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Public library updates look to future

Rebranding, new website announced at institution

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

Tomorrow marks a new day at the Oshkosh Public Library with significant updates and a renewed commitment to the community as a place to start your story.

The library is launching a new website, logo and rebranding that are in line with efforts across the city to refresh its image and look to the future.



"The city has big plans for the future and we're going to be a part of that at the library," said Daryl Eschete, who took over as library director in January and has been working with staff on rebrand efforts that he said hasn't been done

to its website since 2013.

The Herald sat down with Eschete, marketing coordinator Laura McDonald and head of library development Lisa Voss to learn about the steps the library is taking to make sure it's an institution that Oshkosh residents continue to utilize and rely on for expanding their knowledge.

The 124-year-old institution is a free resource for residents to learn an almost infinite number of topics with staff ready to help everyone who walks through its

SEE Library updates ON PAGE 11



Boneyard greetings

Local residents like Greg and Loren Schlichting at 600 Algoma Blvd. have prepared their front yards with a ghoulish Halloween welcome for visitors ahead of Oshkosh trick-or-treating that runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

Winnebago County homelessness solutions stay elusive

Strategies reviewed amid proposed limits By Bethanie Gengler **Oshkosh Herald**

county property, but those items were pulled from the meeting agenda.

Instead, a presentation by the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition called "The Face of Homelessness in Winnebago County" took place last week, which included discussion on the proposed ordinances targeting the homeless. Winnebago County housing grant specialist Lu Scheer told attendees that about 3,500 households in the county are living at or below the federal poverty income guideline, amounting to about 5% of households. Scheer said for a single per-

son, that's \$1,255 per month; for a family of four, \$2,600.

Scheer said people are comfortable with

In 2022, the county was awarded a \$10.3 million grant through the Neighborhood Investment Fund to create and expand housing and services, which Scheer said was used to build the Day By Day Shelter in Oshkosh, "which actually made a significant difference in getting people off the street."

As officials continue to consider countywide public camping and loitering bans to deal with an influx of homeless people, Winnebago County held a meeting earlier this month to discuss the issues.

The County Board of Supervisors was expected to vote on two ordinances that would ban camping and loitering on any

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paying 30% of their income for housing, otherwise they're considered cost burdened, and 1 of every 8 Wisconsin residents are paying more than 50% of their income for housing.

About 40% of children in Winnebago County are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

"It's not surprising that there's an increase of households who are at risk of being unsheltered," she said.

The county also invested in 32 small houses in Oshkosh; provided support to Solutions Recovery to add new residences and purchase a shelter in Oshkosh to help

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UW Oshkosh chancellor leaving next year

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Exactly a year to the day after announcing a large number of staff layoffs the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's chancellor announced he is stepping down from his position at the end of June.

Chancellor Andy Leavitt announced his retirement last week after a turbulent year of financial troubles, layoffs and a vote of no confidence. He will be stepping down after the current school year and said he is still hoping to make UW Oshkosh a strong and sustainable university.

"I take pride in my service. I have been driven to enhance the experience of students and, working with everyone at UWO, set the best course for the institution through the steady headwinds challenging higher education," he said in a statement.

Last summer Leavitt announced the

The Oshkosh Area School District Educa-

university was facing a potential \$18 million budget deficit, and layoffs and early retirements would be necessary to deal with the issue.

On Oct. 16, 2023, Leavitt and the univer-



off notices and another 76 employees accepted voluntary early retirement. The move was set to save about \$14.7 million. No faculty members were let go as the layoffs were limited to

UW Oshkosh adminis-

trative and staff positions.

Then in April, about 52% of the university faculty voted that they had no confidence in Leavitt's leadership. The vote was largely symbolic as only the Universities of Wisconsin president can remove a chancellor.

UW president Jay Rothman said in a statement after Leavitt's announcement, "Since his first day as chancellor, Chancellor Leavitt has embraced the challenges that come with leadership. He is passionate about ensuring UW Oshkosh is positioned for a vibrant future, knowing its success is vital to the region and our state."

Leavitt highlighted his goals for the next eight months on the job, including securing more state funds to modernize university facilities and infrastructure, including a revitalized library.

Leavitt concluded his message by saying, "I will cherish memories made and the people I have met in this role over the past 10 years. It has been the honor of my life. I am proud to be a Titan and look forward to contributing in new and different ways."

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

<u>Oct. 16, 1944</u>

Oshkosh Man Offers Good Eye to Any Blinded Vet: One of the most heroic and courageous examples of humanity was made known today as William Schultz, age 40 of 67 High St., announced his desire to donate an eye to any serviceman who has lost sight through battle. Not content with buying war bonds and donating at the Red Cross blood bank, his desire is to restore sight to another human being who suffered the loss of sight during the war effort. Schultz was moved by a story he read about a man from Philadelphia who was blinded in action, returned home to a wife and newborn baby he had never seen. Mr. Schultz is employed at the Cook & Brown Lime Company. Several years ago, Schultz had both legs broken in an accident and was told by doctors he would never walk again. Despite this, through faith, he regained use of his legs and today walks without crutches. When asked why he wanted to do this, Schultz replied he just wanted to do something more than he already has done for the war effort.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Oct. 16, 1944

Correction

OCT. 16, PAGE 2: The Back in the Day date about the theft of Faberge eggs from the Paine Art Center was incorrect and was from Oct. 22, 1980.

Foundation to the Community Clothes Closet is helping the initiative but the OASD Education Foundation is seeking to raise an additional \$5,000 to expand

The Education Foundation aims to raise an additional \$5,000 to outfit students with additional winter gear, including wa-

The donation campaign runs until Oct.

input about the proposed OAA goals.

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center's South Building in the Willows

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Attn: Jill Butler, Aging & Resources Pro-

gram Supervisor, P.O. Box 2187 Oshkosh,

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countywi.gov or call 877-886-2372.

County's three-year aging plan set for hearing Interested residents can listen and share

Winnebago County's Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is hosting a public hearing at 10 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center to review proposed goals for the county's Aging Plan for 2025-2027.

pants. A \$10,000 grant from the J.J. Keller

Winnebago County receives Older Americans Act (OAA) annual funding for programming in nutrition, preventive health promotion classes, caregiver support and general supportive services

Workshop sessions offered for county caregivers Oshkosh Herald

A Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop will be held Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. for six weeks beginning Nov. 11 at the Fox Valley Technical College's Oshkosh Riverside Campus.

Presented through Winnebago County Public Health and Winnebago County ADRC, the free workshop helps caregiv-

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ers meet their own needs while caring for a loved one. Whether that loved one lives with them or lives in a care facility, if they are distant caregivers or are helping a friend or neighbor.

The sessions help caregivers identify stress, manage difficult feelings due to losses, schedule changes, increased responsibilities, trying to manage work and caregiving. They also learn effective communication tools and relaxation techniques.

For more information, contact Alisa Richetti at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County at 920-236-1227 or at arichetti@winnebagocountywi.gov.

tion Foundation and Community Clothes Closet are collaborating to provide winter the program. gear to public school students in need. With 52% of elementary students in the district-more than 2,000 children from economically disadvantaged backterproof gloves and mittens. grounds, many families struggle to afford essential items such as snow boots and

31; visit bit.ly/472AcZI to make a donation.

Initiative supports winter gear for students

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More electric vehicle charging options in city discussed

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

Options for the city to better prepare for more electric vehicles (EVs) on the road were reviewed with the city's advisory Transportation Committee last week in a discussion with the city's consultant on that initiative.

With an estimated 15% of people in the Oshkosh area currently owning either a hybrid vehicle or EV, the city has been exploring options such as more public charging options. City transportation director Jim Collins said the city continues to receive inquiries over EV charging expansion.

Bill Troe of SRF Consulting Group said that by 2050 there could be more than 40,000 EVs in the region with the majority of chargers at people's homes, along with about 1,000 public charging options.

Fewer than half of 1% of registered vehicles in Wisconsin are EVs. In 2023, there were 394 EVs registered in Winnebago County out of just under 190,000 total vehicles. Across Wisconsin the numbers are similar with just 17,084 EVs among more than 6.6 million registered vehicles.

"Now is the time to plan," Troe said, "so that we have an understanding of what we need in the future because that is not going to stay that way."

There are three levels of electric vehicle charging. The most common home charging is level 1, using 120 volts and can take up to 20 hours to charge. Level 2 uses 240 volts and can take up to six hours to fully charge. Level 3 is the fastest option that can use up to 480 volts and a car charging from 20% to 80% can take just 40 minutes.

Levels 2 and 3 are often used for public charging. At previous meetings, Troe said he thought the best option for Oshkosh was level 2 chargers that could be placed outside the Convention Center and other popular places downtown. EV owners asked for Troe to consider rec-

Information on obtaining ID for voting

Ahead of Election Day on Nov. 5, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can provide residents identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification includes a driver's license, identification card, military or student ID card. There is no separate voter ID and a federally compliant REAL ID card is not required. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at bringit.wi.gov.

Begin at wisconsindmv.gov/idcards to

see a list of the required documents needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center to obtain identification to show at the polls.

A process is available to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

Anyone with questions should call DMV's toll-free hotline at 844-588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov. ommending more level 3 chargers in the city, which are more expensive and require much more electricity than level 2.

The Oshkosh area currently has 24 public charging ports; 13 are level 2 and 11 are level 3.

Troe said the EV plan would be for Oshkosh to have level 2 chargers in public parking lots and be operated by an outside vendor. The city would own the chargers and cover the costs of installing the infrastructure.

A National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program being managed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) is targeting highway corridors statewide to allow for fast charging to accommodate longer trips. These stations will have at least four chargers at each location and be the fast level 3 chargers.

The DOT previously announced that one of these locations will by the Kwik Tip on South Washburn Street in Oshkosh and the BP station on Main Street in Neenah.

Troe said the initial plan for the city would be to have level 2 chargers down-



town where parking is available over long periods of time, such as at the Convention Center. The infrastructure for EV charging has already been installed at Lakeshore Park.

Collins said the next step would be for the Common Council to approve the pilot program with funding added to the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

Paul Esslinger, the council representative on the Transportation Committee, said he was skeptical of the costs of operating the charging stations and having government involved instead of private businesses.

Committee member Deb Martin said that adding the chargers could help bring more visitors to Oshkosh.

"If we're going to invest, let's try something small first," Troe said of the pilot program.

Collins said the initial cost would be about \$80,000 to install chargers at the convention center, unidentified downtown public spaces and the Lakeshore Park lot, with maintenance per device estimated at \$500 annually.





There's so much fun fall stuff to do this month, including Glow in The Park Not So Spooky Halloween Edition

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Halloween + more: fall fun in Oshkosh Celebrate the season

Visit our website for a full listing of what's going on for this fun fall month.



Check it all out and make plans now!





Service day support

Submitted photo

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church delivered needed items last week to Vel Phillips Middle School such as hygiene kits, school supplies and ear buds after approaching school counselor Michelle Smithson earlier in the school year. Shown are Smithson (from left), student and church member Sophia McMahan and the Rev. Connie Weiss of Christ Our Savior.

Day of the Dead celebration set at museum

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Museum welcomes the community to its third annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration, a free cultural event for all ages,

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2. Traditions of Dia de los Muertos will celebrate with activities such as viewing the community altar, creating crafts and live performances by Ballet Folklorico Xanharati dancers accompanied by mariachi music. Complimentary face painting will add to the festive ambiance.

Downtown Oshkosh joins the celebration with free screenings of Disney Pixar's film "Coco" at the Time Community Theater. An English-language screening will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 1. The Spanish-language version will be shown at 2 p.m. Nov. 2.

For more information, visit oshkoshmuseum.org, and contact Kate Stel at kstel@ oshkoshwi.gov or 920-236-5763.



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Public defender withdraws from felony fentanyl case

Oshkosh Herald

A public defender has been allowed to withdraw from a felony case involving multiple drug-related counts due to a conflict with an informant involved in the case.

Jerry Slack, 34, Milwaukee, was arrested earlier this year after an investigation by Oshkosh police that included several controlled buys of fentanyl and cocaine.

Slack was represented by public defender Jesse Schwartz and is facing one count of possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, four counts of manufacturing and delivering fentanyl, and one count of manufacturing and delivering cocaine.

Schwartz informed Winnebago County Judge Branch 5 Judge John Jorgensen he had a conflict with one of the confidential informants involved in the case after the person's identity was revealed to the defense.

The person's identity would only be released to the public if the case goes to trial and the person testifies.

