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## Zoo train could be replaced in 2026

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Menominee Park may have a new train ride for next year.

An on-land wheeled train has been proposed by the Oshkosh Parks Department to replace the tracked amusement train that has been a local attraction at the Menominee Park Zoo for decades.

“We’re looking at a train that we can take throughout Menominee Park with less maintenance. It would be a brand-

new train,” Parks director Ray Maurer said.

The new train, which is still in the proposal phase, would be able to drive on the trail paths and roadways instead of the classic tracks. The train will have tires similar to road tires allowing it to operate on the paths throughout the park.

In the future the train would be able to go all the way to Ames Point on the north side of the park.

Maurer has heard from multiple donors

that have reached out to the parks department over the last several months when it was reported the train would be shut down for the 2025 season.

The purchase would be a public/private partnership with Discover Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, which are already discussing the new train with the city.

The on-land train is estimated to cost

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Championship sailing

The Oshkosh Yacht Club last week hosted the Inland Yachting Association (ILYA) Championship Regatta. Races were based in Menominee Park. The event drew in sailors from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

# Haliburton to donate \$3 million to North athletics

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The walking boot on Tyrese Haliburton’s right foot affected his usual stride but the legendary smile that he wore throughout his time at Oshkosh North was still the same.

Haliburton returned to Oshkosh over the weekend to host his second annual youth basketball camp and take part in a ceremony to name the fieldhouse at the high school to honor former head coach Frank Schade.

It was also announced Haliburton, who stars for the Indiana Pacers in the NBA, will be donating \$3 million over the next three years to the Oshkosh North athletic department for upgrades to the school’s facilities.

“I’m blessed to be in the position I’m in so anything I can do to help out I want to take advantage of that,” Haliburton said in a press conference before Friday night’s ceremony for Schade. “This community,



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Tyrese Haliburton, sitting next to former coach Frank Schade, announced this weekend that he will be donating \$3 million to the Oshkosh North athletic department over the next three years.

this school means a lot to me. I cherish this place and I cherish the people. I wouldn’t be where I am without this place.”

Haliburton’s contribution to the athlet-

ic department has already resulted in new scoreboards and a huge video board in the fieldhouse as well as updating and customizing the school’s weight room.

The money was also used to create a pair of “Frank Schade Fieldhouse” signs located on the school’s exterior.

Haliburton was excited to see the fieldhouse he once starred in being named for the legendary Spartans’ coach, who spent 31 years as head boys basketball coach at the school.

“Usually in our district, people don’t get things named after them until they are no longer with us, so it’s really cool that coach is here and able to get that love from the whole city,” Haliburton said. “Anyone who has been around this community for any amount of time knows the impact he’s had. It’s important to me that he gets to be here and receive that honor in person. Nobody deserves it more.”

Schade said that he received the news that the fieldhouse would be named in his honor from Haliburton.

“I don’t cry easy, but I had to shed a few

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## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

### Aug 28, 1980

**Mars Restaurant Chain Selling 23 Outlets:** A long-standing Oshkosh restaurant chain is selling 23 of its food outlets to a Pennsylvania based firm. Initially, eight of Mars family restaurants will be sold on October 1 to Franchise Management Corp (FMC), with the other 15 remaining restaurants sold to other national restaurant chain buyers. Mars president, Len Backus, said that the eight units – including the original Mars restaurant at 515 N. Sawyer St., will be converted by FMC who is a large multi-unit franchisee of Arby's. Other restaurant locations included in the transaction are located in Sun Prairie, Sturgeon Bay, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc and Appleton. The three-unit Baxter's Beef and Pizza chain owned by Mars will not be affected by the sale. Mars restaurants were introduced in



Photo by Dan Radig

Mars Drive-In on Sawyer Street in 1964.

Oshkosh in the mid-1950s by Erwin and Martha Kitzman (Martha is who Mars was named after) who operated a small ice cream stand that had no seating and parking was mostly along the street. Over the years, the original Mars was renovated, first by adding a large, blue canopy for the convenience of parking, and later in 1965 inside seating was added. In the early days, you could order a shake, hamburger and fries for 45 cents! Their slogan... "Our Food Is Out Of This World!"

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Aug. 28, 1980

## Parks Advisory Board recommends renaming portion of Riverwalk

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The Oshkosh Parks Advisory Board is recommending that a portion of the city's Riverwalk be renamed in honor of one of the people seen as instrumental in its development.

The board voted during its meeting Aug. 11 to recommend to the Common Council in favor of naming a section of the trail from Main Street to Oregon Street on the northside in memory of Lurton Blassingame.



Blassingame

The board had considered naming the portion from the Leach Amphitheater to Main Street but board member Steve Herman doesn't think that section gets used enough. He supports a better, more visible location where users could see and learn more about Blassingame.

Parks Director Ray Maurer said they were open to discussion about the exact location.

Michael Ford, who served on the Common Council while the Riverwalk was being developed, said more than five years have gone by since Blassingame passed away on March 9, 2020, meeting the criteria the city has set for such designations.

Blassingame was a professor in the Urban and Regional Studies program at UWO and served on the Fox River Development Committee, among a long list of community groups he was involved with over the years.

Ford said Blassingame's family is supportive of the idea to honor his legacy.

"Assets like the Riverwalk don't just happen," Ford said. "They benefit future generations because past leaders had the vision and persistence to make it a reality. Lurton gave so much to this community. Taking this action would be a small and lasting tribute to somebody who had such a big impact on this community."

Tyler Klaver, a management analyst for the city, said he collected multiple examples of Blassingame's advocacy work and community involvement. He said that signage would likely be installed to designate the portion of the trail for the tribute and could be paid for through fundraising or donations.

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# Men's coffee group experience captured in painting

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The men's coffee group has become an anticipated activity among residents at Evergreen Retirement Community.

The group was created many years ago to help foster connection among the men residing at Evergreen, said Caitlyn Scott, Life Enrichment manager. The group meets twice a month on the first and third Friday mornings.

"It is meant to be a time for the men to meet, have a cup of coffee, enjoy a little breakfast, and of course talk," Scott said. "There is always a Life Enrichment staff member present to assist with breakfast, and they are able to facilitate conversation if needed, but this group is very well established and many of the residents jump into conversation with one another instantly."

The group averages approximately 20 men each time they meet, Scott said.

Local artist Rei Kraus has recently captured the essence of the group in a painting, Scott said. The idea for the painting came as Scott said, "We were lucky enough to have a college student, Rei, stop in one morning to inquire about volunteering at Evergreen. She happened to run into the staff member who typically runs the men's coffee group and they connected."

Kraus was an art student at UW-Oshkosh at the time, and although she was also interested in learning more about an art program for the residents, she was also interested in helping with the men's coffee group.

"Rei became a regular at men's coffee and got to know everyone very well," Scott said. "She asked if it would be OK to take the men's photos, with the idea that she may paint a portrait of the group. She did just that, and it exceeded everyone's ex-

pectations."

Kraus said she found inspiration from the group.

"Over our lifetimes we spend many precious hours sharing meals, drinking coffee, celebrating important events and simply exchanging a few words, all while gathered at a table," Kraus said. "My recent paintings are a celebration of time, relationships and wisdom gained through experience. They are also a physical representation of the communal space we designate for the ones we care about."

It was an honor to serve and converse with the group, Kraus said.

"I strive to incorporate a sense of time and personality, while channeling the energy of all the great stories and encounters I have experienced with these men," Kraus said. "One of my favorite pastimes is observing and listening, and I greatly appreciate having relationships with individuals that are eager to bestow me with their beloved memories."

The intention of the painting is to highlight and bridge the value of social inter-



Image by Rei Kraus

Rei Kraus painted a portrait of the men's coffee group at Evergreen Retirement Community to capture the meaning of the social interaction among the group.

actions that could otherwise be taken for granted, Kraus said. Scott thinks Kraus was able to achieve that goal.

"The painting is not only an accurate portrayal of the men sitting around a table

and talking, but painted in such a detailed way that we can tell who each person is," Scott said. "The men were thrilled to see it on display at UWO, and are even happier to have it hanging at Evergreen."

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# Meeting slated to detail plans for Main Street Bridge project

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region will hold a live, online public Construction Information Meeting (CIM) at 4 p.m. Thursday to discuss upcoming construction operations on the Main Street Bridge (US 45) over the Fox River in Oshkosh.

Attendees will access the live, online CIM via a Microsoft Teams link on the new US 45/Main Street Bridge Project 511 Construction website projects.511wi.gov/45oshbridge/. The purpose of the public CIM is to show upcoming construction scope, schedule, traffic impacts and business resources.

WisDOT said this is a rehabilitation-level project. Bridge improvements include:

el project. Bridge improvements include:

- Rehabilitate existing electrical, mechanical, hydraulic and structural components of the bascule span.
- Minor repairs to the operator's house, hydraulic power units and access platforms.
- Concrete deck repairs and overlay of the fixed approach spans.
- Removal and replacement of the steel grid deck on the movable span.

The bridge will be closed to traffic from Sept. 2 to April 2026. Detours will be provided for vehicles and pedestrians. Marine impacts from the United States Coast Guard via its Local Notice to Mariners are noted on the project website.



Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

## Starting the school year

An Oshkosh Area School District tradition to start the new school year continued last week. The New Teacher Academy kicked off with a "clap in" greeting. District leaders welcomed a new class of educators, both first-time teachers and experienced staff alike, to the community. Teachers and staff from throughout the district were engaged in professional development and learning before classes start for students in two weeks.

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# Gogolewski one in line of pro athletes with Oshkosh roots

By Randy Domer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh has had its share of local athletes over the years that achieved success in professional sports.

Most recently, the community has turned its pride to an Oshkosh North High School basketball standout, Tyrese Haliburton, a two-time NBA All-Star. Haliburton was selected by the Sacramento Kings 12th overall in the 2020 NBA draft. In 2022, he was acquired by and continues to play with the Indiana Pacers, although he will miss next season due to injury.

On the baseball front, there was Billy Hoefft, Howie Koplitz and Dave Tyrivier that made "The Bigs" and enjoyed great careers as major league pitchers.

Another local favorite found success as a major league umpire. Larry "Dutch" Rennert was famously known for his boisterous and booming strike calls as he worked 20 years as a National League Umpire. During those years, "Dutch" had the honor of umpiring seven playoff games, two All-Star games and three World Series.

In 1965, another local boy was given his chance to play major league baseball. At 6'4" and 190 pounds, Bill "Gogo" Gogolewski was drafted out of high school by the Washington Senators in the 18th round of MLB's first Amateur Draft.

"Gogo" would spend the next five years working in the minors. After a brief visit late in 1968, he was called up in 1970 when he finally earned himself a spot on the team roster. The next year, Gogolewski went 6-5 in 17 outings and enjoyed a "sweet" 2.76 ERA.

In 1972, the Senators moved to Texas and became the Texas Rangers. Gogolewski pitched there until 1974 when he



Submitted photo

A 1976 Topps baseball card featured Bill Gogolewski, whose playing career in the majors ended in 1975 due to injury.

was traded to the Cleveland Indians. One year later, he signed with the Chicago White Sox.

It turns out that this would be the lanky right-hander's last year in baseball due to a shoulder injury later in the season.

But an event happened on July 12, 1975 that would remain etched in the veteran's memory for years to come. It was a night game in Milwaukee against the hometown Brewers. The temperature for mid-summer was an unusually cool 63 degrees at gametime. The starter on the mound for the Chicago White Sox was the 6'4" southpaw veteran Jim Kaat (13-6) facing the right-handed Jim Slaton (8-8) for Milwaukee.

Kaat sailed through the first inning re-

tiring all three batters. In the second inning, Kaat struggled giving up 2 runs and 3 hits. His success didn't change much one inning later, facing 8 batters, and giving up 3 more runs and 3 hits. But the Sox battled back in the top of the fourth inning scoring 3 runs off Slaton.

