Women’s Fund takes initiative on emerging challenges

Foundation sector keys on projects, nonprofits

By MaryBeth Matzek

The Women’s Fund has made impactful changes in the Oshkosh community since it was founded 25 years ago as part of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation with a focus on issues affecting women, girls and families.

“We look at issues in the community that commonly aren’t looked at and find ways we can make a difference,” said executive director Karlene Grabner.

In fiscal 2023, the Women’s Fund supported area nonprofits working on issues affecting women, girls and families through $327,676 in grant funding.

The Women’s Fund has also focused on social isolation and generational poverty, holding multiple focus groups before putting together a well-thought-out campaign.

“We focused on an isolation campaign for our 10th anniversary — long before the U.S. Surgeon General warned about the health dangers of people being isolated. We talked with a variety of focus groups about their concerns and the overriding theme was that feeling of being isolated,” Grabner said.

Through its Rise 2.0 program, which aimed to decrease generational poverty by providing housing and support for the needs of single mothers and their families, the Women’s Fund worked with two families led by single moms to help take care of different costs. Two children impacted from that program have become the first members of their families to attend college.

Grabner said other ways the Women’s Fund has dealt with poverty include donating $25,000 to the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services for its new expansion to provide transitional housing and supporting the Tiny House Village, which offers short-term, safe housing for children and their families experiencing homelessness.

The 32 fully furnished, 400-square-foot homes are complete with everything a family

City manager set to end long tenure

Rohloff announces December departure

By Jonathan Richie

Mark Rohloff has spent more than four decades working for the public and said he will retire as Oshkosh city manager at the end of the year.

City officials announced Rohloff’s retirement after serving in that position for more than 16 years. He called it an honor of his career to work in Oshkosh.

“Serving as city manager of Oshkosh for the last 16 years has been the honor of my career,” Rohloff said.

“I am grateful for the support of council, the dedication of an outstanding city staff, and the welcoming spirit of the Oshkosh community. This wonderful combination of support has enabled us to create an ambitious strategic plan and realize many worthwhile achievements for Oshkosh. We have a lot to be proud of.”

Mayoral Matt Mugerauer said Rohloff’s departure will mark the end of an era for Oshkosh.

“Aafter 16 years of exceptional service, I want to congratulate him on his distinguished career and thank him for his dedication to our city,” he said. “Under his leadership, we have seen remarkable growth and development, with numerous projects that have greatly improved the quality of life for our residents.”

Mugerauer said Rohloff has been a guiding force in the community and...
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GO Transit fares increase, some routes are updated

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh’s public transportation service has fare increases in effect this week that include regular one-way fares rising from $1.50 to $2 and senior and disabled fares going from 75 cents to $1.

GO Transit also made adjustments on routes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, along with alterations to its “paired/interlined” routes at the downtown Oshkosh Transit Center to minimize transfers.

GO Transit said in the announcement that the increases are consistent with public transportation systems in the area. Based on rider, operator and community feedback, the changes were approved April 9 by the Common Council as part of a broader Transit Development Plan.

“Our goal is to simplify and improve travel for everyone,” said Steve Tomasik, transit operations manager. “With these upcoming modifications, passengers can anticipate smoother journeys with fewer disruptions.”

For details on the fare adjustments and route updates or to learn more about GO Transit services, contact at 920-232-5342 or visit www.oshkoshwi.gov/TRANSIT.

GO-Transit is owned and operated by the city and primarily funded by federal and state grants with fares being only about 20% of the total revenue.

The city also has revenue agreements with the Oshkosh Area School District and Fox Valley Technical College as those students can ride the bus for free.
Fentanyl’s personal impact reflected in shared stories

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 2018-2022. Many of these deaths were unintentional – and the number is rising.

In the 2023-24 Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team’s annual report, it indicates fentanyl was the primary cause of death in 31 of the 47 (66%) overdoses. So far in 2024, the county has recorded 15 overdose deaths with four other fatalities pending as to cause.

Addiction, overdose, fentanyl – these are topics many of us believe will never impact our lives. You may be one of the lucky ones, but the tentacles of opioids are tenacious. One of my daughter’s best childhood friends fights with addiction. Hearing the tough decisions parents take to protect their other children from one of their siblings is heartbreaking.

But what is a parent to do when a child, released from jail on a drug charge, is back in jail within hours because the first stop wasn’t going home; it was to the drug dealer. This is middle class. This is white. This is a military family. This wasn’t supposed to happen to them.

This young woman is in recovery, but it wasn’t – nor is it – an easy road.

The Oshkosh Herald and Neonah News are sharing personal essays of people who have been impacted by fentanyl and other drugs.

Some thought it would never happen to “me,” some deal with the fallout in their careers, and some are doing the hard work in recovery.

These are the writers’ stories in their own words, not retold through an interpreter. It takes courage to share so publicly, and I appreciate their willingness to be part of building community awareness on the ripple effect fentanyl and opioids have on our community.

Getting healthy is hard work and Winnebago County has many resources to connect with.

Winnebago County Public Health, sponsor of the fentanyl awareness series, has resources available at www.co.winnebago.wi.us/nosafe/1313 or by calling 920-232-3000. Substance use harm reduction services are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sober living can be a matter of choosing the right ride

By William Winters

I first started drinking when I was 13 years old, which progressed into intravenous heroin use by the time I was 22. At that time, I was unemployed, selling drugs and living the lifestyle of a drug dealer.

I have spent many years of my life incarcerated. In 2010, I spent two years in prison due to a burglary charge and other drug-related charges.

I got out in 2012, stayed sober for a little bit, but eventually fell back into the old lifestyle again. Over the next 10 years, I spent about half of that in county jails on sanctions, holds and sentences.

On the night of Dec. 12, 2022, I was getting pulled over by the police while on heroin, drugs in the car, and was charged with an OWI. I was taken to Winnebago County Jail and knew I was going to go through intensive withdrawals. I remember when they first asked me if I was interested in a recovery coach and saying “Yes!” but didn’t really mean it. At that point, my mind was set on getting out and continuing to get high.

After about a week of withdrawal, one of the deputies posted a Solutions flyer in the pod I was in. I was completely and utterly invested in myself and agreed to do whatever it took for my recovery. At that point, I wasn’t sure when I would be out of jail. I had a small cash bond and wanted to get out for Christmas. On Dec. 23, I prayed for the first time. I asked God to help me and that I would do anything for my recovery. I was released that night.

When I got out of jail, it was minus 30 degrees outside. I had no money and my phone was dead. I called my brother from the jail phone and told him to pick me up from Kwik Trip.

I walked to Kwik Trip and was trying to buy myself a cup of coffee to warm up. As I approached the checkout, I knew I didn’t have the money. A woman behind me noticed and graciously offered me $20. I used that money to buy that cup of coffee and a phone charger.

As I was going through my things from jail trying to find my phone, I found the Solutions card. For whatever reason, a “God thing” or something else, I decided to call the number and a recovery coach said they could be at Kwik Trip in 10 minutes to pick me up. I knew if I went with my brother, I would end up doing the exact same thing I always did. Weird part is, my brother and the recovery coach showed up at the exact same time and I just knew I had to go with the coach.

The coach drove me to the Day by Day Warming Shelter because there were no beds open at sober living. I ended up spending Christmas at the shelter. On Christmas Day, I spent my time down at Solutions and found a sponsor who helped me in my early days of recovery.

My coach also talked to me every day and helped me get into Father Carr’s while I waited for a sober living bed to open. It was hard, but with the support of Solutions and people in the recovery community, I was able to stay sober.

A bed finally opened up at Solutions and I moved in. Since being in sober living, it has been amazing. I met a bunch of awesome guys and they all were supportive and made sure I felt a part of it.