According to the criminal complaint, police set up several controlled buys of fentanyl and crack cocaine with informants. The buys took place in late January and mid-February. The informants did not know Slack's name as he was often referred to as "Highway Jay."

The complaint alleges 12.3 grams of fentanyl and 0.5 grams of crack cocaine were purchased during the four controlled buys.

On Feb. 19, the vice and narcotics unit, criminal investigation division and SWAT team had planned to execute search warrants at two residences connected to Slack on West 16th Avenue and the other on Evans Street. Slack was seen walking near Jefferson Street and Irving Avenue and as he approached his vehicle an officer in an unmarked police vehicle told Slack he was under arrest.

Slack allegedly began to run away but was caught and taken into custody. Officers found almost \$4,000 in cash and two phones when searching Slack.

When officers searched the home on West 16th Avenue, they allegedly found a firearm and ammunition. In the Evans Street apartment police allegedly found 11.7 grams of fentanyl and 2.8 grams of fentanyl pills. A woman inside the apartment told officers Slack would have her package the drugs for deliveries.

Religious sites explored in images

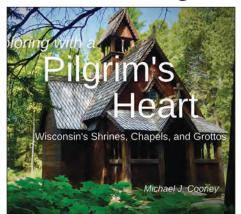
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Local author and photographer Michael Cooney's new book "Exploring with a Pilgrim's Heart, Wisconsin's Shrines, Chapels, and Grottos," is a comprehensive study of the state's sacred sites, religious folk art, personal spiritual expression and ethnic tradition.

"Part religious anthropology, part pilgrimage and spiritual quest, many of the sites visited are along roadsides, in cemeteries, church grounds, backyards or deep in the woods and are little noticed or appreciated by those passing by," Cooney describes the book. "They are the physical manifestation of the builder's faith, often built-in remembrance or as an expression of gratitude for prayers answered."

Many of the 186 sacred sites explored have strong immigrant connections, including Polish roadside shrines, Belgian





roadside chapels, Luxembourgian Corpus Christi family chapels and other clusters of ethnic religious expression.

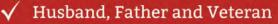
After more than 40 years as a TV commercial producer/director and trade publication editor, Cooney continues to be a freelance photographer, teacher and writer.

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Defendant pleads not guilty in prison homicide case

Oshkosh Herald

A man who was an inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center pleaded not guilty to allegations of killing another inmate at the facility in Winnebago County court last week.

Jumal L. Lipscomb, 41, is facing life in prison if convicted of first-degree intentional homicide.

Court documents allege Lipscomb attacked another inmate at the WRC in May. The attack lasted just over two minutes before it was interrupted by staff.

Lipscomb allegedly attacked the victim from behind and kicked and stomped on his head about 40 times. The victim was

transported to ThedaCare and was in a persistent coma.

On June 7 the victim was removed from sedation and did not show signs of improving. He died three days later.

The victim's name has not been released to the public as the Oshkosh Police Department said it has not been able to locate his next of kin. The department often cites Marsy's Law, which gives victims the right to remain anonymous.

Attorneys Emma Blankschein and Brianne Patzer are representing Lipscomb, who attended the hearing via zoom from the Columbia Correctional Institution.

Lipscomb is being held on \$1 million

cash bond set in August by Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

Blankschein informed Winnebago Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt that the defense has recently received more evidence from the state and would need 60 days to complete their investigation. She said given the seriousness of the offense the defense wants to go over all evidence before determining their next step.

District Attorney Eric Sparr did not object to the 60-day timeline and added that due to Lipscomb's history there will most likely need to be mental health records reviewed by the state and defense.

Online court records show Lipscomb

pleaded guilty to first-degree reckless injury, robbery with use of force and forceful abduction of child in 2017 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Fox 6 TV news in Milwaukee reported at the time that Lipscomb stabbed his father with a screwdriver before carjacking a woman. The woman's 3-year-old daughter was in the vehicle and prompted an Amber Alert.

Lipscomb also pleaded guilty to robbery with use of force in 2018 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 12 years in state prison.

There will be a status conference in the homicide case in December.

Charges filed against Oshkosh man in hit-and-run death case

By Jonathan Richie **Oshkosh Herald**

An Oshkosh man is facing criminal charges after he admitted to striking and killing a man with his car and fleeing the scene.

Drake J. Dodge, 21, has been charged

with hit-and-run resulting in death. If convicted of the felony count, he could face up to 15 years in prison followed by up to 10 years of extended supervision. Winnebago County

er Eric Heywood set

Dodge's cash bond at

Court



Dodge

\$20,000 and ordered him to maintain absolute sobriety. Dodge was also ordered to comply with the conditions of the 24/7Alcohol program and is not allowed at any bars or taverns.

An obituary published last week identified the victim as Ethan Luaders, 29.

Dodge was able to post bond and is no longer in custody at the Winnebago County Jail. He was in court last week and his attorney Erik Johnson requested a new date for a preliminary hearing that was granted for Nov. 14 instead of the initial hearing date Oct. 21.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police were dispatched to New York Avenue and Algoma Boulevard after a 911 caller stated there was a man lying in the middle of the road just before 3 a.m. Oct. 5. When paramedics arrived, they attempted lifesaving measures but Luaders was pronounced dead on the scene.

At 11:20 a.m. that day, Dodge went to the Oshkosh Police Department with his parents to turn himself in for his involvement in the accident. He told police he had been

out with friends the night before and had been to a couple of Oshkosh bars where he said he had two beers and four rum drinks.

His friends went to bed around 2:30 a.m. but Dodge decided to drive from his friend's house on Wright Street back home on Omro Road. Dodge told police, "A dude came out" and "he was just there" and hit him with his parents' vehicle.

"The defendant stated that when he hit the person, he stopped, sat there for a second, and then drove around him and stopped near the stop sign at Algoma," the complaint states.

Dodge told police he made a "dumb" decision to drive away instead of calling 911. He told his parents what happened after he saw the news that Luaders had died.

Literacy Council names executive director

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago Area Literacy Council (WALC), a nonprofit organization that develops and delivers free literacy programs for adults and their families, recently hired Chu May Paing as its new executive director.

Paing holds a doctorate in cultural and linguistic anthropology from the University of Colorado Boulder. She is a



first-generation immigrant from Myanmar (Burma) and a former ESL learner whose scholarly writings have appeared in academic journals and has been widely read and assigned in undergraduate and graduate-level courses.

She previously taught and lectured at Harvard University, Cornell University, Georgetown University, University of Wisconsin Madison and City University of New York.

Paing replaces Tom Perry in the leadership role at WALC.

Paing also brings experience working in educational nonprofits. She is a founding member of Aruna Global South, a nonprofit organization promoting emerging scholars from Asian Global South regions. She has also served as the program director for the literacy practicum in Boulder, a language and culture consultant for EM-BARC (Ethnic Minorities from Burma Resource Center) in Des Moines and Refugee Language Project in Amarillo, Texas. She also served on the WALC board of directors and volunteered as a tutor.

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Candidates for state, national offices share priorities

Oshkosh Herald

As the November election approaches the Herald has reached out to candidates running in our coverage area. Each candidate was sent identical questions and were given time to submit responses. Some did not respond.

State Senate District 18

Kris Alfheim (D-Appleton) is a lifelong Wisconsin resident and currently serves on the Appleton Common council and is a small business owner.

Why are you running for this office?

set to move Wisconsin forward and leave the partisan gridlock in the past. Throughout my entire life, I've served the people of Wisconsin: in my career, as a retirement planner helping hard-working, middle-class families navigate the complexi-



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ties of retirement, and in my free time as an advocate for both the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and the Alzheimer's Association.

As an advocate, and later as an alderperson on the Appleton Common Council, I learned how to effectively work with community leaders and legislators on both sides of the aisle to get legislation passed that actually supports our communities, and that is exactly what I plan to do as your state senator.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

My top priority is kids. We have a responsibility as a community to keep our children fed, housed, healthy and educated. Investing in our kids is the best and most important investment we can make, and we should start by properly funding our public schools.

My second priority is one that weighs on the minds of many women, regardless of political affiliation: reproductive health care. We must empower the women of Wisconsin to make the family planning choices that are right for them by ensuring that they have access to affordable contraception and safe abortions.

Finally, we must expand BadgerCare. We are one of only 10 states that have not done so, even though it would save the state \$1.7 billion in just two years. That's just fiscally responsible, not to mention that it would help ease financial burdens on both consumers and healthcare providers.

Early voting

The city of Oshkosh is holding absentee voting in person at 19 E. Irving Ave. These are the hours during which residents can vote early:

- Oct. 23-25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29-31 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

job training for our citizens so they can be independent of government. I'm running to support our law enforcement who put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

And as a physician, I'm running to have a positive impact on our health care system at a time when we're seeing spiraling health care costs and shortages of physicians and other health care staff.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

The top issue I'm hearing about is the high cost of living that is causing harm to all our citizens, from the youngest to the oldest. As a state senator I'd combat inflation by limiting government spending and cutting taxes, allowing Wisconsinites to keep more of their hard-earned money. We need to look at ways to find efficiencies in government and cut down on wasteful spending.

The high cost of health care and lack of accessibility is also a major issue. As a physician, I'd seek out ways to improve health care availability and affordability in Wisconsin, without reducing the quality of care our citizens receive. I'd start by working with stakeholders to find efficiencies in the health care system, which will help reduce costs in the long run. I'd also take steps to improve physician recruitment and retention, to ensure positions in the medical field are well staffed.

Assembly District 54

Lori Palmeri (D-Oshkosh) is seeking a second term as the District 54 represen-

tative in the state Assembly. She previously served on the Oshkosh Common Council and as Oshkosh's mayor.

Why are you running for office? I'm running for of-

U.S. Congress 6th District

Glenn Grothman (R-Green Bush) currently serves as U.S. representative for 6th Congressional District in the House and is

seeking his sixth term. He previously served in the state Assembly and Senate.

Why are you running for this office? America is in deep trouble, and we need more voices advocat-

ing for the form of

government that our



Grothman

founders intended. Federal government spending is so great that now we are spending more on debt interest in Washington than on the Department of Defense. The national debt is now over \$100,000 for every American. I've established myself as a fiscal conservative, but we have deeper problems than just overspending. We need people who understand our issues stem in part from government programs that disincentivize work as well. We need reformers and champions to get our nation back on the right track, and I believe I am the right choice for that.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

The largest issue is the southern border. At its peak, we had over 350,000 illegal crossings a month. Not only do we miss potential terror suspects and illegal drugs, but this is a humanitarian crisis. This is also unfair to people who work hard to become naturalized citizens.

The second major issue is inflation and debt. Outside of regular spending, three bills were passed which piled onto the debt (ARPA, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the Inflation Reduction Act). I voted against all three. We now have over \$100,000 of national debt for every American. We must cut spending.

We must also address the number of government bureaucrats that touch education and business. They slow down progress and growth while raising the price of government, education, and goods (not



to mention the divisive agenda that the Biden-Harris Administration has pushed over the past four years as well).

John Zarbano (D-Oshkosh) is a retired attorney who currently teaches at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical Col-

lege. Why are you run-

ning for this office? I wish to represent the citizens of Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District because the five-term incumbent, Glenn Grothman, does

not.



Zarbano

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

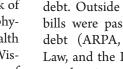
Protecting our democracy and our personal freedoms. The armed insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, proved President Ronald Reagan's statement: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." We must be ever vigilant to prevent wannabe dictators from public office.

In the U.S., women and men possess the personal, fundamental right to make their own decisions about their lives, which decisions include health care. For a woman. her decisions about health care include access to contraception, access to invitro fertilization, and access to abortion. I would like to accomplish the reintroduction, passage, and signing into law of the Women's Health Protection Act of 2023

Immigration control and our southern border: The 2024 bipartisan Senate compromise bill tackled immigration control on our southern border with dignity and due process. This bill ended "catch and release," rapidly adjudicated migrants' claims, massively increased border agent hiring, instituted strict asylum screening and more. In my first 100 days in Congress, I would dust off this bill and introduce it in the House of Representatives.

For more information on what is on your ballot, how to register to vote and other voter information go to myvote.wi.gov.





Anthony Phillips (R-Appleton) is a cancer physician serving the Fox Valley for more than 30 years and is a small business owner.

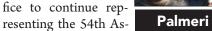
Why are you running for this office?

