 54-year-old Oshkosh business owner was sentenced to five months in jail with Huber release privileges for crashing his powerboat into a paddlewheel boat on the Fox River in July 2022.

Lindemann was found guilty at his jury trial in June of two felony counts of recklessly endangering safety, 11 counts of failing to render aid after a boating accident and one count of negligent operation of a boat.

Circuit Court Branch 4 Judge Michael Gibbs handed down the sentence and made it clear it was a message to Lindemann and the boating community when it comes to these types of accidents.

“If you don’t stop you will go to jail,” he said.

Lindemann was also sentenced to three years of probation and 50 hours of community service for each year of probation. The 50 hours is representative of the six

people on Lindemann’s boat and 44 people on the On the Loos Cruise boat.

“Your actions that day were cowardly,” Gibbs told Lindemann, and suggested that if he would have simply stopped to offer help to the On the Loos passengers that things would have not escalated to felony charges.

Lindemann’s attorney Scott Ceman argued that it was a hostile environment after the crash and that Lindemann did go back to check on the boat. Ceman stressed that Lindemann did check for anyone in the water and did not see anyone.

During the trial there was testimony that after the crash, Lindemann dropped off people from his boat and took his power boat onto Lake Winnebago where he spent the night.

Assistant attorneys general Tara Jenswold and Emily Thompson prosecuted the case for the state with Thompson giving the sentencing argument last week. She said Lindemann did not go back to check on the On the Loos boat and fled the scene.

Lindemann, who owns Sweetwater Performance Center and Dockside Tavern, said at the sentencing that he didn’t have full control of the boat after the crash as the steering wasn’t working properly after hitting the paddlewheeler.

Lindemann told Gibbs he fled the scene

for “self-preservation” as he was going through a divorce and was why he took the boat out onto the lake for the night. He took full responsibility for his actions on July 9, 2022.

“There is no excuse,” he said.

Four people who were on the paddlewheel boat spoke at the sentencing hearing and accused Ceman of victim-shaming and asserting that he downplayed their injuries after the crash.

Before the sentencing, Thompson requested the remaining charge in this case

– a citation for being intoxicated while boating – be dismissed and the request was granted by Gibbs.

The other remaining factor in the case is restitution requested by the victims. Eleven are seeking more than \$500,000. Court documents show they are seeking anywhere between \$600 and \$10,000 with one – the owner and operator of the On the Loos, requesting \$460,000.

Lindemann is also facing several civil lawsuits related to the crash. A restitution hearing is scheduled Jan. 22.



Boys & Girls Club photo

High school class of 1964 sets reunion

The Oshkosh High School class of 1964, the first to attend all three years at the newly built school in 1961, is celebrating its 60th class reunion Sept. 6.

Now named Oshkosh West High School, it was the only public high school

in Oshkosh at that time.

The reunion begins at West at 4:15 p.m. with a tour of the school and Veterans Honor Hall, followed by a celebration at Greene’s Pour House restaurant at the Westhaven Golf Club.

Tea for the ladies

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh held its 14th annual Afternoon Tea event earlier this month to celebrate its Character & Empowerment program designed for young ladies ages 7-10. About 50 club girls attend six classes taught by organizations and friends of the club that build character and leadership skills. This year’s classes focused on wellness, self-love, confidence, leadership and persistence. Megan Roberson, a planning specialist for the Green Bay Packers, was the event speaker.

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Program coordinator offers personal perspective

By Amanda Tennyson
HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

My story is one of disconnection. My addiction took me away from the parts of my life that were important to me; laws and society took me away from everything and everyone else.

Louise Vincent, who is director of the NC Survivors Union, says, "All we do is disconnect people in the United States. So, if you are a person who uses drugs and needs help, we start with disconnecting you. And I truly believe that addiction is the opposite of connection. What we do is everything wrong to help a person. We disconnect people from their families, we disconnect people from their friends, we alienate people from work, we disconnect them from community, and then we disconnect them from their freedom. And when people finally have nothing left, then they will use until they die."

I survived.

Growing up, I wish someone would have told me that, for some of us, if we use drugs, we can never stop rather than the Just Say No model of the DARE program that just told us drugs are bad. My first experience with drug use occurred when an older sibling got me high for the first time at age 9. Now, I know that I suffered from mental health all my life. Back then those were issues we just didn't talk about, so I was left to manage it all myself.

Overall, I did well for many years. I was a regular teen. I was on the pom and dance team, I played soccer, I got good grades (for the most part), and I received a scholarship to attend a college for cosmetology. My friends used drugs periodically and didn't have any problems. I had no reason to believe I would be any different.

Shortly after high school graduation, I began dating a man six years my senior. He dealt cocaine, which we both used. I was 18 years old the first time I experimented with crack cocaine. It was at that point that my life changed forever. It wasn't long before I dropped out of cosmetology school.

That relationship was very physically, emotionally, mentally and sexually abu-



Submitted photo

Amanda Tennyson, shown with her children, is the Harm Reduction Program coordinator at Winnebago County Public Health.

sive, which continued for the next seven years. I got pregnant with my first son and stopped doing drugs, however, he was also an alcoholic and an angry one at that.

During my second pregnancy he had me arrested and I went to jail. My family bailed me out and I delivered our second baby boy two days after my release. The stress of the relationship caused our son to have a lot of health issues.

I discharged myself from the hospital 12 hours after delivering, while my son was still in the NICU to file a domestic restraining order so I could get all the kid's belongings out of the house. I tried so hard to get my life together so I could raise my children. I eventually moved into my own place, struggling to co-parent, still

dealing with his abuse.

I decided to go back to cosmetology school to attempt to live a "normal" life. I found myself in a relationship with a woman who was fighting the same demon of addiction. It wasn't long before I started using crack again, and again dropped out of school.

During that relationship, we partied and experimented with all kinds of drugs. I found, what I thought was the love of my life: heroin. After countless efforts to stop using heroin, losing custody of my children to their abusive father, selling my body for drugs, being homeless, and overdosing, the time finally came when I was arrested and charged with manufacture and delivery of heroin, party to a

crime. I went through withdrawals while incarcerated. I always said, if I ever made it through the withdrawals, I would never go back to shooting heroin.

During my time in jail, I learned about Narcotics Anonymous. There was a woman who came into the jails and led NA meetings. I sat 102 days in Outagamie County Jail and when I was finally released, I asked that woman to be my sponsor. She was my saving grace. She was the first person that loved me for who and what I was. She loved me even though I had done horrible things, and I didn't think I deserved to be loved.

A month after I was released, I entered

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Emotional impact of drug deaths touches everyone

By Cheryl Brehmer
WINNEBAGO COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

From a young age I wanted to be Quincy ME when I grew up. I was always fascinated by the investigations and medical mysteries, and it was a TV show that captured my interest and held on for many years.

What this show did not portray was the emotional toll it takes on the people working within this profession.

In the effort to maintain our professional yet compassionate composure and remain strong to help support families and loved ones, I can only say that there are many times we put on a facade. Not all will agree with me and each of us is at our own stage of the journey but – no matter how strong we think we are – in the end we have all been affected in some way.

Not all deaths are under horrendous situations, and some have been explained as a beautiful experience by the family with the capability of being by their bedside giving loving support as they pass on. For others it was one of the worst days of their lives and they feel they've been robbed of

the opportunity to make amends, to say I love you one more time, or to just be there so their loved one didn't die alone.

The overdose epidemic has robbed too many families of these opportunities. While we may have never met the decedent or their family and friends before we are summoned to the scene, their pain and turmoil is impossible to ignore once witnessed and it is just as impossible to stop it from reaching our own hearts. These deaths are so preventable, and it is heartbreaking and emotionally exhausting that they continue to increase each year.

I used to believe that if I was not portrayed as strong and showed that the impact of this epidemic was wearing me down, then I would be seen as no longer having the coping skills to remain in this field. I was empathetic to the situations but would keep up what I believed was impenetrable shields.

After over a decade of responding to death scenes, which include too many overdoses, I have come to learn that my shields have multiple cracks and flaws that I continuously overlooked.



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Cheryl Brehmer has been Winnebago County's medical examiner since 2019.

The overdose epidemic has been explained by some in the medical examiner's field as feeling like Groundhog Day. It is disheartening to see those of all ages from

teens to over 70 either lose their battle with substance abuse or suffer a fatal overdose from experimenting with substances. The consequences far exceed the action or circumstances and impacts everyone involved with the situation, from the families to those investigating and assisting the families.

Although we are considered the last responders, we join those in the effort of prevention with our time and knowledge in any aspect that we can offer. This is the way that we cope with what we have seen and experienced in hopes that someday overdose deaths will become a rare event.

We need to continue coming together as a community, we need more recovery resources, we need more treatment beds, we need to strengthen our recovery community, and we need to find a way to remain proactive and not continuously reactive. There are more programs being developed every day, some of which I agree with and others that I don't, but I can agree that we all have the same goals in that we want substance abuse and fatal overdoses to be a memory not our reality.

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 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).

Apricity: The alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) certified treatment and recovery program has its job training center and three sober living homes in Neenah along with treatment centers – Mooring House and Casa Clara – in Appleton. Contact its corporate office at 1010 Strohmeyer Drive, Neenah, at 920-722-2345 or go to apricityservices.com.

