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Mugerauer will not seek another term as mayor

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Oshkosh voters will elect a new mayor in April 2027.



Mugerauer

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said Friday he will not be seeking a third term as Oshkosh's mayor.

"It's been my plan for quite some time that I would not be running for reelection and that this will be my final term on the common council," Mugerauer said.

He was first elected in 2023 and reelected in 2025.

Mugerauer first won a seat on the Oshkosh Common Council in April 2018. He was reelected twice in 2020 and 2022.

District unveils new SRO agreement

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District has a new agreement with the Oshkosh Police Department for school resource officers in schools across the city.

The new memorandum of understanding between the police department and OASD states the district will have six SROs throughout the city. There will be an SRO at both high schools and at each of the four middle schools. The SROs will also provide intermittent coverage at elementary schools in Oshkosh and at pri-

vate and parochial schools.

The three-year agreement will cost the district \$930,000 over the lifetime of the contract. It was signed on July 10 by OASD Superintendent Bryan Davis and Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith. The city and district will continue to split the cost for the SROs as was the policy under the previous MOU.

Board member Beth Wyman asked why the district and city are paying for OPD officers in schools that are not associated with the OASD. She said it's also unclear why those schools are not paying for the

SRO coverage.

"Why are we doing that for the parochial schools?" Wyman asked.

OASD assistant superintendent of operations Brian Yerkey said it helps the district with funding because it comes from the community fund rather than the district's general fund. "It won't disrupt from the work we do with our schools," Yerkey said.

The district's community service fund is used to support adult education and com-

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Haliburton thrives being back home

NBA star relishes time spent in Oshkosh

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

An all-pro NBA career has taken Tyrese Haliburton out of Oshkosh.

But with all of the success the Oshkosh North alum has experienced on basketball courts around the world, his hometown still holds a special place in his heart.

Haliburton was back in Oshkosh last week and hosted a free kids camp inside the Frank Schade Fieldhouse – the third straight year he has put on the event, which welcomed about 150 campers for a full Friday morning of basketball skills and drills.

And the all-star from the Indiana Pacers and Olympic gold medalist wasn't there just to say a few words and take a few pictures. He spent the camp interacting with the campers and even competing against them in different contests.

"All of these kids are going through the same things I went through when I was growing up – walking the same streets, eating at the same restaurants, having the same teachers," Haliburton said in a press conference at the event. "Having conversations with them where we can relate to each other on so many different things, it's special."

Haliburton said he was a regular participant at the basketball camps held inside the fieldhouse at Oshkosh North when he was growing up, before starring for the Spartans and leading North to a WIAA Division 1 state title as a senior.

He maintains a lot of memories from those early days and hopes that his interacting with the next generation of Oshkosh basketball players will be something special.

"I just want to give these kids experiences I didn't necessarily have," Haliburton said.

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Tyrese Haliburton congratulates a camper during Friday's CareSource Impact Camp held at the Frank Schade Fieldhouse.

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Attendance continues increasing for music festival

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XRoads41 Music Festival wrapped its third annual celebration in Oshkosh with a record-setting 66,543 attendees across three days, marking the largest attendance in the festival’s history and another major milestone for the growing music event produced by Oshkosh Festivals, LLC.

XRoads41 featured its biggest lineup to date on Aug. 6-8, with 29 artist performances across three stages featuring



Photo by Michael Cooney

High-energy mix

Chicago-based family musician Leonardo took over Opera House Square Aug. 12 for a noon children’s concert as part of the summer’s Music on Main series. Leonardo is a Parents’ Choice Award-winning family musician who performs across the country with his electric orange guitar and a high-energy mix of music and humor aimed at young audiences. Music on Main continues with performances at 5:30 p.m. today and Aug. 26 at Opera House Square.

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The XRoads41 weekend extended into a new chapter with the inaugural XRoads41 Rock Detour, a one-day rock festival held the day after the main festival wrapped. Rock Detour featured 11 artists, including Breaking Benjamin, Daughtry, Memphis May Fire, Dorothy, Drowning Pool, Atreyu and Saliva.

The debut event drew 3,500 attendees. Festival organizers are expected to announce plans for the future of Rock Detour in the coming weeks.