Today, I have a full-time job, my relationships with my family are improving, I talk to my kids every night, and I am making amends for past harms. I had no idea that I could be capable of feeling this good in sobriety. I have been sober before, but never felt like I do now because I actually work a solid program of recovery.

I would have never had this opportunity if it weren’t for the jail program. I have never seen anything like it in any other jail I have been in. It saved my life.

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.

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COVID cases on the rise in state, Winnebago County

DHS urging people to stay home if sick

By Jonathan Richie

State tracking data show there could be an increase in COVID cases soon.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, COVID patient hospitalizations have increased across the state. Since July 14, COVID hospitalizations have increased by 30% in the Fox Valley. In that same time hospitalizations have grown by 97% in northeast Wisconsin.

“We believe there is going to be a rise in cases based on several indicators,” said Winnebago County Health Department Director Doug Gieryn.

The department tracks emergency room visits, hospitalizations and even discussions in the community of people becoming ill. Another indicator for a potential COVID spike is wastewater surveillance. The county uses wastewater monitoring to gauge the level of COVID virus in the community. It can be detected in feces and health officials monitor wastewater treatment facilities to get a grasp on the levels present.

“It is an indicator that shows there’s likely more individuals with COVID and it helps us identify more potential cases of the virus in the community,” Gieryn said.

Oshkosh is one of nine communities, including Appleton, across Wisconsin that is experiencing a significant increase in COVID. Wastewater monitoring this spring and into summer showed between 1.3 million and 20 million gene copies per person per day in Oshkosh’s water.

Oshkosh virus gene copies began increasing in June and has continued to climb. On July 24, the DHS reported 150 million gene copies per person per day in the wastewater.

“We are still educating people in an effort to increase awareness,” Gieryn said as Winnebago County and the nation are seeing a rise in COVID cases as people are interacting with more and more people.

A lot of people at this time of year are in contact with people in small spaces indoors, including airports. Having large gatherings at homes also can put people at high risk.

“You can ask people to test before they come over to keep the vulnerable populations safe,” Gieryn said.

Tests are available for purchase at local pharmacies and most insurance companies will cover the cost. For those without insurance, the CDC Bridge Access Program is available for free testing at Walgreens.

If flying for vacation, there are precautions that can be taken to avoid getting COVID such as wearing a mask in congested areas and when on the airplane people can position an air vent directly into one’s breathing space.

“Many people at this time of year are going to the Midwest to come over to keep the vulnerable populations safe,” Gieryn said.

Another indicator is that there could be evidence of the flu virus spreading in the community. This would be a signal of influenza increasing across the state.

“We believe there is going to be a rise in influenza as well,” Gieryn said.

The department tracks emergency room visits, hospitalizations and even discussions in the community of people becoming ill.

“COVID isn’t as much of a threat as it used to be. We’re not seeing it as a severe illness. But there still are significant vulnerable populations that it can affect.”

Local college graduates

These Oshkosh residents recently received college degrees from various universities:

- Completing degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May were: Kylee Alger, Bachelor of Science, Therapeutic Recreation Major; Marty Bond, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Major; Jack Elliott, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry Major; Jordyn Faust, Bachelor of Science, Clinical Laboratory Science Major; Spanish Major
- Morgan Gehri, Bachelor of Science, Biology Major; Joe Iom, Bachelor of Science, Biology Major; Henry Noone, Bachelor of Science, Finance Major; Neil Schacherl, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Major; Olivia Sheehan, Bachelor of Science, Music Education Major; Chris Stack, Bachelor of Science, Finance Major; Claire Vandenhouten, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Major; Isabelle Wolf, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Major
- The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire had 1,360 May 2024 graduates from its Eau Claire and Barron County campuses, including these students from Oshkosh: Connor Collins, Business, BBA, Management; Spencer Ellison, Arts and Sciences, BS, Psychology; Mackenzie Gronninger, Business, BBA, Management; Izzy Kelly, Arts and Sciences, BA, Communication; Brendan Rohlf, Education and Human Sciences, BME, Music; Hattie Verstegen, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Rehabilitation Science; Zachary Weiner, Arts and Sciences, BS, Geography; Anna Zimmerman, Business, BBA, Marketing
- At the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Emma Erb earned a bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in social work; and Anna Wagner earned a bachelor’s degree, cum laude, in biomedical and health science.
- At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Erin Meuer earned a bachelor’s degree in digital marketing technology, Adam Salzer earned a bachelor’s degree in management, Lydia Schlosky, earned a bachelor’s degree in interior design, and Luke Yang earned a bachelor’s degree in packaging.
- At the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Mitchell Drake earned a degree in mechanical engineering, Joseph Kimball in criminal justice and Nathan Kopper in environmental engineering.
City looking to clear trucks from downtown area

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

City officials are working on a plan to eliminate the number of semitrailer trucks rolling through downtown in an attempt to reduce noise, traffic and improve walkability and accessibility in the central city area.

The city contracted K.L. Engineering to study how truck routes could be modified to reduce their presence downtown. Routes are used by businesses for deliveries as well as moving freight materials.

Brad Domasky and Mike Scarmon presented their plan to the Common Council at a July 23 meeting held at the Oshkosh Senior Center as the elevator at City Hall was not working when the meeting was posted.

There were two goals when preparing the plan, with Domasky and Scarmon focusing on walkability and accessibility downtown and planning for new development in the area.

They met with residents who have stake in the business community downtown or have freight movements through downtown. These stakeholders included Oshkosh Corp., Sadoff Iron & Metal Co. and Valley Express.

There are a plethora of benefits to rerouting the trucks such as less noise but also safety benefits as trucks can be dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and parked vehicles.

Scarmon noted the odd angles of the downtown area that also make it difficult for large semitrailers to maneuver.

Over the last couple of years the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) has been interested in having the city designate truck routes, especially those through the downtown area. Transportation director Jim Collins said the BID requested the city look into it this year to see what can be done.

Domasky said they used 15 different criteria when evaluating routes, the most important being crash history, adjacent land use, aligned city plans and concepts, and project costs.

The routes in Oshkosh run along Jackson, Main and Brown streets going north/south and South and Ceape, Otter, Murdoch, Oshkosh, Irving, Witzel, South Park, 9th and 20th avenues going east/west.

There were two routes stakeholders noted during a pair of workshops that could be removed if an alternative was added. The first was Main Street between Algoma Boulevard and Irving Avenue.

Domasky said that route being downtown, along with having a high crash history and receiving broad support for removal, put its removal on the top of K.L. Engineering’s list.

The second route that could potentially be removed was Algoma and High Street between Main and Jackson, which is adjacent to downtown and it has a high pedestrian density. This route also conflicts with plans for High Avenue, which could be closed in the future to expand Opera House Square.

Domasky said even if a business is along a truck route that may be removed, that business would still be able to receive trucks. “Trucks are still able to get to your business and drop things off,” he said. “It just wouldn’t be that through traffic going along that route.”

Scarmon and Domasky said their plan called for a phased approach. The first phase would include removing the truck route on North Main between Irving Avenue and Algoma Boulevard, and adding a truck route connecting South Main to Ohio Street via South Park Avenue.

Phase two would eliminate the truck route one-way pair on Algoma Boulevard and High Street. The plan would add a truck route along Irving connecting Bow-en and North Main.

If both phases are put in place, there would be no semitrailer traffic going into downtown unless to a specific business in that area.

The council could look at updating city ordinances to alter truck routes as early as this month.

New bank facility

Old National Bank’s Oshkosh branch will be welcoming customers to its new facility this month at 420 S. Koeller St. after more than a year in its temporary quarters in the Old National Bank’s Oshkosh branch.

