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Council approves townhouse project

Two dozen units to be built on infill lots

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council approved a new 24-unit housing development that will utilize infill lots to build townhouses in the 100 block of Eighth and Ninth avenues.

The redevelopment authority (RDA) has purchased a number of these lots over time with this type of development in mind. The infill lots are often blighted

properties, small parcels or oddly shaped parcels where the RDA can build new developments.

"It's exciting to see redevelopment of that space," Mayor Matt Mugerauer said about the project.

The block between West Eighth and Ninth avenues from Oregon Street to Nebraska Street was 19 separate land parcels, primarily single family residential except for the parcels located along Oregon Street that are commercial.

All of the lots that are part of the development are currently vacant. The block still has homes that will remain while the

development is built around them.

The project consists of two, 10-unit buildings and two, two-unit buildings for a total of 24 new housing units adding to the Oshkosh housing stock. On Eighth Avenue there will be a two-unit townhouse with two homes to the east and a 10-unit building closer to the corner.

On Ninth Avenue there will be a 10-unit building, then a single home to the east and then another townhouse with two units that will sit at 112 W. Ninth Ave.

Pangea Dimensions is the developer for

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Live art demos

Visitors could see live art demonstrations and learn about how projects such as one using a door at the EverMore booth were created Saturday during Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh's Restorative Art Fest at the Oshkosh ReStore. During the event, local artists were tasked with repurposing salvaged materials from the ReStore into creative, one-of-a-kind pieces created live in the parking lot of the business.

Groups working to address homelessness in county

By Anya Kelley
OSHKOSH HERALD

As America faces an affordable housing crisis, the homelessness rate is at an all-time high across the country, and rural homelessness looms in the shadows.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the 2024 point-in-time (PIT) count, a survey of the number of people facing homelessness in both shelters and unsheltered on a single night in January increased 18% from 2023 to 2024.

Sara Kosmicki, the executive direc-

tor of the Casa Esther Catholic Worker House in Omro, and Mandy Kimes, the tenant support specialist at Advocap, work directly with individuals facing homelessness in Winnebago County. Statistics show 58% of Wisconsin's homeless population is rural, which they say causes unique struggles for the community.



Kimes

"I think in rural areas, we tend to not see homelessness as visibly as we do in urban areas," Kosmicki said. "People living in weekly motels are often people who experience intermittent homelessness, and they pay for a hotel when they can and then they live unsheltered when they can't."

Kimes moved from Chicago to Ripon in her early 20s. She hadn't planned on staying in a small-town community but fell in love after landing a job with the Ripon Chamber of Commerce. Kimes described her role as the "welcome wag-

on for the community," helping people who were interested in moving to town find the resources they needed like when to take trash cans out to the road or what apartments were available for rent.

"Over time, as homelessness has started to just drastically increase and the housing crisis is being felt so much by so many people, we started to have people showing up that were not just there to get a welcome packet, but they were there because they have nowhere else to

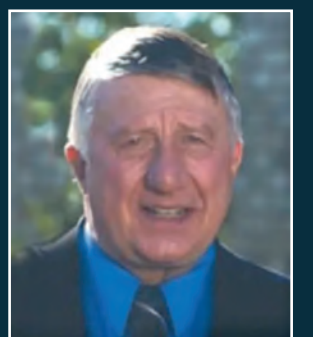
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Evers visits Advocap to discuss energy savings

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

On the day Gov. Tony Evers’ new energy bill began, the governor was in Oshkosh to learn about how Fox Valley residents can benefit from weatherizing their homes.

The new bill eliminates sales tax and use tax on electricity and natural gas used in homes. It is expected to save Wisconsin households \$178 million over the next two years.

Evers visited Advocap Oct. 1 to learn from weatherization director Jason Vander Velden ways in which, along with the new bi-partisan energy bill, to help keep heating costs down over the winter and improve the value of the home.

One of the first things Evers and Vander Velden discussed was insulation. Advocap uses two types of insulation: recycled paper and fiberglass.

“We have a newspaper in the office and that will be recycled and that could be turned into this insulation,” he said.

The insulation when properly installed can lower heating costs. It’s just one piece of the puzzle for weatherizing homes in the region. Weatherization includes actions like sealing leaks around windows, doors and installing energy-efficient windows.

Vander Velden explained that over the last 12 months Advocap has weatherized 165 homes. This could be more insulation in the home, redoing the heating system and it all starts when the weatherization team makes a plan that is personalized for each home.

This includes making sure appliances like refrigerators are updated and efficient. Advocap also utilizes tools like thermal cameras to see exactly where the heat in



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Advocap weatherization director Jason Vander Velden shows Gov. Tony Evers the different tools the department uses to weatherize homes throughout the tri-county area Advocap covers.

the room is escaping. Advocap started in 1966 in Fond du Lac and is a community action agency serving Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago counties.

The group’s mission is to create opportunities for people and communities to reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency. The programs Advocap has in place are primarily funded with federal dollars.

These programs focus on a number of areas including the popular home delivered meals program that brings meals to homebound individuals.

Following the tour of the facility, Evers spoke to the importance of the work

groups like Advocap does for people in poverty and other vulnerable groups.

“I don’t know what we’d do without them,” Evers said. “The longevity (of these groups) shows the need is still there. The Advocaps of the world do a lot behind the scenes and you don’t hear a lot about them. But they’re very, very important for people that don’t have the resources.”

Advocap predominantly works with homeowners for the weatherization program and the group has not done much work with rental properties in its coverage area.

For more information, visit advocap.org/services/home-energy-conservation/.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

Oct. 7, 1945

Ice Cream Mogul Gunned Down on County Road: Larry Smith, President of the Smith Ice Cream Company, was shot and killed in the wee hours Sunday morning. Smith and his fiancée were returning to Oshkosh after a night of enjoyment in the Appleton area when the incident occurred. They were travelling on County Road G, just a few miles north of Oshkosh when Smith pulled his automobile to the side of the

road to tend to his ill passenger. When he exited the car, a shot rang out and Smith fell to the ground. Unable to get the wounded man back into the vehicle, his fiancée drove to town to alert authorities. Soon police and medical assistance arrived to transport Smith to Theda Clark Hospital in nearby Neenah, but it was too late. The assailant was later found dead in a nearby quarry, the result of suicide. It was determined to have been a case of mistaken identity on the part of the shooter who thought it was his girlfriend having an affair with another man. Larry Smith was 48 years old and owned the ice cream business since 1924.

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Salinas named new clerk; community development director position filled

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh will have a new clerk next month.

Darla Salinas has been hired as the next city clerk. This comes after Diane Bartlett retired from the position at the end of August.

Cheryl Pionke has served as interim city clerk since Bartlett's departure and will continue in that role until Salinas starts on Nov. 4.

Salinas was recently the Fox Crossing Village Clerk, handling elections, licensing and staff supervision. She previously worked for the Berlin City Attorney's Office as a paralegal and office manager.

"I am excited to serve as the Oshkosh City Clerk," Salinas said. "Oshkosh is a great community, and I look forward to working with elected officials and city staff to serve the residents and community partners."

The city clerk oversees elections, council meetings and a plethora of other tasks within city hall.

The city also announced the promotion of Sara Rutkowski to director of Community Development. Rutkowski had served as interim director since April when former director Kelly Nieforth took a similar

position in Neenah.

A press release from the city states Rutkowski has served in the role since Aug. 24. Rutkowski's department oversees economic development, planning and inspections.

"I'm eager to continue my work as the community development director, collaborating with city staff and our community partners on projects that will positively affect the city for generations," Rutkowski said.

Rutkowski had served as assistant director with Nieforth before being named interim director. She previously worked as a city administrator and clerk-treasurer for Berlin.

Both hiring decisions were made by City Manager Rebecca Grill and other city managerial staff.

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Teen continues recovery from injuries in Oshkosh crash

By Anya Kelley
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 14-year-old boy continues to recover from injuries sustained while a passenger in his dad's truck heading through the intersection of High Avenue and Wisconsin Street in Oshkosh when a motorcyclist collided with the passenger side door on Sept. 7.

Police said the driver of the motorcycle, a 27-year-old Appleton man, was killed in the crash.

Sustaining life threatening injuries, Tanya Schmidt said her son, Carter, was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Doctors quickly discovered he had a broken orbital bone, shards of glass stuck in his eye socket and face, bruising behind his eye, three broken ribs, collapsed lung and more. After two weeks in the hospital, Carter was able to go home on Sept. 21.

Schmidt and Carter sat last week on the patio outside Starbucks on Kohler Street in Oshkosh. Schmidt was wearing a shirt that says "momma" across the front, and Carter was dressed in a black T-shirt and sweats with a special brace over the top.

"For me, [being home is] a little less stressful just because I'm not split between two places," Schmidt said. "I feel like he's sleeping a little bit better."

Schmidt is a mother of five children and works three jobs to support their family. Carter, appearing very quiet and shy, kept his gaze at his hands. He returned to school on Sept. 30 for half days until the end of the semester. When asked how his first day back was, he gave a little shrug before turning to ask Schmidt how long the rest of the semester is.

"Do I get to go back to band after that?" he asked her.

Carter is currently on lift restrictions due to the break in his back and pelvis and had to drop out of band and weightlifting until further notice. Schmidt said they would know more about the timeline after his check-up on Friday.

"So then I would be able to play long enough for me to go to the trip," Carter said.

