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Getting ready

Sam Stenson, a fifth-grader at Jefferson Elementary School, enjoys a Back-to-School Bash last week with his parents, Matt and Wendy Stenson, and siblings Ben and Madelyn. Principal Amy Ashton said the event is unique in the Oshkosh Area School District in offering general family conferences and a back-to-school event. "When they come here, they meet the teacher, they get school supplies as needed and then they get to visit the gym and learn about the school and the community services that are offered here at Jefferson," she said. Public school classes opened in the district Tuesday.

District will seek \$195M in April vote

Second phase of school updates in discussion

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Next spring, Oshkosh voters could be asked to vote for a \$195 million facilities referendum that would update and modernize schools and replace some buildings that are more than 100 years old.

The Oshkosh Area School District has been working within a 10-year facilities plan. It was part of the 2020 referendum as well as potential referendums in 2025 and 2029 to update all buildings and be prepared to handle declining enrollment while still offering quality education.

Phase two of the four-phase plan would consolidate the west side of the district. The referendum would also update buildings, ensure all district buildings are ADA compliant and adjust classroom sizes. Another large portion of the referendum would be a new auditorium at North High School.

Phase one concluded this week with the opening of Menominee Elementary School at the former Webster Stanley Middle School location. It also included building Vel Phillips Middle School and adding safety and security in all buildings.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said the district is looking for community input over the next couple of months so that

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Haliburton remains connected with his hometown

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Over the past year, Oshkosh North alum Tyrese Haliburton signed a contract worth nearly a quarter of a billion dollars, led his Indiana Pacers team to the Eastern Conference Finals of the NBA playoffs and, most recently, earned a gold medal with the U.S. Men's National Basketball Team.

Last week, he was back in Oshkosh to speak at the Oshkosh Area School District convocation, host a basketball camp and enjoy the town where he still feels at home.

"It means the world for me to be here," Haliburton said at a press conference following his speech at Oshkosh West on Tuesday. "It's a lot of fun for me to

be back here. Nothing means more to me than to give back here in Oshkosh and it's something I plan to do for a long time because I value this community so much."

Haliburton has enjoyed a meteoric rise after his graduation from Oshkosh North in 2018.

He attended Iowa State for two years where he became one of the top college basketball players in the country and then selected in the first round of the NBA Draft by the Sacramento Kings.

Yet, he has reached new heights of stardom following a trade that sent him to the Indiana Pacers, where he has been a two-time NBA all-star. He signed a

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Olympic gold medalist and Oshkosh North alum Tyrese Haliburton was in Oshkosh last week.

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Concerns aired over campus spaces closing

UW Fox Cities holds planetarium, museum

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The fate of the Barlow Planetarium, Communication Arts Center and Weis Earth Science Museum, which will be affected by the upcoming closure of the University of Wisconsin-Fox Cities campus, were at the top of mind for residents who attended a meeting at the campus Monday.

UW Oshkosh recently announced it will close its Fox Cities campus in Menasha in June, marking the sixth campus slated for closure after the UW merger of 13 two-year colleges with seven of its four-year colleges in 2018.

Shrinking enrollment and budget challenges at UW Fox Cities resulted in a 65% drop in students over the past five years.

What hasn't been decided with the impending closure is what will happen to the campus infrastructure, with the board of trustees voting Monday to have a real estate property appraisal completed.

Since opening in 1997, the Barlow Planetarium has drawn more than 900,000 visitors including 27,000 guests in the 2023-2024 academic year, according to a letter read at the meeting by Northeast Wisconsin Stargazers (NEWSTAR) president Richard Beal.

"At this critical juncture, NEWSTAR's members are united in our commitment to the Barlow Planetarium," Beal said. "We are stepping forward as advocates, seeking to forge alliances with other nonprofits, educational groups, community leaders and corporate sponsors to secure the Barlow's future."

The 51,000-square-foot Communication Arts Center (CAC) opened in 2009 and is used for art exhibits, theatrical and musical performances, and other events. A petition started in July by "Friends of the CAC" with more than 1,000 signatures seeks to keep the facility open and affordable for use by community arts groups.

Neenah resident Jim Morganstern said he and others contributed to the UW Fox Cities Foundation for the purpose and benefit of the CAC.

"The CAC to me is a vital cultural center for the Fox Cities and I would like to see that continue," he said.

The Weis museum opened to the public in 2002 with galleries that include meteorites and meteors, an overview of Earth's formation and development, the geological and historical evolution of Wisconsin, the evolution of animal life and an extensive array of minerals.

UW Fox Cities professor of geology Beth Johnson said the museum is an "absolute gem" for the community.

"The design of the Weis museum is something that has won a prestigious award and it is the only museum in the United States that is dedicated to the geology of a single state," she said. "So if you really want to celebrate the treasure that is Wisconsin's geology, the Weis museum needs to stay open and I would like to see the same happen for all of the other auxiliaries here on the Fox Cities campus which includes the Barlow Planetarium, the university Children's Center and of course the CAC."

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel said he and Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson are working together

to come up with a plan for the campus.

"I get the challenges ahead and I can promise you that Executive Nelson and I, as well as our legal departments, as well as our facility departments, are going to try to do our best to make sure that we have all the input of everybody that's speaking ... to make sure that we're proposing the best and highest use for this going forward," Doemel said.

Nelson noted that even though there is an end date with the relationship among the campus, counties and UW Oshkosh next June, "If we don't come up with a plan of use for all the facilities, the campus doesn't turn into a pumpkin."

"You know, we don't necessarily have to come up with specific answers or we start losing these assets," he said. "We have time."

Missing from Monday's meeting were representatives from the UW System, which has withdrawn from the discussions.

"I agree that it is unacceptable that they don't have a representative here, even though we're not going to have a relationship going forward, you would think that there would be a modicum of professionalism that they would realize - this is my responsibility if we're going to spend money, the county's money, the taxpayers' money, if there are going to be legitimate concerns with respect to operating - that they're going to be here to do this," Nelson said.

The two county boards will make the final decision on the campus infrastructure, including short- and long-term transition plans, with a timeline not immediately clear.

FVTC reports more students, programs this fall

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Fox Valley Technical College campuses opened the fall semester last week with a 3% increase in student enrollment that followed a 4% increase the previous year. FVTC also noted a 7% increase in students enrolling in more credits this fall, most notably in the areas of transportation, agriculture, health and general studies.

FVTC has an open house at all its locations set from 3 to 7 p.m. Oct. 8 with no registration necessary.

More than 200 students are enrolled in the associate of arts and associate of science programs, which are transfer degrees meeting general education requirements for a

partner school with junior standing toward a bachelor's degree. FVTC has transfer agreements with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, UW-Green Bay, Lakeland University and Marian University.

FVTC has added two associate degree programs this fall - Aviation Management and Precision Agriculture Technology - in response to the latest demands of the region's workforce. Some of the programs that have multiple starts throughout the fall semester are Welding, Machine Tool, Accounting, Human Resources and Supply Chain Management. Prospective students can also enroll in general education courses with an option to start classes in mid-October.



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Oshkosh man convicted in Waupaca County fatality

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man has been convicted of drunken driving in Waupaca County in a crash that killed a man who was helping another motorist last October.