A new facility seeks to alter truck routes to lessen the presence of semitrailer trucks through downtown, specifically on Main Street.
Fire training facility on Sawyer also in plans

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Budget season is underway at Oshkosh City Hall and it starts, for the Common Council, with an overview workshop of street projects and upcoming capital projects.

City staff are recommending just under $125 million worth of capital projects in 2025 as part of the 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These projects include major street projects and equipment replacement.

Major street projects include Bay Shore Drive, Central Street, Fernau Avenue, Michigan Street, West 11th Avenue, West 15th Avenue and Waugeo Avenue. Some of the details:

- Bay Shore Drive is two projects that will reconstruct the road along the Fox River with a new storm sewer installed from Broad Street to Bay Street and the existing storm sewer will be upsized if needed. The project cost is $2.5 million.

- Central Street will be a full reconstruction from West New York Avenue to West Bend Avenue. The project will cost $4.5 million and will replace a water main with a larger main and possibly upsise the storm sewer.

- Michigan Street will be a full reconstruction between West 7th and West 11th avenues. The project will cost $3.9 million and will replace a water main with a larger main and possibly upsise the storm sewer.

- West 11th Avenue will be a full reconstruction of the street between Michigan and Ohio streets. A larger water main will be installed, and the storm sewer may be upsized if needed. The project cost is $2.5 million.

- West 15th Avenue is a full reconstruction of the street from Ohio to Oregon streets. The project cost is projected at $7.4 million and includes a larger water main and possible larger storm sewer.

- Waugeo Avenue will also be a full reconstruction of the street from Rosalia Street to Lake Winnebago. The storm sewer will be upsized, and the project is estimated to cost $3.1 million.

The Michigan Street and West 11th and 17th avenues projects are designed to alleviate some of the flooding in the area around South Park and at 9th Avenue and Ohio Street. A full reconstruction of Ohio Street is in the CIP for 2026.

“We’re getting that critical stretch of infrastructure done. This gives us the main backbone storm sewer system so we can start looking at the smaller arteries,” Rabe said.

“Has that a direct impact,” Mayor Matt Magiera said. “We get rain and the folks in that area—they get anxious real quick about what’s it going to mean for them.”

City Manager Mark Rohloff added this will deal with the Stringham Creek Watershed and alleviate the flooding in the area of 9th Avenue and Ohio Street.

These street projects would in the past be paid for by property owners through special assessments, but since the council passed a vehicle registration fee and increased utility rates, the projects will now be paid for the most part with utility revenue and revenue from the vehicle registration fee.

The city is also planning on building a portion of Fernau Avenue to connect Jackson and Vinland streets. City documents show there is sanitary infrastructure in the area but water, stormwater and the street pavement will need to be constructed.

The funding source for building Fernau Avenue has yet to be determined and finance director Julie Calmes does not have a recommendation for funding. She asked council members for their input on the project as it is set to cost $6.73 million.

The city has also recommended spending $7.7 million to convert the former Sawyer Storage Complex into a new fire training center and emergency operations center. Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley said there isn’t this type of training facility in the area except for Fond du Lac and Appleton.

There is a void in training centers right where we’re at,” Stanley said. “I do see (training) as a potential draw for neighboring departments. We’ve already had some discussions with surrounding departments and we would be able to do some training there as well.”

“The city is also set to spend $12 million for phosphorous treatment due to new federal and state discharge limits into Lake Winnebago. Rohloff said the city will spend more than $30 million to meet these requirements.

For 2025, the city is asking for $124.9 million and will recommend borrowing $21.5 million of general obligation debt to cover a portion of the costs and $929,605 through the tax levy. The remainder of the projects will be funded by sources that include federal grants and storm, sewer and water revenue bonds.

Last year the projects totaled $118.9 million and were funded by $1.2 million from the tax levy.

Future projects

A major role of the CIP is to keep up to date on long-range projects. This includes $30 million in renovations to City Hall and the clearwell water system replacement set to cost around $39 million.

The proposed CIP shows the city investing $10 million every year for three consecutive years beginning in 2026 to renovate City Hall, which was constructed in 1916 and originally served as Oshkosh High School.

The building has “numerous pending inefficiencies/challenges and high public use,” city documents state. Recently the city had to relocate public meetings normally held on the fourth floor to the Oshkosh Seniors Center due to the elevator not working.

Public Works director James Rabe gave an update on the clearwell project during a workshop last week. He explained they are still working on the final design and that plans will need to be approved by the DNR and Public Service Commission.

Rabe added the city is in the process of selecting a landscape architect after residents voiced the need for the large, above-ground facility to be visually appealing on the shore of Lake Winnebago and close to Menominee Park.

It is unknown when construction will start after the designs are approved by the pair of state agencies as some of the parts could take up to 36 months to be delivered.

Rabe said the DNR has been assisting the city on the final design plans for the clearwells while the PSC will only look at the final design plans. The project will be supported by safe drinking water loan funds.

The city is also applying for federal grants to build a pedestrian bridge across Interstate 41 near the Witzel Avenue overpass. Proponents for the estimated $10 million bridge note that three of the five overpasses on I-41 have roundabouts, which do not provide the safest crossing options for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Although the CIP goes out to 2034, the council will only vote to approve projects and budgets for 2025 projects in the fall.

The Plan Commission will review the CIP on Aug. 20 and the council is expected to vote to adopt it Aug. 27. Final review will be Nov. 6 by the council and it will vote on approving 2025 CIP projects and the operating budget on Nov. 12.

The council will meet Aug. 30 for another workshop on the 2025 operating budget.
Clairville Road project

Paving on Clairville Road began last month as the recently annexed portion of the road had utilities installed along with the new pavement for a project that began in late 2023. Several residents on Clairville have sued the city over the large special assessments they received upon being annexed into the city to pay for the installed utilities.

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Candiates face primaries for county, state, national offices

Oshkosh Herald

Some candidates for county, state and national offices are lined up for primary races, with many state elections based on new Assembly and Senate district maps approved in February. Heading toward a Republican primary race for the newly drawn 55th Assembly District will be Rep. Michael Schraa of Oshkosh, who currently serves the 53rd District that was redrawn, facing first-term incumbent Rep. Nate Gustafson of Fox Crossing. Real estate agent and Winneconne native Kyle Kehoe will face the Fox Cities are in Senate districts 1, 2 and 19 but now also includes parts of District 18. This area was previously split between the 18th District north of Oshkosh and 19th District just south of Neenah — both held by Republican senators. Incumbent state Sen. Dan Feyen, R-Fond du Lac, has been drawn from District 18 into District 20. Appleton alderperson Kristin Altheim will be seeking the District 18 Senate seat as a Democrat while Anthony W. Phillips and Blong Yang will face off in an Aug. 13 primary election to determine the Republican candidate.

Sunwest Bank chief executive Eric Hoode, UW-Stevens Point student Rejani Ravendran and farmer Charles E. Barman are the three Republicans seeking to challenge incumbent Sen. Tammy Baldwin in the U.S. Senate race.

In the 6th Congressional District, longtime Republican incumbent Glenn Grothman will be challenged in the general election by Democrat John Zarbano, a retired lawyer from Oshkosh. In Winnebago County, three people are vying to be the new register of deeds with a handful of Republican supporters in the Assembly and Senate. State Rep. Robert Winkler (R-Racine) introduced the questions last February with a handful of Republican supporters in the Assembly and Senate. Opponents point out that these funds are often allocated during emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic and could hurt vulnerable populations. Several other groups, including the Wisconsin Education Association Council, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, have all stated opposition to the questions.

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Looking forward to Oshkosh’s city manager search

Last week Oshkosh’s city manager announced his forthcoming retirement, and the mayor announced that the process for recruiting a new city manager will begin immediately.