"That is our goal," Schmidt said. "And even if you can't play on the trip, we're hoping you can at least attend the trip."



Photo from Tanya Schmidt
Carter, 14, spent two weeks at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee after being injured in a car crash Sept. 7 in Oshkosh.

rectly to Carter's mother to help with all the expenses. If you can't make it out this month, you can call us at 920-836-0279 and purchase a gift card over the phone and we will mail it to you!" Davey posted on Cattails Facebook.

The outpouring of love for Carter and his family was immediate. Commenters sent their prayers or responded saying they would be in to purchase a gift card.

When Davey had first asked Schmidt how she would feel about a fundraiser, Schmidt told her she didn't have the time or the energy to help set anything up. Davey and the Cattails community did it for them.

Schmidt said she felt alone when the crash first happened. Having a large family to support, taking time off work was not an option. The financial support from both Cattails and a GoFundMe page allowed her to stay with Carter as he healed.

"And then all of the kind words and people wanting to know how he's doing and people that recognize him when he's out," Schmidt said. "Now it's just realizing you're not really alone in that."

Schmidt said they really appreciated all the kind words, and that during a life-changing event, it can be easy to slip into a dark headspace. But the positivity kept Carter in a healing mindset and Schmidt said the incident has reshaped how she sees her community.

"There [are] people that are helping with the other kids and stuff, and those people have always been there. I think it's unfortunate, but when tragic things happen, people are like, 'why are we all just passing by?'" Schmidt said. "It's that reality of everybody's struggling you just don't always see it. Ours people saw, and so people were more willing to reach out."

Schmidt said this situation has brought to light just how important it is to make good decisions and that kindness, no matter what, is always the best policy and to be grateful for everything you have today.

"I know that's said a lot, and it's so cliché, but it just really does show how fast things can [change]," Schmidt said. "His recovery has been fast, too, but it could have gone just as fast the opposite way."

As Carter continues to heal, his care team will be shifted from Milwaukee to the Appleton and Oshkosh area. The road ahead looks long, but Schmidt said if anyone had told her Carter would be back to school already, she wouldn't have believed them. The GoFundMe for Carter is still accepting donations and can be found at shorturl.at/EbXRY. The Cattails Facebook page is posting updates about Carter as well.



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Ceremony remembers military personnel missing in action

Oshkosh Herald

The Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates Chapter 437 of Oshkosh on Sept. 20 held a POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the South Park War Memorial.

The ceremony was to remember all American military personnel from all wars that are still prisoners of war and those that are still missing in action. The ceremony included a POW/MIA update of those that have to be accounted for from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War; a POW/MIA Table Ceremony with a Presentation of Service Covers; the speaker and a rifle salute from the United Veterans Honor Guard.

The speaker this year was retired Army Lt. Col. Mike Hert, who talked about two POW's and one MIA from Oshkosh.

The first one was Sgt. Kevin Hermening, USMC who attended UWO. Hermening was one of the 52 Americans held hostage for 444 days when Iranian students took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979.

Hert then talked about Wilson Harding, a Union soldier in the Civil War who

became a POW at the Confederate POW camp at Andersonville, Ga. and died in captivity.

Hert also talked about SP5 Richard Hentz from the Vietnam War, whose aircraft on March 4, 1971 was hit and crashed and the body of the crew was never found. Hentz's cousin, Bill Hentz, was present at the ceremony, and Hert presented him with a large picture of Richard in his U.S. Army uniform.

Hert said that Richard Hentz's mother, Dorothy, used to attend the POW/MIA ceremonies for years. She passed away in 2019 at 98 years old, not knowing after almost 48 years that she was not able to see him again. Hert stated that there are 30 MIA's from Oshkosh that are still unaccounted for from World War II to the Vietnam War.

Master of Ceremony and president of VVA, Chapter 437 Duane Canon said, "We had a good turnout for this event, and we must never forget those that are still unaccounted for from all wars as they gave their lives for our freedom. We also must remember the families of those that are still waiting for their loved ones."

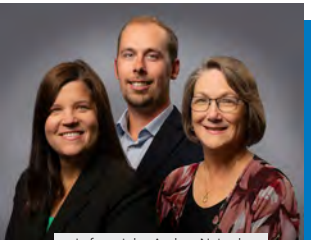


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Left to right, Andrea Neitzel, Ryan Gravunder, Karen Schibline

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City’s oldest church celebrates 185th anniversary

Oshkosh Herald

The first church built in the city of Oshkosh is celebrating its 185th anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion, a worship service starting at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 19 will be followed by a potluck lunch at First United Methodist Church at 700 W. Linwood Ave. The church said all are welcome to attend and help mark the occasion.

Church member Beth Thomas researched the history of the church and the beginning of Methodism in Oshkosh.

Thomas found that circuit rider Clark Dickerson arrived in 1839 and shortly after his arrival began preaching to the crowd assembled in the ferryman’s bar-room. Thereafter religious services were frequently held in the settlement that would later become the city of Oshkosh.

In 1840 a Methodist preacher, the Rev. Jesse Halstead, preached and held a re-



Photo by David Schuhart

First United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 185th anniversary Oct. 19 with a worship service followed by potluck lunch.

ligious service at the home of Webster Stanley who was the first white settler to build a home in Oshkosh on a site located at the point where the ferry crossed the Fox River.

His cabin was located at the foot of what

is now known as Bowen Street. Thomas notes that there is a historical marker at this site indicating “Webster Stanley built the first house in Oshkosh near this spot 1836”.

Halstead’s circuit included Green Bay, Brothertown and the Oneida Mission. Later that year, Halstead returned and formed a Methodist class of six people which soon grew into 20. Many of the first services continued to be held in the log home of Webster Stanley.

By 1843 the group had come under full church organization, an Official Board named and church officers duly elected. In 1851, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Everdell, the first church to be built in Oshkosh was erected by the Methodists on the corner of Church and Division streets.

In 1964 pastors of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church (est. 1850 in Oshkosh) and the First Methodist Church began talks of uniting the two congrega-



Photo by David Schuhart

A plaque marks the spot of the first church services for the church, which were held in the log home of Webster Stanley.

Both the Rev. Homer Retzlaff from the Evangelical United Brethren and Dr. John Adams from the Methodist church realized a need for future expansion. In 1967 the two congregations voted to merge and this unification established the First United Methodist Church of Oshkosh.

On Oct. 4, 1970 the First United Methodist Church congregation moved into their new building located on West Linwood Avenue where church members continue to worship today.

“We have a long history – 185 years serving the Oshkosh community,” Thomas said. “Our congregation dates back to the first church built in Oshkosh. Our mission statement ‘To live by faith, To be known by love, and To be a voice of hope’ not only guides us to look back at where we came from but to look forward to what lies ahead.”

Auditions set for Newsies Jr. show

Oshkosh Herald

The Jolly Jester Children’s Theatre is inviting first through eighth graders to audition for Newsies Jr., a high-energy story of courage, unity and standing up for what’s right.

Featuring songs like Carrying the Banner, Seize the Day and Santa Fe, the musical is full of spirit and heart. Auditions will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Oshkosh Recreation Department Gym, 425 Division St.

Those interested in auditioning are asked to prepare a one-minute song with karaoke track or acapella along with a one-minute monologue such as poem or

short story, preferably memorized.

Performances will be Feb. 20-22, 2026. Rehearsals will be on Saturday afternoons.

The cost to participate is \$10-15 depending on residency and an additional \$10 materials fee to be collected at the first rehearsal.

This opportunity for local youth to learn, grow and shine on stage is made possible with grant support from the Odd Fellows Endowment Fund through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Formoreinformation,contacttheOshkosh Rec Dept at 920-424-0150 or email jollyjestertheatreoshkosh@gmail.com.

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Top photo: A conceptual rendering of what the townhouses will look like on Eighth and Ninth avenues after the development plan was approved by the council.
Bottom photo: The townhouse development shows how the city is utilizing infill lots to create housing with unique ideas.

Townhouse project

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the project. The company is anticipating construction will cost around \$8 million.

The Plan Commission noted it was a sort of checkerboard pattern being created. There were questions from the members about potential further development. The existing homes will remain in the area, and there are no planned future developments.

The general development plan was recommended to be approved by the Plan Commission at a Sept. 2 meeting.

City officials have been looking for ways to add to the housing stock after a housing study was done in 2021 showing the city needs every kind of housing from large single-family homes to very low-income homes.

These will be standard-rate townhouses and will not be income restricted like Section 8 housing.

At the Sept. 23 meeting the council voted to approve the project. Council member Jacob Floam said it is a positive development for the neighborhood.

“This is where infill development comes into play,” Floam said. “This is a great thing to see.”



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Public dedication slated for Merrill Memorial Corner

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) will host a public dedication of the new Merrill Memorial Corner at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 17 at 108 W. New York Ave.

This event is an opportunity to honor the legacy of the former Merrill Elementary and Middle School and the generations of community members who passed through its doors.

Construction of the Merrill Memorial Corner, as well as the Vel Phillips Middle School track and field, is nearing completion with the final work to be finished in the coming weeks. The area is currently a closed construction site, not open to the public.

The Merrill Memorial Corner serves as a lasting tribute to the school's significant place in the community's history. It features reclaimed stone and brick from the former building, preserving a physical piece of the past while celebrating influential figures connected to the site. The memorial honors James Merrill, the school's namesake; Henry Auler, the building's architect; and Harold Schumert, a beloved teacher and football coach.