Evan Barnick, 21, was found guilty of homicide by intoxicated use of vehicle, first-degree recklessly endangering safety and failure to install an ignition interlock device. Court records show this was Barnick's third operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrest.

The OWI third-offense charge along with felony hit-and-run involving death, operating while revoked and homicide by use of vehicle with prohibited alcohol concentration were all dismissed and read in for sentencing purposes.

Gerald Pagel, 77, was killed in the crash in the Town of Caledonia just after midnight Oct. 29 as he was helping a woman who was involved in a car-deer crash on County W.

According to the criminal complaint, a call came into dispatch for a report of a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle shortly after a driver had called because she had struck a deer.

The caller told police a dark-colored pickup truck hit Pagel on County A at Brehmer Road in Caledonia and fled the scene going southbound toward State 96.

When authorities arrived, the caller said the pickup truck looked like it was heading toward her and Pagel. She was able to jump into the ditch and heard Pagel say, "They are going to kill us."

Deputies started searching the area for the

truck and driver and a 911 call was received stating a vehicle matching the description was seen on U.S. 45 near Givens Road and drove off in an unknown direction.

Officers later initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle operated by Barnick, who is not the registered owner. He denied being involved in the pedestrian death.

The vehicle had damage consistent with having struck a pedestrian and deputies stated they could smell a strong odor of intoxicants from Barnick as they spoke to him.

Barnick had two prior OWI convictions, a revoked driver's license and was required to have an ignition interlock device installed. He was transported to a hospital for a chemical blood test.

Investigators reported witnesses saw Barnick consume a large amount of alcohol and was seen driving alone before the crash.

Barnick is set to be back in court in November for sentencing.



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Campaign event

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) spoke at the Lakeshore Pavilion at Lakeshore Park last week to promote the Harris-Walz campaign heading into the November election. State Rep. Lori Palmeri and Common Council member DJ Nichols also spoke at the event hosted by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

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Fire Department makes case for fourth ambulance unit

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Fire Department needs a fourth ambulance unit, and among the funding options would be to charge the surrounding communities more for the services they get in the current agreement.

Fire Chief Mike Stanley said the fourth ambulance and accompanying staff were needed two years ago and wants to have the unit active next summer.

“We’re being critically impacted by that need for a fourth ambulance. We are struggling to maintain our level of service,” he said. “We’ve got a proven increase in call volume with a growing community and aging community.”

The department strives for the goal of responding to a call within four to six minutes to help someone having cardiac arrest or contain a structure fire.

The three-ambulance system was created in 2005 to serve about 25 square miles and 67,000 people.

“We were not designed to cover 250 square miles with a population of 100,000. We’ve been adaptable and made it work



OFD photo

The rising number of calls for service and an aging population has prompted the Oshkosh Fire Department to request a fourth ambulance.

over the years,” Stanley said. “We’re to the critical point where we’re not sustainable anymore.”

About 85% of calls are for EMS services and between 2019 and 2024 the total call volume has increased 16.7%. About 17% of the calls are for service outside of the city. Stanley explained that leaving the city leads to longer commitment times and the

units are then unable to serve Oshkosh.

The fire department is making these decisions based on data and Stanley shared a lot of statistics with the council last week regarding Oshkosh and surrounding communities that OFD covers.

The average response time in the city last year was 6 minutes and 50 seconds. The average response time to the Town of Poygan, which is the farthest distance according to OFD data, was 29 minutes and 9 seconds.

The average call in Oshkosh can be handled in an hour and the unit can go back to the station and prepare for another call. If a call comes in for the Town of Utica it can take up to 2 hours and 15 minutes to get that unit back to the station.

“We’re losing our resources for a long time and that causes us to be over reliant on that cross-staff model,” Stanley said. “We’re taking fire units out of service to staff ambulances.”

The cross-staffed model pulls firefight-

ers and paramedics into the ambulances and limits the personnel availability for fire calls.

The fourth ambulance unit would cost \$782,195 and includes salaries for eight firefighters. All firefighters with OFD are also licensed paramedics and the OFD has a top rating of Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 1. OFD was awarded 2022 EMS Service of the Year in Wisconsin.

One metric the department uses is unit hour utilization, which measures the workload of an ambulance. Unit hour utilization measures the total time the unit is committed to a call divided by total available hours. Industry standards are to keep the unit hour utilization between 20% and 24%.

Stanley said his department worked with the Wisconsin Policy Forum to forecast how long it would take until the department reaches that 24% threshold. The OFD has already reached that threshold

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Sacred Heart offering a final walk-through

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A final inside look at the former Sacred Heart School building on Knapp Street is being offered to the public from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday before its demolition on the St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Sacred Heart Church campus.

Extensive salvage efforts at the former school, originally built in 1906 as a church and serving as a school until 1997, will begin this month with plans for a eucharis-

tic chapel on the site. The parish is having bricks and other artifacts from the building recovered for future use and mementoes.

An extensive review by the Sacred Heart School Building Committee, which included a yearlong analysis of the structure, consultations with the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay and facilities experts, concluded that neither saving nor selling the building was a viable option.

Fire department

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with three ambulances.

Stanley also spoke about the impact that a growing number of calls is having on the department, including emotional exhaustion, job satisfaction, resilience, compassion fatigue and even intention to leave the profession.

"Not only does it impact the system it impacts our people," Stanley said. "They're running more and more calls, they're having more exposure to traumatic events, they're having more and more sleep disruptions. That all those things contribute to their mental health and their well-being."

There are several ways the department could pay for the new firefighters for the fourth ambulance unit and continue providing service to the surrounding communities; a SAFER grant, increasing the tax levy, going to referendum – which would take years – and a full cost recovery model.

Other options mentioned include surrounding municipalities funding the initial costs of \$782,195 or potentially discontinuing services to surrounding communities.

The city has an agreement with 11 municipalities and the OFD provides coverage to those areas at a great discount compared to contracting with a private ambulance service.

"It's my understanding that we're providing this EMS service to the surrounding townships at a discount. It's costing them significantly less than if they used a private provider. Is that a fair statement?" Mayor Matt Mugerauer asked Stanley.

Wisconsin Policy Forum did a market study on the per capita costs anywhere between \$20 and \$100 in similar markets to Oshkosh. Stanley said the city is offering services at \$3.60 per capita.

"Yes, we are considerably lower than market rate," Stanley said.

"OFD provides a higher level of compassionate care to those that we provide the EMS service to," Mugerauer said. "This is a first-class organization that the chief runs here. It's top-notch service."

City Manager Mark Rohloff added, "By a long shot and the towns know it. They know this is superior service. And that's why we're recognized around the state."

The council recently met in closed session to discuss EMS negotiations with the surrounding municipalities.



Back-to-school safety reminders offered

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The most recent national household travel survey data shows that 33.2% of children take a school bus to school, while 54.2% travel in a private vehicle. With more than 87% of kids taking some kind of motorized vehicle to and from school, it is important to help them stay safe while doing so.

Safety begins at the bus stop. According to the state Department of Transportation, children should stay at least three big steps away from the curb when waiting for the bus. They should also wait to approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the driver says it's safe to get on.