XRoads41 will take place on Aug. 12-14, 2027. The first 2027 headliner announcement is expected to be made later this month.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

August 15, 1911

New Monument Placed: Col. John Hicks gifted to this city a historic monument honoring General George Washington. One of the finest art treasures of which this city is to be proud is a monument to “the Father of his Country” situated near the bank of the inner lagoon in Menominee Park. The statue of the first great American is a bronze replica of the original white marble statue made of Washington by the famous French sculptor, Jean Antoine Houdon. Miss Charlotte Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CC Chase and granddaughter of Mrs. Edgar P. Sawyer, pulled the cord which brought the monument forth from the concealing folds of cloth. The statue of Washington is life-size. Brandishing the uniform of a general from the Continental Army, he stands bareheaded with his right hand resting on a cane, his left upon a pillar. The pedestal of the monument was designed and cut by H.F. Wenrich of Oshkosh at a cost of \$5,000.

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Dream comes true for new owners of historic restaurant

By Zachary Bellin
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In search of a more residential location to host their dreams of owning a restaurant together, Deziree “Dez” Torres and Matt Carlyle landed on becoming the new owners of Jansen’s Corner Table.

“It’s fun serving people,” Torres said. “You never know what the people you’re serving are going through in life or throughout their week, so it’s nice to be able to talk to them and to make them smile and laugh.”

Carlyle, the head chef at Jansen’s, said that no matter who you are, the staff in the front is going to treat you the same way they treat everybody else, which is like family.

“Dez and the rest of the staff are great in the front,” Carlyle said. “I try to come out of the kitchen when I can, to say hi to people, but they’ll get to know you and you’ll get to know us.”

That experience is just an attribution to the welcoming and comfortable environment the couple aim to provide at Jansen’s, which is located at 344 Bowen St.

“We’re not here to make a million dollars and rob the community,” Carlyle said. “We’re here to be a part of it and hopefully be here for a long time. We want everyone to come in here and feel comfortable and be able to afford it.”

As they find their footing within the neighborhood and as new owners of the restaurant that’s been in operation since the 1970’s, the couple has already established connections strong enough to have been offered vegetables from neighboring gardens.

The restaurant itself offers what they call classically prepared comfort food,



Deziree “Dez” Torres and her fiancé, Matt Carlyle are the new owners of Jansen’s Corner Table, which has a history dating back to the 1890’s in Oshkosh.

hand-crafted cocktails and a Friday Fish Fry that comes with house-made sides and dressings.

Carlyle holds pride in the fact that Jansen’s serves made-to-order meals, with nothing being pre-made and said that customers may find prices higher than other places, which is because they’re not buying the cheapest meat they can find.

Currently, the restaurant operates as a first-come, first-serve business and is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Before owning and operating Jansen’s Corner Table, Carlyle owned and was the head chef at two different restaurants in Stevens Point, those being Old 10 Bistro and Shallow Waters. At Shallow Waters, the couple met through a mutual co-worker and immediately hit it off, thanks to his cooking amongst other things.

“Matt was so kind and had a genuine smile, so I could see this was more than just a job for him,” Torres said.

After the introduction, Carlyle asked Torres out on a date, and now they are engaged. Eventually the two began working together at Shallow Waters, operating in a similar way as they do now.

According to Torres, as the two grew

closer as partners both professionally and personally, they decided to start searching for a more residential location.

“It would be a restaurant that we could build together and call ours,” Torres said. “We’ve always made a great team, and we knew we’d always be in the restaurant industry. So we figured, why not do it together.”

The couple encourages people to visit them at Jansen’s Corner Table to see how they’ve moved the long-time neighborhood establishment forward into its new era while still showing respect to the previous.



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Discover Oshkosh adding more murals to riverwalk

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh is adding a pair of murals as the summer wraps up with plans for more across the city.

One of the new murals is a partnership with Discover Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical College. Muralist Nick Goettling is hoping the mural is completed in the next few weeks, but right now he's enjoying the process of creating it at the school's riverside campus.

"It's a beautiful space," Goettling said. "Sometimes I'm working in a parking lot but this is wonderful. There's the river and talking with people using the riverwalk, it's great."