Due to limited space at the memorial corner, the dedication ceremony will be held on the new Vel Phillips Middle School track. A ceremonial ribbon cutting with honored guests will follow at the memorial site, after which all guests are welcome to visit the space. The rain location is the Vel Phillips Middle School Events Lobby.

Parking will be available in the Vel Phillips Middle School parking lot located off of Kentucky Street.



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Appointment registration closes on October 27, 2025

Oshkosh man sentenced to 28 years in federal prison

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man will spend the next 28 years in federal prison.

David E. Dejanovich pled guilty last week to all five counts in a federal indictment for child pornography. Dejanovich was indicted in May after an announcement by Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Richard Frohling.

Dejanovich, 52, received the 28-year prison sentence after facing the possibility of being sentenced to over 100 years with each count carrying a possible sentence of 40 years.

The indictment stated that in April 2024, Dejanovich engaged in the receipt of obscene visual depictions of the sexual abuse of children. Other charges include receiving child pornography and engaging in this activity as a registered sex offender.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel R. Humble. Following the sentencing hearing, Humble informed the Oshkosh Police Department of the sentence handed to Dejanovich.

Dejanovich is a registered sex offender after multiple convictions for sexual assault of a child in Dodge County in the 1990s. He was sentenced to 10 years in

state prison following his most recent conviction in 1997. Dejanovich's parole was revoked and he was ordered to serve an additional seven years in prison.

He was released in 2014 and online records show a petition was filed in Dodge County to have Dejanovich committed as part of Chapter 980, but the petition filed by then-Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen was later withdrawn. Chapter 980 is housing for sexually violent people that must be housed at the county's expense because of the safety concerns the individuals are to the community.

Another charge in the indictment is that Dejanovich was in violation of federal law by engaging in this activity as a registered sex offender. The final charge was a single count of receipt of child pornography.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation. It was investigated by OPD with assistance from the United States Office of Probation and Parole.

OPD public affairs officer Kate Mann told the Herald the department was informed by Humble of the Dejanovich sentencing, which occurred on Oct. 1 – the first day of the federal government

shutdown.

The federal government shutdown will not immediately affect the federal courts as the U.S. Federal Court system has the funds to continue operating until Oct. 17.

"Despite a federal government shutdown that began on Oct. 1, the Judiciary remains open and will continue paid operations through Friday, Oct. 17, by using court fee balances and other funds not dependent on a new appropriation," a press release from the U.S. Federal courts stated.

The DOJ often issues press releases

Police issue safety reminder after thefts from vehicles

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department wants to remind residents to remove all valuable items, especially firearms, from their vehicles and to make sure both vehicles and homes are securely locked.

"Recent thefts from vehicles remind us of the importance of proactive crime prevention measures to safeguard personal belongings and enhance safety in our

community," Officer Kate Mann said.

Since March 2025, Mann said they have had 36 thefts from vehicles reported to OPD. Among these, five involved firearms being taken; in three of these incidents, the vehicles were unlocked.

Mann said to lock doors, close and lock windows to cars and homes and use lights for visibility and safety.

Business news roundup

Bleak Boutique is holding a grand opening celebration Saturday to coincide with Downtown Oshkosh's Boos + Brews Cider Stroll. Bleak Boutique, 505 N. Main St., is a curated shop carrying gifts and decor for dark, witchy aesthetics.

A ribbon cutting was held last week for the **Harmony Wellness Center** at 456 N. Main St. The business is designed for skilled practitioners to deliver personalized care such as massage therapy and wellness coaching to fit each individual's

needs. Call 920-235-6484 for an appointment.

Bristol Morgan Bank has opened an expanded branch at 2201 Jackson St. The location will include full-service consumer and business banking services, including personal and business deposit accounts along with consumer and business loan offerings. The bank started in Oakfield in 1901 and has since grown to serve customers in Fond du Lac County and the surround area.

Parent support group hosting guest speaker at meeting

Oshkosh Herald

A support group for parents who have experienced child loss will host a guest speaker at its monthly meeting in October.

The Compassionate Friends of the Fox Valley helps and provides support for parents who have experienced the loss of a child, at any age for any reason. The group is led by other parents who have experi-

enced child loss.

The guest speaker at the Oct. 16 meeting will be Rosangela Berbert, MSE, NCC, LPC, who is the executive director at Samaritan Healing, Mind, Body, Spirit, discussing various topics related to grief, including getting through the holidays. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at Father Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh.





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Homelessness

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go,” Kimes said.

At Casa Esther, their Basic Needs Distribution program has become their largest program, serving the entire county. A majority of that program goes to rental assistance for those falling behind on rent or looking for help with a security deposit or first month’s rent. In some cases, they help people pay for an emergency hotel stay. Last year, Casa Esther spent \$57,636.81 on the Basic Needs Distribution program, \$46,302.81 of which went to housing.

Kimes is working on a demonstration grant to prove that when people are placed in housing and receive “wraparound services or supportive services,” they are far more likely to succeed because homelessness is about more than just placing someone in a home.

“We actually have to find out what is going on deeper that needs to be addressed,” Kimes said. “What are the obstacles to really having sufficient income, or are there some mental health needs that are really going unchecked that they really have to be able to work on so that they can function or keep a job?”

Kosmicki and Kimes said that everyone is one or two financial crises away from homelessness, especially those living on fixed incomes or paycheck to paycheck. In Wisconsin, one in eight people are paying more than 50% of their income for hous-

ing alone.

“All it takes sometimes is breaking up with someone or a job loss,” Kimes said.

She recounted a story of a woman who called her panicked about her living situation. She had her birth plan worked out and was ready to take her maternity leave when she suddenly needed an emergency cesarean section. Due to her surgery, she missed more days than she was allowed, was fired from her job and nearly lost her apartment while trying to care for her newborn.

“So many people, because of the cost of living and the cost of housing, they’re all so much on the brink and it just takes one awful thing,” Kimes said.

Kosmicki said Winnebago County is lacking the infrastructure needed to care for the homeless population, many of whom cannot access shelters. The closest shelters to Winneconne are in Oshkosh and often have strict rules for entry and long waiting lists. Kosmicki said she has seen an increase in families living out of their cars as a last resort.

“I think it’s kind of the last thing people hang on to,” she said.

Kosmicki added many aren’t going to give up their car even if they lose their housing.

“At least I can keep my stuff here,” in a car, she said.

Fighting against homelessness

As part of World Homeless Day on Oct. 10, the Wisconsin Newspaper Association

is partnering with newspapers around Wisconsin, including the Winneconne News, to provide readers with tangible ways they can help the fight against homelessness.

Kosmicki and Kimes gave five actionable steps to help end homelessness in the state.

- Learn about what homelessness looks like and what causes it.

Understanding homelessness can be complicated, especially when it’s invisible to the naked eye. Rural homelessness can be hard to spot, but it’s happening in every community. Kimes said it’s important to understand that rural homelessness will look different everywhere. Many people are temporarily living in motels, empty houses or cars due to lack of access to a designated shelter.

“Just because you might not see somebody necessarily sleeping on the street doesn’t mean it doesn’t impact your community,” she said.

- Volunteer whenever possible.

Places like shelters and soup kitchens are always looking for extra help. Kosmicki said that besides the physical help somebody is providing, volunteering forces them to put a face and a name to the unhoused. Volunteering breaks down barriers by giving them a chance to listen to real people’s stories.

“I think doing that kind of work and just taking the time to listen to people’s stories and understand why they are where they are and see that their life is maybe not as different from yours as you would imagine it to be,” Kosmicki said.

- Understand the power of storytelling.

Everyone brings a unique perspective that can be used to broaden other people’s awareness. Whether they know someone who has experienced a housing crisis or someone who can’t find a place they can afford, people can help others understand by sharing stories from their life. Speaking up helps to break the stigma around homelessness while dismantling miscon-

ceptions and myths.

“It helps us all understand that this is an ‘us’ problem, not a ‘them’ problem,” Kimes said. “The way we speak about this issue matters ... help people see that this is an issue we all are being impacted by.”

- Be a community mentor.

While resources are available, access is usually a long and arduous process. The paperwork is complicated and the criterion for qualification is often slim. Filling out applications can be a full-time job, and many are trying to do it during lunch breaks or while borrowing someone else’s phone or computer.

Others struggle to fill applications out due to disabilities. For those who understand how to fill out government applications, are proficient in English or have good organizational skills, they are encouraged to consider mentoring someone in need. A little help can go a long way.

- Create a support system and for those in the community.

“The reason why there are so many people in our country who do live in poverty but aren’t homeless is because they have support, they have family, they have friends,” Kimes said.

Homeless people are often missing the social network of support that many rely on in times of hardship. Kimes said that beyond economic poverty, there is relational poverty, too.

Create a support system first. Join adult groups, find a club, join a sport or get involved in a congregation and start to build a village. Once someone has established themselves, they are encouraged to try to help others in the community do the same.

Building a community safety net can be as simple as putting fliers up for club meetings or asking someone they just met about what they like to do in their free time. Joining community Facebook groups and responding to posts asking questions is another great way to build community trust.