Parents and caregivers should review safe walking rules with children so they can travel safely to and from the bus stop. If children must cross the street when getting off the bus, have them stay at least five big steps away from the front of the bus and look both ways for other traffic.

When on the bus, children should listen to the driver and follow their directions.

For drivers, it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red warning lights and

stop arm activated.

Anyone who is around a school when kids are coming or going knows it can get hectic. Both drivers and students must be aware of their surroundings.

Some rules and guidelines:

- Leave a few minutes early in the morning to avoid congestion around the school's doors. If you allow plenty of time, everyone will be more relaxed, helping to create a good start to the day.

- Stick to the designated drop-off and pickup zones. Ensure kids also know where they're supposed to go. Don't drop off your child in the street to save time or avoid lines.

- Stay in vehicle during drop off or pickup. School staff are usually assigned to help students transition safely from the vehicle to the school.

- Put away distractions, such as your phone, so you can stay focused on the traffic and children.

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State 91 construction project underway

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The state Department of Transportation Northeast Region announced the project includes roadway resurfacing, construction of a bridge over Waukau Creek and replacement of culverts between James

and Clairville roads.

The highway will be closed and detoured for the structure work with a detour on County M and State 44.

For more details, go to projects.511wi.gov/91winn.

The city of Oshkosh has expressed concerns about this project due to the increased risk of downstream flooding in Sawyer Creek.

Volunteer needs

Beaming Inc. is looking for enthusiastic marketing and social media volunteers to support their Raise the Ranch capital campaign. Volunteers will assist with tasks such as graphic design, social media content creation, website updates and other related projects for a few hours per week, with the option to work remotely or on-site. For more information, reach out to Katie at incbeaming@gmail.com.

Community Blood Center is seeking cafe attendants to serve refreshments, chat with blood donors and ensure they feel well after donating. This is a flexible role at donor centers in Oshkosh, Appleton and Little Chute. Volunteers must be at least 16. For more information, contact Karen at kkuramitsu@communityblood.org.

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin is looking for classroom volunteers to inspire and educate K-12 students on financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness. Commit to teaching 5

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Oshkosh Public Museum seeks volunteers for the Día de los Muertos event on Nov. 2 to greet visitors, assist with crafts, answer questions, and enhance the event experience. Shifts are four hours, with a free Día T-shirt. Spanish skills are a plus. Contact Neal at museum@oshkoshwi.gov.

YMCA of the Fox Cities is looking for volunteers to read to small groups of students in their after-school care program for grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Volunteers are needed one or more days per week, Monday through Friday, from about 3 to 6 p.m. and must be at least 18. Contact Kate at kyates@ymcafox-cities.org or Brandon at bvanderhoof@ymcafoxcities.org.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Sept. 3, 1900

Public Library Takes Shape: In 1895, Abbie Danforth, widow of lumberman Marshall Harris, passed away revealing a gift of \$75,000 to the city to create a trust fund to build a library. The only stipulation was that the community would match the request within

three years of her death. Former U.S. Sen. Philetus Sawyer stepped forward with \$25,000 and with the support of the Oshkosh Twentieth Century Club, the city voted to bond the remaining \$30,000. Prominent local architect William Waters won the bid to design the new facility which opened on Labor Day, 1900. The library lions, a gift from Col. John Hicks, are named Sawyer and Harris after the library's benefactors. They were added to the Washington Avenue entrance in 1912.

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Sept. 4
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
Feeding America: Learn about free food and how to get help, 1-4 p.m., adults
Bizarre History of Wisconsin with Chad Lewis, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 5
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Sept. 6
Archive Dives, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Sept. 7
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-4 p.m.
Saturday Surprise, 11-noon, ages 5 and older
Coding Club, 1-2 p.m., grades 6-11

Sept. 8
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 9
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.

Sept. 10
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Drop-in Tech Help, 1-3 p.m., adults
Adult DIY, 6 p.m., adults

Stitch Together, 6:30 p.m., adults
Sept. 11
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Career Ready, 12:30-1:30 p.m., adults
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
Exploring with a Pilgrim's Heart: Wisconsin's Shrines, Chapels, and Grottos, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 12
Emotional CPR, 9-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Sept. 13
Emotional CPR, 9-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2

Sept. 14
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-4 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 10-11 a.m., grades K-5

Sept. 15
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 16
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., grades K - 5

Sept. 17
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

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Genealogy Club: DNA II: The Next Step, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 18
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
ChatGPT for Beginners, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 19
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
Wonderlab, 5:30 p.m., grades K-2
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 20
Librarian Learns, 9 a.m., YouTube
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Tween S.T.E.A.M., 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
Oshkosh Reads Freely, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 21
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-4 p.m.
Coding Club, 1 p.m., grades 6-11

Sept. 22
Oshkosh Repair Cafe, 1-5 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 23
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., grades K-5

Sept. 24
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-

7 p.m.
Drop-in Tech Help, 1-3 p.m., adults
Creature Carnival: Drop-in and Create, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wisconsin for Kennedy: A Reading and Conversation with author B.J. Hollars, 6 p.m., adults
Everyone Has a Story to Tell, 6-7:45 p.m., adults
Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults

Sept. 25
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
Author Neil Hansen, 6 p.m., adults

Sept. 26
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Sept. 27
Staff Training: Library closed until 2 p.m.

Sept. 28
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-4 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 10-11 a.m., grades K-5
What it's Worth: Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran, 11 a.m.

Sept. 29
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 30
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., grades K-5

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District plans

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the Board of Education can make the right decision on a potential referendum.

The district is looking at facilities consolidation to support growing student needs, dealing with building conditions and right-sizing the district amid declining birth rates in the area.

There is also the potential for the district to gain operational efficiency. Davis said Vel Phillips Middle School saves the district more than \$600,000 annually and Menominee Elementary School could save the district more than \$1.3 million each year.

The largest cost in the proposal would be for a new middle school at South Park. Davis said the two options there are building a new school on the site that would cost \$90 million or heavily renovate the infrastructure and classrooms while expanding the existing school.

“There’s part of that original building that is 120 years old that has galvanized piping,” Davis said. “That piping is packed into walls that is packed into asbestos and has a history of leaking, and it’s very difficult to get to.”

Those leaky pipes could lead to air quality concerns and potential emergency where students would need to have virtual learning while the problem is resolved.

The scope of the referendum:

- Replacing/rebuilding South Park Middle School.
- Repurposing Perry Tipler Middle School for an alternative school site and recreation department offices.

Feedback sessions

Sept. 24: South Park Middle School

Sept. 30: North High School

Oct. 10: Vel Phillips Middle School

Oct. 16: Menominee Elementary School

Oct. 29: Oakwood Elementary School

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

- Close/sell the downtown recreation center building.
- Close/sell Roosevelt Elementary School.
- Expand Carl Traeger, Franklin and Oakwood elementary schools to all accommodate 600 students.
- Convert Shapiro STEM Academy to a pre-kindergarten center.
- Build North High School Auditorium.

Davis said the projects would potentially cost \$195 million. He added that due to the district paying off previous debts there would be no increase in the school levy.

The board is expected to hold several community feedback sessions throughout September and October.

“Ultimately, the voters of Oshkosh are going to decide if this plan is a good plan to move forward and we want to make sure we’re refining a plan that’s going to win in Oshkosh,” Davis said.