With the White Sox trailing the Brewers 5-3, Kaat took the mound in the bottom of the fourth inning. The first two batters he faced were Gorman Thomas and Don Money, who each singled to put runners on first and second. Sox manager Chuck Tanner had seen enough and called to the bullpen for the lanky right-hander from Oshkosh.

"Gogo" took the mound and went through his warmups, preparing to face Robin Yount with two runners on and no outs. Yount tried to execute a bunt that was hit toward first base where the Sox first baseman, Carlos May, scooped it up and stepped on the bag retiring Yount.

But Yount's bunt did what was intended. The sacrifice sent the runners to second and third with one out.

Next in the Brewers lineup was the Milwaukee powerhouse George "Boomer" Scott. Gogolewski was facing one of the most feared home run hitters in the American League. He was poised and ready for the challenge - that is until White Sox manager Chuck Tanner signaled to the umpire to give Scott an intentional walk.

At first, "Gogo" felt a sense of relief. Not having to face Scott was certainly a plus. And putting a runner on first increased the odds for a double play ball to end the inning.

But Bill's relief was short-lived as the announcement was made across the airwaves at Milwaukee's County Stadium. "Now Batting, the Designated Hitter...

Number 44, Henry Aaron."

"Gogo" had to be thinking "You gotta be kidding me! We intentionally walked George Scott to get to Hank Aaron?"

The bases were loaded and now at bat was baseball's all-time home run king.

So, the tension built as Hammerin' Hank came to the plate. Gogolewski towed the rubber, then looked down to his catcher, Pete Varney, for a sign, and went into his stretch. The pitch was delivered and Aaron hit a solid line drive toward the White Sox third baseman, Bill Melton. Melton caught it and stepped on third for an unassisted double play. "Gogo" had pitched out of the inning, and retired baseball's all-time home run leader, all without allowing a run.

The Oshkosh star would go on to pitch two more innings. In the fifth, he walked Sixto Lezcano and retired Bobby Darwin. Then a force out of Lezcano on a fielder's choice by Charlie Moore, who then was caught stealing, ended the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, "Gogo" retired Bob Sheldon and Gorman Thomas, and gave up a single to Brewer third baseman Don Money, who was then caught stealing for the third out.

In his career, Gogolewski pitched 501 innings in 144 games with a lifetime record of 15-24. With two shutouts and six complete games, he compiled 10 saves, 301 strikeouts and held an ERA of 4.02. Gogolewski is proud to have had the honor of playing for managers Ted Williams, Whitey Herzog, Billy Martin and Chuck Tanner.

Today, Gogolewski and his wife Susan are enjoying retirement living in Oshkosh. Fifty years later, he still holds a treasure trove of indelibly etched memories like this of all the time he enjoyed as a major league baseball player.

## Yerkey appointed assistant superintendent of operations

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) has appointed Brian Yerkey to serve as the district's assistant superintendent of operations.

The OASD Board of Education approved the appointment at its regular meeting on Aug. 13. Yerkey will begin the role on Monday.



Yerkey

Yerkey comes to the OASD from New London High School and Catalyst Academy Charter School, where he currently serves as principal. He brings more than 20 years of experience in public education and operational leadership.

He received a master of arts in education from Marian University and a bachelor of science in education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"He brings a wealth of experience from outside our district, and his vision for optimizing our operational functions aligns perfectly with our strategic goals," said

OASD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Davis. "His expertise in fostering strong partnerships and his experience in financial stewardship and sustainable infrastructure development will be invaluable as we continue to enhance the support systems for our students, staff and schools."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in a district that shares similar core values and believes in strengthening community through education," Yerkey said. "I am eager to work alongside the dedicated staff, families and community to ensure our operations are not only efficient and effective, but also directly support a learning environment where every student can succeed."

The OASD conducted an interview process that included interview teams of staff from all levels of the organization, community partners, as well as district leadership.

This position was vacated in June when Julie Conrad retired from the district to become the superintendent of the Lake Wales Charter School District in Florida.

## Peniel Chapel Welsh to host weekend events

Oshkosh Herald

Peniel Chapel Welsh will host several events over the weekend.

The events include on Saturday Bethesda Cemetery Scavenger Hunt, 1 p.m., 479 Clairville Road; Welsh in Patagonia and the Tie to Peniel, 3 p.m., W9644 Zoar Road; Welsh/American meal money do-

nation, 4:40 p.m., W9644 Zoar Road and Peniel Quartet and The Covenant Bell, 6 p.m., W9644 Zoar Road.

On Sunday, events include Worship at Bethesda Church, 9 a.m., 479 Clairville Road and 103rd Annual Gymanfa Ganu at Peniel, 2:30 p.m., W9644 Zoar Road.



Photo from The Salvation Army Oshkosh

## Fighting hunger

The Salvation Army Oshkosh held its Pedal Out Hunger ride and walk event Saturday despite rainy conditions throughout the day. Participants and sponsors for the event help to fund the Salvation Army's feeding programs.

# County considers options to implement sales tax

## Proposal could generate over \$17 million annually

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors was set to discuss a proposal to implement a 0.5% countywide sales tax at a county board meeting Tuesday.

Under Wisconsin law, counties may adopt the tax, which is added to the state's 5% sales tax rate, bringing the total to 5.5% in participating counties. Waukesha and Winnebago are the only counties in the state that don't have a sales tax.

According to projections from the Winnebago County Executive's Office, the average household spends an estimated \$20,000 per year on taxable purchases. With an additional 0.5% sales tax, the average household would see an increase of

about \$100 annually, or \$8.33 each month.

County Executive Gordon Hintz said a presentation on the proposed county sales tax was going to take place at this week's county board meeting. Supervisors after the presentation were to vote on a resolution submitted by Supervisor Chuck Farrey directing staff to draft an ordinance with specific conditions for the tax. The ordinance would return to the board later this year for a final vote, possibly at a meeting in October.



Hintz

Hintz said the tax could generate about \$17 million annually, while the resolution submitted by Farrey estimated \$20 million. According to the resolution, 30% of the revenue would be shared with munic-

ipalities.

Hintz said no county in the state shares more than 10% of sales tax revenue with municipalities.

"I'm actually not very supportive of revenue sharing," he said. "I mean, we have county needs, and we also have the ability to lower property taxes, if the county is going to consider (a sales tax) again."

One of the key arguments for the sales tax is that it would capture revenue from nonresidents who use county services.

"It was estimated in the past that like 20 to 25 percent of the revenue generated by a sales tax comes from nonresidents, so people that come to Winnebago County for EAA or for Lifest, they use county services, but they don't pay anything," he said. "We could take the revenue generated from nonresidents and lower property taxes for the people who live here to help pay for county services."

If the full \$17 million in county sales tax revenue were applied to property tax relief, the owner of a home with a median price of \$297,000 could see an estimated \$247 reduction in their county tax bill, according to an estimate from the county executive's office.

The tax revenue could also be used to balance the county budget or fund capital projects including \$67 million in deferred maintenance at county facilities.

The county sales tax would apply to the same items that the state sales tax applies to. Most food is exempt from sales taxes, other than candy, dietary supplements, prepared food and soft drinks, according to the Department of Revenue.

An April 1, 2026 effective date is listed in the resolution being presented. Winnebago County would need to vote to implement the sales tax in October to meet that date, according to Hintz.

# Survey shows UWO graduates starting careers locally

Oshkosh Herald

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh leaders released survey results for the class of 2023-24 showing a growing trend of alumni kicking off their careers in the region where they went to school.

The survey showed more than 81% of 2023-24 graduates who worked with UWO's Career and Professional Development (CPD) team (742 students) landed their first career opportunities before finishing college, with many of those jobs in the Fox Valley.

"UWO students see a huge return on their investments, thanks to all the real-world career connections," Chancel-

lor Manohar Singh said Aug. 11 during an event at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah. "Why wait until after graduation to get started? Local businesses, hospitals, schools, and government offices are opening doors for our students while they're still progressing through UWO."

Singh sees career opportunities in the area continuing for UWO graduates. The survey showed ThedaCare is the top employer among recent UWO graduates. ThedaCare has hired 48 graduates from that class, more than any other single employer.

"The need for locally generated and

locally retained talent is essential to any thriving region," Singh said. "Having community partners like ThedaCare — now building a state-of-the-art ThedaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh just down the river from campus — is a game changer for our students and the local economy."

In addition, Singh and Ed Martini, UWO Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, highlighted more survey findings. More than 91% of Wisconsin natives who graduate from UWO stay in the state (mostly around Fox Valley). That's up from 88% in 2016-17, when UWO started tracking this info.

Plus, they said more than 40% of out-of-state grads from the class of 2023-24 are

now calling Wisconsin home and starting their careers here, too.

"UWO's commitment to career readiness and our efforts to build partnerships with Fox Valley companies, nonprofits and government employers is giving students so many outstanding opportunities to apply what they learn right away," Martini said. "It is helping shape future leaders faster, clearly driving alumni success. College here clearly extends beyond the campus. And having so many community and regional partners like ThedaCare invested in students' professional growth and development is making a difference, helping students get one step ahead while driving the region's growth and economic vibrancy."

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Photos from Oshkosh Garden Club

Katherine Lynn (left), a Lourdes Academy graduate, and Sawyer Sharratt, an Oshkosh North graduate, received scholarships from the Oshkosh Garden Club.

## Oshkosh Garden Club awards scholarships

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Garden Club recently presented its 2025-2026 academic scholarships of \$1,000 each to Katherine Lynn and Sawyer Sharratt. The scholarships are renewable for three more years and are available to students selecting a major field of study in science.

Lynn recently graduated from Lourdes Academy and plans to become a formulation scientist to work within the cosmetics industry and create clean, environmentally sound skincare. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and major

in biochemistry.

Sharratt is a graduate of Oshkosh North High School and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in electrical engineering with a minor in agriculture. Because he is adept at fixing big machines, he hopes to one day design tractors and other farm equipment.

Future science scholarships are available for students in their junior year of college at gardenclub.org. Those scholarships can be found at the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley and are due Feb. 1, 2026.

## Men's group continues program

Oshkosh Herald

That Man Is You group is a men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world and is continuing with a Sept. 10 start as it enters its 11<sup>th</sup> year of offering programs.

It combines Scripture, solid research and a little fun to help men become authentic leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

This year's title is "Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart" and builds on the success of the first 10 years of the program. Anyone can begin the program without having first attended the previous years. This year's new program features seven

dynamic speakers.

This all-city, all-parishes program is held in-person from 5:20 to 6:50 a.m. Wednesdays at Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St., beginning on Sept. 10.

There is also the option of watching the week's video presentation online and attending a virtual (Zoom) small group session from 7 to 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

There is no homework and participants can miss sessions when necessary. There is no fee.

More information and registration is available through the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Jude or St. Raphael Parish offices, at one of the sessions, or call or text Bruce Dumann at 920-379-3200.

## Enrollment opens for Starting Point program

Oshkosh Herald

A Fox Valley Technical College program to help women and single moms who want to further their education is now open for enrollment.

The free Starting Point program is offered on Saturdays in Oshkosh this fall and in spring 2026. Starting Point participants gain access to free child care during their sessions and FVTC student IDs that unlock free GO Transit rides, plus career and educational planning.

Starting Point is designed to help young adult women with life skills, empowerment and career planning that will lead to successful pathways of further education and self-sustaining careers. Counseling, advising and parent coaching (if appropriate) will be provided to each participant for continued educational and career opportunities.

The times for the Oshkosh classes are from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 13 through Dec. 3. In the spring, classes will be from 9 a.m.

to noon Feb. 14 through May 13.

FVTC Starting Point offers virtual options, too.

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# Former inmate pleads no contest in homicide case

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A former inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) charged in the murder of another inmate at the facility last spring has been found guilty and avoids a jury trial.

Jumal L. Lipscomb, 42, was in court on Aug. 11 to plead no contest to first-degree reckless homicide for punching and stomping on another inmate's head at the WRC. He was found guilty of the charge by Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt.