Goettling explained the idea behind the mural is something that can be enjoyed from whatever angle somebody sees it at.

"You never know how people are going to see the mural," Goettling said. "We know some people will be seeing it from the river, some from the bridge and some from the riverwalk."

At the one end of the mural is a fox head that blends into the winding river. Along the river will be small educational vignettes to showcase the opportunities at FVTC.

FVTC surgical technology students came out Thursday to help Goettling with painting the river that will flow through the mural. They were supplied with paint, a brush and told to start painting the river.

Goettling is based out of Tacoma, Washington, but this is not his first time creating a mural in Wisconsin. He recently painted a mural in Princeton and in 2017 he created a mural for the Point Brewery



Fox Valley Technical College students helped muralist Nick Goettling (right) with some of the painting on the mural that is on the side school's Riverside Campus along the Oshkosh Riverwalk.

in Stevens Point for the company's 160th anniversary.

"I've been very impressed with the public art I've seen in Oshkosh," Goettling said. "It's great to see so much support in the community."

Discover Oshkosh marketing coordinator Anna Murphy-Pociask said the mural is part of the riverwalk activation project.

"We've been recruiting muralists to help bring the riverwalk to life," she said.

Murphy-Pociask said they plan on put-

ting more than 10 murals across the city. These include a mural currently being created at Greene's Pour House at the Granary and future projects that include a mural

Sawdust District focuses on forgotten local history chapter

The second mural in Discover Oshkosh's 2026 Riverwalk public art series "Mill Madonnas" is a new work by the team at Yonder that has been installed on the back of Greene's Pour House at the Granary.

The mural celebrates the women of Oshkosh's lumber era, particularly the working-class and immigrant women whose stories have largely disappeared from the city's telling of its industrial past.

"Oshkosh told its own story in the language of the men who owned the mills: Paine, Sawyer, Buckstaff, McMillen. Forty-seven sawmills by 1874. A river so full of white pine you couldn't row a boat through it," writes artist LaBonte in her statement about the project. "But the city that burned five times and rebuilt itself every time was held together by the people that story leaves out, the women of the Sixth Ward and Polonia."

The central figure in Mill Madonnas will be a monumental woman surrounded by imagery drawn from Oshkosh's lumber and working-class history. A crown of branching pine references the forests that fueled the city's growth. A child rests against her, a raven keeps watch nearby, and mills stretch across the landscape behind her.

The work is particularly inspired by the women of the 1898 Oshkosh Woodworkers' Strike, one of the most dramatic episodes in the city's labor history.

Historian Virginia Glenn Crane documented how immigrant working-class women became organizers, demonstrators and political actors during the strike, challenging both mill owners and the expectations placed on women at the end of the 19th century. Women from Oshkosh's Sixth Ward were among those who organized demonstrations at mills throughout the city, with figures including Lizzie Hando, Caroline Pomerening and Emma Kunzendorff emerging as leaders.

The strike ultimately failed to produce the changes workers sought. Seventeen-year-old Jimmie Morris was killed during the unrest, and Crane later wrote that Hando and



The FVTC mural features a fox head blending into a winding river.

on the Convention Center skywalk.

Other future mural locations include the retaining wall on Pioneer Island and on the Mercury Marine retaining wall.

Discover Oshkosh has been partnering with Oshkosh organizations like FVTC to put up public art in the city.

The new murals in Oshkosh began last year with the "largest mural in Wisconsin" that's on the back wall of the Cummins plant facing the Fox River. There is also the Kolf Center mural, which was a partnership between Discover Oshkosh and UW-Oshkosh.

More information on Discover Oshkosh's Riverwalk Activation project can be found online at visitoshkosh.com/placemaking.



Artist David Carpenter of Yonder in Algoma was at work last week bringing a piece of Oshkosh history to life with a new downtown mural, "Madonna of the Mills."

the other women who led the movement "gained nothing from their moment of heroic struggle, and all died in obscurity."

More than a century later, Mill Madonnas will give that history a highly visible marker in the neighborhood where much of it unfolded.

"We see these placemaking projects as an accessible way for residents and visitors to engage with Oshkosh's story," said Amy Albright, director of Discover Oshkosh. "We hope, in stumbling across these beautiful murals, we will spike people's curiosity and invite them to learn more about our city and its history."