Narcotics Anonymous USA (NA) is a nonprofit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. Go to usa-na.org or email info@usa-na.org for more information.

Logan's story

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OxyContin.

On Feb. 14, 2021, the Rachwals received the devastating news that Logan had died in his dorm room, alone at 19 years old.

"He was just a kid," Rick said, fighting back tears. "He was 19 and looked like a man, but he was just a kid."

Logan believed he was taking an OxyContin pill.

"He thought he was going to feel better from taking it," Erin said. "He took a pill and he passed away. It looked like a pain pill."

Nine months later, another student – Cade Reddington – also died from fentanyl poisoning in the same dorm building. Both were freshmen at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Reddington was just three months into his college life.

The Rachwals define their son's death as a mistake with a pill from a drug dealer that Logan believed was real.

"Can you tell which one is real?" Erin

asked the children as she showed images of almost identical pills.

Spreading this message is not the Rachwals' full-time work. They find whatever time they can to speak to young people about the dangers of taking any pill or substance that isn't prescribed by a doctor.

The Rachwals also spoke about the dangers of unhealthy coping mechanisms while promoting healthy strategies.

The family focuses on the phrase "poisoned by fentanyl" rather than "overdosed."

Matt Kaemmerer, director of pupil services for the Oshkosh Area School District, was at the event and said the district has been reactive in its approach to fentanyl. The district currently has Narcan available in all schools.

"We'll look at the resources out there and see what we can do," he said.

Rick Rachwal shared the last text message from Logan the day before he died. It ended with, "I wanted to say Happy Saturday and I love you."

It was the last time his parents heard from him.

Tennyson

FROM PAGE 4

treatment at Apricity. I only lasted a few weeks in treatment before I left against staff advice. Before entering treatment, I began dating a man who had been recently released from prison, who also was fighting his own demon. We were sober, attending meetings, and working with a sponsor.

During this time, my mother, and her partner stood by me while I fought to get custody of my kids back. My mother paid thousands of dollars to make it possible while I did the work I needed to do to get them back.

After 18 months with this man, we got married and I gained full custody of my boys. Shortly after we married, he relapsed on meth. For the next three years, it was jail, prison and treatment centers. I vowed to love him through sickness and health until finally, I needed to protect my children and myself after the relationship became abusive.

I will never forget the look of emptiness in his eyes as the man I trusted and loved beat me. I didn't think I was ever going to be in the position of being beaten ever again and here I was, standing face to face with the choice to stay and put my children and my sobriety in danger or to divorce him and start over. As he was stuck in the wicked cycle of meth addiction, I knew from my own addiction, work and education, I couldn't save him, no matter how badly I wanted to. As he went to prison for drug use and domestic abuse, I filed for a divorce.

My path gave me the opportunity to train to become a recovery coach, where I learned that there are many avenues to recovery outside of the traditional 12-step model. I knew that the rigid, abstinence-from-everything model was not going to work for me. I remember telling my sponsor, that I didn't see myself abstaining from alcohol for the rest of my life since alcohol was never an issue for me.

After three years of abstaining from all substances, I decided to have a drink. In the eyes of society, I was no longer "sober." At that moment, all my "friends" left, my sponsor left, and I was left to deal with all of this on my own. I was again disconnected from the people I needed.

Did my decision to drink scare people? 100%. Did everyone think that I was going to go back to using drugs? Yes. For me, all their assumptions were proved wrong.

Now, this isn't to say that anyone who stops using drugs can drink. This is my journey and what I do will not work for everyone. Recovery isn't a one-size-fits-all approach. Everyone's journey is different and that is the approach I take with all

Last in a 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.

my clients. I often say, 'You can't recover if you're dead' and I will likely never stop screaming this to everyone around me.

I am the harm reduction program coordinator at Winnebago County Public Health. While difficult and often under scrutiny, I love my work. I have the opportunity to use my lived experiences and difficulties to connect with people who are as disconnected as I was. It is amazing what can be accomplished when we approach people as humans who are worthy of our care and respect, get them the tools they need to survive and consistently be here to support them wherever they are in their life.

I am the person that people come to on their best day and worst day. I get to connect them to care when they are ready, and I get to be the friendly and safe face to greet them when life is too much. Every day I am reminded of the importance of this work.

The stigma of addiction is so prevalent and never really goes away. To this day, after nearly 11 years in recovery, I still face stigma and discrimination in many systems, especially within many health care systems. I wish that people would consider the pain that stigma and discrimination cause to people who use drugs and people in recovery before they speak and while making decisions.

Contrary to some, we do not choose to become addicted to drugs. We do not love drugs more than our children or families. If it were that easy to stop, we would have been successful the first time because believe me, we have tried time and time again. We are parents, children, siblings, friends, employees and members of this community.

Without programs like the one I operate and the people who do this work, I wouldn't be here today to share my story and for that, I am eternally grateful.

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Extensive theft through Medicare billing leads to charges

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Police believe an Oshkosh woman made dozens of fraudulent billings totaling almost \$300,000 in theft from an Oshkosh clinic and also is accused of stealing someone's identity by opening a credit card in their name.

Katie M. Niemuth, 40, is facing one count of identity theft for financial gain and one count of theft – false representation over \$100,000. If convicted, she could face up to 10 years and six months in prison followed by up to eight years of extended supervision.

Charges were filed against Niemuth in 2022 but dismissed without prejudice, which means they can be refiled later. The dismissal came after the Wisconsin Department of Justice Medicaid Fraud Control and Elder Abuse Unit (MFCU) became involved and started their own investigation. The case was referred back to the Winnebago County District Attorney's office this year.

The business is not named in court documents but the Herald confirmed Niemuth worked at the Oshkosh Wellness Counseling Center during the years men-

tioned in the criminal complaint through court documents in a small claims lawsuit filed against the clinic.

During Niemuth's initial appearance Aug. 19, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set her signature bond at \$5,000.

According to the criminal complaint, the owner of the clinic contacted police about the alleged theft in July 2021. An employee looking at past transactions noted a payment of \$2,130 that was not added to the business' bank account. There were similar payments not added to the account in the amounts of \$8,711, \$7,708 and \$5,326.

The business called United Healthcare insurance company and learned two of the payments went to a Square account that Niemuth owned. When police spoke to Niemuth, they said she stated she would transfer the money into another account she owned and then withdraw the amount from an ATM before giving it to the clinic owner.

Police allege the money was instead transferred into a checking account Niemuth controlled.

Another employee at the clinic told police she believed Niemuth was double bill-

ing and noticed the ledger was not adding up. When the employee questioned her about it, Niemuth allegedly told her to "keep her nose out of (it)."

An Oshkosh police detective obtained a subpoena for Niemuth's account and identified \$105,320.22 that went into her account that should have gone into the business account.

An MFCU investigator went over Medicaid billing at the clinic between 2019 and 2022 from one counselor that had worked at the Oshkosh clinic. Niemuth worked at the clinic in 2020 and 2021, during which time the amounts billed to Medicaid were much higher than in 2019 and 2022.

The investigator contacted several former patients of the clinic. Two separate parents said their child had visited the clinic

no more than five times but both children's Medicaid IDs were billed for 34 visits.

Another patient said they had gone to the clinic five times or fewer and their Medicaid ID was billed for 73 appointments.

A fourth patient said they had gone to the clinic a significant number of times and the billing seemed appropriate, but her daughter's Medicaid ID was billed 70 times between 2019 and 2021 even though her daughter was never a patient there.

The investigator reviewed the Medicaid billing before and after Niemuth was employed there. They conservatively estimated Niemuth's fraudulent billing resulted in the overpayment of more than \$294,000.

Niemuth remains out on a signature bond and is set to be back in court Sept. 5.

Dogs take to runway in new fundraiser

Day by Day Shelter and Becket's Restaurant will be joined by six local boutiques for a fashion show featuring models accompanied by adorable dogs at the first annual Pups on the Runway from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 12 at Becket's.

The fundraiser is the brainchild of Carmen Leal, who has written two books about rescue dogs and is an advocate for the Day by Day Shelter, which is across the street from her home in the River East neighborhood.

"I adopted my dog as an emotional support animal after I suffered a traumatic brain injury. I know I would not have the same quality of life without my dog, and so when I met Phoenix, the facility dog at Day by Day, I knew there had to be a way to raise money to provide for his care," Leal said.

Phoenix is a purebred boxer trained by Journey Together Service Dog to

help people in an education, treatment or therapeutic setting.

Day by Day program director Denise Holz is Phoenix's handler and they will be modeling "rescue" clothing and accessories from downtown consignment store The Turquoise Door. AtomicKatz will be showcasing "rescue clothes" while "pedigree" or new fashions will be featured by Brinkley's Boutique, Periwinkle Poppy Boutique, Soiree Gifts, and UBloom Florist and Gift Shop.

Discover Oshkosh executive director Amy Albright will be the emcee.

There is a suggested \$5 donation per person or a \$20 donation that comes with raffle tickets, a signed book from Leal and \$10 donation to Day by Day Shelter.

All proceeds will go to the Phoenix Fund for food, vaccinations, vet care and emergency care.

Speakers featured at Jesuit Retreat House

Jesuit Retreat House's Lakeside Speakers Series is being presented free to community members beginning Sept. 11 with Susan Panek, a university faculty lecturer and retired nonprofit executive.