Lipscomb was initially charged with first-degree intentional homicide, a class A felony, but the charge was amended last week before the plea hearing to the lesser charge.

Lipscomb's defense team, public defenders Emma Blankschein and Brianne Patzer, were asking for a prison sentence of 25 years to run concurrently with other sentences he is currently serving. He was facing a potential life sentence on the initial charge before it was amended.

The incident at the WRC happened while Lipscomb was already serving two consecutive prison sentences linked to two separate

Milwaukee County cases.

Neither the defense nor the prosecution is requesting a pre-sentence investigation be done before the sentencing hearing next month.

Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr told the Herald following the hearing that the 25-year sentence is a joint recommendation coming from the defense and the prosecution.

Lipscomb will be serving his current sentence until 2030. If Woldt follows the joint recommendation of Lipscomb serving 25 years concurrently with his current sentences, Lipscomb would be set for release from prison 25 years after the incident on May 21, 2024, according to Sparr.

The DA's office considered a plea of not guilty by mental disease or defect (NGI) due to Lipscomb's suicidal ideations, mental health diagnoses, hallucinations, insomnia, delusions and paranoia.

A NGI plea would lead to a commitment, likely to a mental health facility, rather than a prison sentence.

"Ultimately, from the records I have reviewed, I am not sure they completely support an NGI plea, but knowing that in-

formation played very significantly into the amendment and recommendation. Understanding the significant mental health issues gives important context to a horrific incident," Sparr said.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police responded to the WRC around 2:30 p.m. May 21 after a report that Lipscomb had attacked another inmate in a courtyard. The attack was captured on video and reviewed by officers.

The video showed the victim and Lipscomb sitting at a picnic table when Lipscomb abruptly got up and put the victim in a headlock, appearing to strangle him.

The victim was able to get away and began running up a ramp when they fell to the ground. Lipscomb punched and later kicked the victim in the head repeatedly as the victim was on the ground. At one point Lipscomb appeared to check the pulse of the victim and continued beating him.

The attack ended when WRC staff members entered the courtyard. One employee told police they heard Lipscomb say the victim was plotting to attack him and Lipscomb needed to protect himself. Lipscomb said he was not taking his medication and was not doing well.

The complaint continues, "(Lipscomb) stated, 'I ain't been sleeping. I told you all that and all I'm getting is melatonin.' As Lipscomb was being put into handcuffs, he stated, 'Staff's good around here. Ya'll are good.'"

A WRC employee was unable to identify the victim due to the severity of the injuries. He was transported to ThedaCare Regional

Medical Center, where doctors reported his injuries were life threatening with both orbital bones fractured.

Officers spoke to other inmates who said Lipscomb had been acting strangely on the day of the incident. They said he and the victim seemed to have a friendly relationship and were seen eating, talking and watching TV.

Inmates reported Lipscomb's mental health had recently declined and he had been giving away personal items in the days leading up to the event and had shaved his head.

Lipscomb had been at WRC for about two weeks and the victim had been there for an extended period.

Medical records show that on June 5 a doctor at ThedaCare said the victim was in a persistent coma and not expected to recover. Two days later the victim was removed from sedation and remained in a persistent comatose state before dying June 10.

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 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.

Lipscomb will be back in court on Sept. 8.

## Police investigate shots fired incident

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating after a report of shots fired Saturday.

Officers responded to a weapons incident that occurred at approximately 11:40 p.m. in the area of Division and Irving streets, Sgt. Brad Fox said.

He said several gunshots were reported coming from a vehicle in the area. Responding officers learned that a vehicle

was struck by multiple bullets.

No injuries were reported. Police said the suspect in the shooting is not yet known.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police at 920-236-5700. Those with information about the incident but who wish to remain anonymous can contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477 or through the P3 App.

## Siewert Trail reconstruction project gets underway

Oshkosh Herald

Construction began Monday for the Siewert Trail reconstruction project in Menominee Park.

The project involves asphalt and utility reconstruction on Siewert Trail (Pratt Trail to East Irving Avenue) and East Irving Avenue (Hazel Street to Pratt Trail). Storm sewers will be repaired and replaced as necessary.

Traffic changes include Pratt Trail remaining open to one way traffic through Menominee Park, Siewert Trail will be closed at two intersections of Pratt Trail and the intersection of East Irving Avenue and the Menominee Park Zoo parking area will be closed. The detour route will be on East Parkway Avenue.

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# The importance of free speech, viewpoint diversity to democracy

As a free speech advocate who believes in the benefits of viewpoint diversity, I am sensitive to the perception that to promote viewpoint diversity is to suggest all views have equal merit. Obviously, all viewpoints do not have equal merit. Two plus two equals four whether you believe it to be true or not. Nonetheless people frequently hold, and promote, beliefs that are objectively false.

A 2022 survey conducted by the University of New Hampshire titled Conspiracy vs. Science: A Survey of U.S. Public Beliefs, for example, found that about 10% of the U.S. adult population believes the earth is flat. Of course, the earth is not flat.

But that does not change the reality that there are a percentage of people that truly believe it is despite the existence of irrefutable proof to the contrary. Does acknowledging that flat-earthers exist in anyway suggest their views are factually supported? Does pointing out the existence of a false view in any way legitimize it?

Consider what happens when you engage with an opposing view. In a case where the opposing view is clearly incorrect (like the earth being flat), it reinforces the truth and further marginalizes the factually incorrect position. It is also possible that through engagement you reconsider your own view. If the flat-earther is confronted with evidence that the earth is in fact, not flat, they may accept reality.

The most likely scenario, applicable to less extreme examples, is that individuals holding opposing viewpoints find some common ground and moderate both of their positions. In all these cases engagement with opposing views highlights the



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Contributor

truth, marginalizes that which is not true and creates an opportunity for compromise or mutual understanding.

Now consider what happens when you do not engage with opposing viewpoints. The correctness of your view cannot be reinforced. An erroneous opposing view cannot be countered and marginalized.

If your view is wrong it remains wrong, but you have no way of knowing so you keep believing something that is false. And most relevant to functioning democracy, failing to engage with alternative viewpoints eliminates the chance for compromise and mutual understanding.

Who benefits from this lack of engagement? Certainly, it solidifies political divisions by making one's notion of truth a function of what team you are on rather than objective reality. Disengagement enables a post-fact politics where truth matters only to the extent it supports one's ideological preferences.

The scenario I laid out is borrowed from the 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher John Stuart Mill. Mill, among other things, fought against censorship while extolling the relationship between free expression and the advancement of human knowledge. Basically, when we stop questioning, we stop learning.

I cite Mill because I think his simple argument still holds up, but also to illustrate that viewpoint diversity is not some new

political buzzword. It is a longstanding concept critical to the functioning (and preservation) of a democratic society.

I do understand why many are skeptical of those of us preaching the value of free speech and viewpoint diversity. Some people hold some ugly views. Take a look at the comments section on pretty much any public Facebook post about taxes, homelessness or student test scores. You will see the conversation quickly devolve into name-calling, veiled (and not so-veiled) racism, and a litany of assertions with no basis in fact.

Why do we want to protect that kind of speech? Why should anyone engage with that type of speech?

My answer? Without free speech for all we have free speech for none. If we do not

engage with even the ugliest of views, we cannot discredit them and move closer to the truth. None of us are infallible, and to pick and choose what speech is good and what speech is bad presumes differently.

In the current highly polarized era, it is easy to view everything through a partisan political lens, to silo ourselves into social and professional spaces where our views are reinforced rather than challenged. But when that happens progress grinds to a halt. In a city like Oshkosh, where there still is plenty of ideological diversity, we cannot make progress if we fail to acknowledge and engage with those who view the world differently than us.

*Michael R. Ford is an Oshkosh school board member and director of the Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue.*

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# New train

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\$100,000, Maurer said.

“We are anticipating the entire cost will be covered by fundraising with our community partners,” Maurer said.

The amusement train was closed in 2024 due to Pratt Trail construction and archaeological work of a Native American village that was on the site of the trail.

Maurer reported earlier this year the city would need \$50,000 to get the train repaired for the 2025 season.

The Oshkosh Common Council approved allocating \$50,000 to get the train up and running for this year, but Maurer explained at the time that the train would need to start making money because it had become a net loss for the city.

Over the last five years the amusement center has lost \$11,579. Despite the space losing money, the train has remained popular, with the Parks Department reporting almost 11,000 rides annually since 2019.

The current amusement train has an engine that is around 70 years old. Parks staff consistently have issues finding replacement parks to keep the train opera-

tional.

Maurer explained that staffing continues to be a concern for the amusement train as this year the train has had to close early on some days and not open at all on other days. The amusement train runs on a track system and requires three employees.

Initial plans were to remove the amusement train and the tracks and possibly install concrete slabs for cornhole and other outdoor recreational games.

There is an opportunity for the new on-land train to be staffed seven days a week with Maurer noting the city will look to employ retired people as potential workers.

The train currently operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Maurer told the Advisory Park Board last week that as the 2026 parks department budget is being assembled, the department is recommending the train be part of it, and Maurer was looking for insight from the board on the potential new train.

Maurer said ticket prices would likely be raised with the new train. Tickets would be sold out of a window connected to Lakefly Cafe, which could be transformed to look like a train station.

The train could also highlight the history of the area.

“We could expand the visitor’s experience in the park,” Maurer said. “Give them a little history tour of the park. I think it would be really neat.”

The advisory park board recommended the parks department go forward with the plans to include the new on-land wheeled train as part of the next budget. The purchase of the train would need to be approved as part of the 2026 budget by the Oshkosh Common Council.

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

## Thursday, Aug. 21

EAA Speaker Series: M\*A\*S\*H, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

## Friday, Aug. 22

Million Minute Party, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

## Saturday, Aug. 23

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Morgan House Open House, 9 a.m., 234 Church Ave.

Harvest & Heart: Arise & Shine Community Yoga, 9 a.m., Opera House Square

Winnebagoland BMX State Qualifier, noon, Winnebagoland BMX Track, 4650

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Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 12:30 p.m., downtown

The Blues Brothers, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Experience the Energy of Oshkosh Fight Night, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Tuesday, Aug. 26

Circus of Horror, 6 and 9 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Wednesday, Aug. 27

Wisconsin Herd Joe Wolf Memorial Golf Outing, 8 a.m., Lake Breeze Golf Course, 633 Ball Prairie Road, Winneconne

Brews by the Waterside featuring A-Town Unplugged, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Music on Main featuring Alex Wilson Duo, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

## Friday, Aug. 29

Night of the Living Dead at Friday Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

## Saturday, Aug. 30

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Galaxy Quest, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

## Sunday, Aug. 31

Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

# Haliburton

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tears,” Schade said. “I was caught by surprise. It was an amazing situation for me and my family.”

From his NBA Draft Night suit to his Ardy & Ed’s design game shoes, Haliburton has always tried to honor Oshkosh. He even wore an Oshkosh North state basketball tournament t-shirt while warming up prior to a game this season.

The 2018 North alum has also donated shoes for the Back to School Fair and hosted his basketball camp for area youth to have an impact on the area – something that remains important to him.

“The sense of community has been instilled in me from my family and the un-

derstanding not to forget where you come from,” Haliburton said. “Anything I can do to help out this school or this community, I tend to jump at the opportunity.”

The NBA all-star and member of the 2024 Olympic basketball team that won the gold medal is currently recovering from surgery after tearing his Achilles tendon during Game 7 of the NBA Finals in June.

Haliburton, who is expected to miss the entire 2025-26 season with the Pacers because of the injury, said the injury is healing and he continues to improve health-wise.

“The leg is good. It’s healing but it’s a slow process,” Haliburton said. “Every couple of weeks is a new milestone but I’m glad I could walk for this moment and be here for this.”