The mural's location is also intentional. The Riverwalk temporarily pulls away from the Fox River near the Granary, moving through the built environment of the Sawdust District before returning to the waterfront. Discover Oshkosh hopes the new installation will create a destination along that stretch while connecting the trail more directly to the history that is defining this growing neighborhood.

Mill Madonnas follows the recently announced mural at Fox Valley Technical College's Riverside Campus by Tacoma artist Nick Goettling. Both are part of Discover Oshkosh's broader effort to add new art, storytelling and destinations along the Oshkosh Riverwalk in 2026. Additional installations will be announced in the coming months.

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Judge dismisses foreclosure lawsuit involving mayor

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A business Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer owns was sued by Nicolet Bank in a civil foreclosure lawsuit that was recently dismissed as he paid a portion of the funds owed back to the bank.

Mugerauer owns and operates the property management company Venture Properties Oshkosh LLC, which launched in 2012. Court documents allege that Mugerauer, doing business as Venture Properties, borrowed over \$1.5 million from Nicolet National Bank over a decade in promissory notes and loans.

Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 6 Judge Daniel Bissett dismissed the case with prejudice, meaning the case is permanently closed and neither party can refile the same charges. This came after the bank asked for the case to be dismissed.

“A real estate venture went through some tough times, as many businesses do from time to time,” Mugerauer said. “In the end, we were able to completely satisfy all parties, and the case has been dismissed.”

The plaintiff, Nicolet Bank, petitioned the judge to dismiss the case. Court documents state Mugerauer had to pay back \$400,000 of the initial loans and pay real estate taxes on the sale of a home to get the case dropped.

“The obligations owed to Nicolet by defendants... has been paid in full,” the motion to dismiss stated.

The lawsuit was filed on Jan. 2, 2025. The summons and complaint in the case outlined the over \$1.5 million in loans and promissory notes going back to April 2015. The complaint outlines this loan and another loan from October 2017 totaling \$620,000 and three promissory notes between March 2022 and October 2024 totaling \$927,471.76.

The promissory notes ranged from over \$722,000 to \$75,000.

A stipulation for entry of judgment outlined the \$400,000 payment to dismiss the case.

The stipulation was filed on Feb. 5, a month after the lawsuit was filed.

Mugerauer did not have an attorney for the case, according to online records, and was represented pro se. The stipulation

stated, “Defendants acknowledge that all allegations set forth in the Plaintiff’s complaint are true and accurate in their entirety and that no valid defense exists with respect to each and every claim set forth in the complaint.”

The promissory notes were through Nicolet Bank and all signed by the same Nicolet commercial banking officer. The loans were through Choice Bank, which was acquired by Nicolet in 2019.

The total for these transactions was \$1,547,471.76. The complaint states Mugerauer still owed \$883,726.87 on the promissory notes, which includes interest and late charges. The complaint does not say how much of the loans were paid back.

City records and court documents show Venture Properties owns five houses in Oshkosh, primarily in the UW-Oshkosh area.

The stipulation, which was signed by Mugerauer, states he needs to repay \$400,000 and pay real estate tax on a home sale on Scott Avenue back to the bank and then the case would be dismissed.

“It is understood and agreed that regardless of the number of sales of proper-

ties owned by the LLC which are subject to a mortgage granted by the LLC to the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff shall receive no less than \$400,000 (minus the funds received by Nicolet from the sale that closed on February 2, 2026) from the Defendants on or before May 31, 2026,” the stipulation outlines.

The properties named in the complaint noted that 518 Scott Ave. sold in January for \$171,707, 500 Scott Ave. sold in March 2026 for \$175,000 and 1119 Wisconsin St. in May 2026 for \$235,000. The sales totaled \$581,707, according to the city property records website.

Other homes that Mugerauer’s company sold greatly diminished in value over the time it owned the homes.

Records show 202 W. Irving Ave. was purchased by Venture Properties in March 2016 for \$226,000 and in February 2022 it was sold for \$112,000. Another property is 1114 Cherry Street, which Venture Properties purchased in November 2017 for \$395,000 and sold in January 2022 for \$245,000. Neither sale was to an individual but to another property management company.