Having raised five children and practiced medicine for 25 years in the Fox Cit-

ies, I've grown to love this region of Wisconsin, and I'm proud to call it home. I'm running for the 18th state Senate district because I want to keep serving the people of my community by demonstrating that we can work together to curb the

ever-rising cost of living, create a business environment in Wisconsin, promote a strong education system, and improve

Phillips



sembly District. There

is much work to be done. Being in the minority did not give opportunity to get hearings on bills that would make a difference in the lives of district constituents.

I'm running to continue to provide servant leadership to everyone in my district.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

My top priorities when re-elected will be access to affordable housing, health care, strong public education, a clean environment and reproductive freedom.

Tim Patterson (R-Oshkosh) is a veteran of the Army National Guard, Army Reserves and was deployed overseas twice. He currently serves on the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. Patterson did not respond to the Herald's questions.



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State's highway system quality drops among Midwest states

By Khushboo Rathore WISCONSIN WATCH

Wisconsin's highways were ranked 40th of the 50 states in 2022, according to U.S. Department of Transportation data on the quality of road surfaces.

Most of Wisconsin's surrounding states, including Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan, made significant and successful efforts to improve their road quality after having low rankings. In 1995, Minnesota was 49th of the 50 states; 56.1% of highways were acceptable at the time.

During this time, Minnesota created multiple plans and work groups to set up the road system in the state for the following 20 years. Minnesota created various organizations and commissions to support long-term investment in the state's road systems. In 2016, it ranked seventh in the nation with 90.2% of its highway system considered acceptable. Since 1995, the worst the state has ranked was 28th in 2007.

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Similarly, Illinois ranked 44th out of the 50 states in 1997 with 80% of its highway system considered acceptable. In October of that year, it proposed various improvements of the state's road and transport systems for 1998-2000. In 2002, the state ranked 13th with 93.5% of its roads being acceptable. Illinois' worst rank since 1998 was 32nd in 1998, 2013 and 2022.

Wisconsin's lowest rank was 46th in 2014, with only 58% of the highway system considered acceptable. In 2018, the highway system had its highest rank at 21st in the nation. That year, gubernatorial candidate Tony Evers ran on a platform of "fixing the damn roads." Evers and the Republican-controlled Legislature have increased road funding in each of the past three budgets, but so far any results from that effort have yet to materialize in the national data.

The Federal Highway Administration data doesn't look at the quality of local roads.



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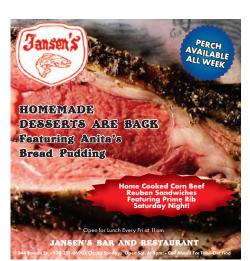
Wisconsin roads ranked 40th in the United States

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Library updates

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doors at 106 Washington St.

"Spark your story" is the library's new tagline and relates to the positive attitude the library has toward the future as a leader in the community.

"This is a place where you can begin a new story," Voss said.

The new logo keeps the iconic lion that is special to Oshkosh but has significance to all libraries. The bronze lions in front of the Oshkosh Public Library – named Sawyer and Harris – were placed in front of the building in 1912.

Eschete said lions have a lot of symbolism for libraries in general but everyone in Oshkosh knows about Sawyer and Harris.

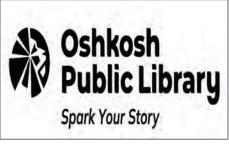
"It was important to keep the lion head in the logo, as that's one thing this institution is known for and everyone recognizes the lions as the Oshkosh library," Eschete said.

In the new logo, the lion head is facing right to symbolize looking to the future and is slightly tilted up to show the inspiration the library hopes to instill in its patrons, Eschete said. The mane of the lion's head is in the shape of sparks related to the Spark Your Story tagline.

The website update is the first in more than a decade.

"The website will be a completely new and a different experience for users," Mc-Donald said.

She said when the website was designed in 2013 smartphones weren't as prominent so staff made sure it's more compatible with smartphones and not simply a desktop website shrunk to fit a phone screen.



"We can't wait for people to see it and start using it to find resources and information about our library," McDonald said.

Voss added the new website is user-friendly and will make it easier for people to find what is going on at the library, whether it's a particular meeting or program. There will also be easy ways to add an event to the library calendar or reserve a room for various uses.

The library's board of trustees approved allocating \$75,000 from operating funds, generated by promotional and outreach activities, and endowment funds to cover the costs of the new branding and website.

The brand was developed in collaboration with Quill Creative Studio in Oshkosh. The website was designed by Library Market, a development firm specializing in libraries.

There will a tab for merchandise on the site where people can buy apparel to show their pride in the Oshkosh Public Library. The new logo will be on shirts, hats and sweatshirts for all ages.

"I still wear LSU shirts from when I was in college because I have that pride," Eschete, a Louisiana native, said of his alma mater. "Our hope is that people will wear this swag and have pride in their hometown library."

The new logo can be seen at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org starting Thursday.



Thursday, Oct. 24

Mary Mack Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Friday, Oct. 25

Oshkosh Water City Jazz Orchestra and Big Band Reunion, 6 p.m., Becket's Atrium

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Saturday, Oct. 26

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Squasharama, 10 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 491 Old Oregon Road

Spooktacular Pawlloween, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Area Humane Society, 1925 Shelter Court

Trunk or Treat & Haunted Hallway, 2 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church 761 Florida Ave

Halloween Party Costume Contest with Road Trip, 7 p.m., Pickle and Bags, 2211 Oregon St.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Sunday, Oct. 27

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center **Friday, Nov. 1** NEW Gameapalooza Board Game Convention, 9 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Thursday, Oct 31

Harvest Moon Craft and Bake Sale, 8 a.m., Leannah Hall, 515 Knapp St.

NEW Gameapalooza Board Game Convention, 9 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Winnebago Area Model Club scale model show and swap meet, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Day of the Dead celebration, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

"Coco" Spanish language matinee, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., down-town galleries and businesses

Bob Seger and John Mellencamp Tribute Shows, 6:30 and 8:15 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

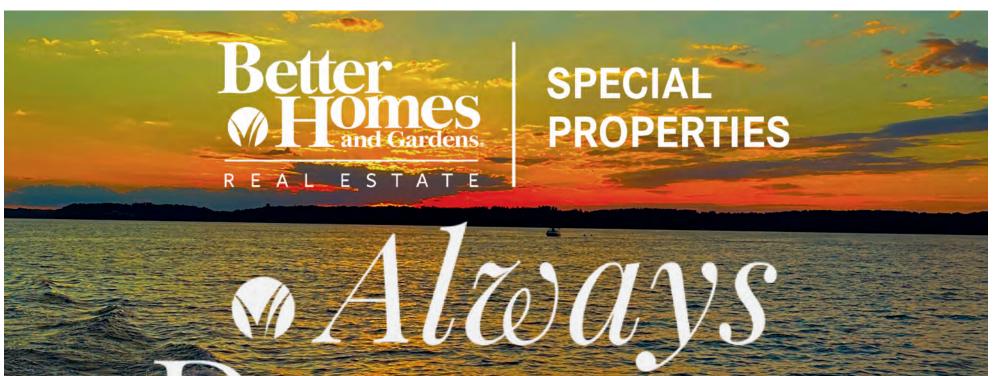
Oshkosh Area Community Band Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Sunday, Nov. 3

NEW Gameapalooza Board Game Convention, 9 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Kuniko Yamamoto: Japanese Storytelling, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh



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County homeless

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people get and stay sober; and supported the Oshkosh nonprofit Covey to add housing for people with disabilities.

Some of the grant money went to Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh to build eight houses and purchase land in Omro for 14 more lots and Scheer said Habitat is in the process of purchasing the Washington Elementary School property in Oshkosh for 17-19 lots.

The county also developed the HELP (homeless, eviction and loss prevention) program to provide services to keep people in their residences and reduce the amount of people entering the homeless community.

"Yet despite this, we continue to see more people who are unhoused or at risk of being unhoused," Scheer said.

Representatives from Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, Winnebagoland Housing Coalition, Day by Day Shelter, Pillars, Father Carr's, Salvation Army, Casa Esther, Advocap, COTS and HELP provided information at the meeting.



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District 7 Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke stated the housing shortage is what is causing more people to be homeless, "the fact that we do not have enough housing."

She added that the city of Neenah had the opportunity to bring more housing that failed due to a "not-in-my-backyard attitude," referring to the rezoning of the Shattuck Middle School site in 2022 so that Northpointe Development could construct 89 apartments inside the building and 49 single family homes on the site.

Following outcry from residents, the city voted against rezoning the site and Northpointe backed out on the sale. The Neenah Joint School District later sold the 27-acre parcel to Umer Sheikh of Investment Creations for \$500,001; \$1 more than Northpointe's offer. The closed middle school has since remained vacant.

Neenah passed an ordinance in March banning public camping due to concerns over homeless people concentrating in the right of way in front of businesses in the 900 block of South Green Bay Road. Fond du Lac passed a similar ordinance in September. The ordinances are expected to limit the places where homeless people can sleep and set up camp.

Pillars executive director Lisa Strandberg is a Neenah resident and said after the city passed its public camping ban she met with Mayor Jane Lang and members of the police department to discuss other tools available to them to deal with homelessness.

"The struggle that I have with a camping ban in my community where I live is that it sends a message that homelessness is not the city of Neenah's problem," she said. "What I know to be true, though, is that last year the Neenah Joint School District had 100 students identified as homeless

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in its school district over the course of the school year."

She added that homelessness is neither an Oshkosh problem nor a Winnebago County problem and is increasing everywhere.

Sheriff John Matz provided a differing opinion, stating that homeless people are concentrating in Oshkosh after Neenah and Fond du Lac recently passed public camping bans.

After a press conference in June, officials said several unhoused people were camping on the west side of the Orrin King building in Oshkosh, which includes the district attorney's office and other county departments and were causing challenges by using drugs and relieving themselves in public.

"I think one thing that you'll have to consider is, the individuals that we're coming in contact with, and (Oshkosh Police Department) is coming in contact with, they don't want services," Matz said of the homeless. "They don't want mental health services; they don't want (alcohol and other drug abuse) services; they don't want housing. They want to do the things that they want to do; they don't want to live by any rules, et cetera."

Scheer argued that the people causing problems in Oshkosh who don't want services amount to about 1% or 2% of the hundreds of homeless people in the community, while Matz countered that the 1% or 2% are what the ordinances are about.

County Executive Jon Doemel said he wants to discuss solutions rather than the proposed county ordinances. He introduced Daniel Middleton, who is unhoused and has been sleeping in the outdoor courtyard near the parole office in Oshkosh.

Middleton gave his personal perspective on homelessness in Oshkosh, noting that late at night when gas stations are closed there are no places for people to relieve themselves except for in bushes.

"If everything is shut down, where are you going to go?" he said.

He added that he's been turned away from some area homeless shelters due to having felony convictions on his record.

Though he was briefly staying at the Day By Day Shelter, he said he voluntarily left due to incidents there, but said the shelter has offered him other services such as sleeping bags.

Doemel encouraged attendees to understand the various perspectives from law enforcement and the homeless population and come up with solutions "that can hold people accountable, but also get people the services they need."

"It is us versus the issue, not us versus each other," he said.

Oshkosh Chamber Singers present fall concert

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers will present their fall concert, Sacred Harmonies: From Longing to Eternal Rest, at 4 p.m. Nov. 3 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 435 High Ave.

Directed by Herb Berendsen, the group's selections will include Mendelssohn's Psalm 42 and Faure's "Requiem" and "Cantique de Jean Racine." All pieces will be accompanied by a full orchestra and organ.

Baritone soloist will be Sean Lynch, who has appeared with the Fresco Opera Theatre, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Genesius Guild and Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra.

Cayla Rosche will be the soprano soloist. She recently completed her tenure as a Fulbright Scholar in Reykjavik, teaching phonetics and continuing her research on Icelandic art song.

Other upcoming concerts for the Chamber Singers include A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 2 and 5 p.m. Dec. 21 at Trinity Episcopal Church; and Hope for Unity at 4 p.m. March 29 at First Congregational Church.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. They are available from singers; at Heid Music, Gardina's or at the door. More information is available at oshkoshchambersingers.org or 920-312-8290.

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Backup Blount helps lead Titans past No. 6 Pioneers

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Brooks Blount did what backup quarterbacks are supposed to do.

When UW Oshkosh starting quarterback Cole Warren went down with a shoulder injury early in the third quarter, Blount stepped into the fray and never let the Titans skip a beat.

"On any play, anything can happen so just being ready when your name is called is the mentality I've carried throughout my whole life," Blount said. "I just want to be ready when my number is called and the



Blount

guys around me made it easy."