There will be a second update on the referendum to the board in November before it votes on going to referendum.

Calendar of events

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 Society 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

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Friday, Sept. 13

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Saturday, Sept. 14

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Festival, 8:30 a.m., Leach Amphitheater
Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds and expo hangars

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

Kickin’ it For Kids kickball tournament, 9 a.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

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

Merry Evening with Nosen Lawen, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Mihm Movie Marathon, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Music on Main: Jazz For 90s Kids, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Saturday, Sept. 21

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Touch a Truck, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Ho Fest, 2 p.m., Winkler’s Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Monster X Tour, 1:30 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

“Rocky Horror Picture Show, 6 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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Wildcats' Lasky enjoying volleyball's surge in popularity

BY Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The national interest in women's volleyball has spiked in recent years.

Maeve Lasky has noticed.

Shortly after the start of the Paris Summer Olympics, Lasky began getting texts and calls from friends who suddenly wanted to play beach volleyball with her.

"It was kind of funny," Lasky said. "With everyone watching the Olympics, I had friends reaching out to me wanting me to play it (beach volleyball) with them."

"The fact that it has opened the eyes of so many people to a sport that I've loved for so many years - that's great. It's exciting to see volleyball catching on as a sport, especially on the women's side."

The Oshkosh West senior has dabbled in beach volleyball, but has more experience with the indoor game. She is a middle blocker/hitter and plays with power and poise. Lasky is a fourth-year starter who was a second-team selection on the all-Fox Valley Association team in 2023.

"Maeve is simply an amazing teammate and talent," said West coach William Brydon. "She has grown so much over the years and is a force on the court that opponents must respect. From the service line to the front row, Maeve makes her presence known with her power and poise."

"She's an asset to our team, our program, our school and our community. I can't wait to see how she shines this season."

Expect Lasky to shine like a neon light. She has the height (5-foot-11) to be a strong blocker and can slam the ball with the best of them.

"Hitting is what I like to do best," said Lasky, whose first name is pronounced 'Mave.' "I love to hit from anywhere on the floor. There is nothing better than smashing the ball. Fortunately, I have a wonderful setter (Makaelyn Clark). She sets me up for success every time."

Lasky is one of the Wildcats' most experienced and skilled players. She made the varsity team her freshman year and was an



Submitted photo

Oshkosh West senior Maeve Lasky was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection and one of the leaders of this year's Wildcats squad.

immediate contributor.

"I don't know what was in the air that year, but I just came in super confident my freshman year," she said. "I came in kicking. I had already played with some of the varsity players and had played up for awhile, so that helped."

"The older players were so supportive

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of me. They kind of held my hand through everything and I was able to blend in with them. It was so new to me. It was so different, but I had the best girls playing with me. It's a year I'll never forget. It's been my favorite year of volleyball so far."

Lasky plays the game for much of the year, competing in club volleyball for FC Elite during the non-high school season.

"Volleyball definitely fills up my calendar," said Lasky. "High school and club are really different because of the level of play and the background of people playing it."

"People are coming from all over the place and driving like three hours for club practice. With high school, it's girls coming from within a 10-mile radius, so the skill level is different. What they both have in common is that you need to have the same type of team chemistry to win."

As for her beach volleyball experience, Lasky has done it at a competitive level. She played the game in different parts of the state, including Madison and Milwaukee her first two years of high school, primarily in weekend tournaments.

"It (beach volleyball) is not as easy as it looks - I can tell you that," Lasky said. "Oh my god, there are so many things about it. It's usually outdoors and the heat can be hard to deal with."

"The movement in the sand is like none other and it's just hard to navigate that. You can barely jump in that sand. Plus, if you're playing a two-person game, there is a lot of space to cover with only two bodies and it requires a lot of communication. It's not the easiest game to play. It's harder than indoor volleyball."

Lasky has been playing indoor volleyball since the sixth grade.

"Volleyball has always been such an escape for me - a way to clear my mind," she said. "And I've met so many great people along the way - some who will be in my life forever."

Lasky is an honor-roll student who will attend college next fall. She doesn't plan to play collegiately and will focus on academics, but will likely be involved in the game at some level for years.

"I'm hoping to keep playing it through intramurals and hopefully I'll get to play more beach volleyball," Lasky said. "But it's definitely going to be super hard to leave it. It's going to leave a big gap of time that I've never had."

Lasky is looking to go out in style with a big senior year at West. The Wildcats are coming off a fine season in which they went 22-11 overall and a third-place 6-3 in the rugged Fox Valley Association. It was a major improvement from Lasky's first two seasons when West went 9-27 in 2021

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West's turf field won't host varsity football game this season

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West's showcasing of its turf field for a varsity football game last season is not going to be repeated in 2024.

Oshkosh West athletic director Brad Jodarski confirmed that the school would not be playing any varsity games at the field this season despite the desire to host games at the venue. That doesn't mean there won't be games there in the future, but for this season the lights will remain off on Friday night.

"We were able to pull it off last year and I would have loved to have Homecoming this year but it wasn't to be," Jodarski said. "We're going to continue request consideration down the road each season."

Although Oshkosh West won't be hosting a game at its field, Oshkosh North will be playing its Homecoming game at its turf field at the high school Oct. 4.

North athletic director Craig Lieder said the decision was made to play a game there based on West's successful experience last year.

"West hosted a game on their field last

West vs. North

Due to early deadlines for the Labor Day holiday, we were unable to provide coverage of Friday's Oshkosh North vs. Oshkosh West football game in this edition.

year and we wanted to see if it was something that would be a positive experience on our end," Lieder said. "I've had people ask as soon as the field was put in but we have a contract with UWO so there really wasn't much thought put into it until West did it. In talking to Brad, it was a pretty positive experience, so we figured let's give it a shot."

Lieder said the possibility of holding future games at the turf field remains up in the air.

"We will have to see how this first one goes. I'm not promising anything right now. We're going to see how it goes," Lieder said. "I'm going to be happy on Oct. 5 rolls around; that means we got through it."

The school district currently has a contract with UW Oshkosh to use Titan Sta-

dium.

West's game at its turf field, which included the dedication of the track at the site, was a memorable experience for Wildcats coaches and players as well as the fans in attendance.

Head coach Joe Ray said that many of his players said that playing a game at the high school was the best experience the team had in the 2023 season.

"One of our kids favorite memories from last year was playing a game out there," Ray said. "Our kids loved it. I loved it. It felt like a high school football game."

Jodarski said he made the request to the district to again host at least one game at the field this year but it was turned down.

"We've talked to our district leadership about our desire to play as many games as possible at the high school but we understand that there are certain things that are out of our control and this year; it just wasn't in the cards," Jodarski said. "Whenever it comes to an event the magnitude of a home varsity football game with all of the logistical things, our facility at the high school was not built to accommodate that.

It's not as simple as we just want to play here."

The program is willing to do anything to bring games to the venue.

Whether its fundraising to pay rental fees for portable seating at the field or working within the neighborhood to relieve potential tension, Ray said his coaches and players are willing to put in the work to make it happen.