State’s primary winners move onto general election in November

Oshkosh Herald

The state’s primary results are in, and the ballot is set for November.

In last week’s partisan primary election, the race to be the Democratic party’s candidate for governor was almost as close in Winnebago County as it was across the state. Francesca Hong had 717 more votes in the county than David Crowley, according to the unofficial county results released Aug. 12.

However, Crowley won the state by roughly 3,200 votes and will advance to face Republican Tom Tiffany on Nov. 3. Tiffany received President Donald Trump’s endorsement in January and easily won Winnebago County and the statewide race.

Hong and Crowley campaigned in Winnebago County in the days leading up to the election, with Gov. Tony Evers joining Crowley in Oshkosh on Aug. 10.

All results released Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 are unofficial results and need to be certified at the county level during this week’s election canvass.

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz released a statement on election night stating the county was experiencing a server issue that affected how results were reported online. This led to a delay in the results being uploaded online. Each of the 21 municipalities had to physically

bring the ballots to the County Clerk’s office.

“There are no issues at polling locations or with the counting of ballots,” Hintz said. “Voting and ballot counting are proceeded normally. We appreciate your patience as staff work to post results as quickly and accurately as possible.”

The unofficial results were posted at 12:10 a.m. Aug. 12.

In the race for Lieutenant Governor, David Varnum defeated Will Martin across that state on the Republican side. For the Democrats, Sarah Godlewski ran unopposed.

Glenn Grothman ran unopposed on the Republican ticket as he hopes to keep his seat in Congress serving the 6th District. On the Democratic side, Amanda Bell had 445 more votes than Brad Smith in Winnebago County. However, Smith ended up winning the Democratic nomination for the district.

The races for Secretary of State and Attorney General were also on the ballot and now the primary winners will head into November election.

For Attorney General, it will be a rematch of the 2022 race with incumbent Democrat Josh Kaul being challenged by Republican Fond du Lac County District Attorney Eric Toney. Neither had a primary opponent.

In the Secretary of State race, Jay Schro-

eder received the most votes in Winnebago County and the state, so he will be the Republican nominee in November. On the Democratic side, JoCasta Zamarripa ran unopposed.

The final statewide race on the Aug. 11 ballot was for state treasurer. Republican incumbent John Leiber ran unopposed in the primary and will be taking on Democratic candidate Yee Leng Xiong in November. Xiong had 2,885 more votes than

Dylan Helmenstine in Winnebago County.

Two county races on the primary ballot were uncontested. There will be three candidates on the November ballot for Winnebago County Sheriff, Jason Rippl for the Democrats, Darin Rice for the Republicans and Danielle Falesnik is running as an independent. The other race is the Clerk of Courts, and incumbent Democrat Desiree Bongers is running unopposed.

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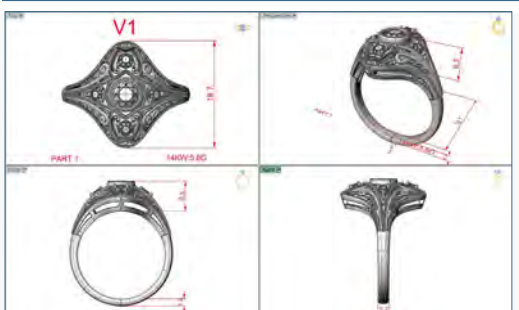
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Business owner hopes to rebuild following fire

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The owner of an Oshkosh business damaged in a fire last week would like to rebuild but doesn't know how long that process might take.

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 9:49 p.m. Aug. 12 at Players Pizza and Pub, 556 W. Fifth Ave. Upon arrival, firefighters observed flames coming from the building's eaves.

Fire crews quickly deployed hose lines and worked to attempt to contain and extinguish the fire. Fire crews ultimately had to deploy two ladder trucks to bring the fire under control and remained on scene for several hours, checking for remaining hot spots and assisting with overhaul operations.

No injuries to occupants, patrons or responding personnel were reported.

Fire investigators are continuing to examine the scene to determine the origin and cause of the fire. Owner Tim Murray said the cause of the fire appeared to be found in a wall, believed to be an electrical connection to the HVAC system.