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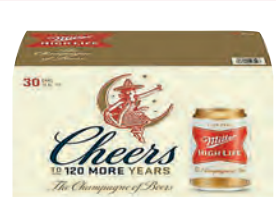


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Symphony Orchestra starts season with Comfort concert

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra (OSO), in its 84th season, offers the music of home inspired by the architecture and people in the community.

The Comfort of home concert at 7 p.m. Saturday will feature the warm embrace of Edward Elgar’s Cello Concerto performed by Oshkosh’s own virtuosic Dr. Katherine Decker.

“One of the world’s most beloved concertos, it will soothe your soul,” music director Dylan Chmura-Moore said. “Hear the profound emotion of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s cherished ballet Swan Lake. Journey through the enchanting soundscapes of Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov’s colorfully exquisite Capriccio Espagnole.”

Comfort was inspired by English Tudor Revival architecture in Oshkosh. Examples are the Public Museum and Paine Art Center and Gardens.

The architecture evokes a profound sense of “comfort of home” with its inherent warmth and solidity. The style is quaint and romantic.

“It makes us feel well-protected and grounded,” Chmura-Moore said. “It offers us a perfect place for gathering and retreating from the outside world.”

OSO continues its community partnership program by this year focusing on

housing security. All through its season, OSO will use its megaphone to highlight the work its partners do to support affordable and quality options for those in need.

In October, OSO is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh. To volunteer, give or for more information, visit habitatoshkosh.org.

Tickets are \$15 general admission. UWO students with Titan ID are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at oshkoshsymphony.com. Season tickets are \$40 general admission.

The concert will be held in Theatre Arts Center, 1010 Algoma Boulevard on the UWO campus. Parking is free on campus for OSO concerts.



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Friday, Oct. 10
Homecoming Parade, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh North High School
Streets of Hope Day by Day Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Becket’s, 317 City Center
SCFF presents: The Giant Spider Invasion with special guest director Bill Rebane, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Oct. 11
Copia Cup Soccer Tournament, all day, Winnebago County Park
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Día de los Muertos celebration, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
Sawdust Community Fright Fest, 12:30 p.m., Time Community Theater
Boos and Brews – Seltzer and Cider Stroll, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Mission We Hear You Benefit Concert, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra presents Comfort, 7 p.m., 1010 Algoma Boulevard

Sunday, Oct. 12
Copia Cup Soccer Tournament, all day, Winnebago County Park
Four Wheels Photography Cars & Coffee Season Closer, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oshkosh Harvest Craft and Vendor Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Thursday, Oct. 16
EAA Speaker Series: Steve Wittman, Oshkosh’s Air Race Legend, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, Oct. 17
Merrill Memorial Corner Dedication, 11:30 a.m., 108 West New York Ave.
National Chemistry Week program, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library
Brews in the Zoo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo
Seeds and Cider, 5 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park, registration required
A Historic Paranormal Investigation, 5:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
UWO Choirs, 7 p.m., Theatre Arts Center
World Ballet Company presents The Great Gatsby, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 18
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo
A Historic Paranormal Investigation, 5:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
Evil Dead 2, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater
Rock Harp Experience, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center
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Wildcats grind out Homecoming win over Patriots

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It was fitting that Wyatt Marten ended up with the ball in his hands one last time last Friday night.

After logging 146 yards on 27 carries to spearhead Oshkosh West's ground-oriented attack against Appleton East, Marten pounced on the Patriots' onside-kick attempt in the closing seconds to seal the Wildcats 21-14 Homecoming win.

"If we don't have Wyatt, we don't have anything," said quarterback Drew Abitz, who ran for two touchdowns in the game and threw for another. "He does it for us."

It was a season-high output for Marten, who also caught a pass in the game, and a performance that keyed the Wildcats' first win of the season.

"Wyatt's a great kid. He works hard in the weight room and it shows," West head coach Joey Ray said. "We've been close in a lot of games. The kids continue to believe that they can win but it is hard to not let the doubt creep in. Being able to finish in this one was big."

Abitz added 51 yards rushing on 16 carries but his two longest runs of the night ended up in the end zone.

The sophomore quarterback sprinted around the left side on a designed run for a 16-yard touchdown on the Wildcats' first drive of the game. It was a 12-play march – all running plays – that covered 80 yards with West's improving offensive line setting the tone for the rest of the night.

"They have been the most improved

group on our team," Ray said of the offensive line. "They have gotten better every week and they work hard. To see them go out and execute like that was awesome."

Abitz's second touchdown came in the fourth quarter when he stepped through some pressure on a pass play and darted 14 yards for the touchdown to give the Wildcats a 21-7 lead with just less than six minutes remaining.

It was Abitz's first two-touchdown game of the season.

"I just have to credit the offensive line. They do everything for us," Abitz said. "We had a broken play and I ran out of it."

After the Wildcats regained their 14-point lead, East had three chances to narrow the margin, finally getting on the board with less than 30 seconds remaining.

But Marten's recovery of the attempted onside-kick secured the Homecoming win for the Wildcats, which the team celebrated with a huge throng of fans on the field after the final whistle.

"We talked about keeping the main thing the main thing this week and Homecoming is about the football game," Ray said. "It's everything to send the seniors out on a good note. We have been through a lot of adversity as a team and those guys have done a great job of being great leaders and great men of character and showing up every day and working. A lot of teams in our position wouldn't get that. Tonight was about rewarding them."

West scored on its first two possessions



Oshkosh West's Wyatt Marten fights for extra yards during the opening drive of Friday's Homecoming win over Appleton East.

to take the lead as Abitz ran for a touchdown on the first drive and then connected with Adam Weibel for a 28-yard touchdown pass to take a 14-0 lead three minutes into the second quarter.

Elijah Wilder ended East's next possession with an interception and then picked off his second pass of the night on the final play of the first half. The interception came in the end zone with the Patriots

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Lourdes Academy lineman Tristan Gomez (64) celebrates his touchdown run with teammate Max Behnke in the first quarter on Friday.

Big first quarter boosts Knights to victory

By Zachary Bellin
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It'll take a while to find a better first quarter performance than what the Lourdes Academy Knights did on Homecoming last Friday at JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The Knights scored 31 points in the first quarter, finding the end zone in all three phases - offense, defense, and special teams - thrusting Lourdes Academy to a 45-8 win over Dodge Land in a Trailways Conference game.

Quarterback Brady Bauer connected with Lucas Neuens to start the scoring for a 41-yard touchdown and not long after, Neuens returned a punt for 61 yards to put the Knights up 14-0 four minutes into the game.

"Any time he touches the ball, it can be a touchdown," head coach Kevin Wopat said of Neuens. "He puts a little bit more of a fear factor into anything you do. He turns a play that looks a little bit dead into a touchdown. So, any chance he gets to

touch the ball, we know that we can be either right back in the game or extending a lead, and that's a fun kid to have."

On Dodge Land's next possession, the Knights forced a fumble which would be recovered by Jacob Bogardus for a touchdown giving Lourdes a 21-0 lead at this point of the game.

The Knights defense generated four turnovers in the first quarter, three forced fumbles and an interception, which set the tone for the game.

"It's a great way to play from ahead, your defense can be even more aggressive than they traditionally are," Wopat said. "They've kept us in games and given us a shot to compete every week. We preach forcing turnovers every week and we've done a very good job at it every game."

After Mat Yaggie's field goal following another fumble recovery, Lourdes marched their way down to the goal line on the next possession. Brady Ridenour's long run set the Knights up in scoring position and line-

man Tristan Gomez punched it in the end zone, granting Lourdes a 31-0 lead as time was expiring in the first quarter.

As the Spartans defense continued their dominance, Ryder Mullen hauled in a 50-yard touchdown pass from Bauer on the first play of the next drive.

Before the second quarter was over, Bauer was replaced by Johnny Santiago at quarterback, who came in and had himself a solid night going three for four with 60 yards and a rushing touchdown on one of his three carries.

This has so far been the best start for Lourdes since the 2020-2021 season where the school went undefeated.

"It's them forming their own identity, I think they all believe which is the most important part," Wopat said. "I've referenced this a lot this year, when we lost to Edgar last year we played a really competitive game and Edgar went on to win a state championship. I think our kids realized we're not that far away."



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Knights stifle Mayville to stay unbeaten on the season

By Joe Matzek
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Facing Mayville last Thursday, Oshkosh Lourdes/Valley Christian boys' soccer coach Abrujuan Gutierrez had a simple goal for his undefeated team: Just win.

The Knights did just that, improving to 10-0-1 overall and 6-0-1 in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference with a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals at Titan Stadium.

Because the Cardinals packed in their defense, especially in the opening half, the Knights worked the ball from side to side to find the best option, and it paid off in the 18th minute when junior Jackson Buttko dribbled into the box and fired off a shot into the right side of the net.

"For me, I appreciate games 1-0, 2-0 as



Photo by Andy Ratchman
Kaleb Richardson heads a ball for Lourdes/Valley last Thursday.

long as my team played well, and tonight we played well," Gutierrez said. "We used all the tools necessary. And there was probably going to be heavy traffic in the back. Just reset the game, and that's the reason we had to change the routes of the ball over time, so we sent it to the left, back to center, and cross it. The goal was to not get frustrated with 40 minutes of not scoring, and we finally got one."

The Knights had several other good chances to score, especially in the opening half, when they took 14 shots and forced Mayville goalkeeper Seth Zastrow to make eight saves.