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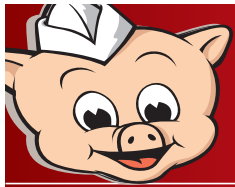
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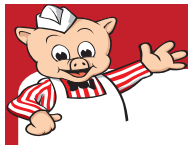
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# North fieldhouse named to honor iconic coach

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

From now on, Oshkosh North basketball players can EAT in the fieldhouse named for the coach who made the phrase famous.

A wealth of former Spartan players helped fill the gym at Oshkosh North High School on Friday evening for a ceremony to name the fieldhouse for legendary coach Frank Schade.

“The emphasis we put in effort, attitude, toughness is so important. That’s why EAT is on so much of our practice gear. That was our emphasis each game,” Schade said.

A handful of speakers took the podium before Schade capped the night’s ceremony, which was emceed by current North boys basketball coach and longtime Schade assistant Brad Weber.

And despite his tremendous success coaching the Spartans, very little of what was said had to do with basketball.

“More than a teacher of the game, you were a teacher of life and that’s the thing that’s really stuck with me,” former player Nate Neveau said. “The character piece that you installed in the program has been so important to me. I know there are people who are better men because of you.”

Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent – and one-time former Oshkosh West assistant coach – Bryan Davis recognized Schade’s effect on the hundreds of players he led.

“The greatest gift that he provided for people is his ability to teach people to compete. To compete with effort, attitude and toughness,” said Davis. “On behalf of the OASD and for me, personally, as a basketball fan, I want to say thank you for teaching three decades of student-athletes to be the best they can be.”

Schade retired after the 2016-17 season with a total of 609 wins, including a 437-234 record he accumulated in 31 seasons at Oshkosh North. He retired with the fourth highest win total in Wisconsin, which included the 172 wins he achieved at Plymouth High School where he coached for 11 years before arriving at North.

Under Schade’s direction, Oshkosh North won five Fox Valley Association titles and made five WIAA state tournament appearances but lost in the sectional final in 2017 in his final game as the head coach. The next year, the Spartans won the program’s lone state title.

“The gesture and to me the one defines him the most is when he retired following the 2016-17 season knowing full well what type of team he had coming back.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Former boys basketball coach Frank Schade speaks to a large crowd at a ceremony to name the Oshkosh North fieldhouse in his honor on Friday.

Not many coaches in today’s day and age would do that and turn over the opportunity after all of the blood, sweat and tears put into this program,” North athletic director Craig Lieder said. “It is very fitting to name this fieldhouse after the man who has spent more time in this gym than anyone else.”

Current NBA star and North alum Tyrese Haliburton was instrumental in getting the fieldhouse named for Schade and recounted stories of how his former coach helped shape him into the man he is today.

“A lot of the life skills that I have today come from lessons I’ve had with Coach Schade,” Haliburton said. “Nobody deserves this more. I’m excited to hear people call this the Frank Schade Fieldhouse because I think it has a nice ring to it.”

The impact that Schade had as a coach was obvious in the turnout of former players, all whom shared the lessons that they learned both on and off the court.

“Everybody has been impacted by what Frank Schade has done for us. He’s really molded me into the man I am today with a lot of the life lessons I learned playing for him,” said Quincy Anderson, who will be playing professionally in Greece this season. “You don’t really realize what’s being given to you and what a gift it is – at the



Photo by Andy Ratchman

More than 50 former players and assistant coaches were in attendance for a ceremony Friday evening to name the Oshkosh North fieldhouse in honor of legendary basketball coach Frank Schade.

time it felt like it was hard coaching. As the years go by you gain perspective with what Coach Schade was trying to do for us.”

Schade also had an impact on his assistant coaches, many of whom spent lengthy stretches on the bench with the legendary coach.

Current North girls coach Rick Leib was an assistant with Schade for more than 20 years, which shaped him as a coach and a person.

“He was not only a mentor on the basketball court but also a mentor as a father,” Leib said. “I think the world of him and he’s so deserving of this. The amount of people Frank influenced is so numerous and it’s more than just the players.”

John Cameron coached with Schade for his entire tenure and said that from the get-go the idea was to teach the players more than just basketball.

“With Coach, a lot of things we discussed with our kids was life lessons. It was about winning in life probably more than about winning in basketball,” Cameron said. “He knows that how most of all of the kids who went through this program

know how they feel about him and what he did to make them what they are today. I was just honored to have the chance to coach with him.”

Schade thanked his longtime assistants – including his son, Jordan – for their dedication to the program and believes that consistency on the bench was a key to the program’s success.

He also highlighted the school and district administration for their support and most notably recognized his wife, Kris.

“She never complained to me about long practices, scouting, open gyms and watching film,” Schade said, also admitting he would have a long list of chores to do after the season. “She understood what it took.”

Schade concluded his words in his typical humble fashion, sharing the spotlight with those he coached.

“I have been very proud to be part of this basketball journey at Oshkosh North,” Schade said. “But truly the efforts of our players and teams are the reason for this celebration.”

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# Spartans' Ott showcases talent in football, basketball



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Bryce Ott is a two-sport standout for Oshkosh North who hopes to lead the Spartans to a FRCC South title this season.

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Bryce Ott has a decision coming up. The two-sport standout at Oshkosh North is entering his final year in high school and at some point will have to choose what lies in his future. Ott is being recruited to play football and basketball and will have to decide which sport – or whether he opts to do both – he will play at the next level.

“That’s kind of the question of the day,” Ott said after North’s football scrimmage last Friday. “I haven’t made a decision and right now, I don’t know what’s next for me. I know God’s got a plan for me and wherever I go is going to fit me. It will be a process over the next month or two to make a decision.”

Maybe he should just go with which sport of the two is his favorite. Well, maybe that won’t work either.

“I couldn’t tell you which is my favorite. I’ve been playing both since third or fourth grade so they have been part of my lifestyle, part of my personality,” Ott said. “It’s really whatever season it is. If it’s football season, my favorite is football and if it’s basketball season, my favorite is basketball.”

Ott has certainly enjoyed success in both arenas.

Ott is coming off a junior season in football where he earned first-team all-Fox River Classic Conference South selection after throwing for more than 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns while leading the Spartans to the program’s first playoff berth since 2016.

It was a sharp change from a sophomore campaign that produced only one win.

“(Sophomore year) was rough to go out there and not be competitive with the teams we were playing,” Ott said. “Before last season we knew what we could be but the execution of it – I wouldn’t say it was a surprise – but we have seen our abilities all the years coming up.”

Ott and the Spartans have their sights set even higher this season.

“To come out and do that in the first year of the conference, it’s not where we want to be but it was a great first step for us,” Ott said. “As a team, we want to win conference and overall we want to go undefeated. It’s a bold statement but we want it to happen and I think it can happen if we stick together.”

All of Ott’s success last season was made

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even more impressive by the fact he did most of his work on a broken right ankle.

The injury occurred in a Week 3 win over Manitowoc Lincoln but Ott said he didn’t know at that time the ankle was broken. He sat out the next game against Menasha and then returned to play the final six weeks.

“I knew it was something more than a sprain, but I didn’t know for the six weeks I was playing on my ankle it was broken,” Ott said. “Lots of Tylenol and tape got me through the whole thing. I didn’t really change because it was something I just had to get through.”

The injury, however, did sideline him for most of the basketball season.

Ott was forced to watch from the bench as the Spartans started the season 9-8.

“It was awful. It was the worst feeling I could possibly have,” Ott said. “Not only was I not playing and not having the joy of that, but I couldn’t be there for my guys. That’s what I wanted to do.”

Ott returned in a limited role against Appleton East and the Spartans proceeded to win six of its final seven regular-season games and then collect four postseason wins – including a victory over top-ranked De Pere in the sectional final – to earn a trip to the state tournament.

The Spartans would fall to Wisconsin Lutheran in the state semifinals but the trip to Madison will be a memorable one.

“I think about it every time I touch a basketball. It was great,” said Ott, who played the state semifinal game with a temperature over 100 degrees. “To do it with the people I did it with was great as well. It’s something I’ll remember forever.”

Ott’s competitive nature and athletic talents were formed at home.

His father, Luke, who coaches the North football team was a high school quarterback and was able to help him develop at the position from a young age.

“Since my first pee wee football game we have been working together,” Ott said. “It’s great the connection we have. We’ve been working the same stuff for a decade

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# West hopes culture shift can help them compete in FVA

Oshkosh Herald

The way to prepare to play in one of the toughest football conferences in Wisconsin isn't something that can be done in a few weeks in early August.

In order to compete in the Fox Valley Association, a football team needs to take the right approach all year around. And that's something third-year Oshkosh West head coach Joe Ray has seen with his program.

"We have to be on our A game all of the time playing in this conference and that's

why we emphasized the importance of the offseason and establishing the right practice habits," Ray said. "If you are not used to showing up and working hard every day, when you have to go nine straight weeks playing really good football teams it's tough."

The Wildcats have yet to advance to the postseason under Ray and are coming off a 2-7 record last season.

Yet, with players who have been in the same system for three years, and with a program-wide shift in focus, Ray is excited about where the team is at.

"The biggest change to me, and the phrase we have been using, is that our culture has shifted. Our seniors really have wanted to flip that and I give them a ton of credit that they took that and ran with it," Ray said. "I think we are set up to be competitive. Hopefully we can win the games we are supposed to win and be competitive and come out on the right side of some of the close ones."

The Wildcats enter the season with a pair of players competing for the quarterback position.

Senior Zander Crook, who has spent the

last two seasons as the starting quarterback at the junior varsity level, and sophomore Drew Abitz have separated themselves at the position.

Sophomore Wyatt Marten is expected to be the leader at the running back position entering his first season on varsity, while senior Micah Finley and junior Owen Heim were two of the top receivers for the Wildcats last season.

West will also be really strong at tight end with senior Joey Ware – a returning starter from last season – and junior Henry Weis giving the Wildcats two capable players at that position.

Up front, seniors Camden Martin and Ryan Ludwig bring experience to the offensive line with the rest of the group expected to consist of Dylan Mullenbach, Hunter Sawitzke and Jacob Lemke.

Defensively, West will be led by seniors Drew Streeter and Derek Van Thiel, who started at outside linebacker last season, while juniors Melvin Byes and Eli Bancroft give West a talented duo at the inside linebacker position.

West is expected to use a rotation of players on the defensive line led by Ware and senior Max Bowden at defensive end.

The secondary may be the strength of the Wildcats' roster with senior Cade Heiman and junior Ethan Bowman at safeties with junior Elijah Wilder and sophomore Billy Berg expected to hold down the cornerback spots. Heiman was one of the top tacklers on the team last season, while Wilder led the team in interceptions.

"I'm excited about the season," Ray said. "We will still have our challenges and things we have to overcome but that's what separates the good teams."

One advantage for the Wildcats may be

in special teams where senior Elliott Reed will likely be one of the top kickers in the conference.

Not only does that give the West a consistent option for field goals but can also help the defense by forcing opponents to march the length of the field after kickoffs.

"I think he's a weapon for us," Ray said. "Making teams start from the 20 (yard line) every time is pretty nice. We have been good on special teams the past couple of years and I think that's an area where we will be good again."

## Oshkosh North

The Spartans will sport a roster of 20 seniors as they look to challenge for a Fox River Classic Conference title in their second year in the league.

North finished third behind Notre Dame and Menasha last season, but return the bulk of their lineup on both sides of the ball and seemed prime to make a jump into the top spot.

"A lot of these seniors learned by fire two years ago and made some really giant steps last year. This year, they are stronger and faster and I think they are smarter and we have some juniors who are filling some spots," head coach Luke Ott said. "Our No. 1 goal is to go undefeated and then the No. 2 thing would be a conference championship and I believe the potential to be the conference champion is there."

North will once again feature an explosive offense featuring senior quarterback Bryce Ott, a first-team all-conference selection last season who threw for nearly 2,100 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Ott's main weapon in the passing game will be senior Dalton Clark, a two-way first-team all-league selection, who averaged

nearly 20 yards a catch on 56 receptions and finished with 10 touchdowns.