Murray said the first floor is intact, the roof is exposed for the kitchen and upstairs, but the party and game rooms are intact and the memorabilia on the walls are saved.

"Big part of that ambiance, the bar area will be restored and while it looks like a total loss, it can be saved — the kitchen needs to be replaced, not much can be done in there but that is because of the water damage but it should be replaced in my



Photo from Oshkosh Fire Department

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to a fire Aug. 12 that damaged Players Pizza and Pub. Owner Tim Murray would like to rebuild as parts of the building remain intact, but he doesn't yet know how long it will take to reopen.

view," Murray said. "We were able to save all of the tills and ATM money; we didn't lose any of that. The basement had six feet of water to be pumped out; they estimated over 100,000 gallons of water pumped out."

As for rebuilding, Murray said that will happen, but the time frame can't be estimated now because contractors are busy after last month's tornado in northern Winnebago County and southern Outagamie County.

"It will be better than ever with the same feel and vibe, and I will attempt to pay every employee while the process is moving forward," Murray said. "Amazingly, some restaurants have reached out and offered to hire our people on a temporary basis and not poach our people so we can thrive again and that's what this community is all about."

The Oshkosh Police Department is inves-

tigating a burglary that occurred between 4 and 5:30 a.m. Friday at Players Pizza and Pub. Police asked for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and believe they have identified a potential suspect.

The police department's Criminal Investigation Division is continuing to investigate this incident. Police said business burglaries affect not only the individual business owner, they can disrupt employees, customers and the community as a whole.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700. Those who have information about this incident, but wish to remain anonymous, can contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477 or through the P3 App.

Judge faces new set of allegations

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Judicial Commission has filed a complaint alleging a Winnebago County judge engaged in judicial misconduct.

A three-judge panel, led by Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Jennifer E. Nashold, will decide if Judge Scott C. Woldt will be punished for allegations outlined in the complaint filed earlier this month.

Wisconsin Judicial Commission executive director Jeremiah Van Hecke filed the complaint on Aug. 3 outlining multiple allegations about Woldt engaging in judicial misconduct.

The complaint outlines an incident during an interview on LifeTV in Oshkosh when Woldt said, "I deal with society's garbage." Woldt went on to agree with the interviewer that his job was that of a sanitation engineer.

The interview was broadcast before the 2023 election. Woldt was running for reelection against attorney Lakiesha Haase. Another allegation revolves around Woldt confronting area attorneys about their support of Haase during the campaign.

On April 25, 2023, Woldt attended a "happy hour" at an Oshkosh bar and restaurant. Woldt allegedly told one attorney they were not to talk to him after supporting Haase.

Woldt allegedly told another attorney, "This election personally cost me \$28,000; write out a check and we are all good."

Woldt told a third attorney, after he won reelection that he was disappointed they didn't support his reelection.

The complaint continues in a June 2023 incident Woldt asked an expert witness, a Filipino psychiatrist, if they could understand English and if they had any hearing issues.

The witness said no and Woldt allegedly responded, "From now on, when you come into a court of law and the bailiff says all rise, you better get off your butt. Do you understand me?"

Van Hecke concluded that Woldt violated a number of Supreme Court rules. These rules include 60.03(1), which requires judges to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of a judge.

Another rule allegedly violated by Woldt was 60.04(1)(d), which requires judges to treat people they deal with in an official capacity with patience, dignity and courtesy.

The final rule Woldt allegedly violated is 60.05(1), which requires judges to conduct all extra-judicial activities so that they do not cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge or demean the judicial office.

The Supreme Court sanctioned Woldt in 2021 for crude, sarcastic and undignified comments, intemperate remarks and twice displaying a handgun in his courtroom as a "prop."

Woldt received a seven-day unpaid suspension linked to incidents of misconduct between 2009 and 2016.

The incidents included Woldt calling a 13-year-old sexual assault survivor a "so-called victim," while referring to her assailant as a "very smart man" with a low probability of re-offending and also chastising a domestic violence victim for requesting that her assailant be issued a fine and telling her not to contact police.

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The Milwaukee Bucks and Wisconsin Herd, including its mascot Pointer, donated essentials to the Menasha community following the July 27 tornado. It was a joint effort with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Management Department.