Panek will explain the Oshkosh Civility Project and provide group exercises where participants can learn to strengthen social bonds, reduce stress, increase satisfaction and improve work quality to positively im-

pact relationships.

On Oct. 9, EAA Aviation Museum programs coordinator Chris Henry will take people from the battlefields to the set of "MASH," a feature film that became the hit TV series to learn about the real-life heroes who saved lives during the Korean War.

The Jesuit Retreat House is at 4800 Fahrwald Road south of Oshkosh.

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cepted include televisions, desktop and laptop computers, printers, computer monitors, computer accessories, e-readers, DVD players, VCRs and other video players, and fax machines. Not accepted are contaminated medical equipment, fire alarms, smoke detectors, dehumidifiers, devices containing mercury, exit signs or fire extinguishers.

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An architect's drawing illustrates the approved rebuild of UW Oshkosh's Polk Library.

UW Oshkosh library project, academic restructuring OK'd

Oshkosh Herald

A \$137.5 million transformation of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Polk Library and an academic plan to reshape the university's colleges and programs into a more learner-centered, career-focused structure both gained UW Board of Regents support last week.

The rebuild of the nearly 60-year-old library is one of the major projects among the Regents' 2025-2027 biennial budget requests.

The combined renovation and new construction plan will modernize the building's 1967 wing through renovation and rebuilding the complex's north wing, university officials said, and deal with years of water penetration and outdated, failing mechanical systems.

The new Polk Learning Commons will total 163,000 square feet, a footprint smaller than the existing library. The project also will provide UWO and the community a home for print collections, local and state archives, and a digital and social hub more accommodating to student, faculty, staff, alumni and residents' study and research.

"The Polk Learning Commons plan reminds us that as libraries transform in shape and usage, they remain the beating heart of any university – havens for learning, collaboration and research," Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said in a statement. "We're ready to work with state officials in the months ahead and make the case for this much-needed investment in UWO."

Regents endorsed UWO's previously announced academic restructuring proposal that realigns programs, strengthens connections to Wisconsin's K-12 school system career clusters and cuts administrative costs by an estimated \$1.75 mil-

lion.

The new academic model shifts the institution from four to three colleges within a structure containing six new "schools" that are intended to make it easier to explore and pursue majors without slowing down the time needed to earn degrees.

The three new colleges and their respective schools are the College of Business, Arts & Communication with the School of Business and School of Media, Arts & Communication; the College of Public Affairs & Education with the School of Public Affairs & Global Engagement and School of Education & Human Services; and the College of Nursing, Health Professions & STEM with the School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics and School of Nursing & Health Professions.

"A team of faculty and staff have worked incredibly hard on developing the new structure that offers an even better educational experience for students while achieving considerable savings outside the classroom," provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs Ed Martini stated.

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Ascension Mercy president, Titan alumnus to be honored

By Grace Lim
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Shane Carter, president of Ascension Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh and vice president of the Omro School Board, will be presented with a 2024 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Distinguished Alumni Award on Homecoming weekend this fall.

Carter earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2002 and a master's in nursing in 2010. He began his health care career as an ICU (intensive care unit) nurse at the hospital now known as Ascension NE Wisconsin – Mercy Campus. He was tapped to be president of the same hospital in 2023.



Carter

Before his current role, Carter served as chief nurse officer at Advocate Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh for 12 years and has worked as a nurse manager and in clinical nursing education. He has been an Omro School Board member since 2019 and volunteers with several athletics' booster organizations. He has served on the board of visitors for the UWO College of Nursing since 2011.

Seon Yoon Chung, dean of the UWO College of Nursing, touts Carter as a steadfast leader and forward-thinker.

"He has been safeguarding the health and well-being of clients in our communities during good and bad times and through some non-ideal times, including the COVID-19 pandemic," she said. "The fact that Shane Carter rose to the top was

not surprising given his vast experience and contribution towards securing access to high quality health care in our community."

Jane Dus, who had worked with Carter at Aurora Medical Center, echoed Yoon's sentiments.

"Shane has participated in many strategic activities and helped to shape many of our current processes," said Dus, who is the regional chief nursing officer and system vice president for Advocate Aurora Health.

Carter was instrumental in redesigning how nursing education is delivered, shifting from a traditional model to a hybrid model, Dus added, resulting in a much-improved platform to meet the needs of the nursing teams.

He started at UW Oshkosh undecided but leaning toward something sports related. However, he got a job at a local plasma center working as a phlebotomist and found that many of his co-workers were nursing students. They urged him to consider the nursing program, and so he did.

"I was in a health care setting at the plasma center, interacting with the donors, the community, and I felt a little bit of the calling to be in that type of service industry," he said.

He applied for UWO's nursing program, was accepted and never looked back.

"I've been blessed to be part of something special, and that's health care delivery," said Carter, who credits much of his professional success to his alma mater. "UW Oshkosh has helped mold me into the person I am today."

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Stabbing at gas station brings multiple charges

Oshkosh Herald

An employee was stabbed by a man attempting to steal from an Oshkosh gas station last week.

Devonte J. Brown, 23, is facing multiple felony charges linked to the incident. Court documents state he is being charged with armed robbery, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and substantial battery with intent for bodily harm.

If convicted, Brown could face up to 25 years in prison followed by up to 15 years of extended supervision for the armed robbery charge.

Brown is also facing misdemeanor counts of battery, carrying a concealed knife, two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and two counts of bail jump-

ing.

Court documents allege Brown was shoplifting inside the store and when confronted by employees he grabbed a knife in the store and attacked the employees.

At Brown's initial appearance, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set cash bond at \$100,000. Records show Brown remains in the Winnebago County Jail.

The incident was reported around 6:25 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Marathon gas station on Oshkosh Avenue. The caller told dispatch someone was trying to shoplift.

During the call, the dispatcher could hear someone say, "Put the knife down" and then, "Take the knife away." The dispatcher reported there was a lot of yelling during the call.

When officers arrived, paramedics were assessing a victim's stab wound to his upper left thigh. The victim told officers a man, later identified as Brown, came into the store moving slowly.

The two employees believed Brown was shoplifting and when he got to the counter to make a purchase was having issues with his payment. One employee walked to the front door and locked it. Then they told Brown to put back everything he had put in his pockets.

Brown allegedly became agitated and denied taking anything. He saw knives for sale, grabbed one and opened it. The two attempted to restrain Brown and during

the struggle one of the men was stabbed and later treated for non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

The complaint alleges the altercation continued with Brown grabbing one of the men by the throat before attempting to run through the parking lot before one of the employees subdued him until officers arrived.

While Brown was in the squad car police said he repeatedly unbuckled his seat belt and yelled for help. He was transported to Mercy Medical Center stating he could not breathe.

Brown's preliminary hearing in front of Heywood is scheduled for Thursday.

Men's development program back at St. Jude

The 10th year of That Man Is You, a program focused on the development of men in the modern world, returns Wednesday mornings starting Sept. 11 through Dec. 2 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish – Sacred Heart.

This year's theme is "Apostles of the New Springtime" and builds on the success of the program, which is a city parish-

es series held from 5:30 to 7 a.m. in Sacred Heart's Leannah Hall. There is an online option with a virtual small-group session from 7 to 7:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings.

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Business news roundup

Flights Wine and Cocktail Club opened this month at 607 S. Main St. featuring natural wines and wine flights, local beers and specialty mocktails. Owned by Andrea Reichenberger, the business in the former Brooklyn Grill location is awaiting a liquor license before it can serve alcohol cocktails. An Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting was held Thursday.

Wrightway Home Improvements, in Fond du Lac since 1976, has a new showroom opening in Oshkosh this month at 1951 S. Washburn St. The showroom will feature a collection of Infinity from Marvin windows and patio doors, Waudena entry doors, ABC Seamless steel siding, Gutter Helmet gutter protection, Deckorators decking and Sunesta retractable awnings among other products. For more information visit wrightwaybuilt.com.

Oshkosh Corp. recently reported 2024 second-quarter net income of \$168.6 million compared with net income of \$175 million for the second quarter of 2023. Adjusted net income was \$219.8 million for

the second quarter compared with \$179.6 million for the same quarter a year ago. Consolidated sales in the second quarter of 2024 increased \$433.8 million, or 18 percent, to \$2.85 billion primarily due to improved sales volume in all three segments, sales related to the AeroTech acquisition of \$192 million and improved pricing. "We reached a significant milestone in our partnership with the U.S. Postal Service during the quarter as we began low-volume production of our Next Generation Delivery Vehicles," stated John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. chief executive.

Fox World Travel's chief culture officer **Audra D. Mead** has been honored with the 2024 Employ Humanity Inspirational Leader Award, presented to individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities and a commitment to fostering an inclusive and thriving workplace culture. Nominations for this award can originate from both within and outside an organization. Mead has been CCO at Fox World Travel since 2016 and was its director of human resources from 2014 to 2016.

Volunteer needs

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is looking for warehouse food sorters to quality check, package, label or sort food. Shifts are on weekdays and run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3:30 p.m. Those who are 10-14 years old must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the volunteer shift. Contact Andrew at aramsey@feedingamericawi.org or 920-202-3698.