"Dalton and Bryce, it's unbelievable the connection they have," Ott said. "That's one thing Bryce has to learn with his other receivers is the timing."

Xavier Waters, Amaree Davis and Max Rohrer will also be at receiver for the Spartans.

North will also feature one of the fastest running backs in the conference Jamare Scott, a place-winner in the 100 meters at the state track meet, who enters his third season starting for North

Scott will be running behind a line that features sophomore Lucas Davis along with junior Mason Geiger and senior Connor Kuehn. The offensive line group suffered a blow when Hunter Davis was lost for the season because of injury.

The defense also has some talented players in seniors Cole Meiselwitz on the defensive line, Andrew Oehler and Andrew Brockman at defensive end and sophomore Eli Ott at linebacker. Clark will also be a leader in the secondary.

## Lourdes Academy

A formidable defense and a strong running game will be the key for the Knights, who will be looking to return to the top of the standings in the Trailways Conference.

"We are an upperclass team for the first time in five years so we like that," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "With the way we finished in the postseason last year we have a lot of confidence but we need to stay healthy because we don't have a ton of depth."

The Knights will be anchored by a de-

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VALLEY CHRISTIAN		
Aug 22	@ Green Lake/Princeton (Princeton High School)	7:00 PM
Aug 29	Wonevoc-Center (Xavier Middle School Appleton)	7:00 PM
Sep 5	@ St. John's Northwestern Academies (St. John's Northwestern Academies)	4:30 PM
Sep 12	@ Williams Bay (Williams Bay High School)	7:00 PM
Sep 19	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah (Xavier Middle School)	7:00 PM
Sep 26	@ Oakfield MS/HS (Oakfield Village Park)	7:00 PM
Oct 4	@ Wayland Academy (Wayland Academy)	1:00 PM
Oct 10	Montello (Xavier Middle School)	7:00 PM

LOURDES ACADEMY		
Home Games Titan Stadium		
Aug 21	@ Living World Lutheran (Living World Lutheran High School)	7:00 PM
Aug 28	Reedsville	7:00 PM
Sep 5	Randolph	7:00 PM
Sep 12	@ Johnson Creek (Johnson Creek Middle/High School)	7:00 PM
Sep 19	Cambria-Friesland	7:00 PM
Sep 26	@ Westfield (Westfield High School)	7:00 PM
Oct 3	Dodgeland	7:00 PM
Oct 10	Palmyra-Eagle	7:00 PM
Oct 17	@ Parkview/Albany (Parkview High School)	7:00 PM

OSHKOSH WEST		
Home Games Titan Stadium		
Aug 22	Green Bay Preble	7:00 PM
Aug 29	@ Oshkosh North	7:00 PM
Sep 4	Kimberly	7:00 PM
Sep 12	@ Appleton North (Appleton North High School)	7:00 PM
Sep 19	Neenah (Oshkosh West High Outdoor Turf Field)	7:00 PM
Sep 26	@ Kaukauna (Kaukauna High School)	7:00 PM
Oct 3	Appleton East (Oshkosh West High Outdoor Turf Field)	7:00 PM
Oct 10	@ Hortonville (Hortonville High School)	7:00 PM
Oct 17	@ Fond Du Lac (Fond Du Lac High School)	7:00 PM

OSHKOSH NORTH		
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Aug 29	Oshkosh West	7:00 PM
Sep 5	@ Manitowoc Lincoln (Manitowoc Lincoln High School)	7:00 PM
Sep 11	@ Menasha (Calder Stadium)	7:00 PM
Sep 19	Sheboygan South	5:00 PM
Sep 26	Green Bay East	7:00 PM
Oct 3	@ Green Bay West (Green Bay West High School)	7:00 PM
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# Quandt leads veteran Knights lineup

Oshkosh Herald

A strong cast of returning players will get a boost from a few newcomers to give Lourdes Academy a pretty formidable squad entering the 2025 season.

The Knights will be led by junior Sasha Quandt, a two-time state qualifier who finished fourth in the Division 2 singles bracket last fall.

## Girls Tennis PREVIEW

Quandt finished 21-6 last season and lost in the state semifinals to eventual state champion Kylie Matz of Brookfield Academy.

As a freshman, Quandt posted 12 wins and made it to the third day of the state tournament before falling in the consolation semifinals.

“We’re excited to see how Sasha improves her game from a great season last year,” commented first-year head coach Randy Verdetto.

Quandt will return to the No. 1 singles role for the Knights when she joins the team with sophomore Maya Hawi playing at the top flight until then. Hawi was a sectional qualifier as part of the Knights’ No. 1 doubles team last season.

Seniors Jasmine Saiyed and Aoife Mains are expected to make up the top doubles team for the Knights, with Mains coming off a season where she qualified for sectionals at No. 3 doubles.

Sophomore Abby Ridenour also returns after making it to sectionals at No. 3 doubles, while senior Claire Trofka was a regular in the singles lineup for the Knights last season.

Sophomore Nadia Hesse and freshmen Raya Fisher and Leah Ridenour will also bolster the Knights’ lineup as newcomers this season.

## Oshkosh West

The Wildcats graduated three of their four

players from their singles lineup but will have a nucleus of returning players to build around entering the season.

Oshkosh West does return its No. 1 doubles team of juniors Megan Jorgensen and Madelyn Marino and will have two other players with doubles experience coming back.

Junior Kinsey Koepsell earned honorable mention honors as part of the Wildcats’ No. 3 doubles pairing last season.

Senior Maddalyn Meartz was the lone player returning from the last year’s tournament singles lineup, playing at the No. 3 flight.

Senior Cassandra Bowlus-Jasinski and junior Riley Lecker also will return after seeing varsity action last season.

## Oshkosh North

The Spartans graduated 13 seniors from last year’s roster and will have some new faces in their lineup this season.

One of the returning players is senior Liv Borowitz, who was part of the honorable mention all-FVA No. 1 doubles team last season. Borowitz is expected to be back at No. 1 doubles, this year teaming with Rica Hanson, who played at No. 3 doubles last season.

Senior Keegan Rees is also expected to be part of the lineup after getting some varsity experience last season.

One of the key newcomers for the Spartans will be Madrona Parson-Poeschl, who is expected to fill the No. 1 singles slot. The rest of the lineup is yet to be determined as head coach Brynn Hartzell has plenty of new faces competing for spots.

“My hope is that all of my players come out of the season feeling like they’ve made improvements in their game,” Hartzell commented. “It’s important they know it’s not all about winning and losing. It’s about going out on the court, playing the best they can and being a class act.”

# Football preview

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fense led by an impressive linebacker group.

Junior Max Behnke returns after missing nearly all of last year because of injury and will be joined by senior Brady Ridenour. Senior Andrew Syson and junior Nolan Gibson will compete for time at the remaining slot in the Knights’ 3-3 defense.

Harlan Kuehn and Henry Geck give the Knights two experienced players at defensive end with Tristan Gomez, Jacob Bogardes and Santos Gomez rotating at the interior line positions.

Ryder Mullen and Brady Bauer will also be key factors on defense for the Knights.

“The best teams are built around good defensive units and we think we have a shot to be very good defensively,” Wopat said. “If we stay healthy, we think we have a fast, tough, aggressive group. We think we have a chance to be pretty darn good on that side of the ball.”

Offensively the team will have a new look as Bauer takes over at quarterback for four-year starter Wade Lindahl.

Bauer and Ridenour give the Knights a strong 1-2 punch in the running game, while Syson and Gibson could also see time at running back.

Lucas Neuens, who could also step in at quarterback to give the offense a wrinkle, is the top returning wide receiver after having last season cut short by injury. Mat Yaggie also returns at the receiver spot along with Adam Dinnegan, Mullen and Johnny and Michael Santiago.

The Knights have a solid offensive line with returning placers Tristan Gomez, Bogardes, Behnke and Geck leading the way, while Kuehn adds a physical element at tight end.

Lourdes Academy will have one of the top special teams groups in the Trailways Conference as Yaggie is an elite kicker and joins Neuens as returners who can each break any opportunity they get.

“Any ball will have a chance to go back for six,” Wopat said. “Mat is an incredibly talented kid at kicker and I am not naïve to think that is a luxury to have. Our kick-

offs are going to be a weapon for us and we think that will help our defense.”

## Valley Christian

Ben Birr takes over the Warriors program after spending the last two years as an assistant with the team.

He steps in for his father, Dan, in a move that was planned out when football resumed at the school a couple of seasons ago.

“We knew it was going to come in that three year window that he was going to basically hand the reins over,” Ben Birr said. “I thought with his experience it was good if he would do it and I could focus on an assistant with him. I’m super pumped I feel well prepared now and passionate about Valley Christian football.”

The Warriors will undergo a switch at quarterback where junior Mason Everts will step in to replace Mathias Behling, who will make the move to receiver. Behling started at quarterback the past two seasons but Birr said he’s at his more natural position as a receiver.

All-conference running back Derek Wallace also returns to the Warriors lineup, while Valley Christian will be led by an experienced offensive line led by returning starters Ben Curtis and Jeron Bjarnarson.

“We took our bruises with a young offensive line last year but we thought it was going to help us the next two years and we are definitely seeing that,” Birr said. “We’ve added some new things with some schemes for the offensive line and we are really able to open up the playbook.”

Defenders Xavier Osinga and Liam Clayton give the Warriors two experienced defensive ends while Bjarnarson and Wallace at linebacker, Curtis on the defensive line and Behling at safety will anchor a solid defense.

Another strength for the Warriors will be its depth with more than 30 players on the roster.

“We are creating a rotation on offense and defense. This junior class we do feel like we can rotate guys in and there isn’t any drop off,” Birr said. “We will see that pay off a lot later in games and later in the season.”

# Senior Spotlight

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almost.”

Then there are his siblings. Younger brother, Eli, is a linebacker for the Spartans’ football team who started as a freshman, while older sister Mallory plays basketball at NCAA Division II Truman State University.


“We’ve had multiple times where mom has had to step in between us,” Ott said. “Our whole house is competitive and if


you are losing, you are at the bottom of the totem pole.”

That competitive nature has helped carry Ott to the position he is now in and what lies ahead.

Although his future path may yet to be figured out, he knows for sure that he is leaving the North football program in a better place than it was when he started.

“We wanted to put the band aid on this wound – that’s what we talked about,” Ott said. “All of us in the senior class, we’ve worked day in and day out to see it play out and leave it better than when we came in.”





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# Obituaries

## John Albert Ruetten

1938 – 2025

We mourn the death of John Albert Ruetten, 87, beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather (Papa John), uncle, friend and volunteer. John died at home during the early hours of August 14, 2025. The fourth child of Edmund T. and Alta Mashak Ruetten's family of eight children arrived on January 16, 1938 in Sparta, WI.

After beginning grade school St. Patrick's Catholic School, Sparta those first years, John transferred to Hohn Public School, a one-room rural setting where he graduated from the eighth grade at the "top of his class" because he was the only eighth grade student that year of 1952.

John continued his education at Cashton High School where he excelled academically, participated in forensics, class plays, FFA and played on the very first football team in that school system in 1952. As elected Junior Class President, he automatically became the Prom King and chose high school sweetheart Joan Gilbeck to be his Queen in 1955.

Following graduation, John enlisted in the US Army, married Joan Gilbeck on December 29, 1956, stationed in Straubing, Germany, honorably discharged after 18 months and recalled during the Berlin Crisis to Fort Lewis, WA with the Red Arrow Division of the Wisconsin National Guards October, 1961 to August, 1962.

Even with the military interruption mentioned earlier, John and Joan ultimately became parents of five children after they

moved to Oshkosh in 1959. John dearly loved his children and was very proud of their accomplishments. He encouraged good academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and ultimately a college education for all five of them. They never disappointed John in fact they far exceeded his great expectations!