Blount threw a pair of touchdown passes and led the Titans back from a 10-3 halftime deficit as UW Oshkosh upset sixth-ranked UW-Platteville, 24-17, in a record-setting Homecoming game on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

It was the 12th straight Homecoming Game win for UW Oshkosh and vaulted the Titans to No. 9 in NCAA Division III football rankings, one spot behind the Pioneers.

"Nothing has come easy and every game has been a battle. Every game has been some type of struggle and our guys just keep fighting," UW Oshkosh head coach Peter Jennings said. "Platteville is a very, very good team but we have to do the things necessary to extend leads and finish games."

Blount attempted just 11 passes in a little less than a half of play, but completed eight of them for 169 yards.

However, Blount entered the game having attempted just one other pass this season and to have success against a defense as stingy as the Pioneers impressed Jennings.

"It is no small feat to have success

against that defense. They bring it from all over and it was great to see our guys go out and execute," Jennings said. "What Brooks does is a lot of what Cole does, but I was not concerned when we had to turn to Brooks. He's good enough to be a starter in this league but he just is behind a really good kid." On the Titans first



drive of the second half and trailing by seven, Blount connected with Londyn Little for an 11-yard gain on his first play and then connected with Little on a third-and-12 for a 14-yard gain down to the Pioneers sev-

en-yard line.

On third-and-goal from the five, Little took a reverse hand-off and sprinted into the end zone as the Titans tied the score.

"After each drive we look at what the defense is doing and what we want to get back to the next couple of drives," Blount said. "Me and Coach Jennings just kind of looked at each other and smiled because with the playmakers we have, they can take anything to the house and that's exactly what they did."

On UW Oshkosh's next possession after the defense forced a punt, Little took a short pass from Blount, got a great block on the perimeter and exploded up the field untouched for a 68-yard touchdown and the Titans' first lead of the game.

"I don't know what they were thinking but there was no safety over the top and as soon as I got the ball, I was like I'm gone," Little said. "It does (feel longer than it was). I was gassed after like 10 yards but I was just like I have to get there."

UW Oshkosh extended the lead further on its next possession and Trae Tetzlaff made a little history in the process. On the final play of the third quarter,

Tetzlaff caught a 6-yard pass from Blount - his high school teammate - to become the all-time receptions leader in school history with 181 career catches.

Then, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Tetzlaff took a short pass from Blount and weaved his way through the Platteville defense for a 54-yard touchdown and a 24-10 lead.

"It's super cool to be able to catch that (record pass) from my high school teammate and best friend," Tetzlaff said, who surpassed the mark of former Titan standout Sam Mentkowski. "It's a big milestone for me but it's honestly for everyone, too."

The Pioneers wouldn't go away, through, and put together a 16-play touchdown drive to slice the Titans' lead to 24-17.

UW Oshkosh went three-and-out and took only about 20 seconds off the clock with its next possession and the Pioneers took over possession at the Titan 24-yard line after a 2-yard punt from Walleye Ratliff.

Yet, Titans let Platteville gain only one



yard on the first three plays and Titan linebacker Bryce Hinn played the Pioneers' double pass play on fourth down perfectly and the pass fell incomplete giving the ball back to UW Oshkosh.

"There was a big deep breath after that play and Bruce read that perfectly," linebacker Kyle Dietzen said. "They have been running trick plays that we saw on film all week so we were ready for it."

Tetzlaff finished with 152 yards receiving on 12 catches, while Little had four catches for 109 yards. Warren was 19-of-23 for 190 yards before getting injured.

Kyle Dietzen led the defense with 13 tackles with Ben Wellhofer adding eight.

The Titans, who are tied atop the WIAC with UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater, will be on the road the next two weeks.

UW Oshkosh will play at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday before traveling to play UW-Eau Claire on Nov. 2.

The Titans will play their final home game on Saturday, Nov. 9 when they host UW-Stout at 2 p.m. on Senior Day.









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Knights head into playoffs on four-game win streak

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The Lourdes Academy football team is getting things cranked up at just the right time.

The Knights pummeled Parkview/ Albany, 41-6, on Friday night to cap the regular season with a four-game winning streak as they turn to a WIAA Division 7 first-round playoff matchup against Crivitz this Friday.

"Our kids are excited. We're just trying to grow off of what we have been able to accomplish the last few weeks," Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. "We want to be here. We want to play and continue to improve. Now we get a second season. I know we are going to be a tough matchup."

The Knights, who finished the season with a 5-4 record, will be making their ninth straight WIAA postseason appearance and are the No. 6 seed in their eightteam bracket. Lourdes Academy has won at least its first-round playoff game in three of the last five trips to the playoffs.

Crivitz, which lost to Coleman 22-0 last Friday, finished third in the Northwoods Conference and is 7-2 overall on the season. The Wolverines are making their eighth straight playoff appearance but have only one postseason win – in a non-COVID altered season – since 2012.

Although the two teams have not played each other recently, they are familiar with one another as Crivitz has regularly appeared at the Lourdes Academy preseason scrimmage.

"We are very familiar with each other," Wopat said. "I think both teams probably feel it is a good matchup for them."



Lourdes Academy's Harlan Kuehn (2) and Max Behnke combine to sack the Parkview/ Albany quarterback Friday.

The Wolverines run a spread-option offense and are led by running back Brody MacNeil, who has rushed for nearly 900 yards and has scored 16 touchdowns this season. He averages 5.4 yards per carry, while fellow running back Devon Weiss is averaging 8.2 yard per carry and has scored five touchdowns this season.

"We have to stop the fullback and not let him get a head of steam. He is a good aggressive runner," Wopat said. "Then we have to be assignment sound on their option."

Defensively, the Wolverines have post-

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ed five shutouts this season and have held six of their nine opponents to eight points or less.

However, Wopat feels there are some openings that the Knights can' exploit.

"Defensively, they are a very aggressive group and they love to bring pressure," Wopat said. "Our line has done a good job most of the year with that and if we can control their pressure, we will have the opportunity for some big plays."

The Knights authored a couple of big plays in the win over Parkview/Albany but simply overwhelmed the Vikings from the start.

Wade Lindahl and Braden Studinski connected for three touchdowns through the air, including a 46-yarder to take a 20-0 lead after the first quarter and a 30-yarder midway through the second quarter. The duo also put together a 19yard touchdown pass with 42 seconds



left in the first half to send the Knights into intermission with a 41-6 lead.

"It was just a matter of beating that guy. They played a lot of (man-to-man defense) and if you are even you are open," said Studinski, who had the first three-touchdown game of his career. "(Wade) is going to find you if you are open and you know he's going to put it right on you. It's great."

Studinski has overcome a bit of a sluggish start to the year to become the Knights' top receiver.

He had five catches for 128 yards against the Vikings and for the season has 33 catches – tied for the team lead – for 529 yards and six touchdowns, both high marks for the Knights.

"He really came on in the second half of the Johnson Creek game and has played awesome since," Wopat said. "It was nice for him to be rewarded tonight and make some plays down the field. We are a better team if he's doing that."

Studinski appreciates the opportunities he's had since the tough start when he experienced some drops.

"It's great to know that your quarterback and coach trust you and keep targeting you," Studinski said.

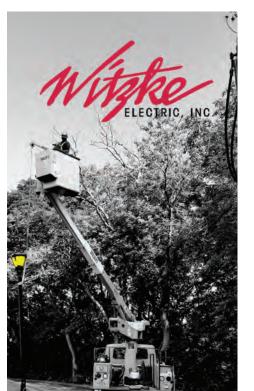
Lindahl, who finished 17-of-21 passing for 214 yards, opened the scoring with a 7-yard run on the Knights first possession. He then had a 5-yard touchdown pass to Brady Bauer to extend the lead to 13-0.

The second scoring drive was set up by a strong defensive stand as two sacks by Harlan Kuehn forced Parkview/Albany into a fourth-and-31. Kuehn finished with the two sacks and a fumble recovery, while totaling five tackles in the game – second to Nolan Gibson's eight stops.

"He had a great game. He's smart and a great pass rusher," Wopat said of Kuehn. "We went into the year thinking he would be a JV player but for different reasons we needed him and he's responded. He's a talented kid who has grown the whole season."

Lindahl's short scoring run to start the second quarter gave the Knights a 26-0 lead before the Vikings notched their lone score of the game. Lourdes Academy responded with the two Lindahl to Studinski touchdowns for the 35-point halftime lead. Neither team scored in the second half and the Knights were able to celebrate heading back to the postseason.

"It feels great right now. Four-game win streak and hopefully we can keep on going," Studinski said. "We had a lot of guys come back from injury and our energy is just way up. Those guys just bring it every day and it's been working out great."





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Spartans gear up for first postseason berth since 2016

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North head football coach Luke Ott envisioned leading this program to the WIAA playoffs when he took over three years ago.

This Friday night, that vision becomes a reality.

The Spartans will be making their first WIAA postseason appearance since 2016 when they travel to face West De Pere in a Division 1 first-round game.

"Obviously, there are some nerves with where we are seeded and who we are playing, but the team understands that making the playoffs for the first time in eight years is a big deal. They are excited," Ott said. "Watching the kids reaction Saturday during the selection show was neat to see."

The Spartans return to the playoffs comes with a very difficult opponent.

West De Pere, the No. 3 seed, is the champion of the Fox River Classic Conference North Division and enters the game with an 8-1 overall record.

The Phantoms are making their 21st straight WIAA playoff appearance and since 2009 has won two state titles and finished second three times.

West De Pere averages more than 42 points per game and has only scored less than 35 points once this season – a 35-31 loss to Kaukauna, which is the top seed in the eight-team regional.

"They are big and fast. They are an up-tempo team and they like to throw the ball," Ott said. "They are going to spread it out and they are going to get the ball in the receiver's hands quickly."

Phantoms quarterback Patrick Greisen - son of head coach Chris Greisen - has already thrown for 2,141 yards and 32 touchdowns this season, while being inbtercepted just six times in 188 attempts. He averages 267 yards per game.

Brock Story, Judea Kniskern and Ben Lembrand are West De Pere's top three receivers with each posting at least 29 receptions this season. Story and Lembrand each have 10 touchdowns this season.

"We are going to change some things up

on defense and play with more nickel," Ott said. "We will see how they can compete with them."

The Spartans also like to throw the ball with quarterback Bryce Ott, who has 1,739 yards passing and 22 touchdowns this season. Dalton Clark is the Spartans' leading receiver with 47 catches for 950 yards and nine touchdowns, while Logan Schettle has 25 catches for 499 yards and eight touchdowns.

As good as North's passing game has been this season, the Spartans may need running back Jamare Scott and the offensive line to have their best game of the season to compete with the Phantoms.

"I expect plenty of passes to be thrown by both teams, but we have to get better in our running game and keep our defense off the field as much as we can," Ott said. "It will be a challenge for us. They are probably the best overall defense we are going to play this year."

The Spartans faced another strong defense in their final tune-up for the postseason in the Tritons and it was a Notre Dame defensive stand that was the turning point of the game.

The Spartans trailed 14-7 early in the second quarter when they were stopped on downs near the goal line. Christian Collins then took a handoff 97 yards for a touchdown that swung all of the momentum the Tritons way.

"They made a great defensive stand and a play later, their kid goes the distance and that was the difference," Ott said. "Playing Notre Dame will definitely help prepare us for West De Pere."

Bryce Ott finished 20-for-30 passing in the game for the Spartans with Clark hauling in 11 passes for 120 yards in the game.

It was a tough way to end the regular season for the Spartans but at least this year they have another game to look forward to.

"We're excited for the opportunity to go play there on Friday night," Ott said. "It doesn't matter what the outcome is. It's getting repetitions in a very important game and understanding you have to give it your all, all of the time."



Oshkosh North will be returning to the WIAA playoffs for the first time since 2016 when they travel to face West De Pere on Friday.

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North cross country runner has shifted into high gear



Photo courtesy of Lehna Mitchell

Oshkosh North senior Lehna Mitchell finished 12th at the Fox Valley Association cross country meet last week and is hoping to end the Spartan program's drought of having a state qualifier.



By Tim Froberg Herald contributor

Lehna Mitchell never finds herself running on empty.

The Oshkosh North distance runner has made a significant jump from her junior season and is competing as the Wildcats' No. 1 runner this fall. She was the girls' individual champion at the Winneconne Invitational and placed third and fifth, respectively, at multi-team invitationals in West Bend and Shawano.

Mitchell held her own at Thursday's Fox Valley Association meet, finishing 12th at 19:35.9.