A shot in the 14th minute off a corner kick rattled the right post. Zastrow made two other lunging saves against Isaak Rucinski and Kaleb Richardson.

Rucinski made it 2-0 in the 46th minute when he took a pass from Elijah Troiber at the top of the box, turned and fired the ball just inside the left post. He said later that he took Gutierrez's halftime advice to heart.

"During halftime, Coach told the group that we shouldn't be taking too many touches, just take one quick touch and don't let the defender set up, and just take the shot into the corners," Rucinski said. "I took one quick touch and had Coach in my mind, so I took that shot right away."

Mayville (5-11-1, 2-5) was more offensive-minded in the second half and forced Knights goalkeeper Micah Humiston to make nice saves in the 50th and 79th minutes.

Zastrow finished with 12 saves as the Knights took 24 shots. The Cardinals took three shots.

The Knights outscored their opponents



Photo by Andy Ratchman
Elijah Troiber (5) dribbles the ball forward during last Thursday's win over Mayville.

39-2 in their first 11 games. Gutierrez said he expected his team's success this season because of the mental and physical growth of the players, though Rucinski, a senior, admitted he was surprised the team is this good.

"I'm going to be completely honest, I didn't completely think so," Rucinski said with a laugh. "We lost quite a few seniors last year and we've got a lot of young people this year, but I think we grew. First we practiced and got into the rhythm of soccer, but once the season started, especially the young people, they really picked up their game and got a lot better. It was surprising to see."

Gutierrez said the Knights excel with the mental part of the game and don't get frustrated when teams like the Cardinals defend at all costs.

"As you can see from the game tonight, it's very difficult to break down walls like that," Gutierrez said. "So I think they're very good with the mental part of the game. They know the goal will come."

Gutierrez is excited to work with players who have the talent to play like the Knights have done this season.

"Some years, I was driven to drive a normal car. Now I can drive a Ferrari," he said. "That's the analogy that I use. I can make a lot of style here."

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Clark sets stage for Wildcats success on volleyball court

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Setters are the air traffic controllers of the volleyball court.

They direct the flow and pace of a game and are often partially responsible for where the speeding ball lands.

They are coaches one moment, quarterbacks the next and catalysts for their team's success.

Few in the rugged Fox Valley Association do it better than MaKaelyn Clark. She is a fourth-year starter, a team captain, a vocal leader and the one with the keys to the Oshkosh West attack.

"Mak is the engine of our squad," said West coach Will Brydon. "She's the only player that touches the ball nearly every single time it comes over the net onto our side. Without her poise and precision, our offense would be considerably less potent."

Clark received all-conference honorable mention as a junior and will likely be a first-team candidate this fall. West has one of the league's best hitters and elite players in Sydney Nelson, but Clark's skilled setting is a major factor in West's success.

"As a four-year starter, Mak has shouldered a heavy burden from the very start," Brydon said. "I couldn't be prouder of the grace in which she has handled the pressure. In fact, she has harnessed it and keeps getting better and better."

Clark relishes her role on the court. Setting is a selfless position that requires sacrifice and brings out the best in others. It requires strong communication skills and a cerebral player who can read opponent's schemes.

"I enjoy being a setter just because I have that quarterback's role," Clark said. "I get to tell people what to run and make decisions based not just our side, but the other side of the net. I know Coach Brydon looks to me to make those calls in tough situations."

Setting involves far more than simply bumping the ball for a hitter.

"It can be really hard," she said. "Every hitter is different, every set is different. But to me, it's really about the passes. Without a good pass, I'm not able to set a good ball. And obviously you need good hitters. Syd just kills the ball every time I give it to her. But without those good passes, there would be no assist from the setter."

Brydon points out that Clark is more than just a set-up person. She is a complete all-around player.

"We have challenged her to improve her defense, her serve and her setter offense in

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addition to her setting over the years," said Brydon. "She constantly responds to those challenges by raising the bar with her level of play. That's why Mak's teammates and coaches have so much trust in her. She has earned it."

Clark has been a setter since she started playing the game in elementary school. She grew up in a volleyball environment. Her mother, Cory, has been a club volleyball coach for years in the Oshkosh area and has coached in Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West programs. Cory is currently the Wildcats' junior varsity coach.

"I have to give a shout out to my mom – she's been my club coach for many years," Clark said. "She was coaching before I was even born. There are little baby pictures of me in a ball cart. I basically grew up in the volleyball gym."

"I remember her asking me as a kid: 'Do you want to play volleyball?' I said, 'I think I'm just going to stick to basketball and soccer,' which I was playing at the time. But I gave it a try. Honestly, without volleyball, I don't know what I would be doing today."

Playing the game with a mom or dad as the coach isn't easy for both the athlete and the parent. MaKaelyn admits there are positives and negatives, but appreciates the coaching and support she has been given by Cory, who played basketball and volleyball in her high school days at Elmhurst High School.

"She's definitely harder on me compared to everyone else," MaKaelyn said. "We get in our little fights, but at the end of the day, I think that, besides (coach) Brydon, she's one of the best coaches I have ever had. She's always there to answer my questions and has a lot of technical knowledge of the game. She supports me and she's always proud of me."

Clark is playing her final season of organized, competitive volleyball. She will attend college next fall, but has no plans to play the game at that level.

"I came to a decision a few months ago that I do not want to play volleyball in college," she said. "I might play club or intramural, something fun where I could just enjoy the sport. I just feel that school and



MaKaelyn Clark is a four-year starter for the Oshkosh West volleyball team and earned honorable mention all-FVA honors last season.

sports at the college level conflict."

An exceptional student at West with a 3.93 grade point average, Clark plans to major in occupational therapy. She hasn't yet settled on a school.

"Eventually I would like to work at perhaps a hospital with either recovering patients or people who might need more help with walking or need more accommodations," she said.

"I'm also interested in working with children with special needs. I'm part of our school's Connected program where we mentor students with special needs. That kind of drove me to the career path I'm

looking at. I enjoy helping people and being able to find ways to help them become more independent. I just like seeing the joy on the faces of all those kids."

Clark hopes to also see joy on the faces of her West teammates in the coming weeks. The Wildcats are one of the FVA's better teams and have the talent to make a deep postseason run.

"Getting to the Resch (Center) – that's our goal," Clark said. "It would be great, too, to win conference. But we're going to take it one day at a time, one practice at a time and one game at a time. I'm excited to see what we can accomplish."

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FOOTBALL

Spartans top Green Bay West to stay perfect

Oshkosh North notched its second straight shutout and improved to 7-0 on the season with a 50-0 thumping of Green Bay West last Friday.

The seventh-ranked Spartans tallied a season-high point total with the win and have outscored its five Fox River Classic Conference South opponents by a combined 207-39 margin.

Jamare Scott rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns on eight carries to lead Oshkosh North, which scored 20 points in the first quarter and led 43-0 at halftime.

Bryce Ott added a touchdown run and threw touchdown passes to Dalton Clark and Eli Ott. Julian Rew also had a touchdown pass in the game, connecting with Mayson Feavel.

Cole Meiselwitz was the leading tackler for the Spartans in the game, while Andrew Oehler recorded an interception.

Sam Gloudemans ran for three touchdowns and Xander Osinga caught touchdown passes from two different teammates as the Warriors rebounded from its lone loss of the season with a 51-8 victory over Wayland Academy last Saturday.

Gloudemans finished with 76 yards rushing and averaged nearly 10 yards per carry in the game, while Derek Wallace led the squad with 85 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

Mason Everts connected on 13-of-15 passing attempts for 171 yards and a

touchdown. He also ran for a score in the game. Lucas Aggrey added a touchdown pass for the Warriors.

Matthias Behling finished with six catches for 69 yards, while Osinga caught four passes for 44 yards and the two touchdowns.

The Valley Christian defense was led by Liam Clayton with 9.5 tackles and Gloudemans had seven tackles and an interception. Ian Kramer and Ben Curtis recovered fumbles for the Warriors.

GOLF

North's O'Loughlin qualifies for sectional meet

Oshkosh North sophomore Maci O'Loughlin earned one of the four individual sectional qualifying spots at last week's WIAA Division 1 regional meet at Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Fond du Lac.

O'Loughlin was slated to play in the sectional tournament Monday at Old Hickory Golf Course in Beaver Dam. She is the first North individual to qualify for the sectional meet since the Spartans had Grace Miller, Hailee Brunk and Taylor Rammer advance in 2019.

The sectional meet results were not available by the Oshkosh Herald's deadline.

O'Loughlin shot a round of 96 to tie for 11th place overall to earn her spot in sectionals.

Nelly Harrison added a 102 for the Spartans, while Samantha Leib shot a 105 and Willow Standke finished with a 108. North finished with a team score of 411 to place sixth among the 10 schools at the meet.

Oshkosh West finished tied for eighth with a 429 and was paced by Keeley To-man's round of 103. Lauren Klinger added a 107, followed by Hailey Gibbs with a 108 and Valerie Mantia with a 111.

TENNIS

Doubles teams fare well at FVA meet

All three Oshkosh West doubles teams finished in fourth place at their respective flights to help the Wildcats place fifth overall at the Fox Valley Association meet held last Thursday in Neenah.

Megan Jorgensen and Madelyn Marino at No. 1 doubles, Maddalyn Meartz and Kinsey Koepsell at No. 2 doubles and Leah Moen and Riley Lecker at No. 3 doubles each went 1-2 on the day, posting their wins in their quarterfinal matches.