Always a volunteer, John was active as a PTA President, Cub Scout committee member, Webster Stanley Middle School Mentoring Program person, church committee member and Trustee at St. Mary and St. Peter sites (Most Blessed Sacrament) and the Newman Center. He and Joan were part of an adult leadership group that worked with The Society of People, a group of singing and guitar playing teenagers that provided music for specific Masses, community organizations and nursing homes in the 1970's. It was a most gratifying experience that somewhat prepared them for parenting their five children in years to come.

Together, John and Joan had a 30-year (1962-1992) association with Tupperware Home Parties, 15 years as Distributors at Live Oak Party Sales, Inc. Business related conventions, conferences and personal vacations afforded them the opportunity to travel throughout the US, Alaska and Hawaii, British Isles, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Norway and Puerto Rico – Door Co. being a favorite place. Following John's retirement from Tupperware, he became part-owner of FoxColor, Oshkosh and enjoyed the comradery of another direct sales company and made lasting friendships. With all of the responsibilities of business ownership, John still had time to volunteer for 18 years with the Oshkosh Community Credit Union Board and as an election poll leader for over 10 years.

John is survived by devoted wife, Joan for 68 years and their five children: Susan (David C.II) Leach, Cave Creek, AZ; Jeffrey (Wendy Harman) Ruetten, Oshkosh; Trasy Ruetten, Oshkosh; Christopher (Liza Thiel) Ruetten, Fort Myers, FL; and Marc (Lisa Nigl) Ruetten, Oshkosh. His five grandchildren are: Ben (Stephanie Metcalf) Ruetten, Nate (Nancy Hart) Ruetten, Josh Ruetten, Kelsey (Mason) Miller and Justin (Michaela Welsh) Ruetten. There are five delightful great-grandchildren who survive Papa John: Alex, Otto and Hudson Ruetten, Scarlett and Duke Miller.

He will be missed by siblings: Donna Hundt, Ed (Kathleen) Ruetten, Marjorie Spaeth, Liz Lemery, Ray (Mary) Ruetten and sisters-in-law Rose Ann Ruetten (Al Kamp) and Cathy Zellmer. John was preceded in death by parents, brothers: David Ruetten (2002) and Gene Ruetten (2025) and brothers-in-law: Frankie Hundt (1999), Peter Spaeth (1989) and Bruce Lemery (2015).

Additional survivors include Gilbeck in-laws, numerous nieces, nephews, dear friends and wonderful neighbors. Special mention is made of John's three godchildren: Sarah Necklen, Mitchell Hundt and

Jonathan Spaeth (1991).

A Celebration of Life with traditional Catholic Mass will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Peter site, 435 High Ave., Oshkosh on Friday, August 22, 2025 with Fr. Jerry Pastors presiding and assisted by Lyn Zahorik. Visitation for family and friends at 9AM until Mass at 11AM. Cremation has been done for inurnment at Sacred Heart Cemetery later that day.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice.

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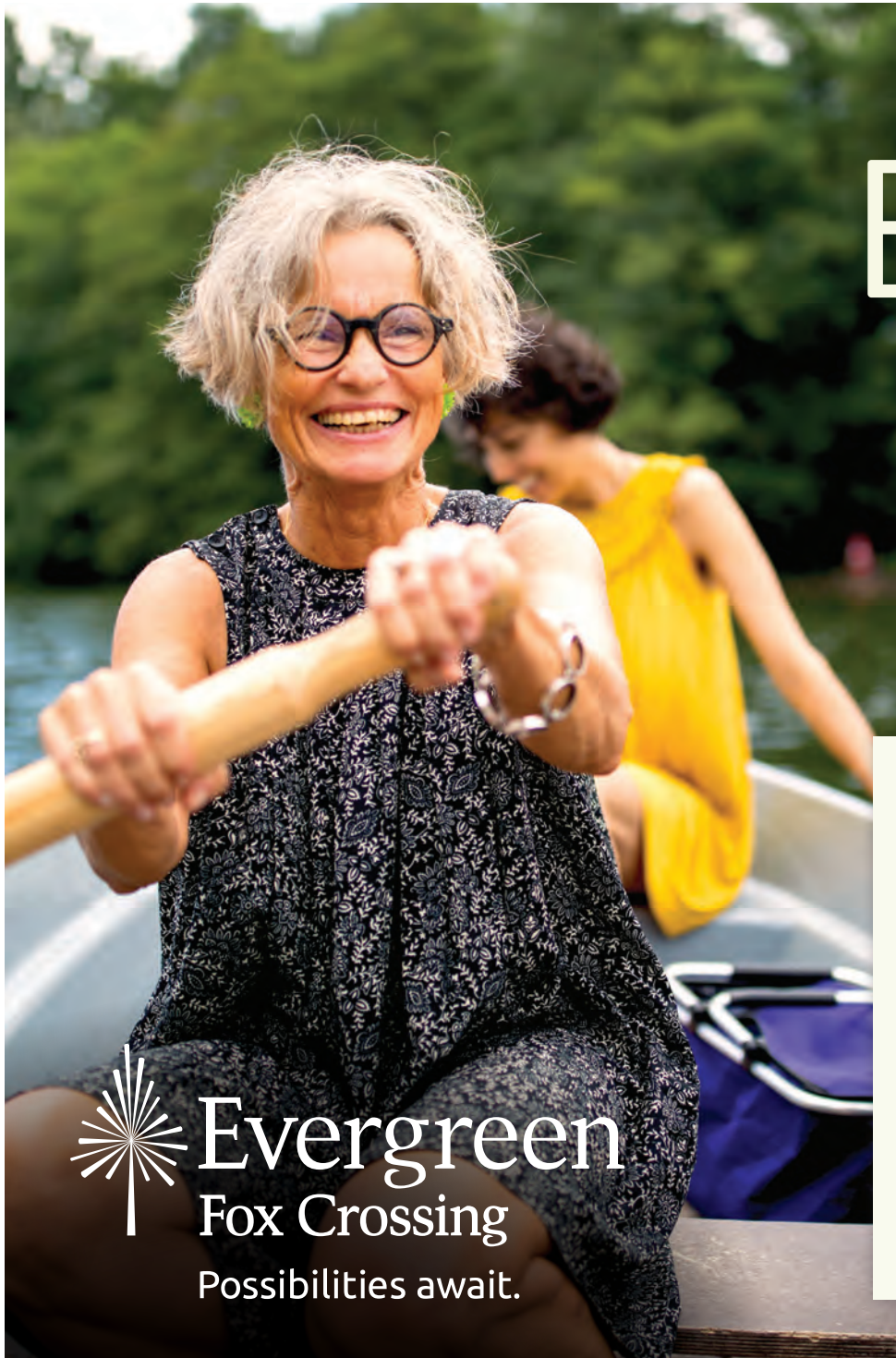
## Stanley J. Marhefke

Stanley J. Marhefke, age 87, passed away at his home on Friday, August 15, 2025.

A service for Stan will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes West (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 3PM. A time of visitation will be held from 1:30PM until the time of service.

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## Obituaries

### Kristi J. Weiss

Kristi J. Weiss, age 69, of Oshkosh, WI was received into the arms of her Lord and Savior after passing away in Stevens Point unexpectedly on Sunday, August 10, 2025.



Kristi was born on February 18, 1956, the daughter of Frank and Beverly (Schilling) Weiss in Beloit, WI. Kristi grew up in

La Crosse, WI where she attended Central High School and UW- La Crosse. She worked for many years as a Sales Representative for Axle Tech in Oshkosh, retiring in 2018. Kristi was united in marriage to Keith Gervais on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Kristi was a loving mother and grandmother to her daughter, Brianne, and her grandsons, Franklin and Charlie as well as stepsons, Jacques and Justin. A wonderful cook and gardener, she loved to make a variety of delicious and sometimes exotic meals for family and friends. She also loved her Lord and served Him in a variety of ways, including as a church organist/choir director and Sunday School

teacher/director. She and Keith served on the board of the Oshkosh Farmers Market for many years as a way of giving back to the Oshkosh community.

Kristi is survived by her husband, Keith Gervais, daughter, Brianne (Weiss) Cate and her husband Greg and grandsons Franklin and Charlie Cate and stepsons Justin and Jacques Gervais. She is further survived by her mother, Beverly Weiss, sister Kelli (Weiss) Mundinger and her husband Paul and nephews Andrew Mundinger and Ben (Courtney) Mundinger, as well as numerous cousins and other relatives. She is preceded in death by her father, Frank Weiss.

A celebration of Kristi's eternal life will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes – Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh) with Pastor Paul Mundinger officiating. Visitation time will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until the start of the service. Suggested memorials include the Oshkosh Farmers Market in loving memory of Kristi.

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### Anita Hinz

Anita Hinz, formerly of the Van Dyne area passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



She was born in the township of Eldorado on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1932, the daughter of Henry and Mildred (Weber) Hass. She married Reuben Hinz on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1950, at St. Johns Lutheran Church Nekimi.

Anita was a fulltime homemaker and seasonal worker at Miles Kimball. She was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Nekimi where she shared her talent of baking for bake sales and more. Her grandchildren knew her as the "Queen" of banana bread and endless Christmas cookies. She was proud of the immaculate homestead she and Rube owned, where many of the best memories were made. Anita enjoyed music often leading her family's singing with her organ or accordion. She played by ear and was amazing at both. She enjoyed playing games and having fun with her grandchildren, a grandma young at heart. She always greeted people with smiles and cheerful disposition. She was so easy to love.

Anita is survived by daughters, Sharon Schultz of Oshkosh, Shirley (Fred) Sonnenberg of Vand Dyne, Judy Nelson of

Fond du Lac, and a son Alan (Valerie) Hinz of Berlin; grandchildren, Ryan Schultz, Brad Schultz, Bob Sonnenberg, Rod (Heidi) Sonnenberg, Nikki Sonnenberg, Jason Nelson, Jaclyn (Ben) Sheaffer, Alex (Becky) Hinz, Ben (Fiancee, Angie) Hinz. Also surviving are nine great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and four great-great step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, as well as special people, nephew Jim Hinz, niece Marlen Schultz, and cousin Donna Schuettle. Anita was preceded in death by her husband, Reuben (2014), sons-in-law, Alan Nelson and Ron Schultz; her parents; brothers Arthur, Albert, and Norbert Hass; sisters-in-law Elsie and Audrey Hass.

Per Anita's wishes, a private graveside service with immediate family will be held at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Nekimi, with Rev. Bill Greunster officiating. Arrangements were entrusted with Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes of Oshkosh. A memorial has been established.

The family is deeply grateful for the compassionate care provided by the staff at the residence at Oshkosh and Preceptor Hospice. A memorial has been established.

It's time to get the polka songs on, Rube, she's coming home.

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### Curtis James Wesner

Curtis "Curt" James Wesner, age 45, passed away on August 9, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born to James and Stella (Quick) Wesner, on September 11, 1979, in Wisconsin



After high school, he worked at several places, including packaging and manufacturing for

Lakeside. Throughout his childhood and adulthood, you could find him driving anything he could get his hands on, from cars, trucks, tractors or motorcycles. In his free time, he enjoyed listening to music, watching old western movies and the Packers, as well as playing cards with family and friends. He will be remembered for being loving, kind, happy and able to light up a room with his smile.

He is survived by his mother, Stella Hoffman; sister, Lisa Wesner; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceding him in death was his father, James "Jim" Michael Wesner; infant niece, Summer; uncles, Carl Quick, Rex Wesner, Calvin Wesner and Walter Wesner; as well as his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave, Omro, WI, from 10:00am to 12:00noon, with a time for sharing stories to follow. His final resting place will be at Waukau Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Compassus Hospice, especially Marissa, Jenna and Chris, as well as the staff at Clarity Care on 6th Ave., especially Chris, Nicole, Dustin and Natasha for taking such good care of Curt and his family.