The next few months will prove incredibly consequential for the city and its future. I want to lay out a few facts, and a few observations, that I hope will be useful to readers as the process for selecting a new city manager begins.

City Manager Rohloff’s 16-year run is rare for the professional local management profession. Though data on how long managers in professional practice is difficult to find, a study by Bonnie Mani from East Carolina University found the average tenure to be just over seven years. Often managers will move on to larger cities. Or, they will be forced out after turnover on a city council.

Sometimes the job is simply a bad fit for either the council or the manager, and sometimes managers get burned out and leave the profession altogether. The stability we have enjoyed in Oshkosh enabled longer-term projects like the redevelopment of Oshkosh Avenue, reduction in the percentage of used allowable debt, improved flood control and more.

Rohloff is a challenging place to be a city manager. The city manager is the CEO of an organization with 589 full-time employees, 102 part-time employees and 95 seasonal employees. Oshkosh’s annual operating budget is $174.3 million, and the city’s Capital Improvements Program budget is another $118 million.

On paper, running the city’s operations is a massive task. Oshkosh is also ideologically diverse, adding a layer of complexity that managers of more politically homogeneous communities do not face. We are also an urban area where parts of the city limits do not feel urban. This can make land use decisions and regulations particularly challenging and/or controversial.

Inevitably the change in leadership will spurn discussion of why we have the city manager form of government in Oshkosh. As I have written before in this column, professional management of local government can be traced back to politics era of the late 19th and early 20th century, professional management of local government can be traced back to the management role. Nothing relates to the management role. Nothing relates to the management role. Nothing relates to the management role.

First, is the city committed to having a professional manager? Does the council understand the governance role as it relates to the management role? Nothing scares away a potential hire like an activist council seeking to micromanage staff or usurp the management role. Second, why did the previous manager leave, and what is the financial condition of the city? Potential managers do not want to be put in a position to fail. Third, is there conflict on the council, and if so, what type? A dysfunctional council mired in partisan conflict will be unpredictable and unlikely to give you clear direction. Fourth, are there strong department heads that can provide continuity during the transition period?

Thankfully, I think Oshkosh has a competitive advantage over other jobs. Several councils in a row have affirmed their commitment to our form of government. Our current manager is voluntarily retiring after a great run.

The city is financially stable. Lastly, there are talented department heads within the organization that will be an asset to our next manager. I am hopeful that Oshkosh will attract a leader worthy of our great city.

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Rohloff
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worked tirelessly to keep the city running efficiently and smoothly.

“He has led with integrity, vision and a steadfast commitment to public service, fostering a culture of excellence within our city government,” he said. “On behalf of the entire city, I extend our deepest gratitude to Mark for his unwavering dedication and contributions. Oshkosh is without a doubt a better place because of his leadership, and he will be greatly missed.”

Former council member Michael Ford said it was a pleasure to work with Rohloff.

“We were lucky to have the state’s premier leader in professional local government management in Oshkosh for so many years,” Ford said. “He moved Oshkosh forward in so many ways, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishment that will make the job attractive for whomever comes next. On a personal note, Mark was a pleasure to work with. A true professional who gave all he had for this city.

Rohloff, who has led the city administration since 2008, was a town administrator for Grand Chute, city administrator for Berlin and deputy city manager in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., before taking the role in Oshkosh.

Police Chief Dean Smith said Rohloff has had a tremendous impact on the city as he worked to solve difficult problems that municipalities like Oshkosh often face.

“His leadership has created the framework for the success that the city has realized throughout the years. In the typical Mark Rohloff leadership way, he gives credit to the Common Council members that he has served, for providing visionary guidance, and he has given credit to the Common Council members who have implemented the direction provided by council over the years,” Smith said, “without taking credit for the leadership that he has provided.

“I am excited to see what his next chapter brings. And I look forward to the continued success that Rohloff will have in the coming years with a new city manager.

The Common Council will be working with the city’s Human Resources division to begin the process of recruiting the city’s next administrative leader. His retirement will be effective Jan. 3.

“I see a bright future for Oshkosh, and I thank council for allowing me the opportunity to have played a small part in shaping a successful path forward,” Rohloff said.
World Relief Wisconsin moving to Hyde Center site

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World Relief Wisconsin will be better equipped to welcome newcomers to the Fox Valley as its Oshkosh office moves this month to the Hyde Family Community Center at 545 Monroe St.

As a community partner in the new center – a component of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh’s recent $18.5 million expansion – World Relief will provide refugees with a more accessible, family-friendly space to seek services.

“The vision for the Hyde Family Community Center has always centered around collaboration and ease for families,” said Boys & Girls Club chief executive Tracy Ogden. “We as nonprofits can operate in a way that brings together all of our unique services to work better together and are thrilled that World Relief is going to be a part of it.

“It will be a blessing for these new families coming to Oshkosh to have these resources.”

Other partners housed in the center include Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin, Community for Hope of Greater Oshkosh, HeadUp Fox Cities, Operation Dream North, Rawhide Youth Services and Winnebago County Health Department.

“We saw a need for a space that would really serve our clients’ needs,” said Nou Huse, Fox Valley site director with World Relief Wisconsin. “We look forward to developing deeper relationships, growing our collaborations and increasing our visibility in the community.”

Huse said accessibility is a critical factor for World Relief to provide refugees with case management, education, community engagement and partnerships, employment and immigration legal services.

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  Village Hearth Bread
- 3.69 18-16 oz Entenmann’s Little Bites or Thomas’ English Muffins

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- 3.49 12-16 oz Select Food Club Frozen Fruit
- 2.79 46-48 oz Food Club Applesauce
- 1.99 18.5-18.8 oz Food Club Chunky Soup
- 5.79 1 lb Powdered or Brown Sugar
- 2.99 12 oz Home Bake Entrees
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- 2.99 Blue Bunny Light or Bomb Pop
- 2.99 10 pk Fudgsicles or Popsicles
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- 2.99 10 pk American Singles
- 2.99 20 oz Premium White, Italian
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- 3.49 10-14 pk, 24 oz Nature Valley Cereal
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Foreclosed home to be sold after drug dealing history

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

A Walnut Street home that has been recognized as a public nuisance and drug residence in Oshkosh has been foreclosed and sold to a new owner.

1402 Walnut St. was identified by law enforcement as a drug residence with several controlled buys of illicit substances conducted at the house by authorities and three search warrants executed since November. The city of Oshkosh and Old National Bank filed civil lawsuits against home-owner Craig Diener, who told police that he knew people were using and selling drugs inside the home after the November search warrant. He also admitted he had used drugs in the home.

In March, Diener pled no contest to a felony count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and received a sentence of 18 months of probation. The most recent search warrant in June led to Dianne Reinert, 61, being charged with two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place. Officers reported finding drugs in every room, including common areas of the house. Investors allegedly found 1.5 grams of methamphetamine, prescription pills, and drug paraphernalia. The complaint alleges, “It did not appear that Reinert was making any effort to dissuade people from using or keeping drugs at the residence, despite prior police involvement at that location.” The city filed a civil lawsuit against Dieren, calling the Walnut Street house a public nuisance.

“The property is a building or structure that is used to facilitate the delivery, distribution or manufacture of controlled substances, is a home to those who engage in such conduct and is a public nuisance under (Wisconsin state law),” the suit claims. “These unreasonable activities and use of the property substantially interfere with public health, safety and welfare and are a public nuisance.” In June, Judge Daniel Bissett granted a temporary injunction for closing the building. In court last week, Oshkosh assistant city attorney Amy Vanden Hogen gave an update on the lawsuit. Diener was not present.

Vanden Hogen explained that Old National Bank as the mortgage holder foreclosed on the property and set up a sale that would be confirmed this week. On Monday, Judge John Jorgensen confirmed the sale of the house to BK Investments LLC.