"Lehna's focus, work ethic and drive are awesome," said North cross country coach Steve Danza. "It's made a huge difference for her as she's moved from her junior to senior year."

Mitchell, a fourth-year cross country runner, is looking to clear a major hurdle and compete at the WIAA state meet for the first time. Her personal best time is 19:13.

"It (qualifying for state) would be pretty cool because no girls have done it here since I've been here," Mitchell said. "It's definitely my goal this fall. I'm hoping to get there in track, too. Right now, I'm trying to get my time under 19 minutes."

Mitchell runs distance events in track and field such as the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs along with the 800 and also competes in the distance relays. She came agonizingly close to qualifying for the WIAA state track meet last spring, finishing fourth in the 1,600 at sectionals – one place shy of a qualifying spot.

"The mile is my favorite event and that's what I'm the best at," Mitchell said. "I've always been better at distance events. I never really wanted to be a sprinter and was never very good at it."

Mitchell hails from a running family. Her mother, Mandy, ran track and cross country in her prep days at Princeton High School. Lehna's father, Justin, was a basketball player at Shawano High School.

"When I was younger, I would ride my



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bike or scooter with my mom while she ran," Mitchell. "She's been running ever since I can remember. She just runs to stay in shape. It's a lifestyle choice that she likes to do. That helped me get started as a runner."

Lehna was also influenced by her older sister, Anabel, a 2024 Oshkosh North graduate who ran track and cross country for the Spartans. Anabel is now competing in both sports at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

"We have always been really close and we train together during the off-season" Mitchell said. "She has helped me a lot. She's one of my main supporters. We're always there for each other."

Lehna may join her sister in UW-Oshkosh's track and field and cross country programs next season. UWO and UW-Milwaukee have shown interest in her talents and Mitchell plans to run collegiately.

"I never really realized my first three years that I could possibly run in college," Mitchell said. "It wasn't until this year that I really took my running seriously. I wasn't planning on doing it because it didn't seem like I was getting anywhere with my running.

"But my sister has told me great things about running in college and the experiences that she's had. So things have shifted. I've reconsidered and definitely want to run in college. I'm really excited about being able to compete in college.

Her stopwatch times may be low, but her grades couldn't get much higher. Mitchell is a high-honors student at North with a 3.9 grade-point average. She plans to major in either marketing or biomedical engineering.

In the meantime, Mitchell is simply focusing on a strong finish to her prep cross country career.

"My mindset has changed a lot over the years," she said. "I never used to like the 2-mile or 5Ks because they were just so long. But as I trained over the summers and ran way farther than just two or three miles, those races now honestly feel kind of short. Things have definitely gotten easier for me.

"There are days when mentally I don't want to do the workout, but I push through it and keep my end goal in mind."

In addition to the competition, Mitchell also enjoys the team camaraderie that cross country builds.

"I just love the team aspect of cross country," she said. "Everyone on our team is so supportive of one another. I love cheering on all our runners. It's just a great community."

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Lourdes Academy's Quandt takes fourth at state tennis

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy's Sasha Quandt's first excursion to the WIAA Division 2 state tournament last year as a freshman resulted in a pair of wins but didn't land her on the awards podium.

This season Quandt went about changing that end result.

Quandt, who was seeded fourth in the 28-player singles field, reached the semifinals of the bracket and ended up taking fourth this past weekend at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

According to Lourdes athletic director Kevin Wopat, Quandt becomes the first Knights' tennis player to make the podium at a state tournament since the WIAA merger.

"I feel so accomplished," Quandt said. "I reached the goal that I set for myself last year. Knowing that if I think of what my goal can be, I can accomplish it if I just put my mind to it."

Quandt said that having the experience of last year when she made the top eight but fell in the consolation semifinals helped during her second foray to the state tournament.

"I learned that as a freshman you do not know what to expect," Quandt said. "Mentally, you have to be strong and this year I felt more ready than I was last year."

By earning the No. 4, Quandt earned a bye in the first round and then dispatched Regis' Therese Kern in the second round, 6-2, 6-0. She then faced fifth-seeded Megan Johnson of West Salem in the quarterfinals and rolled to a 6-0, 6-1 win.

"I was mentally pumping myself up andall of my family and supporters there were hyping me up and I took each point at a time," Quandt said. "I always like to get the first three games so I have a lead and can continue off of that."

Quandt would run into defending state champion and top-seeded Kylie Matz in the semifinals and was ousted by a 6-0, 6-0 margin. Matz, a sophomore from Brookfield Academy, dropped only two games in four matches en route to winning the state championship.

Quandt lost in the third-place match, 6-2, 6-2, to Susanna Hundt of St. Joan

Antida. Hundt was the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

"With placing fourth I was very happy with how I did but I did not play my full game as I wanted to," Quandt said. "So with that, I know next year I can place higher if I just play my game."

Matz, Hundt and Quandt were all sophomores this season, which could make for a very competitive tournament over the next couple of years.

Quandt now just has to wait – and work on her game – before getting another shot.

"It will be tough (to wait) but I think I can manage," Quandt said. "The year went by so fast and I got so much hitting and practice in to get ready for this season. I'll just keep hitting and waiting for that time."

CITY OF OSHKOSH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2025 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Oshkosh on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Oshkosh, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment on the City's 2025 Annual Property Tax Levy and Budget. A copy of the proposed 2025 Annual Budget will be available for public inspection in the City Library during normal business hours. The City will also post a link to the budget book on the City website https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/BudgetFinancials/.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at such time and place, any interested party may appear in person, by attorney or agent, and be heard on these matters. A summary of the proposed budget and tax levy is listed below. The City may elect to change the proposed budget and tax levy prior to the public hearing.

General Fund Comprehensive Summary

Name	FY2023 YTD Actual	FY2024 Budget: Amended	FY2024 YTD Actual	FY2024 Projected	FY2025 Budgeted	
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$20,091,993	\$18,132,693	\$18,132,693	\$18,132,693	\$18,132,693	
Revenues						
Taxes and Special Assessments	\$25,625,167	\$26,002,600	\$24,247,912	\$26,117,600	\$25,868,516	
Intergovernmental	\$16,881,011	\$19,200,900	\$2,784,999	\$19,317,800	\$19,688,850	
Licenses and Permits	\$809,191	\$817,000	\$448,720	\$778,750	\$754,450	
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$580,432	\$703,600	\$295,458	\$605,900	\$651.900	
Charges for Services	\$6,967,027	\$6,646,800	\$1.207.260	\$6,496,450	\$2,833,700	
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,785,903	\$2,500,200	\$2,346,755	\$2,856,000	\$2,621,500	
Service Charges	\$684,054	\$729,257	\$52,350	\$722,957	\$727,100	
Other Financing	\$127,039	\$25,000	\$10,298	\$85,000	\$100,000	
Total Revenues:	\$54,459,824	\$56,625,357	\$31,393,753	\$56,980,457	\$53,246,116	
Expenditures						
Personnel Services	\$40,899,984	\$44,450,989	\$18,929,954	\$43,156,754	\$41,188,426	
Operating	\$15,273,700	\$12,036,456	\$5,730,239	\$11,345,620	\$11,614,890	
Capital Outlay	\$245,461	\$498,256	\$346,415	\$465,700	\$442,800	
Total Expenditures:	\$56,419,125	\$56,985,701	\$25,006,608	\$54,968,074	\$53,246,116	
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	-\$1,959,300	-\$360,344	\$6,387,145	\$2,012,383	\$0	
Ending Fund Balance:	\$18,132,693	\$17,772,349	\$24,519,838	\$20,145,076	\$18,132,693	

Expenditures by Function

Name	FY2023 YTD Actual	FY2024 Budget: Amended	FY2024 YTD Actual	FY2024 Projected	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2024 Budget: Amended vs. FY2025 Budgeted (\$ Change)	FY2024 Budget: Amended vs. FY2025 Budgeted (% Change)
Expenditures			-		1		
General Government	\$7,496,296	\$8,568,730	\$4,430,269	\$8,243,503	\$8,568,457	\$273	0%
Public Safety	\$33,102,649	\$35,628,566	\$15,320,134	\$34,909,435	\$31,440,580	\$4,187,986	-11,8%
Public Works	\$4,661,365	\$5,502,212	\$2,096,406	\$4,964,496	\$5,644,652	\$142,340	2,6%
Transportation	\$940,195	\$1,047.306	\$426,470	\$1,034,785	\$1,072,991	\$25,685	2.5%
Culture & Recreation	\$2,675,715	\$3,460,151	\$1,433,709	\$3,353,693	\$3,579,473	\$119,322	3,4%
Conservation & Development	\$1,950,987	\$2,356,382	\$1,012,921	\$2,163,566	\$2,548,098	\$191,716	8.1%
Unclassified	\$5,591,916	\$422,355	\$286,700	\$287,626	\$391,965	\$30,390	7.2%
Total Expenditures:	\$56,419,125	\$56,985,701	\$25,006,608	\$54,957,104	\$53,246,116	-\$3,739,585	-6.6%

2025 Fund Balance Projections by Fund

Fund	Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Net Difference	Ending Fund Balance	
General Fund	18,132,693	53,246,116	53,246,116	0	18,132,693	
Senior Center Revolving Fund	173,223	78,500	59,800	18,700	191,923	
CDBG Revolving Loan Fund	222,261	257,000	239,382	17,618	239,879	
B I D District	115,324	262,110	255,000	7,110	122,434	
Recycling	2,929,300	1,221,300	1.141.446	79,854	3,009,154	
Garbage Collection & Disposal	-45,795	1,980,000	1,978,810	1,190	-44.605	
Police Special Funds	298,049	95,900	188,800	-92,900	205,149	
Street Lighting Fund	223,220	1,110,600	1,110,600	0	223,220	
Special Events	667,978	0	1,110,000	0	667,978	
Museum Membership Fund	642,614	176,100	269,700	-93,600	549,014	
Seniors Center	34,681	844,900	794,991	49,909	84,590	
Fire Special Revenue	408,608	135,300	133,050	2,250	410,858	
Library	228,665	4,583,894	4,639,754	-55,860	172,805	
Museum	97.648	1,343,400	1,351,377	-7.977	89,671	
Museum Collections	676,030	1,343,400	65,900	-11.400	664.630	
Cemetery	324,220	532,900	567,108	-11,400	290,012	
Community Devel Special Funds	162,571	552,900	0	-34,208	162,571	
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Parks Revenue	686,863	401,000	348,137	52,863	739,726	
Leach Amphitheater	96,802	114,500	111,383	3,117	99,919	
Public Works Special Fund	-41,332	880,000	881,383	-1,383	-42,715	
Pollock Aquatic Ctr	78,600	596,100	599,195	-3,095	75,505	
Rental Inspections	42,317	0	0	0	42,317	
Neighborhood Improv Loan Prog	278,898	0	218,100	-218,100	60,798	
Healthy Neighborhood Initiatve	2,699,098	85,000	628,073	-543,073	2,156,025	
Community Devlp Block Grant	4,121,400	801,434	801,434	0	4,121,400	
Local Ec Dev - Go Edc Loan Pro	2,020,547	100,000	400,000	-300,000	1,720,547	
Senior Center	125,237	0	0	0	125,237	
Sidewalk Construction Fund	-3,348,127	0	0	0	-3,348,127	
Street Improvement Fund	8,535,109	0	0	0	8,535,109	
Special Assessment Improvement	16,056,206	3,630,300	1,307,142	2,323,158	18,379,364	
Contract Control Fund	2,993,447	29,428,200	29,428,200	0	2,993,447	
Enterprise Capital Fund	0	8,228,500	8,228,500	0	(
Equipment Fund	15,691,525	18,582,250	18,582,250	0	15,691,525	
Park Improvement & Acquisition	-1,493,266	1,190,000	1,190,000	0	-1,493,266	
Park Subdivision Improvement	441,039	6,000	0	6,000	447,039	
Tree & Bench Memorial	189,143	110,000	154,000	-44,000	145,143	
Debt Service Fund	1,551,959	13,650,000	14,670,000	-1,020,000	531,959	
Grand Opera House Fund	130,850	36,900	35,900	1,000	131,850	
Oshkosh Convention Centre	10,034,285	2,557,900	2,376,905	180,995	10,215,280	
Parking Ramp Fund	546,308	120,000	99,800	20,200	566,508	
Parking Utility	3,060,238	103,900	209,442	-105,542	2,954,696	
Transit Utility	11,569,787	6,972,100	7,337,307	-365,207	11,204,580	
Ind Park Land Enterprise Fund	2,953,731	510.000	30,700	479,300	3,433,031	
Water Utility	84,633,257	23,330,000	19,154,964	4,175,036	88.808.293	
Sewer Utility	84,079,979	21,330,500	17,075,613	4,254,887	88,334,866	
Storm Water Utility	78,559,759	16,703,500	9,719,525	6,983,975	85,543,734	
Inspection Services	0	882,470	1,070,857	-188,387	-188,387	
Weights & Measures Fund	0	125,000	106,025	18,975	18,975	
Employee Benefit Fund	4,566,959	13,225,200	12,933,783	291,417	4,858,376	
Workers Compensation	642,513	1,011,700	1,017,228	-5,528	4,858,576	
Central City Fund	1,480,725	6,232,800	7,132,733	-5,528 -899,933	580,792	
Permanent	0	1,314,700	300,250	1,014,450	1,014,450	
Component	0	156,000	130,360	25,640	25,640	
TIF # 42 Morgan Crossing II	-2,975	500	150	350	-2,625	
TID # 43 Mill on Main	-62,219	0	150	-150	-62,369	
Ambulance	0	6,092,700	6,274,545	-181,845	-181,845	
Totals	362,539,879	251,415,674	233,533,018	17,882,656	380,422,535	