Businesses, workers offered support during recovery

Oshkosh Herald

Recovery efforts from the July 27 tornado in northern Winnebago County are shifting from emergency cleanup to taking care of the people and local businesses impacted by the storm.

To support those impacted by the storm, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) has opened a community support form on the Oshkosh Job Center website at oshkoshjobcenter.com.

The online form allows local workers and business owners to share how they have been affected, whether through sudden layoffs or temporary or permanent workplace closures.

“As impacted residents move to the next stage of storm recovery, both employers and employees may find their businesses are either temporarily or permanently closed,” said Anthony Snyder, CEO of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. “We urge anyone facing job loss or operational disruptions to connect with the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board immediately. Our team is fully pre-

pared to provide immediate unemployment guidance, job placement resources and employer support to help our community navigate these next steps.”

Anyone who submits the form will be connected with a local workforce professional. These specialists are ready to offer hands-on guidance for essential recovery services, including unemployment claims, WARN notices, free career training and job seeker services.

Community members are encouraged to fill out the form so local teams can start coordinating personal support immediately and to determine if additional resources are needed to serve dislocated workers and employers in the region. For immediate assistance, reach out to these contacts:

For businesses and employers: Bobbi Miller, FVWDB business solutions manager, at 920-470-0837 or via email at bmillerr@fvwdb.com.

For employees and workers: Forward Service Corporation (FSC) at 920-278-9264 or via email at foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org.

FEMA begins surveying tornado-damaged areas

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Wisconsin Emergency Management visited northern Winnebago County last week conducting preliminary damage assessments of residences and businesses affected by the July 27 tornado.

The damage assessments are an initial step in determining if the area will receive FEMA funds. As crews look through affected areas, they are looking to validate the overall level of damage and help the state determine whether requesting a federal disaster declaration is warranted.

Last week, Gov. Tony Evers requested a FEMA assessment of Outagamie and Winnebago counties.

FEMA teams visited damaged homes and neighborhoods and used information already collected by local and Winnebago County officials.

After the assessment is completed, the state reviews the information and decides whether the damages meet the thresholds to request a federal disaster declaration. If a request is made, FEMA reviews it and a federal decision follows.

Going through the FEMA process is not quick and can take several weeks or longer and there is no guarantee a federal declaration or individual assistance will be approved.

FEMA has different categories for damaged structures:

- Destroyed: Total loss or structurally unsafe

- Major: Significant damage and generally uninhabitable without major repairs
- Minor: Habitable but repairs are needed
- Affected: Cosmetic or limited damage
- Inaccessible: Teams cannot safely inspect the property

FEMA’s categories are defined differently than other organizations, such as the American Red Cross, insurance companies and municipal building inspectors. For example, a home that is condemned by a building inspector may only be classified as major or minor under FEMA’s process.

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Music on Main featuring Grand Union, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, Aug. 20
Waterfest featuring Little River Band, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
EAA Speaker Series: Buster: The Re-Creation of a Racing Icon, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, Aug. 21
WI Waterfowl Hunters Expo, noon, Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Preliminary Round 4, 7 p.m, Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, Aug. 22
WI Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
American Legion Family Car Show, 10 a.m., American Legion of Oshkosh, 1332 Spruce St.
Utica Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders Chicken BBQ with performance by Road Trip, noon, 1730 County Road FF
The Princess Bride (1987), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Tuesday, Aug. 25
Brews by the Waterside featuring Rings, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Slow Roll Oshkosh, 5:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Music on Main featuring Water City Jazz Orchestra and Janet Planet, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Friday, Aug. 28
Grave of the Vampire, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Aug. 29
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Northeast Wisconsin Dragon Boat Festival, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater
Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 12:30 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Clay Walker with BlackHawk, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S. Main St., Oshkosh
Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Live at the Leach featuring That '90s Band, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Saturday, Sept. 5
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Park
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Party on the Point featuring Ask Your Mother, 6:30 p.m., Sometimes at Pioneer Island

Sunday, Sept. 6
Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Park

Friday, Sept. 11
EAA Remembers 9/11, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh Jazz Festival is set to return this year with music Aug. 29 on Main Street in downtown Oshkosh.