"If there was something we could do, we would do it 100 percent," Ray said. "If it was a funding issue, we could easily try to fundraise for it. If it was an issue with our neighbors, I offered up our team to do community service with our neighbors to keep a good relationship with them. But I don't know if those are the main issues for us playing here."

"I know some of that stuff is outside of our control and I have confidence that if we could play there, we would."

Jodarski said that all junior varsity and freshman football games are played on the field as well as all varsity soccer home games. Junior varsity soccer home games are played on the field when available.

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(1-8 FVA) and 12-24 (3-6 FVA) in 2022.

"With the talent we have, we can really push to make a run at the Resch (home of the WIAA state volleyball tournament). That's our end goal. I'm super excited to see how the girls on this team collaborate to make this the best team possible.

"We've taken a step forward every year since I've been here. Things have been

building and hopefully we can take that next big step."

And when it's done, Lasky will walk away with some special memories of her distinguished prep career.

"I love high school volleyball," she said. "It's such an unmatched, unique experience. To play in front of your student section and be supported by some of your teachers and people in the community, that's special.

"High school volleyball is just so much fun. It's something you'll never get back."

Oshkosh Ambassadors complete 33rd season

The Oshkosh Ambassadors finished their 33rd year of play recently with its age 75, 65, 60 and 50 teams.

The 75 team had a successful two seasons under retiring manager Russ Rutz. After winning two tournaments last year the team won three this season in Waterloo, Brookfield and Rochester. The team will have Rick Roloff and Dewey Radloff for managers next season, which starts in November in Phoenix.

The 70s team didn't field a team this year due to injuries and surgeries but will be returning to the circuit next year under the guidance of Bob Mathe and Dennis Wesenberg.

The 65-team moved to AA level this year and saw improved play with a third-place finish at the Northern Championships

in Minnesota to kick off the season. The team had three players on the All-Tournament team: Roger Kunde, Joe Walton and Donn 'Bear' Bartelt. The team went on to play in Waterloo, Quad Cities, Brookfield and Rochester. The 65-team is seeking a new manager for next year.

The 60 team played in Waterloo, Little Canada, and Rochester. They are looking to play in one more tournament this season.

The 50 team continues to compete in tournament games with different lineups due to family and work schedules with manager Gary Herring continuing to revitalize the program with young players. A final tournament is set Sept. 6-8 in Omro.

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Experienced, talented Wildcats eye successful run

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West soccer coach Matt Callahan is hoping his team's experience will pay off this season.

The Wildcats boast a large group of talented seniors who will bring plenty of experience to the field and who helped West tie for second place in a talent-rich Fox Valley Association last season.

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"We have a large group of seniors this year that will make a heavy contribution to the team," Callahan commented. "Several of those players had big roles with our success last year so I look forward to seeing how they can contribute this year."

West will have to replace co-FVA Player of the Year Iban Heredia, but do return first-team all-conference selection Colin Carns. The senior, who had a hat trick in the second game of the season, will return to the central midfield and help direct the Wildcats' offensive attack.

At the other end of the field, senior Owen Ervin was a second-team all-conference goalkeeper last season and should help anchor the defense behind a trio of senior defenders in Parker Gerlach, Jaxen Lloyd and Mason Strange.

Forward George Miller and midfielder Brandon Palomaki are also returning

seniors who were key players for West last season.

Two newcomers Callahan expects to contribute will be senior midfielder/forward Morgan Kipchirchir and junior defender Alex De Decker.

Last season, the Wildcats tied for second with Kimberly after finishing 6-2-1 in league play, with Neenah claiming the title. Six teams finished the conference season with at least five wins, while seven of the 10 teams finished above .500.

Callahan expects this season to be just as tough in the FVA.

"The FVA is always a very strong conference so we'll be competing with some very strong teams," Callahan commented. "We will work hard towards being as competitive as possible! We can only control what we can control so we'll work hard in training so we can have as much success as possible. We have a strong group of seniors and a great group of players joining the varsity team or taking on a larger role this year so I hope that we will do very well this year."

Lourdes/Valley

The Knights return six players who earned all-Flyway Conference recognition last year as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian again looks to contend for a top spot in the league.

The Knights tied for third in the conference with Winnebago Lutheran last season with a 6-2-1 record.

We have been developing this team for the past few years ... I can see this being the season we bring home hardware," head coach Abraham Gutierrez commented. "I believe our greatest opponent this season will be the mental aspect of the game, which should speak to the depth of this group of boys."

Among the six all-conference returnees is junior Isaak Rucinski, who was the team's leading scorer last year and a unanimous first-team all-conference selection. He will be joined up front by junior Kaleb Richardson, who was a second-team honoree a year ago.

In the midfield, juniors Brett Maki and Quin Ruark lead the way after earning second team and honorable mention all-conference honors last year.

The strength of the Knights may be on the backline where senior Bennett Pecore leads an experienced group after earning first-team all-Flyway honors last year. Pecore is joined by three seniors who have started since their freshman year in Caden Anderson, Ethan Rienke

and Noah Bolorsush as well as honorable mention all-conference goalie in junior Will Loker.

Gutierrez expects sophomore Jackson Buttke, who missed most of last season due to injury, and sophomore Matthew Loker to round out the starters.

Freshman Elijah Troiber is also expected to contribute for the Knights.

Oshkosh North

The Spartans return second-team all-conference midfielder Gerome Mtabi as they look to improve on their 2023 finish. Mtabi is a junior.

North finished 2-7 in league play, posting wins over Appleton West and Kimberly.

The Spartans do have 10 seniors on their roster, including goalkeeper Geteme Hakizmana who should anchor the defense. North also has plenty of scoring depth at forward and midfield which could make the Spartans one of the more explosive teams in the FVA this season.

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VOLLEYBALL

Oshkosh West takes second at Fall Classic

Oshkosh West went 3-1 to finish second at the Fall Classic last week.

The Wildcats went unbeaten in pool play with wins over Appleton West, Fond du Lac and West De Pere. The wins over the Cardinals and the Phantoms were each in three sets.

West played another three-set match in the finals, but fell to Kaukauna, 22-25, 25-16, 15-9.

Sydnee Nelson led the West hitters with 38 kills on the day, while Maeve Lasky added 21 and Kirsten Klatt and Emma Liebergen finished with 14 and 12, respectively. Klatt also led the team with 4.5 blocks.

Elaina Butz posted a team-high 64 kills, while MaKaelyn Clark led the Wildcats with 75 assists. Butz, Emma Polishinski and Rilyn Polakowski each registered seven aces on the day.

Warriors win two at home triangular

Valley Christian opened the season with straight-set wins over Elkhart Lake-Glenbuelah (25-23, 25-19) and Winnebago Lutheran (25-17, 25-16) at a home triangular last week.

Lizzie Fink had 10 kills to lead the way in the win over the Resorters, with Anna Giannopolous adding five and Alaina Wo-

jowski chipping in four.

Maliha Demler led the team with 20 assists, while Aubryn Lehman had six digs and Giannopolous had five.

In the win over Winnebago Lutheran, Fink again led the team with eight kills, while Giannopolous adding four. Demler totaled 14 assists and seven digs, while Giannopolous also had seven digs.

North finishes 0-2 at Freedom Triangular

The Spartans lost to both Winneconne and Freedom in straight sets at the Freedom Triangular last Thursday.