City of Oshkosh

Tax Levy 2025 Proposed Budget

Debt Service Fund 0401-0074 Comprehensive Summary

Name	FY2023 YTD Actual	FY2024 Budget: Amended	FY2024 YTD Actual	FY2024 Projected	FY2025 Budgeted
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$16,995,943	\$1,551,959	\$1,551,959	\$1,551,959	\$1,551,959
Revenues					
Taxes and Special Assessments	\$13,277,100	\$13,897,400	\$13,897,400	\$13,897,400	\$13,400,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$372,601	\$750,000	\$921,766	\$350,000	.\$250,000
Other Financing	\$468,183	SO		SO	50
Transfers	\$2,000,000	\$0		SD	\$0
Total Revenues:	\$16,117,884	\$14,647,400	\$14,819,166	\$14,247,400	\$13,650,000
Expenditures					
Operating.	\$31,561,868	\$14,647,400	\$5,915,688	\$14,647,400	\$14,670,000
Total Expenditures:	\$31,561,868	\$14,647,400	\$5,915,688	\$14,647,400	\$14,670,000
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	-\$15,443,984	\$0	\$8,903,479	-\$400,000	-\$1,020,000
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,551,959	\$1,551,959	\$10,455,438	\$1,151,959	\$531,959

Taxing Fund		Actual 2021		Actual 2022		Actual 2023		Adopted Budget 2024		Preliminary 2025	1	Change from 2024 Budget	Chg %
General Fund	\$	21,874,500	\$	22,223,400	\$	23,435,500	5	24,020,000	\$	23,786,016	\$	(233,984)	0.97%
Special Revenue Funds	-												
Garbage Collection & Disposal	-	1,460,400	1	1,460,400		1,560,000		1,730,000		1,910,000	\$	180,000	10.40%
Street Lighting	-	1,075,000		1,025,000	10.0	1,025,000		1,060,300		1,090,600	\$	30,300	2.86%
Museum		970,000		970,000	1.0-0	970,000		1,029,100	1	1,050,000	\$	20,900	2.03%
Senior Services		327,400		353,500		353,500		393,000		393,000	\$		0.00%
Library		2,772.700	-	2,792,700		2,792,700		2,876,500		3,400,000	\$	523,500	18.20%
Cemetery		300,000		321,000		318,900		328,500		350,000	\$	21,500	6.54%
Leach Amphitheater		14,000		23,000	1.0	23,000		23,000		23,000	\$	i.	0.00%
Pollock Water Park		64,000	-	64,000		64,000		100,000		260,000	\$	160,000	160.00%
Rental Inspections		25,000		16,500	1.1.1	12,800					\$	-	
Ambulance Services		-			1	10				1,350,000	\$	1,35(1,000	100%
Capital Improvement Funds		-	-		10.0								
Equipment Fund	-	1,100,000		1,100,000		1,088,200		1,205,500		689,500	\$	(\$16,000)	42.80%
Debt Service Fund		11,160,200		12,733,500		13,277,100		13,897,400		13,400,000	\$	(497,400)	3.58%
Enterprise Funds							-						
Grand Opera House				×	1			36,900		36,900	\$	1	0.00%
GO Transit		809,500		809,500	11	809,500		856,600		1,163,400	8	306,800	35.82%
Total City Tax Levy	5	41,952,700	\$	43,892,500	\$	45,730,200	5	47,556,800	\$	48,902,416	\$	1,345,616	2.83%
Change from previous year	-	1,215,300	-	1,939,800		1,837,700		1,826,600		1,345,616		-	-
% Change from previous year		2.98%		4.62%		4.19%		3.99%		2.83%			

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Prep sports roundup

CROSS COUNTRY

Mitchell, Collins lead area runners at FVA meet

Oshkosh North's Lehna Mitchell and Oshkosh West's Celso Collins were the top area finishers at the Fox Valley Association meet held last Thursday at Countryside Golf Course.

Mitchell finished 12th overall among the 64 runners in the field to help the Spartans place eighth overall in the team standings – one spot ahead of the Wildcats.

The Wildcats were led by Abby Tercha, who placed 26th, with teammate Rowen Stellpflug coming in 28th. The rest of the scoring runners for West were Coraline Strebelinski in 31st place, Ellie Trebiatowski in 34th place and Mila Crowe in 37th place.

Gabi Pereira da Silva was the second runner to finish for the Spartans, placing 39th, followed by Adri Clark in 41st place, Tianna Hayes in in 45th place and Alai Awak in 53rd place.

Collins finished seventh overall to earn West's top finish in the boys race, while Juan Collins was next for the Wildcats in 21st place. Mason Palecek and Owen Moon were 49th and 51st, respectively, and Isaac Gelhar placed 61st.

The Spartans were led by Jay Weber, who placed 25^{th} , with Davante Kieya taking 32^{nd} and Blake Lederhaus coming in

 40^{th} . The remaining scoring runners for North were Matthew Indergand in 40^{th} place and Reid Anderson in 50^{th} place.

The West boys finished sixth in the final team standings, while North was eighth.

Neenah captured both the girls and boys title, with the Rockets grabbing the top six individual places in the boys race to win the title with just 15 points.

Lourdes girls capture Trailways title

The Knights placed three runners in the top five and topped Johnson Creek for the team title at the Trailways Conference meet held last Thursday at Blackhawk Golf Course in Janesville.

Erin Moore led Lourdes Academy with a second-place finish, while Dasha Averkamp took third and Annie Moore placed fifth for the Knights. Khloe Bunton in 20th place and Tessia Mroczkowski in 21st place rounded out the scoring runners for Lourdes Academy.

Valley Christian finished sixth in the girls team standings and had a pair of top 25 finishers at the meet. Mya Moran led the Warriors in 15th place, while McKenzie Murphy placed 22nd. Rounding out the top five for Valley Christian were Merian Getz in 45th place, Kendra Sandahl in 46th place and Nykole Van Groll in 62nd place.

A pair of local runners earned top-10 finishes in the boys race with Valley Christian's Jonah Menet taking ninth and Lourdes Academy's Henry Spanbauer finishing 10^{th} place.

The Knights finished fourth overall with Mason Piechowski adding a 16th place, Cameron Kapral placing 26th, Zach Foster finishing 33rd and Henry Achterberg taking 59th.

St. Ambrose Academy won the boys team title.

Finishing behind Menet for the Warriors – who placed fifth in the team standings – was Jack O'Brien in 23rd place, Silas Johnson in 32nd place, Zachary Werner in 36th place and Simon Menet in 48th place. **FOOTBALL**

Oshkosh West falls in regular-season finale

The Wildcats trailed jut 20-15 at halftime and had a chance to take the lead early in the third quarter, but Fond du Lac ground out a couple of long drives and pulled away for a 48-23 in a Fox Valley Association game last Friday.

The Cardinals had the first possession of the second half but Connor Gibbs picked off a Fond du Lac pass and returned it to the 19-yard line. However, on the next play West quarterback Landon Ubrig was intercepted in the end zone and Fond du Lac marched 80 yards to extend the lead.

Ubrig finished 10-of-26 for 116 yards and was the team's leading rusher with

45 yards on 11 carries, including a 3-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter.

Jaiden Fronczak had a pair of short touchdown runs in the first half for the Wildcats., while Chase Brandl caught five passes for 63 yards.

Eli Bancroft had eight tackles to lead the West defense, while Eddy Schroeder finish with six stops.

Warriors wrap up season with victory

Matthias Behling scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter to break a tie score and lift Valley Christian to a 22-16 win over Princeton/Green Lake in the regular-season finale on Friday.

Derek Wallace rushed for 103 yards on 15 carries, while Ethan Millar added 54 yards on seven carries and scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter to answer a Tigersharks touchdown.

Princeton/Green Lake regained the lead later in the first quarter, but a 10-yard touchdown pass from Behling to Rylan Koller in the second quarter tied the game heading into intermission.

Mason Everts finished with a whopping 21 tackles and Sam Gloudemans added 18 tackles and an interception for the Warriors' defense. Cole Highfill also had an interception for Valley Christian.

The Warriors finish the season 4-5.

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Oshkosh North volleyball tripped up by Appleton West

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The fourth set couldn't have started better for the Oshkosh North volleyball team.

Trailing 2-1 in sets, the Spartans got rolling on Charlie Kempf's serve and built a 7-1 lead on Appleton West. North just couldn't keep the momentum.

The Terrors were able to thwart the Spartans surge and eventually rallied to take the lead and hand Oshkosh North a 20-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-19 loss last Thursday night.

"Our momentum just got taken away there," Oshkosh North head coach Stephanie Korell said. "They had a really good run on a serve and there were some other things that went on and our momentum just got sucked out of there. It just stopped our momentum and we couldn't get it back."

Not only did North grab the lead in the fourth set but the Spartans were winning the points as opposed to scoring on West errors.

Brinna Paulson drilled a spike through a block for a point before Kaitlyn Schneider's tip hit the ground for a point and Addy Schulze ripped a spike off a dig.

Kempf then drilled an ace serve before a pair of West hitting errors gave the Spartans the six-point lead.

The Spartans just couldn't keep the strong start going.

"It comes down to finding that consistency," Korell said. "We have to make sure we are on top with the team and everyone is talking and communicating. It all needs to mesh together. The talking kind of stopped there and we couldn't get back up."



Oshkosh Herald Oshkosh North setter Ava Lee (1) leaves her feet to make a set during last Thursday's match agfainst Appleton West.

North held the lead until the midway point of the fourth set when the Terrors took their first advantage at 12-11.

After Spartans scored two points - the second off a kill from Ellie Auler - to regain the lead, the Terrors scored 12 of the next 13 points to pull away to a 24-14 lead.

North took advantage of some West mistakes - including an unsportsmanlike conduct call that awarded a point to the Spartans – to narrow the gap to 24-19 but the Spartans then missed a serve for the final point as West emerged with the win.

"We wanted this one so bad," said Korell, whose team beat the Terrors in five sets last season. "Our seniors mean a lot to us and winning at home tonight would have been nice."



Oshkosh North's Katelyn Schneider goes up for a spike against Appleton West last week.

After taking the first set, Oshkosh North trailed most of the second set before tying the score at 16 on a tip by Schulze and a Terror hitting error.

West responded by rattling off five straight points to regain the lead at 21-16 and the teams exchanged sideouts until the Terrors were able to win the set.

North rallied from an early 5-1 deficit in the third set and took a 13-12 lead after a run of four straight points, highlighted by a tip from Paulson and an ace from Kempf.

The set would be tied at 13, 15 and 18 before the Spartans surged ahead, 22-19

following a kill from Paulson. But the Terrors rattled off the next four points to take the lead and then - after North tied the score at 23 - tallied the last two points for the win.

Paulson led the Spartans with 10 kills, while Schneider added seven. Kempf finished with 17 assists, while Ava Lee tallied eight.

The defense was led by Schneider with three total blocks, while Ellie Auler finished with 20 digs and Lee added 10.

Lee, Paulson and Kempf each had two aces to lead the Spartans.





Prep roundup

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SWIMMING

Wildcats down Spartans in FVA dual meet

Samara Zeinert and Kiersten Dietschweiler each won two events and Oshkosh West pulled out a 118-66 win over Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy in a dual meet last week.

Zeinert finished first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, while Dietschweiler posted her wins in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle.