Vanden Hogen said the city was ultimately looking for the Walnut Street home to have a new owner and the bank foreclosure accomplishes that.

“If the sale goes through, we will be asking for dismissal in this case,” Vanden Hogen told Bissett in court last week.

Oshkosh Foundation names interim leaders
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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation has filled two leadership roles with Brooke Tabbert as interim executive director and Tim Mulloy as interim finance director.

“We are thrilled to welcome Brooke and Tim to their interim roles,” said Holly Brenner, foundation board chair. “Their combined expertise and dedication to UW Oshkosh and the Foundation will ensure a smooth leadership transition and continued success for our foundation.” Tabbert brings more than 13 years of experience with the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association, including serving as president. Mulloy, a retired insurance executive, is a former board chair of the foundation.
**Calendrier of events**

**Wednesday, Aug. 7**
Wildlife Wednesdays: Who Eats What? 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo
Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park
Music on Main: Natural Satellite, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

**Thursday, Aug. 8**
Live at Lunch: Brewer Street Brass Band, noon, Opera House Square
Waterfest: British Invasion Night, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.

**Friday, Aug. 9**
XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.
Oshkosh Food Truck Friday fundraiser, 5 p.m., South Park

**Saturday, Aug. 10**
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Summer Garage Sale, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Historical Society, 234 Church Ave.
Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash, 10 a.m., J&R Auto Service, 629 Main St.
XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.
“The Groonies,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N Main St.

**Sunday, Aug. 11**
Oshkosh Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**
Live at the Leach: Pink Houses, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**
Music on Main: Jay Edward Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

**Thursday, Aug. 15**
Live at Lunch: Natural Satellite, noon, Opera House Square
“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimberl Auditorium
Waterfest: Better Than Ezra, Alex McMurray Band, Lil Davy Max, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
EAA Speaker Series: The AC-208 – The Cessna With Teeth, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

**Friday, Aug. 16**
“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimberl Auditorium

**Saturday, Aug. 17**
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Arts In The Alley, Jambalaya Arts, 8 a.m.
Oshkosh Freemasons and Oshkosh Masonic Center community fair, noon, Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.
Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show, 8 a.m., 1351 Egg Harbor Lane
“Bye Bye Birdie” by Jolly Jester Community Theater, 2 and 7 p.m., Alberta Kimberl Auditorium
“The Great Muppet Caper,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N Main St.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**
Race the Lake Bike Event, circles Lake Winnebago and through downtown Oshkosh

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**Jazz preview**
Singer Jane Monheit performs last week at The Howard in a preview concert ahead of the annual Oshkosh Jazz Fest set for Aug. 24 in downtown Oshkosh.

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**Oshkosh Herald**
August 7, 2024
Area churches expand Bible camp

A collaborative four-day Vacation Bible School brought together more than 50 children last week through the efforts of six Oshkosh congregations that created the summer program last year.

Peace Lutheran, First English Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, and Wesley United Methodist churches banded together for a second year to bring together volunteers and resources for a camp-themed week of fun for young people.

Camp ELM Tree (Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist) was born out of conversations at a school drop-off among three mothers who wanted to send their own children to a Vacation Bible school but whose congregations were struggling to re-establish vital children's ministries after pandemic shutdowns.

At the invitation of the Rev. Maggie Berndt-Dryer at Peace Lutheran, those mothers and other interdenominational stakeholders from five churches met together in May 2023 to plan the first joint effort to be held at First English Lutheran Church in July 2023, serving 40 children.

In this second year, Camp ELM Tree grew to include more congregations and a new site host. The camp featured Bible stories, arts and crafts, science projects, music and games.

“All Saints is honored to provide our space this year to invite so many children from area churches and share the love of Jesus,” said Pastor Jeff Tengesdal. “We hope that this forms a precedent for collaboration in children’s ministries in the future.”

The Rev. Christopher Corbin, rector at Trinity Episcopal Church, added, “It’s incredible to have such a high-quality program that was planned and implemented almost entirely by lay volunteers. It’s remarkable when two churches collaborate on something – to have so many, across three denominations, is unheard of.

“One of Trinity’s stated values is ministry with young people, and I think we’re really putting our money, so to speak, where our mouth is.”

Five residents seek seat on Board of Education

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education has an open seat that could be filled this week after five candidates are interviewed by the board Thursday night and a new candidate expected to be selected.

The board has been operating with just six members since Liz Szilagyi resigned her seat at the end of June. Szilagyi was elected in 2022 and the term ends in April.

District communications director Katie Nieman confirmed that the five candidates are Denise Edwards, Jana Garl, Kristopher Karns, Sarah Nelson and Molly Smilteneck.

Karns has previously served on the board before losing his re-election bid in the spring.

Each candidate was asked to submit a resume and cover letter. The requirements for the seat are the person must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States and a resident in the school district for at least 28 days before filing a declaration of candidacy.

The person selected will start with the board later this month and sit on the board until April.

The meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday will be broadcast on Oshkosh Media. During the meeting, school board members will ask questions of each of the candidates and then deliberate in open session about which candidate will be chosen to serve the remainder of Szilagyi’s term.

The current board is led by president Beth Wyman along with vice president Chris Wright, Stephanie Carlin, Barbara Herzog, Timothy Hess and Kelly DeWitt.
Women’s Fund

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ility would need to move right in.

“We want to eliminate as many financial barriers as possible,” Grabner said, adding a recent grant from the fund’s board offers assistance for essential needs and extra-curious items for children, such as bikes and football cleats.

To support all families, the Women’s Fund also partnered with Go Valley Kids to create Go Oshkosh Kids, which serves as a local hub to connect families to community education, experts and ideas to improve health and help them be happier and successful.

The Fund is currently working on a new initiative focused on smart social media consumption and brain development. Once again, the Women’s Fund held multiple focus groups to look at the problem, including meetings with mental health professionals as well as girls in college, high school and middle school. The new program will launch next June.

“Social media and children’s mental health is talked about quite a bit now — the surgeon general even issued a warning about it — so it is good timing to be focused on this,” Grabner said.

The Girls’ Granting Initiative, which provides a group of 20 girls from the area’s four high schools with $10,000 they can donate to a nonprofit of their choice, is an ongoing program Grabner is excited about.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin was the most recent grant recipient with $10,000 to support activities for 35 girls with one-to-one mentoring.

“Girls learn about the importance of philanthropy and how the grant-making process works. They look at grant applica-

tions and decide what program will be the most impactful,” she said.

The idea for a Women’s Fund in Oshkosh was sparked by Eileen Conoly-Keeler, who was executive director of what is now known as Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services. She approached the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in 1996 about the idea, which was researched before the articles of incorporation were filed in 1999.

In addition to growing its donorship base through meeting perspective donors, including setting up special donor-driven funds and legacy gifts, Grabner said the Women’s Fund holds a luncheon every other year to cover operational costs.

During the years without a luncheon, a fund drive is held.

“We have a lot of successful luncheons,” Grabner said, including the 2024 event, which sold out and featured surfer Bethany Hamilton. Some opposed Hamilton speaking at the event due to her views on trans athletes. Grabner said the surfer was there to discuss her career and inspire others with her story of returning to the sport after a shark bit off her left arm.

“We do a lot of things every other year, like the luncheon, because we don’t have the staff support,” Grabner said. “We’re a small, but mighty team. I’m proud of what we’re able to do with a little less than one full-time equivalent staff person.”

She credits the organization’s success to its volunteers, including the board of directors.

“We have a wonderful board who provides great leadership and is really involved. They help do so much of the work,” she said. “They challenge, share ideas and ask tough questions. Our volunteers are amazing.”