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is looking for volunteers to Adopt-A-Launch where they visit a designated boat launch at least three times a year through Nov. 1 to check for invasive species, remove

plants and litter and report issues. Training provided. Contact Chris at chris@fwwa.org.

Journey Together Service Dog: Help socialize service dogs in training through this prison dog program that trains dogs to assist people with PTSD. Dogs are trained by inmates at Oshkosh Correctional Institution but need public exposure. Volunteers take dogs to public places like stores, parks and restaurants on a flexible schedule. Contact Brenda at journeytogetherservicedog@gmail.com or visit www.journeytogetherservicedog.org.



Oshkosh Defense photo

Heavy tactical trucks are among the military vehicles that Oshkosh Defense will be producing for the U.S. Army.

Oshkosh Defense secures new heavy vehicle contract

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Defense has been awarded a five-year contract estimated at \$1.54 billion for its Family of Heavy Tactical Vehicles (FHTV) program from the U.S. Army Contracting Command's Detroit Arsenal.

The contract announced last week is expected to allow the Oshkosh Corp. company to continue delivering new and recapitalized heavy tactical vehicles and associated trailers into 2031.

The Oshkosh FHTV fleet includes the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT A4), Palletized Load System (PLS A1), PLS Trailer, and Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET A1). Oshkosh has produced more than 71,000 modernized heavy tactical vehicles and trailers to date for the U.S. military and its allied nations.

"Our continued collaboration with the

Army ensures that we deliver exceptional, high-performance vehicles with the latest technologies and active safety features," stated Pat Williams, chief programs officer.

Oshkosh Defense will integrate enhanced capabilities into the FHTV fleet such as drive-by-wire capability, condition-based maintenance, electrification, export power, fuel efficiency and demand reduction modifications.

"By integrating new technologies into the FHTV fleet, we are not only enhancing operational efficiency but also future proofing our vehicles to meet the evolving needs of the warfighter," Williams said.

As part of the FHTV IV contract extension, the Army awarded contract modifications valued at \$231.9 million for modernized trucks, kits and kit installs and can begin buying vehicles on the FHTV V contract this month.



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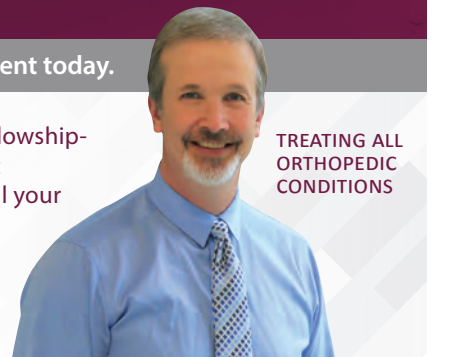
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New vaccine requirements noted for school year

ThedaCare Communications

As a new school year approaches, health care providers are asking parents and guardians to ensure children are protected against preventable diseases.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has updated its immunization requirements for school-age children. The agency says the changes align with the longstanding childhood vaccine recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The main changes involve the vaccine-preventable illnesses meningitis and chickenpox.

The meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine is now part of the mandatory schedule for students entering seventh grade. A booster dose is available for eligible students entering 12th grade. Meningitis is a potentially life-threatening infection affecting the

brain and spinal cord membranes. It can spread rapidly, especially in close quarters such as schools.

Children now must have a confirmed diagnosis of chickenpox from a qualified health care provider to be exempt from the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine requirement. Previously, a parent or guardian simply needed to report the disease. Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral infection causing an itchy rash with small, fluid-filled blisters. The disease can lead to serious complications.

“Requiring meningitis and chickenpox vaccines bolsters the state’s efforts to prevent outbreaks and protect children’s health, possibly allowing them to stay in school and thrive,” said Dr. Emily Olson, a pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics. “These new measures can help keep our communities healthier.”

Beyond meningitis and chickenpox,

Wisconsin mandates a series of vaccinations for children entering school (kindergarten through seventh grades) to ensure overall protection:

- Polio vaccine: Prevents the poliovirus that can cause paralysis.
- Hepatitis B: Guards against liver infection.
- DTaP/Tdap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis): Protects against three serious bacterial diseases. DTaP is recommended for infants and young children, and Tdap is recommended for older children and adults.
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella): Shields against highly contagious viral infections. Measles cases are on the rise this year. Experts attribute the trend to declining vaccination rates in the United States and a rise in cases worldwide.

“These vaccinations can help protect in-

dividual children, as well as contribute to herd immunity,” Olson explained. “This can help reduce the risk of outbreaks within school communities.”

Olson encourages parents to consider additional vaccinations beyond those which the state requires. These include annual influenza starting at 6 months of age to protect against seasonal flu, human papillomavirus (HPV) beginning around age 11 for both boys and girls, a vaccine that has been shown to prevent more than 90% of HPV-related cancers, and a COVID-19 booster.

State statute permits waivers to vaccinations for reasons of health, religious or personal conviction. Olson recommends parents and guardians talk with their child’s provider about any concerns they may have about immunization safety and their child’s vaccination status.

Elementary school to be dedicated

Oshkosh Herald

The new Menominee Elementary School at 915 Hazel St. will be ready to open for the 2024-2025 school year as it unites the former Merrill, Washington and Webster Stanley Elementary school communities.

Residents are invited to visit Oshkosh’s newest public elementary school with a public dedication and community open house set from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 22. The dedication ceremony starts at 4 p.m. in the cafeteria, after which the school will be open for self-guided tours.

The school is on the site of the former Webster Stanley Middle School, which was demolished after the 2023-24 school

year and most of those students now attend Vel Phillips.

The new facility designed by Bray Architects features flexible learning spaces, a media center with an adjacent makerspace, and a gymnasium. Overlooking Lake Winnebago and across from Menominee Park, the school includes a community room and safety systems providing a secure environment for learning.

As part of a \$107 million capital referendum approved by voters in 2020, Menominee Elementary marks the completion of the first phase of the Oshkosh Area School District’s four-phase facilities plan that will see the district move from 20 to 15 schools.

Attentive driving stressed amid I-41 construction work

Public and private interests are emphasizing responsible driving with ongoing construction work along Interstate 41 between Appleton and Green Bay that has a six-year project span.

The state Department of Transportation joined the Federal Highway Administration, state and county law enforcement and industry partners at a recent news conference to promote the message of road safety for travelers on that busy stretch.

“This reconstruction project is a major investment for northeast Wisconsin as crews transform this area, making travel so much better for those who live and work here, and the many others who visit our great state,” DOT division administrator Rebecca Burkel said.

According to DOT data, more than 2,100 crashes were recorded in Wiscon-

sin work zones in 2023, resulting in nine deaths and more than 700 injuries. Speeding, tailgating and distracted driving are the leading causes of work zone crashes.

State law prohibits texting while driving on any road. It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile device in work zones and in areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

Some reminders:

- Drive safely. Be courteous, avoid distractions and obey posted speed limits.
- Park the phone when driving. Texting while driving is illegal statewide and talking on a hand-held mobile device is illegal in work zones.
- Give space to emergency responders. Move over or slow down for emergency vehicles stopped along a highway with their warning lights flashing.



Celebrating 65 Years

Dave and Bev Sennholz recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at George’s Steak House, Appleton, with their entire family. Their family consists of three children and spouses, five grandchildren and their spouses, and five great-grandchildren.

On August 8, 1959, Dave and Bev said, “I do!” On that day 65 years ago, they invited God to join them on their life journey. Now, 65 years of marriage later, what does it look like day by day? It looks like preparing and enjoying family meals, countless fishing trips, serving in their church and community, and passing on their skills of how to can tomatoes, Christmas French toast, and always why they should keep extra cash in the glove box. Let’s not forget playing games with friends, family up north, and attending endless sporting events with the grandkids.

It has not all been wedded bliss, though. There were moments of pain, grief, sorrow, sadness, financial struggles and yes, even some bickering. Through it all, God has always seen them through and built up a strong faith in God. Whatever the future holds for them, they will face it together with God’s help.

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A new management team has taken over the arena and is working on a deal to keep the Wisconsin Herd in Oshkosh and bring new events and concerts to the arena.

Oshkosh Arena

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tion centers with more than 25 years of experience in the industry.

Cook said the company can use that experience and connections to help build up the Oshkosh Arena's reputation.

"Right now, due to the former arena owner, the reputation of the arena is mediocre," he said. "We will be going to Nashville, Los Angeles, New York City and Austin and meeting with the agents to show that Oshkosh can be a stop for their acts."

Cook said venues are like large freight trains: It takes a while to get them going.

"But once you get some momentum there will be a steady stream of shows coming in," Cook said. "And the Oshkosh Arena is a train that is sitting still right now."

He said there are about a dozen offers for shows right now in the works.

"Once we have the Herd dates set, we can start going over offers to bring in other events starting in November and December," he said.

The six home dates for the Herd announced in June are Nov. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 22 and March 1. Game

times and opponents are yet to be announced along with the complete 2024-25 G League schedule of 50 games.

Andy Linton will serve as executive director and has received feedback from the community on options for the arena.

"It's a beautiful facility," Linton said. "I've been up to Oshkosh once and appreciate the reception from the community and neighborhood."

"I'm looking forward to working with everybody in Oshkosh and becoming part of the community."