SOCCER

Oshkosh North posts pair of victories

The Spartans erupted for seven second-half goals in an 8-2 win over Green Bay East last Tuesday to open the 2024 season.

Mbomba Munga and Aimable Muryarungo each scored two goals to lead the Spartans, while Tohana Bikyeombe, Shepherd Johnson, Alex Asende and Gerome Mtabi also scored in the game. Asende finished with five assists.

North also scored a 2-0 win over West De Pere on Thursday as Munga and Johnsen tallied the goals for North. Mtabi chipped in a pair of assists.

Geteme Hakizimana made seven saves to earn the shutout in goal.

Wildcats open season with two victories

Oshkosh West scored three goals in a six-minute span in the second half to score a 3-0 win over DC Everest in the season opener last week.

Colin Carns, Mason Strange and George Miller tallied the goals for the Wildcats.

West then scored a 5-0 win at home over Wisconsin Rapids with Carns and Miller leading the way.

Carns registered a hat trick for the Wildcats with Miller assisting on all three goals. Miller also had a goal in the game for West, with Strange collecting the assist.

The remaining goal for the Wildcats was scored by Brandon Palomaki with Yosef Edsell earning the assist.

Knights pile up 14 goals in pair of wins

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian had its offense clicking to start the season, picking up a 6-1 win over Iola-Scandinavia and an 8-0 victory over Berlin last week.

Isaak Rucinski finished with five goals against Iola-Scandinavia, while Caden Anderson finished with a goal and two assists. Matthew Loker, Elijah Trober and Kaleb Richardson also had assists in the win for the Knights.

Will Loker made three saves in goal for Lourdes/Valley Christian.

Against Berlin, Rucinski recorded his second straight hat trick and finished with three goals and three assists, while Richardson added two goals and two assists and Isaiah Hyvonen chipped in two goals. Matthew Loker also scored for the

Knights, while Anderson and Quin Ruark added assists.

TENNIS

Knights come up short in three dual meets

Sasha Quandt posted two wins to lead the way but Lourdes Academy dropped dual meets to St. Mary's Springs and Roncalli last week.

Quandt beat Jasline Loynes 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles for the Knights' lone win against the Ledgers, while adding a 6-0, 6-0 win over Roncalli's Lily Giesen. Ava Geffers earned a 6-4, 6-3 win over Brittany Lewis for Lourdes Academy's second win against Roncalli.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes Academy lost to St. Joan Antida, 4-3, with the Knights winning all three doubles matches.

Geffers and Maya Hawi won at the No. 1 flight, while Jasmine Saiyed and Anika Wellens were winners at No. 2 doubles. Aoife Mains and Lila Geffers collected a victory at No. 3 doubles.

GOLF

North tops West in dual meet

Oshkosh North edged rival Oshkosh West, 216-230, in a dual meet at the Oshkosh Country Club last week.

No individual scores were available from the match.

The Wildcats also lost a dual meet to Appleton North last week, 201-243, with Hailey Hammen carding a 54 to lead the way, while Kennedy Footit shot a 55 to lead West in a 171-243 loss to Kaukauna.

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Haliburton

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maximum contract with the Pacers last summer and then earned his first taste of the NBA playoffs with Indiana after the 2023-24 season.

"It's been a whirlwind. It's been crazy because time spins so fast," Haliburton said. "To understand the things that I'm doing now I could have only dreamt of. Thank God for the people I have around me to keep me grounded and keep everything in perspective."

The crown jewel of Haliburton's experience, though, came in late July in Paris when he was part of the gold-medal winning men's basketball team.

Although his on-court contributions were limited – he even had a post on X go viral about his role on the team – it was still a special accomplishment and one he will always cherish.

"The most rewarding (accomplishment) is probably winning the gold medal, just because that's something only a select few guys can say they have done," Haliburton said. "To be part of that crew that is one of the greatest basketball teams we have ever put together and for me to be a part of that, it's amazing."

Haliburton was the second-youngest player on the U.S. squad and used the opportunity to soak up anything he could from the likes of teammates LeBron James, Steph Curry, Kevin Durant and others.

"I think the biggest thing I took from them is how serious they are about their routines. I'm just starting to become a real routine guy. Wake up at this time, go to the gym at this time, eat at this time. All of those things," Haliburton said. "The biggest thing I will take from it is just how they treat their bodies and how they are able to do what they do at such a high level at their age. That's a goal of mine to play this game until the wheels fall off and following in those guys' footsteps is important."

Haliburton joked that during his time with the Olympic team, he tried luring a teammate or two to join him in Indiana with the up-and-coming Pacers.

"I got recruited by those guys, too, but I'm not going anywhere. I think it was fun meeting those guys and you create lifelong relationships. I was texting with

Steph the other day and that is unbelievable because that was a guy I was such a fan of growing up."

During his press conference, Haliburton also shared his connection with current Oshkosh North standout Xzavion Mitchell.

Mitchell will be entering his senior season with the Spartans and has already committed to continue his career at Iowa State University – Haliburton's alma mater.

"I remember being in high school and him getting on the fourth-grade team where he was taller than everybody else. To watch his growth to where he is now is awesome," Haliburton said. "The guys I watched growing up, they see what I'm doing taking it to another level and hopefully Xzavion can see what I'm doing and take his game to another level."

Haliburton is looking to take his game and the Pacers' franchise to another level moving forward.

After making a return to the playoffs this season, the Pacers will be bringing back the bulk of that roster and could be in the conversation to win an NBA title. Haliburton will certainly be leading that charge.

"My whole career people ask me what I want to do next and I always say that if I give you an answer I'm putting a ceiling on what that is," Haliburton said. "The things that I have accomplished this season are things that I never thought were possible two years ago so I just want to take my game to another level."

"The organization has been amazing to me. It would mean the world to me to win a championship. But not just win a championship, win a championship in Indiana. That's the goal for me moving forward and keep taking steps to get there."

Obituaries

Mary E. Moosbrugger

Mary, age 83, died peacefully on Monday, August 26, 2024, after living a full life



marked by dedication to family and community. Mary was born April 4, 1941, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Iver E and Clara (Bykowski) Engebretson. She married William J Moosbrugger on September 30, 1961. As long-time residents of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mary enjoyed supporting her husband as he formed a Heating / Cooling and Refrigeration Company, Koch & White, with his partner Bill Stoll.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bill Moosbrugger (2008) and her brother Bill Engebretson (2021). She is survived by her brother, Iver Engebretson and his wife, Linda; her sister, Joyce Koeck and her husband, Kim; her brother John Engebretson and his wife, Pamela; her niece, Brook Engebretson; her niece, Amy Schneider and her husband Ben; her great-nephew Brady Schneider, his wife Jayne, and sons Piercen and Tristan; her great-niece and Goddaughter Meghan Van Schyndel and her husband Zach; and her great-nephew Bryce Schneider.

Mary loved traveling with her husband Bill to many places, but she especially enjoyed traveling to England. She became an expert in 18th century English antiques. She collected them for herself and for her antiques business. Mary enjoyed many

family reunions and trips with her siblings, meeting with them in various cities across the USA, Europe, and South America. In 2015, Mary moved to Oshkosh to be near her family.