Other wins for West were posted by Molly Dudzinski in the 200-yard freestyle, Neva Schlies in diving and Sarah Draxler in the 100-yard freestyle. Adding second places for the Wildcats were Kate Horejs in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle, Draxler in the 200-yard individual medley, Etta Yonke in the 50-yard freestyle, Dudzinski in the 100-yard freestyle and Mya Sonnleitner in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Wildcats also won the 200-yard

freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relays. Earning wins for North/Lourdes were Grace Penzenstadler in the 200-yard individual medley and Ashlynn Anderson in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Natasha Konop in diving and Addison Perzentka in the 100-yard butterfly were each second, while North/Lourdes also finished first in the 200-yard medley relay.

VOLLEYBALL

West places seventh at Arrowhead invite

Oshkosh West went 2-2 and finished seventh out of 12 teams at the Arrowhead Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats went 1-1 in pool play, beating Muskego and falling to Oak Creek, while also dropping a tight match to Hartford. West capped the day with a win over Waukesha North.

Sydnee Nelson had a huge day with 46 kills, while posting a .406 hitting percentage. Kirsten Klatt added 15 kills and Maeve Lasky finished with 11.

MaKaelyn Clark totaled 78 assists for the Wildcats while Clark and Elaina Butz each had a team-high six aces. Butz led the



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team with 35 digs.

On Thursday, the Wildcats swept Hortonville 25-14, 25-15, 25-21 in a Fox Valley Association match.

Nelson finished with 15 kills and three aces, while Emma Liebergen had eight kills and Maeve Lasky had seven. Clark finished with 29 assists.

Butz and Emma Polishinski led West with 11 and 10 digs, respectively, while Nelson and Liebergen each had three aces

Valley Christian rolls to nonconference win

Lizzie Fink posted 12 kills to lead the Warriors past Berlin 25-20, 25-23, 25-23, in a nonconference match last week.

Anna Giannopoulos added six kills and Alaina Wojtowski had five, while Maliha Demler totaled 22 assists.

Halie Weyenberg and Giannopoulos finished with 12 and 11 digs, respectively in the match.

Knights drop regular-season finale

Lourdes Academy forced a fifth set but couldn't knock off the visiting Zephyrs last week.

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The Knights lost the nonconference match 25-22, 21-25, 25-21, 23-25, 15-10. SOCCER

Palomaki, Choinski lead West to win

Brandon Palomaki and Carson Choinski each scored to lead Oshkosh West to a 2-0 nonconference win over West De Pere last week.

Cain Gelhar and Morgan Kipchirchir finished with assists.

Owen Ervin, Jacob Allen and Gabe Balcolm combined on the shutout in goal for West.

North offense erupts in win

Mto Wasekye Jean notched a hat trick and Oshkosh North had its highest-scoring game of the season in a 9-0 win over Menasha last Thursday.

Shepherd Johnson scored a pair of goals, while Dino Lubunga, Malek Mustafa, Lungwe Ramadhani and Cooper Snell each added a goal in the win.

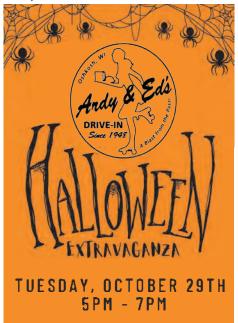
Geteme Hakizimana had to make just one save to earn the shutout.

Knights cap conference slate by blanking Omro

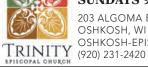
Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian finished off the Flyway Conference season by blanking Omro, 4-0 last week.

Isaak Rucinski had two of the Knights' four goals in the win, while Matthew Loker and Isaiah Hyvonen were credited with assists.

Will Loker made four saves in the win. The Knights fell to Amherst, 1-0, on Saturday.



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Obituaries

Bonnie Schneider

Bonnie Schneider (née Farry), beloved



mom, sister, aunt, grandma and friend passed away on October 15, 2024 at the age of 76. Bonnie was born on November 5, 1947 in Oshkosh to the late Gertrude (Klima) and Bert Farry. She grew up in Os-

hkosh and was one of twelve children.

She married her husband, Thomas Schneider, with whom she spent nearly 40 years loving and caring for. Bonnie devoted herself to being a homemaker for the majority of her life while raising four children; she never failed to have a warm meal on the table and a well kept home. When

James M. Kasper

James Michael Kasper passed into the arms of his heavenly Father on October



16, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. Jim was born February 7, 1954 in Oshkosh to John and Evelyn Kasper; attended St John Catholic Grade School, and Lourdes Catholic High School.

Jim's Catholic faith and his family were always of the highest importance to him. He graduated cum laude from the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1995 then worked as a registered nurse in pediatrics, a nursing field he was very passionate about. Jim was a member of the Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

He had numerous hobbies including gardening, acting, playing piano/organ and especially singing.

Jim sang for most of his adult life in various groups including the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, the UWO Chamber Singers (with whom he sang in Hungary and Czechoslovakia), and the Mixed and Men's Choirs at St. Raphael Catholic Church. He played piano/organ and sang for many Masses and weddings at St. John and St Raphael parishes as well, playing prior to his own wedding at St Mary Catholic Church where he married the love of

Bonnie became "Grammy" she continued to provide the same love and care to her grandchildren. Sometimes they faked being sick, just to be with Grammy for a day eating deep-fryer snacks and watching TV. Send offs always included her special, one of a kind gesture, letting us know just how much we were loved.

She was kind, genuine, and spunky. In recent years, she could be found watching her favorite true crime shows, perusing the aisles of Goodwill or Hobby Lobby for trinkets to add to her home, cooking meals for those she loved, or spending time with family. She would catch you off guard with witty comments, provide her always sound advice, and giggle at the near constant jokes or banter that we wish we could still hear. There are not enough words to describe her time on this earth

his life, Mary Galica of Oshkosh, on May 1, 1976.

Jim and Mary raised two wonderful daughters, Laura and Christina, and have been a very important part of the life of their dear granddaughter Aurora Lee. Jim loved trips to Door County and also loved working as a long-time regular volunteer running the dessert table at the St Raphael annual Lenten Parish Fish Fry.

Jim is survived by his wife Mary, his daughters Laura and Christina, his granddaughter Aurora Lee, his brothers Patrick (Paula), Tony (Pamela), and sister Sandra Huck (Michael).

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Evelyn Kasper, father-in-law Harry Galica and grandparents Michael and Josephine Kasper, and Harold and Ethel Dodd.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Jim on Saturday October 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St Raphael Parish, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the church. A luncheon will be served after the Mass, and internment will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Oshkosh, on Monday October 28 at 3:00 PM.

Jim's family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for the excellent and loving care Jim received from the Aurora Medical Center and hospice staff.



Donald Brunner

Donald "Don" Brunner, age 65, passed away on October 16, 2024, at his home



October 16, 2024, at his home in Oshkosh, WI, and Hailey Brunner (granddaughter); Sandra & Norberto Adaglio (sister & brother-in-law); several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins. and what she meant to us. This holiday season won't be the same without her strawberry truffle, big smile while gabbing around the table, or her warm hugs.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Todd (Janet Korth) Blanchette, Jodi Blanchette, Shannon Blanchette, and Heather (Doug) Schultz; grandchildren, Mackenzie (Ian) Korsch, Elora Stacey (Tylor Losser), Hannah Seidl, Caine Stacey (Anna Werner), and Erik Blanchette; sisters, Carol Raugh, Cindy (Lenny) Schlag, Sandy Moriarty, Renee (Lee Wichser) Nelson, Pam (Lanny) Queen; brothers, Mike Farry, Tracy Farry and Bert Farry; special nieces Leah

Joan M. Novotny

Joan M Novotny was born in Muskegon, MI September 4, 1929. She passed



away peacefully at home surrounded by family October 13, 2024.

She married Lawrence A Wright on October 15, 1949 in Battle Creek, MI. They moved to Oshkosh in 1955 and

finally built a home in 1970. In January 1971 Lawrence passed away and she was left to pay for the home and raise her children on her own.

In 1982 she remarried to Donald Novotny. They were together until his passing in 2007.

She worked in the food service industry including at UW-Oshkosh and Sunnyview Restaurant. She also worked parttime at Miles Kimball and Mr. Cinders until she was in her 70's.

She was a devout catholic that enjoyed

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Raugh and Madonna Farry, as well as many other nieces and nephews and special dog, Charlie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Schneider; mother and father, Gert and Bert Farry; sisters, Christine Farry and Julie Scheller; brother, Harold Farry; brother in law, Harvey Raugh and best friend, Sandy Loper.

Bonnie's memory will live on in the many, many people she loved and who loved her in return. We are so lucky she was ours. A celebration of life will be held to honor her life on November 9, 2024 from 5pm - 9pm at Copper Hall in Oshkosh.

gardening, reading, music, spending time with her friends, watching the Green Bay Packers and Days of Our Lives (since the beginning), looking at clouds, and pointing out all the dead trees in town that should be removed.

She leaves behind five children Marilyn A Binder (David), John A Wright, Charles A Wright (Denise), Laurette A Wright and Nicole A Wright. Along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony & Cynthia Rice; brother, Anthony "Sonny" Rice; and her two husband's Lawrence A Wright and Donald Novotny.

She will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Visitation is October 25, 2024 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, with services to follow at Fox Cities Funeral & Cremation Services at 3026 Jackson St, Oshkosh, WI 54901





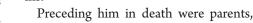
with his family by his side. He was born on March 29, 1959, in Fairbanks, Alaska to Edward and Agatha (Erickson) Brunner. After high school,

he enlisted in the military. He proudly served as a Midshipman from 1976 – 1979 in Cuba and Spain. On April 20, 2018, he married Ronecka Baker in Oshkosh, WI.

For the last 20 years of his career, he worked at Winnebago Mental Health Institute in multiple positions, retiring as a Power Plant Operator 3 years ago.

Don was an avid motorcyclist, he also enjoyed playing cribbage, puzzles, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by Ronecka Brunner (wife); David Brunner (son); Katrina Baker (stepdaughter); Joseph Baker (stepson); Madisen Brunner (granddaughter)



Edward Brunner and Agatha (Erickson) Brunner; and his brothers, Dale and Wayne Brunner.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Retro's Pub 2015 Harrison St, Oshkosh, WI, 54901 from 2pm – 8pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to http://spot.fund/DonsCelebrationOfLife to help with cremation and celebration of life expenses.

The family would like to thank the Aurora Home Hospice Staff, especially Lisa P. RN, for their excellent care of Don over the past six months, and the close friends and immediate family of Don for their support and assistance whenever we needed.





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Obituaries

Barbara Jean Koplein Elleman

Barbara Jean Koplein Elleman, of Amherst MA, passed away peacefully



on October 9, 2024. Barbara was born on October 20, 1934, in Coloma, WI; daughter of Donald and Evelyn (Kissinger) Koplein. She grew up around Waupaca, WI with her siblings Charlotte and Sha-

ron. As a child, she loved reading, playing with dolls, and being with her family on the farm. After graduating high school in Ripon, WI, she attended Wisconsin State University Oshkosh receiving her B.S. in 1956. She worked as school librarian in Port Washington, WI, and then went to the University of Denver, receiving her M.A. in Library Science in 1964. On November 14, 1970, Barbara married the love of her life, Don W. Elleman.

Barbara was a brilliant children's librarian, book reviewer, editor, and author. She took on roles as a school and public librarian. She was a reviewer and then editor of the American Library Association's Booklist magazine, where she founded *Book Links, Connecting Books Libraries and Classrooms*. While working at Marquette University, she was named Distinguished Scholar of Children's Literature.

In 2011, she and Don moved to Amherst, MA. There, she served as trustee, advisor, and curator at The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. Barbara donated her thousand-plus, often-signed picture book collection to The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, where her substantial reference collection about children's literature resides in the Barba-

ra Elleman Research Library, referred to as the BERL. In 1999, she wrote a biography of Tomie dePaola: *Tomie dePaola*: *His Art and His Stories*. Following that, she co-authored (with Russell Freedman) *Holiday House: The First Sixty-Five Years* (2000), and *Virginia Lee Burton*: *A Life in Art* (2002). She recently published another biography of Tomie de-Paola: *The Worlds of Tomie dePaola: The Art and Stories of the Legendary Artist and Author* (2021), an update of her earlier biography, covering two new decades of his creativity.