Greg Pierce, owner of the Oshkosh Arena, listed the 80,000-square-foot facility for sale earlier this year for \$19 million. Then Bayland Builders stepped in and filed a foreclosure lawsuit claiming Pierce and Fox Valley Pro Basketball owed the company more than \$12 million.

The arena was built in 2017 on South Main Street at the site of the former Buckstaff furniture factory as the Menominee Nation Arena in a naming rights deal with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. The tribe ended the contract in 2021.

Cook said a good time frame to sign a new naming rights deal would be between six and nine months after taking over the facility. He is hopeful that sponsors will soon sign on and that would include a significant naming deal.

Calendar of events

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, 8 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Music on Main: Lil' Davy Max, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

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

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Recovery Fest, 8 a.m., 621 Evans St.
Winnebago County Historical Soci-

ety Un-buried Treasure Sale, 8 a.m., 234 Church Ave.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Quarter Rama, 9:30 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Women's Self-Care Circuit, 9 a.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Music on Main: Brady Lee Solo, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

EAA Remembers 9/11, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Thursday, Sept. 12

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Pups on the Runway, 5 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

UW Oshkosh Department of Art Faculty Art Exhibition, 6 p.m., Allen Priebe Gallery, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds and expo hangars

Friday, Sept. 13

Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds and expo hangars

Saturday, Sept. 14

Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Festival, 8:30 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Walk for the Animals: Make the Magic Happen, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Water Lantern Festival, 4:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds and expo hangars

Christine Ann Capital Campaign Art Contest, 5 p.m., Algoma Art Alley and Jambalaya, 206 Algoma Blvd.

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Knights' quarterback closing out record-setting career



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Wade Lindahl is entering his fourth season as the starting quarterback for the Knights.

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Kevin Wopat has watched Wade Lindahl launch one amazing pass after another the past three years.

However, the one toss that “wowed” Wopat the most happened well before Lindahl was wearing a Lourdes Academy uniform.

Lindahl was a fifth-grade student attending a Lourdes youth football camp.

“I saw this little kid warming up and throwing the football,” Wopat said. “I thought to myself, ‘Boy, that’s a pretty throw for a kid that age.’ I had never met him before, but he made a big impression on me with the way he threw a football.”

Seven years later, Lindahl is closing a stellar record-setting career for the Wopat-coached Knights. Lindahl has been named to the Dave Krieg Award Preseason Watch List by Wissports.net and opened the 2024 season as the state’s 11th-ranked quarterback. The David Krieg Award is presented annually to the state’s top senior quarterback and is named after the former NFL QB from D.C. Everest High School.

Lindahl opened the 2024 season with 6,015 career passing yards and 68 touchdown passes. He has also rushed for 988 career yards and 16 scores.

“As a high school quarterback, he can make every throw on the field,” said Wopat. “He has exceptional arm talent and his mechanics are really good.”

Lindahl already holds Lourdes passing records for single-game yards (393 versus Brookfield Academy in 2022), single-season completions (206 in 2023), single-season attempts (294 in 2023) and single-season completion percentage (70 percent in 2023).

He’s just getting started, too. With good health, Lindahl has a decent chance to smash several more school passing records by the end of the season.

Lindahl is coming off a big junior season in which he lit up opposing defenses for 2,131 passing yards and 25 touchdowns, while rushing for another 826 yards and 12 scores. He had a quarterback rating of 107.7.

“Wade has a chance to make the record book his own,” said Wopat. “Joshua Bauer holds a lot of our passing records, but Wade is right on his tail.

“As long as he stays healthy, he has a chance to put some of them out of reach. He even has an outside chance at the state record for career passing yards.”

It’s no surprise the numbers have piled up for Lindahl. He’s been the Knights’ starting quarterback every game since his freshman year of 2021 and he’s earned first-team all-conference honors each of the past three seasons.

Lindahl didn’t waste any time in establishing himself as an elite quarterback. As a freshman, Lindahl threw for 1,792 yards and 22 TDs, while finishing with a quarterback rating of 121.3 for a 9-2 Knights’ team.

“It’s all gone by pretty fast,” said Lindahl. “It seems like just yesterday I was playing my first varsity game. It was defi-

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nately weird coming in as a freshman and starting, but I was surrounded by a really good group of upperclassmen. They made it easy for me and helped me get in the groove right away.”

Lindahl never lost that groove. He elevated most of his numbers his sophomore year, throwing for 2,092 yards and 21 TDs, while rushing for 137 yards and two scores. His quarterback rating was 101.8.

“He’s a kid that everyone on the team likes,” Wopat said. “When one of your best players operates that way, it makes for good camaraderie in the locker room and on the field.

“As good of a player that he is – as talented as he is – Wade is an even better kid. He’s so polite and respectful of everyone in our school. ... from our staff and teachers to the young kids who look up to him.”

The 6-foot-2, 175-pound Lindahl is a dual-threat quarterback who has the speed and athleticism to make plays not only with his arm but with his legs. Lindahl is a track and field sprinter during the spring months who runs the 100- and 200-meter dashes along with the sprint relays.

“I see myself as a person who can make plays when they need to be made,” Lindahl said. “I didn’t run the ball much my first two years, but that changed last season. I’m a pass-first guy, but I’m running the ball a lot more these days.”

Lindahl has been a quarterback since the day Wopat saw him throwing as a wide-eyed fifth-grader. He has gained inspiration along the way and has been given valuable quarterback tips by his cousin, Quinten Dormady, a quarterback in the United Football League (UFL) with the San Antonio Brahmas.

The 6-5, 219-pound Dormady was a prep football star at Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas, where he played for his father, Mike and threw for 2,893 yards and 32 touchdowns his senior year. Dormady went on to play college football at Tennessee (2015-17), Houston (2018) and Central Michigan (2019). He’s played professionally with the Montreal Alouettes (2021-22) in the Canadian Football League, the Orlando Guardians (2023) in the XFL and the Brahmas (2024) in the UFL.

“He (Dormady) has taught me a lot about the quarterback position and has inspired me,” said Lindahl. “So has my uncle Mike. I’ve been in contact with both of them. A lot of it has been texts and phone calls, but I went down to Texas for a summer back when I was in eighth grade and trained with my uncle.

“Working and talking with both of them has given me my base in terms of fundamentals and how I throw the football.”

Lindahl’s first tackle football team was the Berlin Bulldogs in the fourth grade. He and his family live in Berlin and he makes a daily commute to Lourdes.

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Lourdes Academy rolls to easy win in season opener

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Brady Ridenour might want to have his mom make him eggs every game day.

The junior running back started the day with a homemade breakfast and finished it by running for a career-high 169 yards and three touchdowns on just six carries – a whopping 28.2-yard per carry average – to drive Lourdes Academy to an easy 56-6 season-opening win over Living Word Lutheran last Thursday night at Titan Stadium.

“It was really fun. Football is my favorite sport and so it was good to get back out here,” Ridenour said. “We have been preparing for this for nine months now. I felt like everything worked for us tonight. We all have high goals for the season so it’s good to come out and show who we are.”

Ridenour moved to running back last season and said he feels more comfortable at the position this year.

“I learned that the harder you run the better,” Ridenour said. “As soon as you start being more cautious, it doesn’t work as well.”

Ridenour’s first touchdown was a bruising 41-yard run where he fended off a multitude of defenders on his way to the end zone to open the scoring. He added a pair of scoring runs in a 28-point second quarter – on plays of 25 and 55 yards – as the Knights racked up more than 300 yards on the ground overall.

Brady Bauer averaged more than 10 yards per carry on his four totes, finishing with 41 yards rushing, while Nolan Gibson ran for a 50-yard touchdown on his lone carry to cap the night’s scoring.

“Our line did a nice job and they struggled to stop a play we ran over and over,” Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. “Brady (Ridenour) had taken a step forward this year and I’m really proud of him for that. Both Bradys will have a friendly competition and that’s something that will make them both bet-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Junior Brady Ridenour rushed for 169 yards and three touchdowns in the Knights win over Living Word Lutheran on Friday.

ter as the year goes on.”

Highly touted quarterback Wade Lindahl was barely needed for the Knights but finished 8-of-13 for 84 yards, with touchdown passes to Mat Yaggie and Donovan Hemminghaus.

The Knights scored in all three phases

of the game as Yaggie returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown to answer the Timberwolves’ lone touchdown, while Bauer returned an interception 55 yards for his first varsity touchdown to send Lourdes Academy into halftime with a 42-6 lead.

“It was a good win. You always want to start 1-0 and the kids were excited to play,” Wopat said. “I don’t know that this made us better but I think it was good for a lot of kids to get confidence and play under the lights for the first time.”

Lourdes Academy will take a big step up in competition this week when it travels to Reedsville for its final nonconference game. The Panthers have beaten the Knights each of the last three seasons and

are coming off a 13-12 win over Mishicot in their season opener.

Reedsville is led by dual-threat quarterback Parker Maney and Wopat knows that containing the explosive player will be a big key in the game.

“They are a great barometer for us going into conference play. If we can slow (Maney) down and play with confidence, we will have a shot to win,” Wopat said. “We have to be a little more aggressive defensively. We still had a couple of kids who were a little bit tentative to come up and make a play (against Living Word Lutheran).”

“We have played Reedsville tough the last two years but it’s time to get over the hump.”