Jorgensen and Marino nearly finished third dropping a close 3-6, 6-4, 10-8 match to Layla Tremble and Katelyn Eiden of Kimberly in the third-place match.

The Wildcats' top singles finisher was Aubrey Epprecht, who took third at the No. 3 flight. Epprecht edged Hortonville's Breanne Engel in three sets in her consolation semifinal before falling in three sets to Appleton West's Olivia Buettner.

The Wildcats' Kassandra Bowlus-Janski won a pair of matches and finished seventh at the No. 1 flight. She beat Kaukauna's Hailey Petros in a preliminary round match and then topped Oshkosh North's Madrona Larson-Poeschl in the seventh-place match.

Oshkosh North's top finishing flight was the No. 1 doubles team of Liv Borowitz and Rica Hanson, who placed fifth in their flight. The duo lost in the quarterfinals but

bounced back with a straight set win over Hailey Berndt and Lucy Endres of Appleton East in the consolation semifinals and then beat Karlee Dobkoski and Ruby Heller of Hortonville in the fifth-place match.

Lilli Ames and Olivia Baer added a sixth-place finish at No. 2 doubles, which included a win in the preliminary round over Fond du Lac's Mya Ziebert and Savannah Kaiser and a forfeit win in the consolation semifinals.

Anna Lyngen was the top finisher among the North singles players, beating Chloe Chen of Fond du Lac in straight sets in the seventh-place match. Larson-Poeschl at the No. 1 flight, Myranda King at the No. 2 flight and Keegan Rees at the No. 3 flight all finished in eighth place.

The Spartans finished ninth overall at the tournament, just one point behind Appleton East and three behind Fond du Lac.

Neenah captured its 14th straight conference title, winning titles at every flight.

CROSS COUNTRY

West girls take second at night race

Abby Tercha and Hayllie Hullar gave Oshkosh West two finishers in the top 10 as the Wildcats finished a close second in the Division 1 field at the Nightfall Classic held last Friday at Tuscumbia Golf Course.

West totaled 88 points in the meet to finish just seven behind Waunakee in the Division 1 girls standings.

Tercha led the way for West by placing

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driving to get on the scoreboard.

"It was big. Our defense has been playing well all season and it was cool to get that big stop," Ray said. "It doesn't matter where the ball is, what the down is, what the situation is, we have a saying on defense where we say just put the ball down and we will go play."

The defense also came up big in the second half when a failed fake punt gave the Patriots the ball at the Wildcats' 20-yard line.

But West only surrendered three yards on three plays and Joey Ware got a hand on the Patriots' 34-yard field goal attempt as the Wildcats maintained the 14-7 lead.

Marten then took over on the Wildcats' next possession, gaining 55 yards on four consecutive running plays to move West to the Patriots' 25-yard line. After two plays off to rest, Marten picked up a first down on a third-and-1 carry and then had another short run before Abitz scrambled into the end zone for the score.

"They always say a good o-line makes a good running back and he had some great holes," Ray said. "With his great vision and with how hard he works it was a great drive."

It was the final home game of the season for West, who will play its final two contests on the road. The Wildcats will be at Hortonville on Friday before closing out the regular season at Fond du Lac the following week.



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fourth overall, while Hullar grabbed an eighth-place finish in the race.

Coraline Strebelinski was close behind in 13th place, while the Wildcats’ scoring runners were rounded by Gwen Liptow in 29th place and Ellie Trebiatowski in 34th place.

For the boys, Dominic Moore led the Wildcats with a 19th-place finish. Juan Collins was next to finish in 27th place followed by Arjen Karns in 40th place, Owen Moon in 100th place and James Schiek in 102nd place.

The Wildcats finished 12th among the 16 Division 1 teams.

Hayes, Clark lead Spartan girls

Tianna Hayes and Adri Clark each finished in the top 10 as the Spartans placed fourth overall at the Fond du Lac Memorial Invitational held last Thursday.

Hayes was eighth and Clark took ninth to lead North, which edged Fond du Lac by two points to take fourth in the nine-team meet.

Allison Cummings was the next Spartan finisher in 23rd, followed by Nahla Whitley in 32nd and Gabi Pereira da Silva in 44th.

The North boys, who finished eighth overall, got a fifth-place finish from Jay Weber to lead the way.

Mason Gumz finished in 21st place and Reid Anderson was 42nd for the Spartans, while Blake Ludwig and Campbell Harrison rounded out the scoring runners in 46th and 57th place, respectively.

Warriors take seventh, ninth at Rosholt

The Valley Christian girls placed seventh overall while the boys took ninth at the Rosholt Invitational.

Mya Moran led the Warrior girls by placing 10th overall, with McKenzie Murphy finishing close behind in 17th. Kendra Sandahl came in 44th with Madaline Weiss taking 61st and Evangeline Bratton Wesner finishing in 73rd.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North’s Gerome Mtabi (11) fends off Oshkosh West’s Gael Bolanos (22) for control of the ball in last Tuesday’s match between the two rival schools. The Wildcats edged the Spartans, 2-1.

The Valley Christian boys finished ninth overall with Jonah Menet leading the team in 19th place, followed by Jack O’Brien in 24th. Silas Johnson and Zachary Wener were 50th and 53rd, respectively, and Joshua Sandahl in 77th place.

VOLLEYBALL

West can’t hold off Kimberly rally

The Wildcats took a 2-1 set lead in its Fox Valley Association match at Kimberly last Thursday but the Papermakers rallied to collect a 21-25, 25-19, 19-25, 25-16, 15-9 win over West.

Sydnee Nelson finished with 21 kills to lead three West hitters in double digits. Emma Liebergen finished with 16 and Kayana Turner chipped in 10 for the Wildcats. MaKaelyn Clark totaled 38 assists.

West had a strong serving night totaling 10 aces in the match, with Nelson and Liebergen each totaling three.

Addie Benesh posted three blocks to lead the Wildcats, while Nelson had a team-high 21 digs, followed by Elaina Butz with 16 and Clark with 12.

Valley Christian splits pair of matches

The Warriors knocked off Dodgeham 25-17, 25-14, 25-16 in a Trailways Conference match last Thursday after falling to Sheboygan Christian earlier in the week.

Anna Giannopoulos totaled 10 kills to lead the Warriors, while Laila Gostas-Sims, Brielle Birr and Lizzie Fink each had five. Lydia Hardy and Birr finished with 11 and 10 assists, respectively, in the match.

Giannopoulos also led the Warriors with five aces in the match, while Gostas-Sims and Fink each had four. Gostas-Sims also led the team with 15 digs, while Ellie Demler added nine.

Against Sheboygan Christian, Giannopoulos finished with 16 kills and 11

digs for the Warriors, who lost 25-18, 25-23, 25-21.

Hardy totaled 14 assists, while Birr had 12 and Demler led the Warriors with 15 digs.

Knights collect victory over Horicon

Anika Leitch and Naomi Liabwill each posted 14 kills as Lourdes Academy downed Horicon in four sets last Thursday, 25-16, 25-18, 26-28, 25-22.

Allie Schaefer also finished with double-digit kills with 10, while Claire Lowe chipped in eight. Celia Ralofsky totaled 41 assists in the match.

Libby Guerrero led a strong defensive effort with 31 digs, while Kylie Reitz had 17 and Aubrey Schettle finished with 13. Liabwill totaled three blocks to lead the Knights.

North posts pair of wins at home tourney

The Spartans swept a pair of sets from Green Bay NEW Lutheran and topped Laconia in three sets at the Oshkosh North Invitational over the week.

North was also swept by Peshtigo at the tournament.

The Spartans also fell in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday to Appleton North, 25-18, 25-10, 25-16.

SOCCER

Wildcats edge Spartans in crosstown tussle

Oshkosh West picked up a win over Oshkosh North, 2-1, in a Fox Valley Association match between the rival schools last week.

North’s goal came from Gerome Mtabi, while Espoire Amisi finished with four saves in goal for the Spartans.

No information was available from Oshkosh West.

The Wildcats also dropped a 4-3 nonconference contest to Hartford last Thursday.

SWIMMING

Perzentka posts pair of wins in dual meet

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy’s Addison Perzentka won two individual events in a Fox Valley Association dual meet loss to Neenah last week.

Perzentka placed first in the 100-yard backstroke and teamed with Teya Zinth to post a 1-2 finish in the 200-yard individual medley for North/Lourdes.

Ashlynn Anderson added a pair of second-place finishes for the Spartans in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle, while Zoe Fiser was second in the 200-yard freestyle.

North/Lourdes also finished second in all three relay events.

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Judith Ann Jorgensen

Judith Ann Jorgensen, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and devoted friend, passed away on September 30, 2025, at the age of 81. Born on April 16, 1944, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Judith was a vibrant soul whose laughter and love filled every room she entered. She called Oshkosh home for most of her life, where she dedicated herself to her family and cherished every moment with them.

Judy was known for her joyful spirit and her love of life. She adored dancing with her husband, Ken, especially to the lively tunes of the '50s, creating memories that will last forever. Her favorite pastime was playing Yahtzee, where her competitive side truly came alive. As a grandmother, her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her favorite title was simply "Grandma." She delighted in watching musicals and finding any chance to be with her loved ones, laughing and making memories together.