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Above: A 2022 podcast on the Go Oshkosh Kids initiative is one of the ways the Women’s Fund and Oshkosh Area Community Foundation connect with the community on its priorities.

Below: The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation supports the YMCA’s Strong Moms program.
Young people interested in freshwater resources had a virtual “laboratory” of opportunities to explore this month on Lake Winnebago and the Fox River, within a stone’s throw from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Freshwater camp participants take samples of water from the Fox River from a pontoon boat piloted by Greg Kleinheinz, UW Oshkosh engineering and engineering technology director.

The first class in a new program offered in a partnership with Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, was based at UWO’s Environmental Research and Innovation Center.

About 20 high school students from Wisconsin and Illinois spent three days in the residential camp, conducting hands-on research, studying algae and bacteria, exploring waterways on a pontoon boat and learning about freshwater college majors and careers.

“This helps me be a little more sure about what I want to do,” said Chicago-land high school student Maddie Murphy, who plans to student environmental engineering with an opportunity to explore UWO programs that may lead to a variety of careers.

“The camp is the first offered and was funded by the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin through a grant to UW Oshkosh.

“In Wisconsin we have 15,000 lakes, major river systems, and border two Great Lakes,” Kleinheinz said. “Water is integral to our culture and economy in so many ways. High school students don’t know what they don’t know, with regard to opportunities for careers in fields from biology, conservation, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, policy, groundwater, etc. We hope this program allowed students to explore various academic programs that will lead to careers in everything from water technology development, electrical sensors, drinking water treatment, conservation, policy, water re-mediation, and more.”

The cohort came from schools in Wisconsin and Illinois and became fast friends as they learned during the day and enjoyed fun evening activities in their residence hall.

Maddie Murphy plans to study environmental science after finishing high school.

Kleinheinz said the water sector is “a big open tent” with many opportunities for future professionals in Wisconsin and beyond.

“We are spoiled in Wisconsin with our resources,” he added, “but clean, fresh water is the gold of the 21st century.”

One of the counselors, Josh Dyer, who is majoring in biology with a minor in astronomy, has plans to continue his studies in graduate school.

Dyer noted that the campers seemed much further along with their academic and career plans than he was in high school.

“They are definitely a group of very bright kids,” he said. “They like science and to figure things out.”

Lisa Koeppe, outreach coordinator for the engineering and engineering technology department, said the freshwater camp generated interest and “filled up right away.”

Plans are being made to increase the capacity for additional campers next year and beyond.

“Because of our location and the diversity of academic programs and the ERC Lab, UWO is uniquely positioned to hold students interested in (freshwater science) talent needs for Wisconsin,” Kleinheinz said.

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By Laurie Schlosser
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Oshkosh Legion baseball team’s season came to a tough end with a pair of close losses at the Class AAA state tournament last week in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wisconsin Rapids lost 5-4 in innings to host Wisconsin Rapids in the first game of the tournament and then dropped a 3-1 decision to Middleton to get knocked out of the field.

Oshkosh scored two runs in the top of the fifth against Wisconsin Rapids to tie the game at 4, but collected just two hits over the next six innings. Wisconsin Rapids put together a two-out rally on two hits and an Oshkosh error to score the winning run in the bottom of the 11th.

Colin Nigl finished 3-2 for Oshkosh, including an RBI double in the third inning. Evan Brandt started the frame with a single, followed by a Shannon Gavin double before Oshkosh scored its first run on an Alex Duel sacrifice fly. Nigl's double then gave Oshkosh a 2-0 lead.

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Back-to-back singles from Duel and Fisher Mackenzie combined with a pair of Wisconsin Rapids errors allowed the two runs to score. Mackenzie, who finished 2-for-5 in the game, led off the eighth inning with a double but was stranded at third, while Nigl singled to start the top of the 11th but Oshkosh was unable to move him around.

Gavin started the game and allowed four runs in five innings, while striking out four. Ryan Williamson pitched three scoreless innings of relief, while Duel took the loss after allowing an unearned run in 2 2/3 innings.

Oshkosh managed only three hits in the loss to Middleton, including a lead-off single by Gavin in the bottom of the first that led to the Legion's only run. Dual and Spanbauer also had singles in the game for Oshkosh.

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The Legion ends its season with a 16-14 record. Eau Claire won the state tournament and advanced to the regionals along with De Pere, who won a coin flip with Wisconsin Rapids for the second-qualifying spot. A coin flip was needed to decide the qualifier after runner-up finisher Milwaukee was disqualified for using an ineligible player.

Oshkosh will also be represented in the state all-star game to be played at American Family Field on Sunday. Williamullo posted four saves for the season for Oshkosh with a 1.31 earned run average.

The all-star weekend concludes with a game between the State teams and the Stripes team after the Brewers contest against the Cincinnati Reds. Williamson is a member of the Stripes team.
Hailing from 10 states, UWO women wrestlers ready to compete

By Alex Hummel
UW Oshkosh Today

There is a future biomedical engineer. A prospective elementary teacher or two. Marketing, nursing, an array of other majors: all well represented.

But the common thread and passion in this trailblazing group of Titans is something entirely new to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh: women’s wrestling.

Nearly 30 inbound Titans comprise the inaugural UWO Women’s Wrestling team – a squad of student-athletes from 10 different states, each drawn to the opportunity to engage in a quality UWO education and experience while launching a sport they are enthusiastic about as it expands throughout the nation.

“Oshkosh is definitely the perfect fit for me,” said Delaney Rapp, 18, of Imperial, Mo., a suburb outside of St. Louis.

“Finding a university with both biomedical engineering and women’s wrestling is no easy feat. Women’s Wrestling,” Coach Costa and Dr. (Greg) Kleinheinz have been so helpful, and the campus and student body are in the sweet spot for size: not too big, not too small. I’m so excited to become a Titan.”

Several UWO women wrestlers, Rapp among them, have already connected, participating in a late-June camp structured around the “Titan Takeoff” orientation visit. It gave them, Women’s Wrestling head coach Jared Costa and his crew opportunity to gear up for the 2024-2025 school year and begin building the culture necessary to launch a successful team.

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“One of the things I’m telling all of them right now is that there is a buzzword: culture,” Costa said. “This is our culture: family, hard work and all of that. Culture is the team. Now that they will all be here, all the goals and the culture are finally going to be in front of us. I am ready to go. I have been talking about it for 10 months. It’s exciting.”

Costa said the team motto has already snowballed. Once we got one, we got two, then three… soon enough, it was 26.”

Costa and Athletics colleagues wasted no time in capturing and amplifying the inaugural team’s excitement through social media.

“I chose UWO for a multitude of reasons,” said team member Sophia Garza of La Vernia, Texas. “Some being how excited I am as a Texas girl to have the opportunity to be part of the new women’s wrestling program and the engineering program that UWO offers. On top of all that, the town is beautiful.”

“I picked UWO because of the coach and family,” said Tahnesty Donnell of Milwaukee. “I believe no matter which college I attend, I’ll do great, but UWO is it! I’m honored to be accepted! I can’t wait to reach my goals.”

Mia Delleree, 18, of Ozaizee, first wrestled competitively in sixth grade. ‘The opportunity to continue at UWO, while pursuing an elementary school teaching degree, kept the university in her sights. And it didn’t hurt that she had a few Titan alumni high school teachers who nudged her UWO’s way.

“It definitely drove me to Oshkosh,” Delleree said, noting her early experience as a teacher’s assistant and assistant wrestling coach for younger students. “… It’s just brought me a lot of joy to see them learn and grow.”

Costa said the team launches with many of its student-athletes exiting high school at a 3.0 GPA or above. “We want to be the national team GPA champions,” he said, emphasizing UWO Athletics commitment to academically anchored and successful Ti- tans.