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Ott's impressive night not enough to lift Spartans

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

After one game of the 2024 season, Oshkosh North football coach Luke Ott knows that his team has a lot of work ahead if it wants to get back to being a winning program.

But he certainly likes what he saw.

Led by quarterback Bryce Ott, the Spartans racked up more than 500 yards of total offense and were in position to notch a tying touchdown late but ended up falling to Ashwaubenon in a wild 49-42 contest at Titan Stadium on Friday night.

"We are where we want to be right now. I'm proud of these kids," Luke Ott said. "We did a lot of good things tonight and we had a chance. That's what you want at the end of the game is to have a chance. It just didn't play out how we wanted."

Bryce Ott spearheaded the Spartans offensive eruption throwing for a career-high 441 yards and four touchdowns in the game. He completed 17-of-34 passes, while also rushing for 47 yards, which tied for the team high.

The 441 yards is likely a school record for North, however, it was not confirmed as the top yardage mark in program history.

"We liked how their defense was lining up and Coach (Juston) Wara put in some good plays for us," Bryce Ott said. "I just had to trust in our receivers and they did a great job. We can get the ball out there in the air."

Dalton Clark and Logan Schettle paced the Spartan receivers, each finishing with five catches and two touchdowns in the game.

Clark finished with 190 yards receiving,



Oshkosh North quarterback Bryce Ott looks to release a pass in the first half against Ashwaubenon on Friday. Ott threw for 437 yards and four touchdowns against the Jaguars.

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while Schettle totaled 174 yards on his five receptions.

"We were just keeping the ball moving and having trust that your teammates were going to be in the right spot at the right time," Clark said. "We all were hoping we

could get out with a W but we all kept fighting. Nothing to hang our heads about."

North trailed 49-35 early in the fourth quarter but came fighting back against the Jaguars.

Bryce Ott connected with Schettle for an 18-yard touchdown to cap a four-play scoring drive with 6:36 left that brought the Spartans to within 49-42.

Then, with Ashwaubenon driving, North forced a fumble that Clark recovered giving the Spartans the ball at their own 23-yard line with 4:20 to play.

Jamare Scott had an 18-yard reception for a first down early in the drive to overcome a Spartan penalty, consecutive passes to Clark and Schettle earned North a first down and the Jaguars 39-yard line with just more than two minutes to play.

Scott, who rushed for 47 yards, ran for three yards on the first play before the Jaguars forced a pair of incompletions. On

fourth down, Ott connected with Scott but he was stopped short of the first-down mark and Ashwaubenon took over on downs.

"We're not going to lay down, we're not going back in our shell if someone punches us in the face," Bryce Ott said. "For us to come out here and put up 42 (points), that shows we have been working. We are ready for the teams we will be facing."

Luke Ott was confident that the offense was marching toward the score on the final drive.

"I was thinking we were going to score," he said. "I actually had my mind made up we were going to go for (the two-point conversion) when we scored."

The offenses for both teams were clicking in the first half as the points piled up in a hurry with a flurry of big plays.

Ashwaubenon scored on its opening drive before North answered with an impressive 11-play drive. The Spartans converted a fourth-and-10 on the drive on a pass from Bryce Ott to Clark and Scott powered in from three yards out to cap the march.

After the North defense forced a three-and-out, the Spartans got an 11-yard pass from Ott to Clark to cap a 45-yard drive and take a 13-7 lead, while the two connected again for a 60-yard touchdown that tied the game at 20.

Schettle hauled in a 48-yard touchdown pass for his first score of the game, while North was able to march 65 yards in 36 seconds and got a three-yard touchdown run from Ott just before halftime to trail just 34-32 at intermission.

"The (offensive) line played really well tonight," Luke Ott said. "They gave Bryce some time to throw the ball."

North got a 24-yard field goal from Mason Krings on the opening possession of the second half to take a 35-34 lead, but Ashwaubenon would regain the lead with a touchdown in the third quarter and then extend it to 14 points midway through the fourth.

The Spartans would get the margin to seven but that would be as close as they would get.

"We felt like we had a shot there (in the fourth quarter)," Clark said. "That fumble really helped us out there but we just couldn't finish the job."

Now the Spartans set their sights on its biggest rival when they face Oshkosh West on Friday night at Titan Stadium.

Although the two teams are no longer in the same conference, the two programs are continuing their series with the nonconference matchup.

West won last year's meeting 41-0 after the Spartans beat the Wildcats 14-7 in 2022.

"Obviously our heads aren't going to be as high if we had won but we have to bounce back," Bryce Ott said. "This week set us up pretty good (to play Oshkosh West). It put a lot of confidence in our guys and now we just have to get to work."

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Experienced West looking to contend again in FVA

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With a veteran lineup and a first-year head coach, Oshkosh West is once again looking to challenge for a top finish in the rugged Fox Valley Association.

The Wildcats, who finished third in the FVA a year ago, return four players who are entering their year third season at the varsity level, with two of those having earned all-conference recognition last season.

A pair of hitters top the list of returning players as junior Sydnee Nelson and senior Maeve Lasky will headline the Wildcats at the net. Nelson is a two-time first-team all-FVA selection and is one of the top outside-hitters in the talent-rich conferences. Lasky, who led the team in blocks a year ago, was a second-team selection as a middle hitter.

Also back is junior defensive specialist Elaina Butz, who led the team in digs and serve receptions last year along with junior MaKaelyn Clark who shared the setting duties on the team last year and finished second on the squad in assists. Both players are in their third season on varsity.

Beginning her second season on varsity is senior Kristin Klatt, who played at the middle hitter position a year ago.

Freshman Emma Liebergen is expected to contribute on the varsity level to lead a string group of newcomers, while seniors Nicole Osborne and Caitlyn Potratz will add to the leadership on the team.

"We have an exceptional group this year, so I expect everyone to contrib-

ute and have their moments helping us reach our potential," commented first-year head coach Will Brydon, who takes over for longtime coach Gillian Pakula. "I believe our team will challenge for a conference title. We have high standards and expectations for this group because they are ready for it. I'm excited to show teams in the FVA and beyond what we can do."

Valley Christian

It will be tough for the Warriors to repeat last year's magical run to a Trailways East title and the Division 5 sectional final, but Valley Christian will return some key pieces for this season.

Leading the way will be senior setter Maliha Demler, who enters her fourth season at the varsity level. Demler was a first-team all-Trailways East selection a year ago and played a key leadership role in last season's success.

"Returning a first team all-conference setter will be big for us. Not only does Maliha bring experience to the position, but she also brings confidence and can help our new hitters feel comfortable in their new roles. The players trust her and look to her in the big moments," commented head coach Lizzy Potratz. "Maliha is smart and very coachable and is adapting well to the different styles of our hitters. ... We are excited to see how her game evolves, now that we have had the biggest change in our roster in over two years."

A couple of juniors will lead the Warriors' hitting brigade as Anna Giannopoulos will fill an outside hitter position and junior Lizzie Fink returns to play all-

around the rotation after serving mainly as a middle hitter a year ago.

Seniors Alaina Wojtowski and Halle Weyenberg will be counted on to play a bigger role with the squad after seeing limited varsity action a year ago.

Valley Christian will once again be counted as one of the contenders in the Trailways East this season and the experience of last year should help the Warriors.

"Last year's success helps our players with confidence. Many of them have either played in last year's big games or been a part of the ride," Potratz commented. "With that being said, it is a new group with different leadership and a different style unique to them. ... Last year is in the past, and it's up to these players to write their own story. These players have experience and confidence under their belt now to continue being successful. As a program, we need to continue the culture that made us successful last year and the newcomers need to keep buying into what we are doing."

Lourdes Academy

Rachel Laehn steps into the head coaching role for the Knights and inherits an experienced and talented squad to lead into the 2024 season.

The Knights, who finished in the middle of the pack in the Trailways East last season, return a pair of players who earned all-conference recognition a year ago.

Senior Sabur Machiros was a second-team honoree and junior Annika Leitch garnered honorable mention rec-

ognition and combined to be two of the top hitters for the Knights last season. Machiros, who was also the team's best blocker, plays in the middle, while Lietch is an outside hitter.

Senior Delaney Ruedinger also returns as an outside hitter for the Knights, who are also expected to bring back senior defensive specialist Reagan Jabor and sophomore setter Celia Ralofsky.

Sophomore Bree Kane is expected to be a key contributor on the varsity level as a middle hitter.

"A majority of our team has been playing at the varsity level together for the last three years. We have strong hitters with both our outsides as well as our middles," Laehn commented. "We expect to be in the top three for conference and are hoping to get further in the playoffs than last season."

Oshkosh North

The Spartans return some key players from last year's squad as they look to continue to improve.

North returns its top two hitters from last year in junior Brinna Paulson and senior Katelyn Schneider, as well senior setter Charlie Kempf. Junior Shylee Yenter was also one of the top net players for the Spartans.

Other seniors on the roster are Ava Lee, Yudberi Lor, Hailey Widmann, Addison Schulze and Lanie Zellmer.

The Spartans ended a three-year losing streak in Fox Valley Association matches last season when they edged Appleton West in five sets in the final match of the season.



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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Fronczak's late TD lifts Wildcats to win

Jaiden Fronczak powered in from 1-yard out late in the fourth quarter to lift Oshkosh West to a 12-7 win over Green Bay Preble in both team's season-opener in Green Bay on Friday.