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### Carole Ann Levine

Carole Ann Levine, age 92, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2025



at Parkview Health Care Center. Carole was born on February 18, 1933 in Oshkosh a daughter of the late Leo and Irma (Mowers) Phillip. She married Elmer Levine on May 11, 1957, Elmer preceded her in death

on November 6, 2006. Carole had worked as a payroll clerk for Badger Lumber for many years. She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Carole greatly enjoyed bowling for many years competing in televised tournaments. She also enjoyed playing bingo, cribbage and attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by four sons; Philip (Lisa), David (Jolene), Richard and Kenneth (Ann) Levine. Grandchildren; Dawson,

Leah, James, Matthew, Dr. John, Alyssa. She is further survived by a half brother, Michael (Kim) Phillip, other relatives and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, James; infant brothers, Richard and Robert; half brothers, Ronald and James; half sisters; Marilyn Coates and Donna Stindt; step mother, Jean Phillip.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Carole on Friday, August 22, 2025 at 11 am in St. Jude Parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, corner of Sixth and Knapp in Oshkosh with the Rev. Louis Golamari as celebrant. Inurnment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10 am until the time of Mass. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in her name may be made to the charity of one's choice. The family would like to thank the staff at Parkview Health Center for making Carole's final home a happy one!

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### Dr. Bonnie L. Harder

Dr. Bonnie L. (Casper) Harder, D.C. V.M.S.T., passed away on August 8, 2025.



Bonnie was born on December 23, 1979, in Oshkosh, WI. The daughter of Karen and Steven Casper. Bonnie loved life and was a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine. She adjusted people and a variety of animals,

from horses to iguanas. She was well known for her skill in helping people and animals with spinal or joint problems.

She is survived by her beloved husband, James Harder, her parents, Steven & Karen Casper, her nephews, Landon and Declan

Casper. Her Aunt Linda and Uncle Gary Block. Cousins Lisa and Laura Block, who helped find a home for her beloved horses, Black, Remy, and Montana.

She is also survived by multiple Casper Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Texas.

April of 2022, Bonnie was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer: Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase Positive Cancer.

Donations to alkpositive.org would be appreciated so more options and a cure will be in the future.

A memorial bench will be placed near the horse barns at the SunnyView Expo Center with a dedication ceremony in the future.

You will always be in our hearts, even when you're not here. Love you so much, Mom & Dad.

### Martin A. Ruedinger

Martin "Marty" A. Ruedinger, 84, of Oshkosh, passed away at home on Friday,



August 15, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born May 5, 1941, in Oshkosh to Marcel and Gertrude (Ratajczak) Ruedinger. Marty was a graduate of Oshkosh High School. On August

26, 1961, he married Suzanne Plummer at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Oshkosh. For many years Marty worked as a repairman for Canteen Corp. in Oshkosh, traveling most of the state. After Sue's retirement, they resided in Arizona for 10 years, and were snowbirds there for another 5 years. Marty and Sue enjoyed motorcycling and covered almost all of the 50 states. He was a member of the Elks Club in Oshkosh.

Marty is survived by his wife of almost 64 years, Sue Ruedinger; children, Deborah

(Rob) Curtis, of Barrington, Illinois; Wayne (Elena) Ruedinger, of Puyallup, Washington; Rebecca (Douglas II) Gafner, of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Bradley (Christine) Curtis, Aaron (Samantha) Curtis, Benjamin (Danielle) Curtis, Mitchell Ruedinger, Allen (Melissa) Ruedinger, Jahni (Jon) Hazen, Douglas Gafner III, Sophia Gafner, Jessica Gafner; nine great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Preceding Marty in death were his parents.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Plummer Cemetery, Oshkosh.

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### Peter J. Schabloski

Peter J. Schabloski, age 77, joined his Lord and Savior on August 12, 2025, at 8:05 p.m. after a long and difficult battle with cancer. Pete was born on August 14, 1947, of John and Madeline Schabloski and later, became a stepson to Harry E. Molinski along with his mother, Madeline M. Molinski.



Pete graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1966. In 1967, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam war. He entered basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky. where he received a score of 499 out of 500 for physical fitness training in Echo Company with 500 soldiers. He was promoted to an E-5 Drill Sergeant and was awarded the Expert Marksman Medal for both Machinery and Rifle while stationed at Fort Ord, Ca. Later in 2013, his wife, Gail, planned a surprise Legacy Stone Ceremony for Pete at The Highground Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI. where a commemorative stone was placed to honor his service for our country. Over 25 guests were in attendance.

After his military service, Pete returned to Oshkosh where he had worked as a machinist at Moe's Marine Service, a family-owned and operated business developed by his stepfather, "Moe" in 1959. Pete learned the trade of pitching, painting and reconditioning propellers and lower units for boats since the age of 16. He left Moe's Marine Service briefly in 1988 to work under Fred Keikhaefer of Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac, WI. as a propeller specialist testing props on boats in Florida and other states. He later returned to Moe's Marine and to a new machine shop. His excellent skills resulted in Pete becoming widely known as the "Prop Doctor". He was recognized as one of the finest machinists in the marine business in

### Susan E. Horton

Fellow sojourners,

I, Susan E. Horton, age 81, have made my last journey around the sun. I am home with Jesus as of August 11, 2025, and am greeting my family and friends.



My footsteps have wandered the path from Bremerton, WA where I was born on October 25, 1943, daughter of Laurel and Barbara (Lemmer) Cowles. I've lived in many places, including WA, CA, AK, OK, NM, AZ, TX, MA, MD, and WI, and have happy memories from each of them.

I attended Salinas High School, Hartnell College, San Jose State University, Grand Canyon and Harpers Ferry Centers for National Park Service Training, and Stevens School of the Bible. I received my EMT certification from Carlsbad and Camp Lejeune.

Working in the National Park Service, I spent time in Big Bend, Carlsbad Caverns, Death Valley, and the Grand Canyon - I hope you get to see these places. I was a watercolor artist, and painted many of my favorite places. I found beauty in the magnificent and the mundane.

I was a teacher and also worked in healthcare for many years. I was always

Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Northern Illinois by over 200 dealers who utilized his services. Moe's Marine Service remained in business for over 60 years. Pete continued to work full-time until the age of 75.

Pete was an exceptional athlete in his youth and throughout his life. His first love was basketball starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He was awarded "Honorable Mention" in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continued to play as a guard at Oshkosh High School. In his freshman year he became the "leading score player" in the City of Oshkosh. During his sophomore year, Pete played on the varsity team and received the "All Tournament Team Player" award.

Baseball was Pete's second love. At age 10, he rode his bicycle back and forth from Lake Butte des Mort where he lived to Menominee Park twice a day just to play ball in the City of Oshkosh's Summer Baseball League. After returning from the Army, Pete continued to play baseball for various leagues resuming his position as third baseman until an injury retired him from baseball.

In the 1970's, Pete was on a mixed couples bowling team receiving trophies two years running for the "most improved bowler" in the City of Oshkosh.

His talents knew no boundaries and he ended his athletic enthusiasm playing golf for several years before his time became limited.

Pete was an avid sportsman and revered by many for his duck hunting talents. In 1968, Pete's stepfather, Harry Molinski, purchased the 1600-acre land known as Terrell's Island in Oshkosh, where Pete indulged in the love of duck hunting. His devoted companion, Ginger, his yellow lab, allowed Pete to be a highly successful duck hunter. In the 1970's, Robbins Sportsman's Club developed and included over 30 duck hunting members from Illinois and Wisconsin. They traditionally ended the season by celebrating with a duck feed and banquet held at Terrell's Island and sponsored by Robbins Restaurant. Years later, the family sold Terrell's Island to the Butte des Mort Conservation Club where today, it is known as a wildlife refuge en-

going to Bible studies, painting classes, or on walks. With my husband, I volunteered at Sullivan's Woods. I loved to travel with Road Scholars and my family.

I was active in the following organizations throughout my life: Carlsbad Splunkers, AAAS, G.S.A Scouts, 4-H, Job's Daughters, OES, Thespians, SH Gymnastics Team. I was a dedicated member of the Silent Thunder Warriors prayer group.

I am survived by my sister Connie (Bob) Boronda; my children, Elizabeth Schroeder, Richard (Betsy) Horton, and Laurel (Douglas) Whiting; grandchildren, Rebecca Schroeder, Violet Horton, Rowan Horton, Harvey Whiting, and Alice Whiting; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins, and my faithful dog, Cricket. I am preceded by my parents, Laurel Cowles and Barbara (Harry) Wasmundt; my loving husband, Kim Horton; and my in-laws, Helen Horton and Richard (Joy) Horton.

A memorial service to celebrate my life will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 11:00 am, at the Bethel Home Chapel at Bethel Home, 225 North Eagle Street, Oshkosh. Visitation will begin at 9:30am and continue until the start of the service.

A memorial is being established for my favorite charities.

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joyed by many visitors and travelers.

Pete was also a deer hunting enthusiast. He shot over 30 bucks being taught by his stepfather, "the best teacher" in Pete's words. It was a standard in their deer camp that only bucks were to be shot. The tradition ended with Pete retiring from all hunting when he turned 70. He was satisfied with his hunting fortune over the years and no longer had the desire to "kill" even just for the sport itself.

On June 12, 1992, Pete married the "shy girl" as he referred to her, Gail Bathke, he had originally met in high school. They married in an intimate wedding ceremony along with his adopted daughters, Alyssa Schabloski and Andrea Schabloski at Community Church, Oshkosh, WI. At the age of 45, Pete became a father once again to a 7-week premature newborn daughter, named Malori Mae Schabloski. Pete endearingly referred to Malori over the years as his little "weed hopper". Of course, to Pete, Alyssa was "Lu Lu" and Andrea was "Snickers"; the girls felt especially fond of their Dad's nicknames.

Pete had the most fun taking his daughters all on outdoor excursions; and "teasing" was, of course, always part of their adventure. One of his favorite celebrations was Halloween, dressing up along with his girls while taking them, their cousins and their friends trick-or-treating. In his daughters' eyes, Pete's love and support knew no boundaries. They revered their father and he will be sorely missed.

### John R. Lloyd

John R. Lloyd, passed away on August 9th 2025. He was born in Oshkosh to



his parents, Kenneth and Florence Lloyd (Jensen). John was friendly, sweet, loving person.

He was a hard worker from the start as a paperboy, a farm hand at Zwicky farms to working at Universal Foundry, Ponderosa Pulp and Heat Treat factory work. He also worked at Cub Foods, Floors by Us, and Wingers Bar. His last job was with Remarkable (formally Lakeside Packaging Plus). John loved 60's & 70's Rock and Blues music. John loved watching Packer & Brewer games, going fishing and riding his bike for many years.

John is survived by his brothers and sisters Jim, Diane, Barbara Lloyd of Oshkosh; Raymond Lloyd of Hawaii; Michael and Louis Lloyd of Ohio; His nephews and nieces, David Lloyd and Danielle Kruse of Oshkosh; Danielle's daughter

Pete is survived by his wife, Gail; their daughters: Alyssa Schabloski, Santa Monica, Ca.; and Malori Schabloski of Oshkosh, WI. He is further survived by his brother, Jay (Sandy) Schabloski; sister, June MacAdam; and half-brother, Joel (Kathy) Molinski; and many nieces and nephews and their families. Pete was preceded in death by his father, John Schabloski; his stepfather, Harry Molinski; his mother, Madeline Molinski; his daughter, Andrea Schabloski; and his in-laws, Ruben and Joyce Bathke.

A private memorial service will take place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside. Inurnment will take place at Ellenwood Cemetery, Oshkosh. A celebration of life to honor Pete will be announced at a later date.

His family would like to thank all the staff at Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, WI., Theda Care Cancer Center, Appleton/Oshkosh, WI., the Wisconsin Veterans Association and Moments Hospice, Appleton, WI.

A special thank you to all family and friends for their continued prayers, well-wishes and support throughout Pete's cancer journey.

Donations are welcomed to the to The Highground Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI. and to Appleton Alliance Church, Appleton, WI.