Mary and Bill worked hard, and she always felt very blessed. Both she and her husband Bill were strong believers in giving back to their community. Mary's passing is a loss to all who knew her.

A private Memorial Service is planned at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, where she will be entombed next to her husband.



William Thomas

William (Bill) Thomas, 76, passed away in the early morning of July 15, 2024. He



was born on February 13, 1948, in Texas, the oldest son of Irene and Edgar Thomas.

Bill spent most of his adult life in Wisconsin, living in Green Lake, then Oshkosh, enjoying his final years within the community

of Bella Vista. Bill never missed a beat, his sly humor catching even the wittiest companion off guard. He found joy in reading, rummaging, and keeping everyone around him on their toes.

Per Bill's request, there will be no memorial services. Many thanks to the staff and residents at Bella Vista for their love and care of Bill over the years.

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Obituaries

Ronald L. Gorchels

Ronald L. Gorchels, 89, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2024 in his home, surrounded by his family.



Born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on May 23, 1935, Ron was the son of Elder and Elvina (Osmos) Gorchels. During his childhood, he fished, hunted, and rode his horse, Misty. In high school he

met the love of his life, Joan N. Marheine. They married on January 15, 1955 and enjoyed 69 years together.

Ron worked at Dahl Motors in Oshkosh for eight years, followed by 42 years at Medalist Industries, becoming a master machinist.

Their family grew rapidly and Ron was very involved in his sons' lives. Scouting was a big part of these years, with all-season camping a fun highlight. Ron was Cub Scout Master and Boy Scout Master. He also coached Cub Scout softball and

advised a junior rifle club. Beyond that the family took camping trips to explore America.

Ron loved to hunt deer and pheasant, first with his dad, then with his son, Chuck. He often put his boat in at Rainbow Park to fish the lakes for whatever was biting. As a member of the Springbrook Sportsman's Club, the Van Dyne Sportsmen Club and the Fox Valley Trap Club, he enjoyed going out and visiting with his fellow sportsmen. Ron also enjoyed golfing.

After he and Joan were married, Ron became a member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Oshkosh, where he was involved with the Food Pantry.

He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife, Joan; sons Charles (Linda) Gorchels of Fitchburg, WI; Gerald (Lisa) Gorchels of DeKalb,

IL; Richard (June) Gorchels of Weyauwega, WI; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, and son, Michael J. Gorchels.

Thank you to Moments Hospice for helping fulfill Ron's wishes, and to all who prayed for Ron and the family.

A private memorial service will be held for immediate family. A celebration of life will follow at a future date.

Memorial gifts may be given in Ron's name to Emmanuel UCC, Oshkosh, WI.

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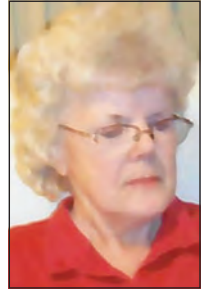
Doloris A. Domke

Doloris A. Domke, age 81, born in Winchester, WI on January 23, 1943, passed away on August 21, 2024, surrounded by her family in Oshkosh, WI.

Doloris was the daughter of the late Burger Amundson and Murna (Stenson) Amundson. Doloris married David "Porky" Domke on October 17, 1959, at the Baptist Church in Omro, WI. She worked at Miles Kimball, Oshkosh Wood Products, Wagner's Electric Company and Omro Care Center as a Nursing Assistant for 20 years.

She liked gardening, cooking, going deer hunting, fishing and playing cards. She also liked spending time with her 6 grandchildren on the holidays and taking care of her dog, Pacco.

Doloris is survived by her daughters, Teresa (Mike) Formiller and Penny Besaw; six grandchildren, Steven (Kayla) Duke, Jake Domke, Melissa (Nick) Gollmar, Scott Besaw, Heather (Adrian) Willett and Tyler (Meredith Oakley) Formiller. She is further survived by brothers-in-law, Rodney Schmidt, Joe Dobrynski, Bill Hayes;



as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, David "Porky" Domke; son, David C. Domke; parents, Burger (Pearl) Amundson and Murna (Vince) Youngwirth; siblings, Louise Lee, June Dobrynski, Donna Hayes, Ken Amundson, Dick (Myra) Amundson and Donald Amundson, Elaine, Jeanette Gose, Sharon Schmidt, Marlene Decker, Laverne Amundson; sisters-in-law, Bernice Amundson and Nancy Amundson; brothers-in-law, Ray Gose, Ray Decker and Robert Lee; as well as other family.

Visitation will be held at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave., Omro, WI, on September 12, 2024, from 11:00am to 1:00pm with service to immediately follow. Her final resting place will be at Omro Cemetery in Omro, WI.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her honor.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff at the ICU at Ascension - Mercy Medical for their care and compassion during this difficult time; as well as a thank you for the first responders and Omro Police Department.



Sharon I. Greenebaum

Sharon Irene Greenebaum, 72, died peacefully at home on Friday, August 23, 2024, surrounded by members of her beloved family. She was preceded in death by her parents Clara and Raymond Kortbein; her husband, Stu; and her siblings Darrel and Brian Kortbein.

Sharon is survived by her sons Joe Spanbauer (Audrey) of Oshkosh, Louie Greenebaum (Callie Cozzolino) of Chicago, Illinois, Tyler Greenebaum (Theresa Eberhardy) of Hartland, Clinton Greenebaum (Lynae) of Newport, Minnesota; grandchildren Jake, Chandler, Gage, Landon, Ariana, Gaborik, Xavier, Zanon, and Coz; siblings Vicki Rousar, Doug Kortbein, Denise Neu (Guy), Don Magnuson (Cheryl), Johnny Kempf (Mary Sohm), and many nieces and nephews.

Sharon was born on July 16, 1952, and grew up in Oshkosh. While in high school Sharon enjoyed downhill skiing and going to South Park street dances.

Sharon and Stu were married for 43 years, and Sharon lived in Hartland for nearly 50. Lake Country was a big part of her identity. Sharon was a connoisseur of lake country restaurants. She was a loyal patron of the Seven Seas, and a lifelong

regular of the Phoenix restaurant where everyone knew her. She loved Arrowhead High School and was enjoying getting a front-row seat to Ariana's high school years.

Sharon boasted about her children and grandchildren to whomever would listen. They were her life. Whether it was marching band or jazz band, football or baseball, hockey or lacrosse, she was so proud of her grandkids' interests and accomplishments.

Sharon had a soft spot for cats. While her children were growing up, the family brought in a lovely calico cat named Cheeta. In her last weeks, she enjoyed having Willow in the house. She specifically requested that her room be rearranged to maximize the time Willow would want to spend with her.

Sewing and quilting were lifelong passions for Sharon. Whether it was sewing patches on her sons' Boy Scout uniforms and letter jackets, creating cigarette pockets into Stu's tank tops, designing and creating intricate quilts and other gifts for friends and family, or making clothes for Ariana, her talents were indisputable.

Sharon was the glue of her family, and she will be deeply missed by many.

Funeral services were held at Evert-Luko Funeral Home 170 Warren Ave., Hartland, WI on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Burial is at the Upper Hartland Cemetery.