“We’re winning in other sports, Costa said. “Our academics are strong—engineering, nursing, education… (Students) see those opportunities, too. They are strong academically, but they want to push each other.”

The UWO women’s wrestling season begins Oct. 10 with the team’s first practice.

“It’s exciting to add a growing sport that has immediately drawn so many gifted student-athletes from around the country,” Assistant Chancellor, Athletics Darryl Sims said. “We expect the UWO and broader communities to respond and help support these Titans when women’s wrestling launches later this year.”

The first competition is set for Nov. 2 at UW-Stevens Point. UWO will host three home duals in Kolf Sports Center, starting with Nov. 16 in an event also featuring the UWO men’s team. The first home women’s will be on Nov. 21 vs. Carthage College. The team will also host Northern Michigan on Dec. 6.

Experiencing that first home event will be a thrill, Delleree said.

“It’s going to be exciting for everybody’s families to be there,” she said.

Costa said his and the UWO team’s anticipation is only heightened by the continuing national surge in the sport. Wisconsin collegiate competitor programs are sure to blossom in the years to come.

“There is an inaugural phase growing the sport in which colleges are adding and adding and adding,” he said. “High schools are growing, growing, growing. I still look at us as that pioneer program… We’re still one of those trailblazers that can put the sport on the map. We have that opportunity to give thousands of girls more chances to wrestle.”

Rapp said the excitement is real as is the early support behind a brand-new team of student-athletes eager to continue the sport’s advancement as they pursue degrees and career fields they see themselves in well into the future.

She said it is “cool to set the culture for wrestling and start up the new biomedical engineering degree.”

“I came here because everyone was outgoing, and everyone wanted me to succeed,” she said.
Haliburton contributes to U.S. win over South Sudan at Olympics

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North alum Tyrese Haliburton made a splash in his Olympic debut for the U.S. Men’s National Team in France last week. Haliburton came off the bench to hit a pair of 3-pointers in the first half of a 103-86 win over South Sudan. He ended up playing eight minutes in the game and picked up an assist to go along with his six points.

The two-time NBA all-star didn’t play in the U.S. team’s opening 110-84 win over Serbia in eight minutes in the win over South Sudan.

Oshkosh North alum Tyrese Haliburton

Haliburton is the second-youngest member of the U.S. Olympic men’s team at age 24 and is playing in his first Olympics. He did earn a gold medal playing on his six points.

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July 29

MORNING REETZ SOUTH

Jerry’s def. Community Church 16-5

Oshkosh Trophy def. Wyldewood Baptist Church 19-15

LeRoy’s def. Molly’s 12-1

LeRoy’s 11-2

Oshkosh Trophy 9-3

Wyldewood Baptist Church 6-5

Jerry’s 5-7

Molly’s 4-7

Community Church 1-12

MORNING VETERANS

Evil Roy Slaves def. T&D Lanes 11-1

Winker’s Westward Ho def. Jerry’s 8-1

Winker’s Westward Ho 8-2

Evil Roy Slaves 8-3

T&D Lanes 4-7

Jerry’s 2-10

July 30

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Molly’s def. Terry’s 14-3

Jerry’s def. Trials End 18-1

EAA def. Jinschele Insurance 18-7

Molly’s def. Players 6-4

Jerry’s 11-1

Molly’s 9-3

Trials End 8-4

Jinschele Insurance 8-4

EAA 7-5

Terry’s 3-9

Hooge’s 2-10

Players 0-12

Rec league softball

July 31

MORNING REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Evil Roy Slaves def. Players 21-0

Terry’s def. Backdoor Sliders 20-16

Oblivius def. Associated Appraisal Consultants 31-1

Winners def. Jockey Club 15-3

Evil Roy Slaves 12-1

Winners 13-2

Oblivius 9-4

Jockey Club 7-6

Backdoor Sliders 6-7

Terry’s 5-8

Associated Appraisal Consultants 2-11

Players 0-13

MORNING VETERANS

Terry’s def. Pioneer Marina 11-9

Camera Casino def. Winker’s Westward Ho 18-11

Hooge’s def. Fletcher’s 12-9

Fletcher’s 11-2

Hooge’s 11-2

Terry’s 8-5

Camera Casino 7-6

Pioneer Marina 1-12

Winkler’s Westward Ho 1-12

Aug. 1

THURSDAY COED

T&D Lanes def. Revs 12-2

4imprint def. The Underdogs 5-2

Jerry’s def. Big Daddy’s-Miller 3-0

T&D Lanes 12-0

Jerry’s 11-1

4imprint 9-3

Big Daddy’s-Hesler 8-3

Terry’s 7-5

Mabel Murphy’s 5-5

Mr. Brews 5-6

Hooge’s-Hesler 5-6

Hooge’s-Huffman 5-6

The Underdogs 4-8

Big Daddy’s-Miller 3-9

LeRoy’s 2-8

Fifth Ward Brewing 2-9

Oakbrook Church 1-10

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Bond set at $1M for homicide suspect

Oshkosh Herald

Jumal L. Lipscomb is being held on $1 million cash bond after allegedly killing another inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center.

Court records show Lipscomb, 41, of Milwaukee is being held at Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage since being charged with first-degree intentional homicide after the May 21 incident.

Court documents allege Lipscomb attacked the man, whose name has not been released, in the courtyard at the WRC and kicked or stomped the man’s head as many as 40 times. The man died June 10 when taken off life support.

Marland R. Felker

Marland “Mully” R. Felker passed away peacefully on August 1, 2024 at the age of 89. He was born on February 3, 1935, to George and Mina Kaufman Felker. On June 1, 1957, he married Patricia Jones and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage.

Marland graduated from Oshkosh High School in the last January class in 1953. His first job was at the Leach Company for a short period of time and then he worked at Kiekhafer Mercury testing Mercury Motors on the Fox River and Lake Butte Des Morts. In the winter he would go to Sarasota, Florida and test the motors on Lake X. Some summers he would go to Wisconsin Dells and drive the boats for Tommy Bartlet Water Ski Show. In the fall of 1958, he went to work at Oshkosh Truck where he was the final tester for cement mixers and for military vehicles. In 1959 he joined the Naval Reserves and served for 4 years.

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His favorite hobbies were hunting with his boys and fishing especially trips to Canada, gardening and his 1970 442 Oldsmobile. Marland and Pat had a winter home in Fort Myers, Florida for 18 years which was destroyed in September of 2021 by hurricane Ian.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, sons Bruce Felker, Mark (Sue) Felker, two grandchildren Krista(Gavin) Glaman, Chelsea(Tom) Pfahling, two great-grandsons Gregson Glaman and Liam Pfahling. Sisters-in-law Gloria Felker, Shirley Miller and Janis Kordner. Brothers-in-law Darrell(Lynn) Jones, and Dennis(Sue) Jones as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Lester, father-in-law and mother-in-law Dale and Willabelle Jones, brothers-in-law Ronald Miller and Charles Kordner.

The family request there will be no services. A private committal service has been held.

The family would like to give a special thank you to his private caregivers Penny, Pam, Stephanie, Emily, Rhonda, and Savannah who made it possible for him to remain home. The family would also like to thank Pastor Karen Jewell for her words of comfort and prayer at the time of Marland’s death.

A memorial has been established for Peace Lutheran Church stained glass window restoration.

George M. Payne

George M. Payne, 63, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 1, 2024, surrounded by family. He was born on January 27, 1961, the son of the late George and Rose Payne. George was a graduate of Oshkosh North High School. He worked for Castle Pierce and Housemaster in his early years, and recently retired from Wisconsin Resource Center.