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Sydney Kruse-Plier; Stephanie, Cris, and Malia of Hawaii; Jami, Alex and Kenny of Ohio as well as many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth and his [Kenneth] siblings William, Robert, Eugene, Louis, Charles, Cornelia, and Thelma. He was further preceded in death by his mother, Florence and her siblings Roland, William, Raymond, George, Ted, Eleanor, Margaret and Elaine.

A private burial will be held at Lake View Memorial Park officiated by Pastor Connie of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church with a Celebration of Life at a future date.

A special thanks to ACG Homecare (Kailey and staff) Marion Mannor (Stacy and Mary Jo), Lakeland Care, the ICU staff at Ascension Mercy Medical. Friends and cousins Sherry Lloyd, Rosemary Lloyd Bernard, Diann Uzelac, Carla Schmidt and Shari Hauck. For their help and care.

Rest in Peace John, Rest in Peace John

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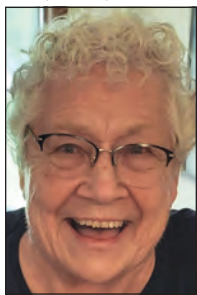
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## Dee Smick-Mosher

Eighty-seven years ago, Henry and Sally Weyers continued their streak and gave birth to their third daughter, Dorothy Frances Rosella. Henry and Sal would ultimately have five daughters before their son, Henry Jr., ended the run. This six-some of siblings became lifelong friends, experiencing new adventures together. Their



boisterous "laugh 'til you pee a little" personalities brought a smile to most who encountered this group during their numerous adventures. Dot liked being viewed as one of the instigators to this familiar group, often with a twinkle in her eye or a laugh in her smile.

After graduating from Oshkosh High School, Dot and Robert E. Smick married and moved to Illinois. Her college aspirations were interrupted by childbirth... four years in a row! Her greatest joy was spent with family, yet she still dreamed of one day doing more. A divorce and brief stint as a

switchboard operator reignited her dreams of college. She enrolled in college and continued to work administrative jobs that she hijacked into supervisory roles. She met and married pilot, Donald A. ("Doc") Mosher and moved to Millwood New York, then Central City Colorado, only to return to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Dee (Dot) and Doc traveled to Israel, Central and South America while investing in such unusual businesses as a hot air balloon, river paddleboat, remote-controlled robot, Rocky Mountain saloon, and antique airplane magazine. Dee was the driving force of these creative and entrepreneurial pursuits. But family always came first, and she raised her kids to be as independently minded as she was. She traveled extensively with her grandchildren to Italy, London, Niagara Falls, Hawaii, Chéz Moshèr and more.

She saw herself as a writer - both literally and in the plotline of her own life. Dee was imaginative, creative and earnest. She taught us all how to love, be silly, and live your life how you want to, even when it means deferring long-term dreams for reprioritized short term commitments.

Dee designated Thanksgiving as the annual family gathering and found a perfect rental each year to house her ever-growing family. At its peak, the house needed to accommodate 18 adults and 5 great grandkids, and that challenge was always reached. Appreciating the situation, Dee and her kids, grandkids and great grandkids traveled from Ireland, Massachusetts,

Maryland, New York and Wisconsin to celebrate an Illinois Thanksgiving this past June together. Dee Smick-Mosher, age 87, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2025. She knew and experienced loss, including Doc; her parents; sisters and brothers-in-law Ruth & Knute Pleshek, Euny & Bob Becker, Tom Schoenberger, Peg & Charlie Draves, and Judy Weyers; grandson Christopher Lampe-Smick and granddaughter Cheryl Goodale (Smick).

Dee is survived by her sons and daughter; Joe and Lisa Beth Smick and family, Dave and Joanie Smick and family, Sue and Bob Shea and family, and Jon and Michelle Smick. Dee also leaves her sister, Betty Schoenberger, brother Hank Weyers, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives to tell her stories.

The friends and staff at Carmel Residence, Gabriel's Villa and Elijah's Place were so helpful to Dee and her family this past year. Special thanks to Malissa and Kim at Generations Hospice, along with Jamie at Elijah's Place, for their compassion and care over the past few months. It was Dee's request that no services be held. For those wishing to donate in honor of Dee, she has requested you to make a donation to your favorite charity.

"You're never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true."  
-From Richard Bach, Jonathan Livingston Seagull

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## Edward D. Koelbl

Edward D. Koelbl, age 91, passed away peacefully at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh on August 9, 2025. Ed was born on August 11, 1933, the son of the late Gilbert W. and Laura R. (Fox) Koelbl. Ed lived in Oshkosh, WI until the age of 30 when he moved to Milwaukee, WI where he was a patternmaker. He returned to Oshkosh when he retired from his profession at the age of 62. Ed enjoyed traveling, a little gambling, and loved a good game of Sheepshead.



Peters and Kris Isham, and nephew, Thomas Koelbl (The Elder) who provided excellent care for him in his later years of life.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Laura Koelbl, his three brothers: Frank (Bernice) Koelbl, Joseph (Donna) Koelbl, Gilbert Koelbl, and four sisters: Mary (Oliver) Holmes, Helen (Collins) Whitehead, Edith (Eugene) Pilon, and Dorothy (Joseph) Ryan.

The family would like to thank the Evergreen staff and hospice nurse, Tammy, for their wonderful care of our Uncle Ed.

A visitation service for Ed will take place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 starting at 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with a small prayer service to follow.

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## James S. Koerner Jr.

James S. Koerner Jr., a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, peacefully departed from this world on August 3, 2025 after a long courageous battle with heart disease. Jim was born in 1946 to James S. and Mary Koerner. He is survived by his siblings, Debra (Mike) Geron-dale, Douglas Allen (Lisa) Koerner and Lisa Marie (Donald) Schryock.

In Jim's first marriage to Sharon M. (Stelloh) Koerner, he was blessed with four children, Monte Aaron Koerner, Shenlee-Rae B Sires, Ethan James Koerner (deceased), and Andrea M. Koerner.

In Jim's second marriage he was a loving and caring partner to Diane M. (Hodges) Koerner who also blessed him with two children, Severin J. Koerner and Ashley M. Koerner. Jim's legacy also lives on through ten grandchildren. His journey began after graduating from West De Pere High School, he dedicated six years of service on active duty in the Army, attaining the highest rank of Captain. Jim held significant positions including Brigade Provost Marshal with the American Division, Republic of Viet Nam and Deputy Provost Marshal, Ft. Rucker, Alabama. He furthered military education and became helicopter pilot, a role that became a true passion. Upon returning to Oshkosh, Jim continued his service in the Reserves and National Guard while pursuing education at the University of Oshkosh. Simultaneously, he ventured into entrepreneurship, establishing his own successful Security Business. Transitioning to the National Guard, Jim took a voluntary reduction in rank to CW2 to continue his love for flying. Ultimately he

attained the rank of CW4, Master Aviator and instructor pilot in the AH1 Cobra. On the home front, his business thrived eventually changing hands to new owners. All of those who knew Jim, he was a man adorned with numerous talents. Ambitious, caring, confident, empathetic, intelligent, loyal, resourceful and trustworthy-the qualities defined him. A builder at heart, he valued hard work, honesty and the importance of one's word. As a father, he balanced love with fairness, instilling his values and emphasizing the significance of higher education.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Jim on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 11 am in St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with the Rev. Tom Long as celebrant. A time of visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 am until the time of Mass. Burial with full military honors will be in King National Veterans Cemetery in King, WI on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 11 am.

Despite a failing heart taking him away, Jim's loving heart leaves a lasting beacon for those who knew him. Jim's journey now is to meet his Lord, God. In his parting words, "Now that my work is over, my guns have cooled, it is time to R.T.B. (return to base), it's Miller Time!" Now I wish you all to go and celebrate, keep your memory of me in your heart. I will see you in the next world. God Bless You All.

In lieu of floral expressions, memorials in Jim's name may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Organization or to the Gary Sinise Foundation. The family wishes special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac and also for the incredible love and care that he received at Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac.

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Grandchildren, Travis (Julie) Morrissey, Kyra Morrissey both of Chicago, Shannon (Michael Miller) Bednarek of Las Vegas, Josh (Autumn) Bednarek, Ben (Renee) Bednarek of Oshkosh, Sarah (Chris) McKinney of Appleton and Becca (Jon) Scott of Brisbane Australia. Great-grandchildren Marcus, Jaxon, Braxton, Lucas, Megan, Avenir, Kennedy, Colton & Alexandra. Sisters-In-Law Bonnie Sosnoski, Barbara Geffers, Josephine Schiefen and Sue (Rick) Yell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Bednarek, Son-in-Law Mike Morrissey, Brothers, Donald & Kenneth Sosnoski, Mother, Ann Werner and Walter and Lillian Bednarek.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the entire staff of Evergreen Sharehaven for the outstanding care for the last three years of her life. And to Aseracare Hospice.

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and Upper Peninsula, and he never turned down a board game or a sweet treat. Mark was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, and one of his greatest memories was watching the Cubs win the World Series in 2016.

Rather than a formal service, as per his wishes, his family asks that you remember Mark by spending time in nature, watching a baseball game, and playing a board game with loved ones. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in his memory.

Mark's family would like to thank the staff at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center ICU in Neenah. He will be missed forever.

## Rosemary Ann Bednarek

Rosemary Ann Bednarek, age 93, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on Friday, July 25, 2025 at Evergreen Sharehaven. She was born on February 28, 1932 in Oshkosh, the daughter of Ann Sosnoski. On November 24, 1951 she married Robert Bednarek at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

In her early years Rosemary was a homemaker until her children were older. She then started working at Miles Kimball and remained there until retirement. She was known for her skilled sewing, crocheting and knitting. She made clothing for family members and she loved crocheting and knitting baby sweaters, afghans, scarves and mittens once the grandchildren started arriving.

Survivors include her children Sandy Morrissey, Jim (Lori) Bednarek of Oshkosh, Joby (Tim) Mckeag of Appleton.

## Mark Otto

Mark Otto, 67, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on July 19, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife and cribbage partner of 39 years, Mary; his daughter, Casey (Jon East) of Milwaukee; and his son, Zachary (Saebra Neumann) of Denver, Colorado.

Mark was devoted to his family. He cherished time in the Rocky Mountains

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## Legal Notice

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY Case No. 25PR212**

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Russell L. Kilpela

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informational administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 31, 1965 and date of death January 8, 2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1014 Mount Vernon St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 11, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

DATE SIGNED: August 4, 2025

Form completed by: Attorney Brian D. Hamill Address Dempsey Law Firm, LLP 210 N. Main Street, Suite 100 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone 920-235-7300 Bar Number 1030537

**Runs: August 20, 2025, August 27, 2025 and September 3, 2025**

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Gabrielle Janae Streeter By (Petitioner) Gabrielle Janae Streeter**

**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000774**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: First - Gabrielle Middle - Janae Last - Streeter To: First - Gabrielle Middle - Janae Last - Hereford Birth Certificate: First - Gabrielle Middle - Janae Last - Streeter

**IT IS ORDERED:**

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago

County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Michael Gibbs

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St. Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: 09-10-2025 Time: 2:15 PM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:**

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Oshkosh Herald.

**BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: August 12, 2025**

**/s/ Hon. Michael Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4**

**Runs: August 20, 2025, August 27, 2025 and September 3, 2025.**

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Nicholas Kelly Blomberg**

**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000785**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: First - Nicholas Middle - Kelly Last - Blomberg To: First - Nicholas Middle - Kelly Last - Popp Birth Certificate: First - Nicholas Middle - Kelly Last - Blomberg

**IT IS ORDERED:**

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel Bissett

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St. Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: 09-18-2025 Time: 8:15 AM

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Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Herald (Oshkosh).

**BY THE COURT:**

**DATE SIGNED: August 13, 2025 /s/ Hon. Daniel Bissett Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6**

**Runs: August 20, 2025, August 27, 2025 and September 3, 2025.**

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