Barbara was an avid traveler who crisscrossed the globe with her husband Don. They often went touring in Europe to explore the origins of many notable children's fables and fairy tales, bringing the books that she loved so dearly to life. She was also a great fan of the arts, with regular attendance at the symphony, opera, as

Dennis L. Nikolaus

God must have needed capable hands for fixing or building something special,



so he sent his angels on October 15, 2024, to ask Dennis Lee Nikolaus for his help. Dennis loved to build things, model airplanes, ponds and walking paths, gardening, machinery, remodeling, working

on cars and helping his children with their school projects.

He was born on February 21, 1941, the second child of Jacob and Marie (Bartow) Nikolaus. Dennis worked as a machinist for Oshkosh Corporation. He married his wife on November 2, 1963, at Peace Lutheran Church. He enjoyed working on their collectible cars and driving them to car shows including the Oldsmobile Nationals each year. He also enjoyed vegetable, flower, and water gardening and was honored to receive the 'Garden of the Month' award in 2008.

Dennis is survived by his wife and best friend, Joyce (Zimdars) Nikolaus, his daughters, Karla (Joseph) Schweda, Oshkosh, WI, Kelly (Shawn) Brady, Madison, WI, and his granddaughwell as numerous shows. For a time, Barbara and Don kept an apartment in New York to readily access Broadway. More recently, in Amherst, trips to Tanglewood were a regular pastime and joy.

Barbara is survived by her sister Sharon Riemer of Oshkosh, WI; her very good friend Charlene Moran of Amherst, MA; her nieces Nancy Ocain Scrivner, Shawn Miller, Alesha Hau; and nephews Rick Ocain and Tim Ocain. Many great and great great nieces and nephews adored their Aunt Barbara.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, November 7, 2024, 5:00 p.m., at The Eric Carle Museum, 125 West Bay Road, Amherst, MA 01002. The interment will be held in Brookfield, WI at a later date.

Memorial gifts can be made in Barbara's honor to the Barbara Elleman Research Library at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art.

ter, Carolyn (Ben Adams) Schweda, Menomonee Falls, WI. Besides his immediate family, Dennis is also survived by his brothers and sister in-laws; David (Donna) Nikolaus, Maryland, Kevin (Janette) Nikolaus, Arizona, and his sister, Jackie Nikolaus, Madison, WI. Also surviving are cousins, nephews, nieces, friends, his Peace Lutheran Church family, his Carmel Residence family and his grand dogs Sally and Truman. He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law, Edwin and Ruth (Hinz) Zimdars, brother, Gerald Nikolaus, sister-in-law, Patti Nikolaus, and his pet family of Poppy, Champ, Punkin, Kate, Beau Paix, and Mac.

Thanks to all the people that cared for Dennis in his last days, especially the staff of Eden Meadows and the Hospice team. As per Dennis' wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made in Dennis' name to Peace Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund (240 West Ninth Avenue, Oshkosh, 54902), the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, 54901), or another charity of your choice.



Harold R. Elmer II

Harold R. Elmer II passed away at his residence surrounded by his family on Sat-



urday, October 19th, 2024. He was born to the late Harold R. and Josephine (Nowicki) Elmer on April 16th, 1957, in Oshkosh.

Harold graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1975.

He got his degree in mechanical design at Fox Valley Technical College in 1978. He worked as a mechanical engineer for Kimberly Clark for over 40 years until his retirement in 2022.

Harold was a diehard Wisconsin sports fan. He had a room dedicated to his memorabilia which was not nearly big enough to display everything. Majority of the time, you could find him sitting in his man cave in the garage watching games. Harold enjoyed many types of music and often attended concerts at Summerfest and Alpine Valley. He was an avid golfer. He played in a Thursday night league and spent many weekends on the course with his son and close friends. Harold took pride in being the grill master at his house. He cherished moments around the table with good food and family.

Harold is survived by his two children, Dan Elmer and Katie (Matt) Juedes; grandchildren, Madison and Kayden Juedes; significant other, Nancy King; mother of his children and former spouse, Linda Elmer; nephew Mark Morgan; great nephew Benjamin Morgan and great niece Jennifer (Shane) Kanaman; niece Marie (Bob) Thompson; great nephew Ryan Thompson and great niece Ellarie Thompson; as well as many other relatives and close friends.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his sister, Julie Ann Morgan and brother-in-law Michael Morgan.

A memorial service for Harold will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes (100 Lake Pointe Dr.) on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at 1PM. The time of visitation will be from 10:30AM until the time of service.

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Obituaries

Myra D. Smith

Heaven has gained an angel - a selfless, stubborn, and fiercely independent



woman who loved the Green Bay Packers, chocolate, her family and friends (quite possibly in that order).

Myra Diane Smith, 81, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully Monday, July 29,

2024 at her residence after a long battle with COPD. She was born February 20, 1943, in St. Charles, IL, the daughter of Jerome and Zelda (Rubnitz) Litow. Myra earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Milton College in Milton, WI.

Myra was many things: a loving family member, supportive friend, dedicated employee, generous volunteer, devoted companion, and the best mom anyone could have. In her humble life of service, she helped vulnerable children, disadvantaged families, and incarcerated adults as a social worker, took in those who needed

a safe place to land or launch, and volunteered for countless community organizations. She was a member of Fond du Lac Evening Optimists, volunteered for FREE Spirit Riders, and was a long-time former member of Temple B'Nai Israel. Myra enjoyed sewing, gardening, and refurbishing her home. She loved animals, especially her rescue cats.

Myra began her career as a social worker at Brooke Industries in Fond du Lac. After staying home to raise her daughter, she returned to social work at Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services and later the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. She served as a social worker at Kettle Moraine, Dodge, and Oshkosh Correctional Institutions until her retirement.

She is survived by her daughter, Lena (Alan) Michaud; two grandchildren, Adam and Rachel; her longtime companion, Patrick Chesney, and his daughter, Celina; one brother, Mark (Cathy) Litow; niece, Jessie (Greg); and other relatives. She had a special place in her heart for the Beroukhims - Farhad, Fariba, Farnaz,

John G. Kleinschmidt

John George Kleinschmidt, 59 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly on



Thurs., Oct. 10, 2024. John was born May 30, 1965, in Oshkosh, WI., to Roger and Nancy (Joy) Kleinschmidt.

graduated John from Omro High School in 1983. He enlisted in the Ma-

rine Corps and graduated from San Diego, CA. Platoon 3103 on Dec. 16, 1983. John served 6 years in the Marine Corps Reserve.

John lived and worked in the Fox Cities area his whole life. John was a devout Christian and an active member of Oshkosh's Living Stone Church. John was

passionate about genealogy and enjoyed constructing family trees in his free time.

John is survived by his children, Bill (Sidney) and Sarah Kleinschmidt, his grandchildren, Aubree and Weston Kleinschmidt, and his siblings, Russell (Susan) Kleinschmidt and Patricia (Steven) Mueller. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Carol Davis.

A memorial service will be held Thurs., Oct. 24 at Living Stone Church, 302 Church Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Visitation is from 9:30-11am, with the funeral service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Living Stone Church's Mercy Ministry, a cause close to John's heart.

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and Besharat - whom she was honored to welcome into our family as they fled the Iranian Revolution in 1979. She was preceded in death by her parents and former husband, Quay Smith.

At Myra's request, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her Life will take place Friday, October 25, 2024, visitation from 12:30 - 2:00 PM and service to follow at 2:00 PM at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home.

Lila Jean Boucher

On October 13, 2024, Lila Jean (Balza) Boucher, a cherished mother, grand-



mother, great grandmother and sister, peacefully departed this world to reunite with her Lord and Savior at the age of 91. Lila graduated from high school and began her career as a teacher in Green Bay before

getting married and dedicating herself to raising her five beloved children. She was known for her gentle strength, quiet spirit, and unwavering kindness, leaving a profound impact on everyone she met. In her leisure time, Lila found joy in reading, writing, puzzles, and enjoying Hallmark movies paired with her favorite dessert-ice cream. She was an active member of her church, participating in Bible studies and serving on the prayer team. Lila also volunteered at the Oshkosh Public Library, helping others enhance their reading and communication skills. A highlight of her later years was fulfilling her lifelong dream of visiting England to meet her pen pal of 47 years.

Memorials preferred to BEAMING Equine-Assisted Services or your favorite animal rescue organization.

Services are in the care of Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, 524 North Park Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935. Additional information and guestbook can be found at ueckerwitt.com



Lila is survived by her loving children: Mike (Laura) Boucher, Kathy (David) Hansen, Paul (Kelly) Boucher, Jeff (April) Boucher, and Scott (Mary) Boucher. She leaves behind a legacy of grandchildren: Jennifer (Mike) Sittig, C.J. (Candice) Hansen, Nick Boucher, Rachel Hansen, Paul (Lexy) Sittig, Jared (Michelle) Boucher, James (Michayla) Hansen, Caitlin (Dylan) Boucher, Josiah Boucher, Victoria Boucher, and preceded in death by Heidi Boucher. Lila also had many treasured great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister Susan (Ken) Herres, and her brothers John Balza and Paul (Beth) Verheyden.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow.

Lila's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Residence at Oshkosh and the Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care during her final days.



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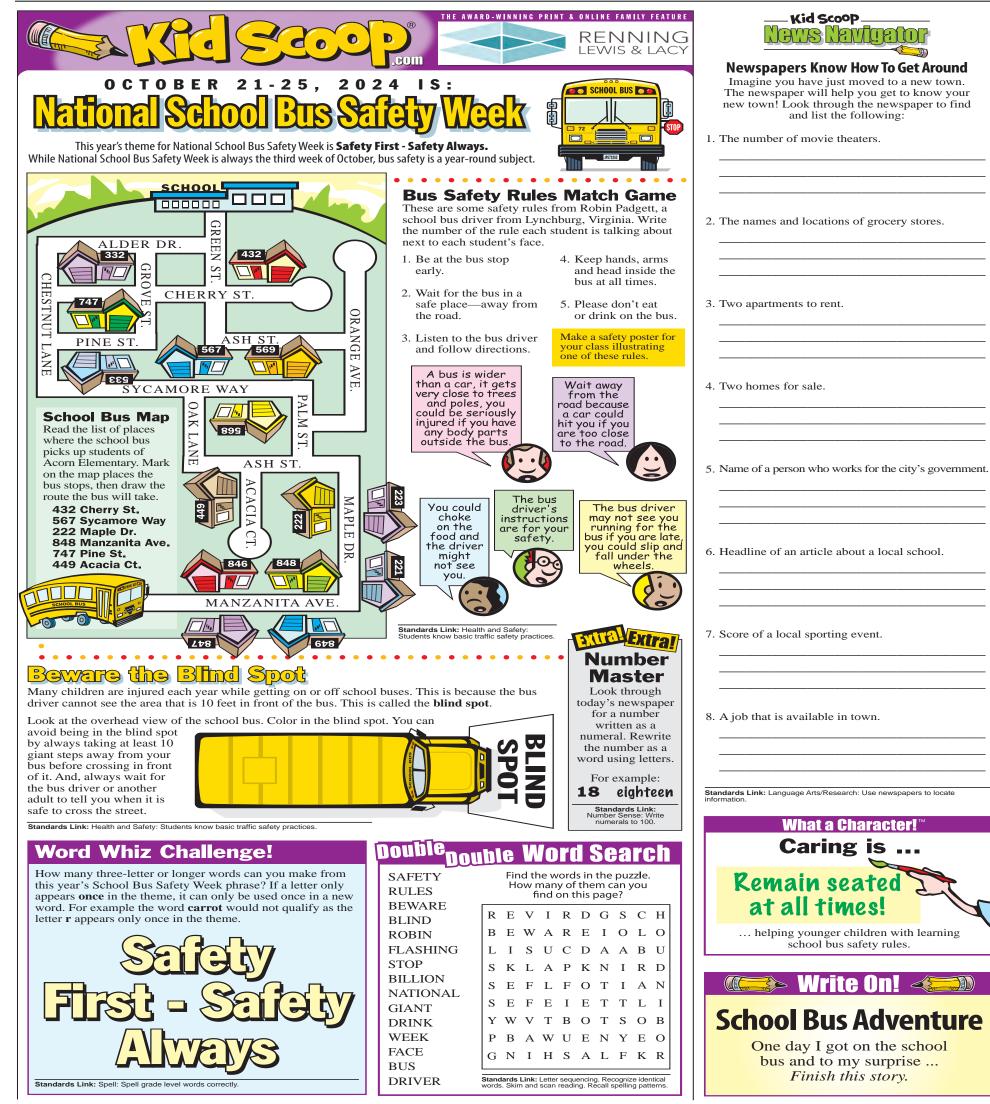
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