Judy is survived by her son Kevin (Tricia) Jorgensen; daughter, Rhonda



(Darrin) Krueger; grandchildren, Tabatha(Shane), Ryan (Katelund), Tyler, Tanner; great-grandchildren, Camden, John, Liam, Theo, Charlie, Gunner, Lilly; sisters, Mary Hager, Cheryl Johnston; brothers, Mike (Gloria), Paul (Julie), John, Gene (Sandy), and Daryl (Paula) Tavernie. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Carlton and Emma Jean Tavernie; husband Kenneth; sister, Sally Wheaton; brothers, Dale and Richard Tavernie.

Judith's family and friends will gather to celebrate her life and the joy she brought to so many. A visitation will be held at Lake View Memorial Park on October 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 3:00 PM. We invite those who knew and loved Judith to join us in honoring her spirit, sharing stories, and finding comfort in one another's company.

Though Judith has left this world, her warmth and laughter will resonate in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her. She may be gone, but her legacy of love and joy will forever shine brightly in our lives.

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Verna A. Schumacher

Verna A. Schumacher, age 88 of Oshkosh, passed away on October 3, 2025 at The Residence of Oshkosh. She was born on July 7, 1937 to the late John and Lucille Gustmiedl.

She first married Donald Freeman, with whom she raised two sons. Later in life, she married Donald Schumacher, who passed just a month before her on September 6, 2025.

Verna dedicated much of her life to working as a caretaker in various nursing facilities, where she touched many lives with her kindness and compassion. She had a flair for finding treasures at rummage sales, had a heart full of love for her pets (especially her German Shepherd), and was known for her beautiful flower gardens. Christmas was a particularly magical time for her, and she cherished



the opportunity to gather with family and friends during the holiday season.

Verna is survived by her son, Steven Freeman; her grandchildren, Derek and Kayleen Freeman; and her sister, Juleen (Jim) Groff; stepson, Don (Annette) Schumacher. She is further survived by nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald Schumacher, her son Gerald "Jerry" Freeman, and her brothers Arlin and Lloyd Gustmiedl.

A private service will take place at Lake View Memorial Park to celebrate Verna's life.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible staff at The Residence of Oshkosh- Building One, especially nurse Lisa, as well as to Heartland Hospice, particularly Deb and Chaplain Leslie. To all the countless others who assisted Verna, your care and compassion were deeply appreciated.

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Richard J. Paulsen

On Monday, September 15, Richard J. Paulsen passed away peacefully with his family and close friends by his side, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Heaven gained an incredible angel that day. Richard was born on September 11, 1955, in Oshkosh, WI, to Robert W. (Bob) Paulsen and Marion D. (Kolodzik) Paulsen.



Visitation will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, service to follow at 12:00pm. His final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI.

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Barbara Jean Kuenzi

Barbara Jean Kuenzi passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. She was 90 years old.

Barbara was born in Chippewa Falls on November 19, 1934 to Daniel and Margaret (Lippert) Mitchell. She met Norbert Kuenzi in 1959 after being set up on a blind date. The two quickly fell in love and were married on February 27, 1960, when Norbert was working as a high school teacher in Clinton, Wisconsin and Barbara as a medical technician. They were happily married for sixty-five years and together raised five children.

Barbara loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, whether on camping trips, hikes at Hartman Creek State Park, summer days on Stratton Lake, or cozy gatherings at home. She had a special place in her heart for her "grand dogs" and was known to be generous with the canine treats.

Active her entire life, Barbara played tennis until the age of 88 and also enjoyed hiking, running, and bicycling with Norbert on their "bicycle built for two." She loved reading, especially romance novels, and "skunking" family at cribbage games.

Throughout her life, Barbara worked as a lab technician, as well as an office manager at a dental office. She lived in Oshkosh and was an active member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Neenah.



Barbara is survived by her husband of 65 years, Norbert Kuenzi; children, Mike Kuenzi, Dan Kuenzi, Amy (Kevin Ball) Kuenzi, Peter (Scott Mueller) Kuenzi, and Angie (Dan) Sullivan; grandchildren, Cassandra (Jared) Terfehr, Daniel and Brett Kuenzi, Caleigh Lowther, Cooper Juedes, Tara Kuenzi-Gilboy, Garrett and Brent (Melissa) Kuenzi, Hannah (Brian) Beaudou, Calvin Ball, Brian, Owen and Bridget Sullivan; great-grandchildren, Braxton, Barrett, Millie, Jo, Bennett, Samantha, Cora, Cameron, and Logan; siblings, Greg (Marlys) Mitchell, Sandra (Charles) Grohman, and Danielle Babbitt.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Margaret Mitchell, mother-and-father-in-law, Nicholas and Louella Kuenzi, as well as her sister-in-law, Shirley Dearth, and brother-in-law, Orland (Donnalee) Kuenzi.

A memorial Mass for Barbara will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 620 Division St, Neenah, WI 54956 on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm officiated by Fr. Nonito Barra. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 am until the time of the Mass. Private inurnment will be held at Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of the Aurora Medical Center Intensive Care Unit as well as Aurora Home Hospice. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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Terrance L. Loker

Terrance "Terry" L. Loker, age 73, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on September 30, 2025.

Terry was born on November 15, 1951, son of the Lester and Joyce (Rolph) Loker. He graduated from Mineral Point High School and attended UW-Platteville, where

he received his degree in Criminal Justice. Terry served as a patrolman for 30 years with the Oshkosh Police Department including time on the SWAT team. He married Paula Curtis (King) on October 26, 1991.

Terry was an avid sports fan – his favorites being the Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, and Milwaukee Brewers; rarely missing a televised game. His family and friends were always a big priority in his life. Terry especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and watching



them grow. He liked playing Euchre with whoever would play with him (especially when he won). His canine companions over the years brought him much joy.

Terry is survived by his wife, Paula; stepsons, Ryan (Lisa) Curtis, and Joe (Melissa) Curtis; grandchildren, Jacob and Kristin; siblings, Ron, Mark (Nancy), Dave, and Julie; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Pam; brother, Dan; and nephew, Eric.

A celebration of life will be held for Terry on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a service to begin at 12:00 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Please participate with us by wearing your favorite "Wisconsin" sports team apparel. In lieu of flowers a memorial (yet to be determined) will be established.

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Obituaries

Sister Mary Charleen Weiler

Sister Mary Charleen Weiler, age 86, passed into the arms of our loving God



on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sister Charleen, born December 2, 1938, in Athens, Wisconsin, was named and baptized Romilda

Ann. She was the second youngest of nine children born to Clem and Mary Weiler along with five brothers (Raywood, Gerald, Edgar, Vernon and Gordon) and two sisters (Bernice and Elaine). Four years later, another sister, Julitta, would be welcomed into the family.

In 1943, Romilda Ann's parents moved to a home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, only a few miles from Mother of Sorrows Convent. She became acquainted with the Sis-

ters of the Sorrowful Mother at the Mother of Perpetual Help School in Milwaukee, where they were her teachers. Sister Charleen noted that in considering the choice of a religious community, she was especially attracted by the SSMs spirit of simplicity. She often ran errands for the Sisters and loved to join them in singing the early morning mass. Sister Regis Keiter was her ninth-grade teacher and later her mistress as a novice. Sister Jeanine Retzer and Sister Roseann Koskie were both classmates at Mother of Perpetual Help School.

In September 1953, Romilda Ann entered the Aspirancy at Mother of Sorrows Convent, Milwaukee; where she completed three more years of high school and two years of college. In July 1969, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree (English and History) from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. Sister Charleen was invested at Mother of Sorrows Convent on August 12, 1956, taking the name of Sister Mary Charleen Weiler. She professed her first

vows in 1958 and final vows in 1963. Sister Charleen will be remembered for her ministries as a teacher since 1958 teaching youth in grades 6-7-8 in Catholic Parish Grade Schools, "a fulfillment of my heart's desire for as long as I can recall." Her brother Gordon stated: "Sister was born with a piece of chalk in her hand." She taught in the following schools: St. Francis de Sales, Lake Geneva, WI (1958-1963), St. Cecilia, Thiensville, WI (1963-1965), St. Patrick's, Estherville, IA (1965-1966), St. Theresa, Eagle River, WI (principal and teacher 1966-1968), St. Olaf's, Eau Claire, WI (1969-1979), St. Cecilia, Thiensville, WI (1979-1980), St. Stephen's, Milwaukee, WI (1980-1981), Mother of Perpetual Help, Milwaukee, WI (1981-1992; 1993-1998) and St. Pius X, Wauwatosa, WI (1998-2011).

Sister Charleen had another passion in life, the development of her gift of music. She had the privilege of studying music under the patient tutoring of Sister Carmelina Koller who taught her to play the piano and organ. It was with joy that she was able to have children's choirs in the schools where she taught from 1958-1980. After teaching herself the guitar and string bass, she enjoyed having the folk choir at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Anne's Home for the Elderly and with the Franciscan Chords under the direction of Sister Michel Malolepsy. Another musical endeavor happened in her life in 1986 when a group of SSM sisters in the Milwaukee area formed a band which they named the SSM Upbeats. They played instruments and sang to entertain the sisters at the motherhouse in Milwaukee and then in Oshkosh. Sister Charleen coor-

minated the efforts, played the string bass and sang with Sister Lucille Flores. Some of Sister Charleen's hobbies were reading, visiting with friends and family, walking, praying, crocheting small towels to give as gifts, watching TV and of course, singing. Sister Charleen is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Bernice Boxrucker and Julitta Griffin, and her brothers Ray, Gerald, Edgar and Vernon. She is survived by her sister Elaine Gross and her brother Gordon Weiler. Homecoming will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at SSM Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8th, followed by burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Oshkosh. Father Jim Shea, S.J., will be the presider.

Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

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Patricia Mae Rockow



Patricia Mae Rockow, age 75, passed away on September 23, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born on October 1, 1949, in WI. Seefeld Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Ethel Marie Gerrits

Ethel Marie Gerrits (Holman), 88, dearest mother and wife, passed away on October 3, 2025. Born on January 12, 1937 in Valverde, Kansas, Marie's love and devotion to her family were unsurpassed.



Marie was a seamstress, baker, and crafter, making wonderful creations for family and friends throughout her life. She gardened, played cards, and loved watching baseball. She

also enjoyed many yearly road and camping trips with her family to visit relatives and favorite spots.

Marie is survived by her husband of 58 years, Raymond, her children Pamela and Richard, brothers and sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother.

She will be greatly missed, yet always in our hearts.

A private service will be held by her family.

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Obituaries

Robert E. Williams

Robert “Bobby” E. Williams Jr., age 81, passed away peacefully listening to his favorite country tunes on September 26, 2025, 3 days before his 82nd birthday, at Aurora Medical center.

Bobby was born on September 29, 1943, son of the late Robert Williams Sr. and Frances (Matson) Mientke-Williams. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1961. Bobby’s first job was setting pins at Ralph Lanes and AC Duce. He held various jobs throughout his life, including Victorlight Candle Co., Mavel Equipment Co., and Stelzner Manufacturing, where he retired from after 30 years. His favorite and most notable job was roofing with Bob Williams Roofing and Siding. Bobby met his soon to be wife, Gwen Peters, on a blind double date on December 1st, 1962, that was set up by her cousin/sister, Lynn. His sense of humor reeled her in. Bobby and Gwen were married by the following September 29, 1963.

Bobby was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who always put everyone before himself. He cherished spending time with his family and friends, especially his wife and daughters, Michelle and Tammy (his little girls). They were always welcome and he always sent them off saying, “If you can’t sleep, come on back.” Although he hated flying, he enjoyed a good adventure. Some of his favorite adventures were out west to Arizona, Las Vegas, and Mexico. He was even convinced to take a cruise to Alaska. He enjoyed his annual trips to Door

William James Clark

Born in Neenah, Wisconsin, 10/23/1938. Died peacefully at home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 9/10/2025.



Son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend. The world lost a good man. He was kind and caring, and had a great sense of humor and a wonderful laugh. He was empathetic and wanted the world to be a better place. He had a love of history. He was a voracious reader. He was a teacher and a scholar. He was a car and golf enthusiast. He loved Menominee Park, where he spent hours and hours playing catch and hanging out as a boy. He loved his time in Crawford, Colorado where he and Charlotte spent 12 of their retirement years. He loved playing at the casinos. He spent numerous hours exploring North America on his motorcycles, often with Charlotte as his companion. He taught middle school and high school in Greeley, Colorado and Roseville, Minnesota, where he positively impacted the lives of thousands of young

County for the past 10 years.

In his younger years, he enjoyed goose and deer hunting, fishing, and trap shooting at the local trap club, Fox Valley Trap. In his more recent years he enjoyed playing Yahtzee with his family and watching the Game Show Network with his wife and cats. He looked forward to going to Wedgewood every Thursday to spend time with his close friends.

Bobby is survived by his wife of 62 years (just shy of 62 years by 3 days), Gwen Williams; daughters, Michelle (Douglas) Nigl and Tammy (William) Norton; grandchildren, Tashia (Jacob) Johnson, Krissy (fiancé, Luke Micalski) Bill (Rie) Norton, Josh (Yuta) Nigl, Jake Nigl, and Jay Nigl; great-grandchildren, Lily, Emily, and Mina Norton, Bray Wright, Madisen Frank, Jackson Micalski; sister, Joyce (William) Freiberg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, James (Nancy) Mientkel; sister, Donna (Arleigh) Schroder; sister-in-law, Shirely (David, Boots) Staerker.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Aurora Medical Center, who were very accommodating. As well as to Tracy, Lyle, and Wayne at Wedgewood for always making sure Bobby was well taken care of.

A funeral service for Bobby will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, at 12.00 pm. A visitation will begin at 10:00 am and continue until the start of the service. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.



people and made lifelong friends, including Steve (Roxy), Barb, Earl (Carole), and Denny (Marty). He was a whistler and a singer and a fan of music. He held his family close to his heart. He was many things. His son was known to say he “won the parent lottery.”

Bill is deeply missed by his wife of 64 years Charlotte (Mentink) Clark; son Cory (Annette); daughter Jennifer (Chad Nodland), grandsons Adam and Asher; brother Bruce and sister Donna; nieces and nephews; brother-in-law David; sisters-in-law Shirley and Janice; and wonderful neighbors Grant and Gretchen Withers.

Bill’s biggest regret would probably be not spending his latter years with a dog by his side. His energy lives on in the stars.

The family warmly thanks Lions in Larsen and all the caretakers at Aurora At-Home Hospice, Aurora St. Lukes and Oshkosh Hospitals, and Ascension Mercy Rehab and Eden Meadows Rehab. Any memorial can be made in Bill’s name to your local hospice program, Lions, or animal shelter.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY Case No. 25CV782 Code No. 30301

Capital Credit Union Plaintiff, v. Janei Rice Defendant.

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Dated this 16th day of September 2025. Bates Legal Group, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates Justin J. Bates State Bar No. 1066128 PO Box 1473 Wausau, WI 54402-1473 (715) 843-5599

Runs: September 24, 2025, October 1, 2025 and October 8, 2025

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE

NAME CHANGE OF: Eric Jordan Hainstock By (Petitioner) Eric Jordan Hainstock

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 25CV889

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: First – Eric Middle – Jordan Last – Hainstock To: First – Erica Middle – Rizzo Last – Hainstock

Birth Certificate: First – Eric Middle – Jordan Last – Hainstock

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

Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, Room 531, 5th Floor, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: November 5, 2025 Time: 11:00 a.m.

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: September 16, 2025 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6 Runs: October 8, 2025, October 15, 2025 and October 22, 2025.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY Case No. 25PR254

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Karen A. Hunter

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informational administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/04/1943 and date of death 08/11/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 905 Powers Street., Oshkosh, WI 54901.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 6, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

DATE SIGNED: September 30, 2025

Form completed by: Attorney Nathan P. Olson Address OLSON LEGAL GROUP, LLC 21 W. New York Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone 920-230-7020 Bar Number 1059348

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Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Can you solve the mystery and figure out what animal I am? Use the clues at left to help you.



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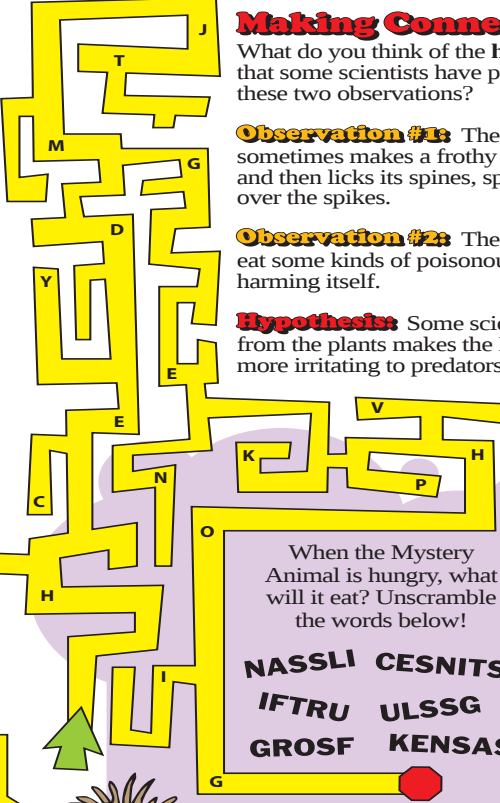
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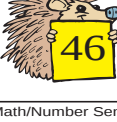
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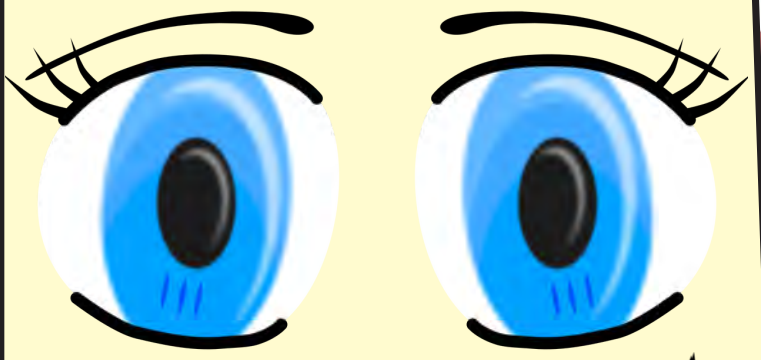
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- Today's Mystery Animal lived 15 millions years ago.
☐ True ☐ False
- The Mystery Animal eats

and _____.
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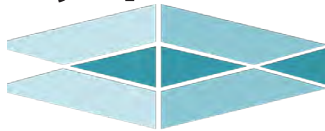
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