The Wildcats had led 6-0 into the fourth quarter when Preble scored its lone touchdown to take the lead.

West answered on the ensuing drive with the go-ahead score and held on for the win.

Chase Brandl led the Wildcat offense

finishing with 122 yards on 19 carries, while also completing 11-of-23 passes for 86 yards. Fronczak finished with 28 yards rushing to go along with his touchdown.

Elliott Reed kicked a pair of field goals to stake West to the advantage, booting a 49-yarder in the first quarter while kicking a 33-yard field goal in the second quarter for the 6-0 lead.

Oshkosh West held the Hornets to just 201 total yards in the game, while Preble was just 1-for-11 on third downs.

Ian Reichenberger led the team with six tackles while Elijah Wilder had an interception in the game.

The Wildcats will host rival Oshkosh North on Friday at Titan Stadium.

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"I hear about it now and then, but nobody has really given me a hard time about not playing at Berlin," Lindahl said. "I actually live only about three blocks away from the high school.

"My family and I just thought going to Lourdes would be a good decision. Lourdes has really good academics and that was the main reason I decided to go there. The football thing just clicked. It was the best decision I've ever made."

Lindahl plans to play college football next fall. He hasn't settled on a school but will likely receive scholarship offers – or at least some Division 3 opportunities – should he continue his lights-out quarterback play. Lindahl is an honor-roll student who is interested in a business major.

"My mind is set on playing college foot-

ball," he said. "I'm still trying to figure out where, still trying to figure out the recruiting process and what school is the best fit for me. I'm being patient. Right now, I'd say a D2 school would be the best fit. I believe I can play at that level."

Lindahl is looking to continue his exceptional play at the prep level and drive a strong Knights team to a memorable season. Lourdes has gone 22-11 in Lindahl's three seasons, including a 7-4 mark in 2023, but has never advanced deeper than Level 2 in the playoffs.

"Our main goal is to make it to Madison," Lindahl said. "We're going to do everything we can to take back the Trailways (Conference) and go 9-0 during the regular season.

"I've been surrounded by a lot of really good players my first three years, but we really have a lot of talent this year. What I think will separate us is our determination. Everyone wants to be here and has the same goal."

TENNIS

Knights drop close dual meet to open season

Lourdes Academy won three of the four singles matches but fell just short of notching a victory, falling to New London

4-3 last week.

Two of the Knights' wins came in three sets as Maya Hawi edged Samantha Horerth 6-7, 6-3, 10-7 at No. 2 singles and Claire Trofka topped Emberly Hobbs 6-4, 1-6, 10-8 at No. 3 singles.

Abby Ridenour won at No. 4 singles as she was leading when her opponent retired.

Knights ready to take to court with talented lineup

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy's girls tennis team has a lot to be excited about this season.

The Knights will be led by a returning state qualifier but have plenty of experience to put together a strong lineup.

Leading the way will be sophomore Sasha Quandt, who fell just short of a state medal in her first varsity season. Quandt, who will play at No. 1 singles again this season, won a pair of matches at the state

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tournament last fall before falling to top-seeded and eventual state runner-up Lily Olson

of Edgewood.

Senior Ava Geffers played at No. 2 singles last year and could return at the top of the lineup to give the Knights a formidable 1-2 punch in those positions.

Seniors Monse Luquin and Anika Welens, juniors Claire Trofka, Jasmine Saiyed and Aolfe Mains and sophomore Lila Geffers also return from last year. Luquin at No. 2 doubles saw the most varsity action among those returning players, while the rest of the group saw varied action on the Knight's doubles teams.

Freshmen Maya Hawi and Abby Ridenour are each expected to find spots in the varsity lineup and each posted singles wins in Lourdes Academy's opening dual meet against New London.

"Although we lost 5 seniors from last year's varsity line up, we have high hopes for our young team. We believe our team has depth and athletes who are eager to put in the hard work," head coach Annie Docter commented. "Each year we have had the same set of expectations; learn a lifelong sport and have

West, North golfers eye improvement

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West returns a sectional qualifier and is looking to be improved on the links this season.

Senior Kennedy Footit finished seventh at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet a year ago and returns to lead the Wildcats

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lineup. Footit was the first West girls golfer since 2021 to earn a sectional trip.

Fellow senior Hailey Hammen also returns from last season and will give the Wildcats an experienced 1-2 punch at the top of their lineup.

Fellow senior Lyla Westerberg also was a member of the West lineup at regionals last season and adds varsity experience to the roster.

Other golfers who could vie for varsity spots this season are seniors Ava Wesenberg and Sophia Olmstead, juniors Valeria Mantia and Lydia Barr and sophomore Andrea Czerwinski.

"The combination of senior leaders and young potential talent (will help our team improve)," commented head coach Dan Powers. "With the seniors leaders we have

fun doing so. We consistently see player growth throughout the year, and that is the mark of a successful season."

Oshkosh West

The Wildcats graduated its state-qualifying doubles team but return a handful of players from the varsity lineup a year ago and look to once again contend for an upper finish in the Fox Valley Association.

Head coach Nicole Bouzek will look to seniors Allison Augustine, Allison Borgmann and Sammy Burns to lead the Wildcats.

Augustine played at No. 2 singles in the Wildcats sub-sectional lineup last season, while Burns played at No. 3 doubles.

Sophomores Megan Jorgensen and Mady Marino are also returning this season. Both played in the Wildcats' doubles lineup last year.

Oshkosh North

The Spartans return one player who advanced to sectionals last season to bolster their lineup.

Senior Kara Cummings reached the sectional level at No. 4 singles a year ago becoming the first Spartan to advance to sectionals since 2018.

The Spartans had two other juniors in the singles lineup at last year's sub-sectional in Loria Dao and Arianna Bauer.

North's No. 2 doubles team last year of Emma Niemczyk and Olivia Borowitz earned first-team all-conference honors and won a match at sub-sectionals and both have the potential to return this season, along with North's No. 3 pairing at subsectionals last year in Morgan Kolodzik and Hailee Valdez who were both juniors a year ago.

and the youth it will be a great combination for a successful season."

Oshkosh North

The Spartans return three members from their varsity lineup last season and are looking to take another step forward under head coach Taylor Obry.

"Team wise, each of my four years we have improved our team low score each year and I think this group of girls has the ability to keep improving that score," Obry commented. "Some of our top girls will be able to shoot in the mid- to low-40s and I hope they can start beating out some of their individual competitors."

North will return its top player from last season in senior Maggie Lynch, who posted a top-25 finish at the WIAA regional meet last season.

Senior Brooke Peters and sophomore Sammie Leib were also a part of the regional lineup and return for the Spartans this season.

The rest of the varsity spots are expected to be filled by a combination of senior Ireland O'Brien, juniors Willow Standke and Hailee Hildebrand, and freshman Lia Nicholas.

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Obituaries

Shirley A. Drew

Shirley A. Drew, age 85, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on August 13, 2024. Shirley was born on December 9, 1938, to the late Willie and Frieda (Piotter) Pigorsch.

She was the school secretary at South Park Middle School for many years.

She enjoyed camping, reading, puzzles, movies and spending time with family.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Lynn (Thomas) Richmond; grandchildren, Jamie Drew, Ashley (Mike) Booth, Sara (Max) Sturm and Erin (Brian) Thompson; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Drew; son, Steven Drew; parents, Willie and Frieda (Piotter) Pigorsch; and sisters, Betty Bradley and Mary Lou Nitz.

Per her wishes, a private service was held. Her final resting place will be Lake View Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank Mercy Ascension and Compassus for their compassion and caring during this difficult time.



Gene Allen Block

Gene Allen Block died peacefully on Aug. 19, 2024, at his home in Oshkosh, WI, after an extended illness.

Gene was born Sept. 17, 1959, in Oconto Falls, WI to the late Arnold W. and Joyce (Olderman) Block. After high school, he moved to Oshkosh, where he worked at McCrory's Mattress Manufacturing & Furniture. In 1988, he accepted a machinist position at Oshkosh Marine Supply Co., where he worked until his retirement in 2022.

After a decade of domestic life together, Gene married the love of his life, Roxanne Klepp, on June 22, 2001, in Oshkosh. She preceded him in death on March 12, 2015.

Gene was happiest outdoors, whether camping, fishing, riding his motorcycle or simply sitting around a fire. He and Roxanne regularly spent weekends exploring county roads and state parks, and he was especially fond of hiking the Wiouwash state trail.

Gene is survived by a daughter, Stephanie Zittlow of Oshkosh; and stepchildren, Patrick Klepp of Oshkosh and Re-

becca (fiancé Jason Chandler) Glover of Westminster, SC.

Gene also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Kyle, Kayle, Matthew, Caitlin, Connor, Brannagh, Zachary and Dylan; and great-grandchildren Charlie and Wyatt.

He is further survived by six siblings, Arnold P. Block of Green Bay, Raymond (Kathy) of Coleman, Robert Sr. "Joe" Block (Sandra) of Gillett, Colleen Gilbertson Meyer (Todd) of Oconto Falls, Michael "Storm" Block (Jackie Nordbo) of Oshkosh, and Carey Jo Block of Green Bay; brothers-in-law, Brian (Connie) Schuetz and Robert Perce, and sister-in-law, Ruth Percey, all of Oshkosh; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Linda Block; brother, Daniel Block; and his wife.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St, Oshkosh, from 10 a.m. until noon, immediately followed by the service. Per Gene's wishes, his cremated ashes will be interred with Roxanne at Riverside Cemetery. Gene's family would like to express appreciation and gratitude to Gene's primary caregiver, Patrick Klepp, assisted by Ruth Percey and Compassus Hospice Care.