George loved sports cars, especially his Porsche 911, and spent many summer days with the guys at the Road America Track. In his younger years he enjoyed ski trips out West and fishing. He has an especially fond memories of his favorite, “Salty” a springer-spaniel who stole his heart, along with other special fur babies over the years.

George enjoyed Family Gatherings and was a proud Uncle who enjoyed mentoring his nieces and nephews. He shared a few wise words of advice every so often. He was a kind-hearted, hardworking guy who enjoyed spending time at his family’s summer cottage, sharing a few wise words of advice every so often. He was a kind-hearted, hardworking guy who enjoyed spending time at his family’s summer cottage, sharing a few wise words of advice every so often. He was a kind-hearted, hardworking guy who enjoyed spending time at his family’s summer cottage, sharing a few wise words of advice every so often.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE will take place at a later date. Condolences may be sent to: George Payne’s Family, Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Homes, 870 W. South Park Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902

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Oshkosh Herald

Joseph Williams Oliver

Joseph Williams Oliver, 85, of Pickert. He passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024, at Bethel Home, after being a resident there for the last 3 ½ years. He was born in Oshkosh to the late Vernon and Orpha Oliver on May 16, 1939.

He was united in marriage to Sharon Evanson in 1961, and their marriage was blessed with one son, Timothy.

Jack graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1957. After high school he worked at Miles Kimball Company as a line operator and worked in the composition department of Oshkosh’s “The Paper” newspaper. It was a job he very much preferred. Of “The Paper” closed, he continued his employment at Kimball’s as manager of the personalization department.


In his retirement years, and recently retired from Wisconsin Resource Center.

Jack’s wishes, cremation will take place according to his wishes, cremation will take place according to his wishes, cremation will take place according to his wishes, cremation will take place according to his wishes.

Thank you to the staff and caregivers of Bethel Home for becoming like a second family to Jack and his family, especially during his final days. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten.

The family would like to give a special thank you to his private caregivers Penny, Pam, Stephanie, Emily, Rhonda, and Savannah who made it possible for him to remain home. The family would also like to thank Pastor Karen Jewell for her words of comfort and prayer at the time of Marland’s death.

A memorial has been established for Peace Lutheran Church stained glass window restoration.

George is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sharon; son, Timothy (Grace) Oliver; grandchildren, Victoria (fiancé Mason Lee) and Randall (special friend, So- phie Pooreboom); sisters-in-law, Karen Himmler and Marie Evanson. He is further survived by nephews, John and Don Himmler, and Scott Evanson; nieces, Shaune Himmler and Shelly Nittrouer.

In addition to his parents, Jack was pre- ceeded in death by brothers-in-law, Leon- ard Himmler and Ronald Evanson; neph- ew, Steven Evanson, as well as many aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2024 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Peter’s, s er, 449 High Ave. with Fr. Jerome Pas- tors officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 4:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Firefighter honors will be held at 6:45 p.m. and Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. Per Jack’s wishes, cremation will take place following the Mass, and he will be placed with Sharon at the time of her passing, so they can remain together forever.

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**Doyle Rae Hudson**

Doyle Rae Hudson passed away peacefully at Sharehaven at Evergreen in Oshkosh, WI, on August 1, 2024. Born on April 19, 1942, in Ellisonville, WI, the son of Warren and Barbara (Whipple) Hudson. Doyle earned a bachelor's degree in economics and physics from UW-River Falls in 1964. After graduation, he became a teacher in the Oshkosh Area School District where he taught mathematics and physics. He was an active member of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police in 1959. While teaching at Oshkosh High School, he met the love of his life, JoAnn Schatzka, who taught business education. They were married on August 6, 1966, and had two children, Jeffrey and Julie. Despite his many accomplishments, JoAnn's greatest joy was found in the love he shared with his family. His devotion to his wife and children was unwavering. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of kindness, dedication, and community spirit will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Junior Hans Peterson

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Junior Hans Peterson, a cherished member of the Oshkosh community, who peacefully left us on August 7, 2024. Born on July 30, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI, the son of Warren and Rose (Schultz) Peterson. Junior was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Barbara, and a loving father to his children, Richard, Susan, Sally, John, and Jane. Throughout his life, Junior made significant contributions to his community, serving as a founding member of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police since 1959. He was a dedicated member of several committees and enjoyed making crafts with JoAnn for the church bazaar. Doyle and JoAnn enjoyed traveling, especially after they retired from teaching in Oshkosh in 1981.

Rick is lovingly survived by the love of his life, Ann Verdegan; daughter, Stephie (Jason) Hudson; granddaughters, Nata Lee, Madison, and Jane; and great-grandson, Occasionally, he was found spending time with friends and family, drinking a beer and watching football games at the Packers and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**JoAnn Farrell**

JoAnn Farrell, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on July 20, 2024, at the age of 82. Born on December 6, 1941, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she lived a life filled with love, family, and joy. JoAnn graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1959, and on August 26, 1961, she married Richard Farrel, their union of 56 years was a testament to their deep love and commitment. In 1988, seeking warmth and sunshine, they relocated to Litchfield Park, Arizona, leaving behind the love and loyalty of their Wisconsin roots. Family was at the heart of JoAnn's life. She cherished family gatherings and was known for her loving and caring nature and her German Potato Salad. She loved Crocheting & Knitting, was an avid book reader and a dedicated fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**Paul A. Tichonchik**

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Ricky C. Schultze

Ricky C. Schultze, aka Rick, or Pickles, Buddy, or even Buttersco, some, left us on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Ascension Mercy Hospital. He was born in Oshkosh on December 29, 1956, to the late William and Rose (Haase) Schulte. He was employed as a tractor driver for 37 years; their first date was a Brewer game, and they fell in love.

Ricky was a social butterfly, he found his second family at Rustic Woods Campground in Waupaca, where campfire conversations turned strangers into kin. One of the campground regulars, John Deere, once took to take place the unrehearsed reenactment scene from **Dirty Dancing** between Rick and Ann. Whether it was savoring prime rib at the Black Otter with his granddaughter or savaging cones at Leon's with his grandkids, Rick loved life's finer things.

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William Harvath

William “Pinky” Harvath passed away on July 15th, 2024, with his wife Judy and his 2 cats, Bella and Baby. He was the owner of Pinky’s 919 Club. It was established in 1959 as a tavern and quickly became the center of social life for the community. William was passionate about sports, especially baseball and football. He loved watching games and was a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, and he always had a kind word for everyone he met.

Eddie and Lois loved their home over 50 years ago. They took great pride in it and enjoyed making it their own. They were known to always have their “grandma bag” full of candy and gum in their purse.

Lois was a loving and caring person who was always there for her family and friends. She was known to have a happy-go-lucky personality and her kindness was evident to everyone who knew her. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and teaching them how to be kind and caring.

Dorothy Delfosse Haigley

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ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMAL

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It’s called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal “ilio holo i ka uaua.”

Circle every other letter to find out what “ilio holo i ka uaua” means.

DEEP DIVERS

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,000 feet!

How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

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

BABY BREATH CORAL CUTE EYES FIRST HAWAII HOLD HOOD MAMMAL MONK REEF SEALS UNDER YEARS

KID SCOOP PUZZLER

Monk seals are generalist feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. If you park seals will eat, then check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

1. 7 + 4 + 1 =
2. 5 + 3 + 2 =
3. 3 + 4 + 2 =
4. 2 + 2 + 2 =
5. 5 + 5 + 7 =
6. 6 + 8 + 2 =

KID SCOOP TOGETHER:

LET’S DRAW!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps:

• BODY SHAPE: Their bodies are long and fusiform, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.

• FLIPPERS: They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.

• EYES: They have large eyes which help them search for food.

• VOYAGE: They circulate the world in search of food.

Write On!

Animal Family

If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?

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