Lois J. Hedge

February 28, 1931 - June 10, 2024

Lois J. Hedge passed away peacefully on June 10, 2024. She recently moved from Oshkosh, Wisconsin to be near family. Beloved wife of Paul Hedge, Lois worked as a librarian throughout life, most recently as volunteer librarian at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, WI. Lois and Paul owned and operated a music store in Powell, Wyoming and founded and directed Rushmore Music Camp near Mt. Rushmore.

Loving mother of Randy (Holly) Hedge, Lead, SD, and the late Catherine Jean (Dan) Frederick, Worland, WY; loving sister of Paul Snyder, Seagoville, TX and loving grandmother of Stephanie Moore, Carly Winterstein, and Josh



Hedge, and Heidi Donofrio and Tyler Frederick.

Memorial services were Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, Spearfish, SD.

Friends who wish to visit with the family and remember Lois may do so on Sunday, November 3, following the All Saints service at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.

A family graveside committal service will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Two memorial funds have been established. Gifts may be sent to Rushmore Music Camp Foundation, c/o Deb Yess, 14370 Woodville Court, Waseca, MN 56093, or to Spearfish UCC piano fund, 920 Main Street Spearfish, SD 57783.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

and friends. He was very meticulous with everything he did and took great pride in his work. Don was also a member of First English Lutheran Church. Don is survived by his wife, Lois Jaenke; children, Gregory (Pamela) Jaenke; Stephanie (Mark) Ziebell; and Kristin (Scott) Boevers. He is also survived by five grandchildren; Kira Jaenke, Emily Jaenke, Allie Ziebell, Austin Ziebell, and Paige Boevers. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wesley (Hertha) Jaenke; mother & father-in-law, Arden (Anna) Winkenwerder.

A funeral service for Don will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 11:30 AM, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr, Oshkosh WI. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. A private interment will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Neenah, WI. The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the wonderful staff at Bethel Home and Compassus Hospice who cared so much for Don during his time there. In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in Don's name.



Donald W. Jaenke

Donald "Don" W. Jaenke, age 82, passed away on August 27, 2024, at Bethel Home in Oshkosh, WI.

Don was born on March 22, 1942, to Wesley and Hertha (Woller) Jaenke in Wausau, WI. He graduated from Wausau High School in 1960 and enlisted in the US Army National Guard, where he served until 1962. He married Lois Winkenwerder on October 24, 1981, at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Together they owned Jaenke & Jaenke Insurance Agency in Oshkosh for about 4 years. Don continued to work in the insurance sales industry for over 40 years. After retiring in 2008, Don had different part-time jobs including car sales, car parts delivery, and buildings & groundskeeper at his church.

Don was passionate about woodworking and made many beautiful pieces of furniture. He enjoyed being active and going on walks every day. Don also enjoyed grilling on his wide assortment of grills and enjoyed many meals with his family



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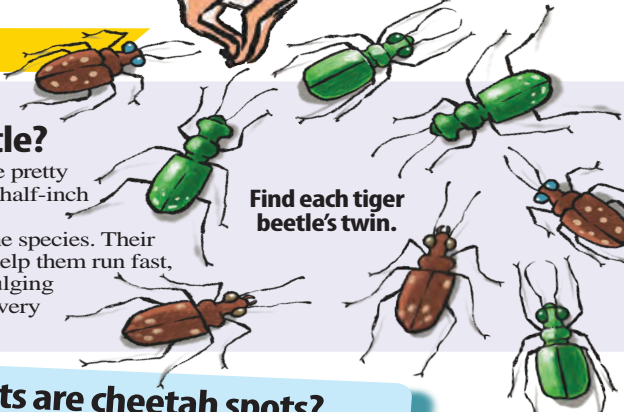
Running at top speeds of about 20 mph, human beings are one of the slower-moving animals on Earth.



What's a Tiger Beetle?

Tiger beetles are pretty small—about a half-inch to an inch long, depending on the species. Their long, thin legs help them run fast, and their big, bulging eyes give them very good vision.

Find each tiger beetle's twin.

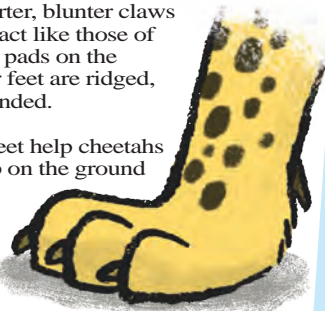


Top Sprinter

The cheetah is the fastest land animal. Cheetah paws are more like a dog's than a cat's.

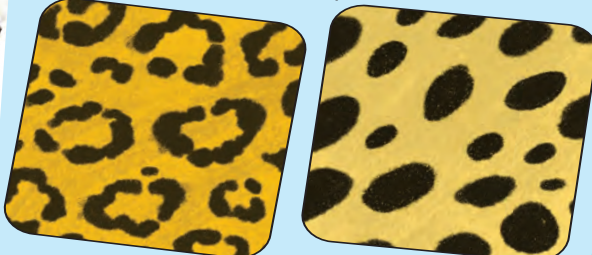
They have shorter, blunter claws that do not retract like those of other cats. The pads on the bottom of their feet are ridged, rather than rounded.

Their special feet help cheetahs get a good grip on the ground and push off firmly for the next bound. No wonder cheetahs can run so fast! But cheetahs can only run at top speed for a short distance.



Which spots are cheetah spots?

How can you tell a leopard from a cheetah? Both have spots—but their spots are not the same. Read below to find out how their spots are different. Then circle the cheetah spots.



A leopard's spots are grouped in clusters called rosettes, while a cheetah's spots are scattered evenly.

Extra! Extra!

Speed Grammar

Select one page of the newspaper. Time yourself to see how quickly you can find two of each of the following:

- Nouns
- Adjectives
- Verbs
- Pronouns

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.

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The Slowest Animal

The snail is certainly one of the slowest animals on Earth.

At .03 mph, it would take a snail 30 minutes to move around the outside edge of this newspaper page.



Find the differences between the two snails.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BIG
- CHEETAH
- FALCON
- FAST
- HELP
- HUMAN
- LEGS
- MILES
- PAWS
- RUN
- SPEEDS
- SPOTS
- START
- TIGER
- VISION

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

L	N	S	T	A	R	T	Y	M	V
F	O	J	R	G	P	U	L	I	A
A	C	L	A	E	W	P	N	L	Q
S	L	H	U	S	G	V	T	E	B
T	A	E	E	D	E	I	J	S	N
B	F	L	L	E	G	S	T	V	A
W	I	P	K	E	T	O	K	X	M
Z	O	G	R	P	P	A	W	S	U
A	N	O	I	S	I	V	H	A	H

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

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Missing Words

Replace the missing words in this article.



Jesse Owens: Olympic Speed and Achievement in 1936

Jesse Owens is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes in sports

_____. He is remembered for several reasons.

Owens won four _____ medals and set two Olympic _____ at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

This was an important athletic achievement, and a significant social achievement. In

1936, Adolph Hitler was the _____ of Germany. Hitler hoped to show the

_____ that Aryans, or northern

Europeans, were the best at everything.

When Jesse Owens, a Black American,

dominated the Olympic track-and-field

_____, he showed the world that people

of all races are capable of excellence.

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Standards Link: Recognize the difference between fact and opinion.

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