Bonnie Wolfgram

Bonnie Jean Louise Wolfgram, 94 of Oshkosh, passed away at Evergreen Retirement Community on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

She was born in Oshkosh on February 16, 1930 to the late A. Martin and Jeanette (Simpson) Mondl. She was united in marriage to Richard C. Wolfgram on June 18, 1955. She had one son, Jon.

Bonnie Jean attended Northwestern University, the University of Wisconsin Madison, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

After a brief period as a High School English teacher, Bonnie Jean embraced her role as a homemaker with pride and dedication. Her natural talents for nurturing and leadership shone through in every aspect of her life. Her time was spent organizing activities at Jon's school, holding leadership positions with organizations like the "Grey Ladies" at Mercy Hospital, the American

Cancer society, and the Red Cross. She tutored adult students to improve their reading skills and also stayed engaged in politics. Bonnie Jean was a docent at The Paine. Everything was approached with a sense of purpose, passion, and energy.

In her leisure time she found joy in playing her piano, reading, swimming, playing bridge, taking long walks, and needlework. Her love of these activities reflected her vibrant and multifaceted personality.

Bonnie Jean is survived by her son Jon (Nancy Schmoll) Wolfgram, as well as sister-in-law Bonnie Lee Helmeid, nieces Karine Helmeid, Beth McMillan, Ruth Ann Caves, and Laura Shook, nephews David Bauer and James and Peter Mondl. In addition to her parents, Bonnie Jean was preceded in death by her brother Red (Shirley) Mondl.

Per Bonnie Jean's wishes, a private entombment will take place. Thank you to the caring staff of Evergreen Retirement Community and AseraCare Hospice, especially Tammy, for the wonderful care provided.



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Obituaries

Lawrence J. Balda

Lawrence J. Balda, age 62, of Oshkosh, died unexpectedly on August 17, 2024 at his home. He was born in Oshkosh on May 29, 1962 the son of the late James and Miriam (Morris) Balda. Larry graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in business. He spent much of his time caring for his Dad. When he had elderly neighbors, it was not uncommon to see him shoveling snow or running errands for them. One couple remembered Larry in their will thanking

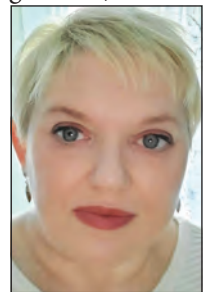


him for the many times that he had helped them. He greatly enjoyed gardening and was a big fan of all Wisconsin sports teams. Survivors include two uncles, Steve (Carole) Balda, Reedsburg, WI and Dick Kempfer of Antigo, WI. Larry is further survived by many other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Larry will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at 2 pm in the Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park Ave. in Oshkosh. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 1 pm until the time of service. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

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Rebecca Matthias

Rebecca passed away peacefully on August 15th, 2024. She was born on August 7, 1978. She had just turned 46 years old.



She is survived by her mother, Julie Wojahn; brother, Timothy (Annette) Oestreich; and uncle, Tom Wojahn.

Rebecca attended Franklin, Perry Tipler and Oshkosh West. In high school, Rebecca enjoyed being around her friends. She liked riding around in Lisa's car, going to prom and stopping at Perkins for coffee. She went to college at Ohio State and was a proud Buckeye fan. She graduated in March of 2002.

After graduation, she came back to Oshkosh and started working at U.S. Bank. She married Mike Matthias in March of

2002. A few years later, they divorced. In 2003, she got a job at OSCI. To further her education, she worked during the day and traveled to Milwaukee at night to get her master's degree in psychology.

In 2011, she was diagnosed with Mesothelioma. With treatments, she was unable to work and left OSCI in 2012.

During 2009, she was saved and baptized at Wyldewood Baptist Church. For a while she was active in the Assurance Women's Church. Rebecca had many friends at Wyldewood.

Around 2021, Rebecca volunteered at the Paine Art Center. She became a docent. She made many friends and helped with whatever needed to be done.

Rebecca's mom helped her all the time, from traveling from Chicago to meet with doctors to changing bandages, to helping drain her lung. She also did a lot of personal care.

Rebecca would like to thank all her the doctors, especially Dr. Dar, Dr. Ammon, Dr. Geck and Dr. Duwell and the nurses and doctors at Aurora Hospice for being kind and helpful during her final days.

Rebecca's funeral will be on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Wyldewood Baptist Church, 3030 Witzel Ave, Oshkosh, WI. There will be visitation from 9:00am to 11:00am. Service starts at 11:00am sharp. Rebecca will be laid to rest at Lake View Memorial Park on September 3, 2024.



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Obituaries

Gordon A. Hielsberg

Gordon A. Hielsberg, age 92, passed away on August 20, 2024, at Elijah's Place in Oshkosh, WI.



Gordon was born on August 25, 1931, in Oshkosh, WI, son of Elmer and Alma Hielsberg. He was a dedicated employee at Kimberly-Clark for 34 years. Gordon served his country in the National Guard. He married Jean Rothe, on May 16, 1953, in Oshkosh, WI.

He had many interests throughout his lifetime, including golfing, bowling, softball, and playing cribbage. Gordon was an avid Wisconsin State sports fan. He cherished being a part of family sporting events. He was also a lifelong member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Gordon is survived by his sons, Jeff (Janice) Hielsberg and Kurt (Wendy) Hielsberg; daughter, Lori Van Airsdale; brother, Elmer

Hielsberg Jr.; sister, Lucille Koch; grandchildren, Devon, Sam, and Sarah, Carson, Cole; and his great-grandchildren, Jackson, Jayden, and Henry. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer (Alma) Hielsberg; his wife, Jean Hielsberg; brothers, Arnold Hielsberg and Robert Hielsberg; sister, Ruth Gerth; and grandson, Brent Hielsberg.

A funeral service for Gordon will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr, at 5:00pm, with Chaplain Leslie. Visitation will be held from 3:00pm till the time of the service. Entombment will take place at the Lake View Cemetery in Oshkosh, WI.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made out to the Dementia Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to thank the staff at Elijah's place as well as the staff at Heartland Hospice for their wonderful and loving care of Gordon.



Donna (Gary) Ruhl, Bonnie Rumlow and Bruce (Kelly) Brown. He is further survived by two nephews, four nieces, seven great-nephews and one great-niece.

He is preceded by his parents, Donald and Audrey Brown; and his brother, Paul Brown. Thank you to all of the doctors and nurses at Ascension, the staff at Bethel Home and Compassus Hospice for their kindness and compassion.

Per Dave's wishes, no services will be held. You will be missed Dave, rest in peace.



Floyd Kromm

Floyd Kromm, age 93, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, August 17, 2024.



He was born on February 10, 1931, in Oshkosh, a son of the late Henry and Josephine (Verkuilen) Kromm, Sr. He married Rose M. Langlitz on June 29, 1957, at Zion Lutheran Church and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage together.

In 1950, Floyd enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War conflict until 1954. He enjoyed sharing stories of his time in the Navy and his days overseas. He found great pride in serving his country.

Floyd retired in 1996 from International Paper (formerly Pluswood Industries) in Oshkosh after 40 years of service. In retirement, he thoroughly enjoyed working for the City of Oshkosh as a crossing guard at Roosevelt School, and often shared stories of the children he would meet and interact with every day. Floyd enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, spending time with family, watching the Green Bay Packers, going to rummage sales, dining out at Two Brothers and Mikes Place, doing word search puzzles, enjoying a good cigar and

an occasional old-fashioned.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rose Kromm; children, Debbie (Tod) Schmick and Bob (Lauren) Kromm; sister, Gloria Jean (Leon) Klatt; grandchildren, Brandon (Kati), Matthew, Erin, Christy and Becky; along with seven great-grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by his brothers-in-law, Ron (special friend Joy) Knoblauch and Don (Dorell) Knoblauch, sisters-in-law, Barb (Mark) Hannan and Shirley Zumstein; as well as nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, and stepmother, Bessie Kromm, Floyd was preceded in death by his brother, Henry Kromm Jr., sister, Wilma Wilson; sister-in-law, Lois Kromm; brother-in-law, Eugene Wilson; infant brother, Richard Kromm; and niece, Cheryl (Klatt) Pochowski.

Visitation will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Lake View Memorial Chapel, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI, until the time of service at 12:00 pm with Rev. Jeffrey Knoll officiating.

The family wishes to thank Park View Health Center for the wonderful care and compassion that was extended to him during these past few months.

Dad, we will see you again, but until then, "no wooden nickels".



David R. Brown

David R. Brown was born to Donald and Audrey Brown on November 3, 1949.



He graduated from Oshkosh High School and went on to work for Steinert Printing until retirement. Dave enjoyed being involved in men's and women's softball teams, bowling, card playing, and watching

the Packers and the Brewers.

Dave will be sadly missed by his siblings, Mark (Barb) Brown, Steve (Nanci) Brown,

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