Jazz festival mixes new groups with returning favorites

By George Halas
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Jazz Festival returns to Main Street next week by renewing what has become its popular format. The music starts at 1 p.m. and will wrap up at approximately 8:30 p.m. Aug. 29. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” said Michael Underwood, vice president of the jazz festival planning committee. “People have been diggin’ what we do. They like the short form sets, 60 minutes as opposed to 90 minutes at some festivals, and we do have a couple of our more popular artists returning.”

Swedish star Gunhild Carling is this year’s headliner.

“Gunhild Carling is a Swedish jazz singer who also plays multiple instruments. She is super talented,” Underwood said. “In addition to singing and playing the instruments, she is a vaudeville-type artist and very entertaining.”

The festival will open with the Backline Trio, featuring drummer Tony Wagner, guitarist Kelvin Kaspar and Grammy Award-winning organist Dennis Wage.

“We love Kelvin so much and there is no reason not to have him,” Underwood said. “If you’re having a jazz festival and you don’t have Kelvin, you’re doing something wrong.”

Los Angeles-based Raquel Rodriguez will bring her R&B flavored jazz with a band that includes her husband, Neenah native Sam Brawner playing drums.

“Raquel has sung with Jeff Goldblum and is coming into her own as a jazz singer. She’s got a groovy soul sound with a good jazz vibe but really funky,” Underwood said. “It’s very danceable. It’s hard not to move to it.”

Sundae and Mister Goessl is a power duo drawn from local favorite band Kate Voss and The Hot Sauce.

“They will play a variety of music and

they’re killers,” Underwood said.

One of the returning favorites is Chicago native Haley Reinhart, who competed on American Idol in Season 10 and later returned as a guest singer and mentor. She will join singer-bassist Casey Abrams and another returning favorite, singer Dave Damiani, who will also serve as the festival’s master of ceremonies, as they perform with what Underwood describes as a “mini big band” and will play “one big set of big band jazz.”

“Dave is a crowd favorite and he has been part of the team that has organized the festival from the beginning,” Underwood noted.

Both Underwood and festival artistic director Kurt Shipe has high praise for the planning committee’s president, Erin Boehm.

“Erin has done a remarkable job of developing contracts and communicating with the artists and the community as well as the donors and sponsors,” Shipe said. “She has done a really good job of being the face of the Oshkosh Jazz Festival.”

Two of the festival’s sponsors, Fletch’s Tap House and Becket’s, will host after-festival parties.

The party at Fletch’s will feature WAMI (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) Award-winning vocalist Erin Krebs, while the party at Becket’s will be built around multiple WAMI Award winners, The Jazz Orgy, Damiani and a number of guest artists.

“Both parties will be cool and both are going to be awesome,” Underwood said. “Erin is going to play until 11 p.m., so if you want to do both, go to Becket’s first.”

With the festival and the after parties, Oshkosh moves closer to a goal of Underwood’s.

“We want to line the city with jazz,” he said. “We should have one day every year where we play jazz all over town.”

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America’s anniversary allows time to reflect on freedom

As the summer continues, I am spending a lot of time thinking about America’s 250th anniversary.

Like so many in Oshkosh I had a great time celebrating with family and friends over the Fourth of July. Fireworks, community, conversation and people from all walks of life enjoying our lakefront always make for a special day. But the Fourth of July, especially this year, is more than a celebration. It is a time to reflect and to look forward.

I personally find the idea of the United States remarkable. A nation of laws governing people from all corners of the world bound to constitutional rights rather than the passing whims and loyalties of individual women and men is a radical thing in human history. Ronald Reagan put it aptly in his 1989 farewell speech, where he quoted a letter he received that stated:

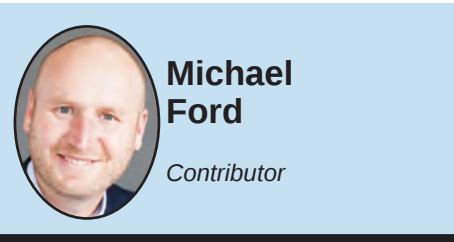
“You can go to live in France, but you cannot become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany or Turkey or Japan, but you cannot become a German, a Turk, or a Japanese. But anyone, from any corner of the Earth, can come to live in America and become an American.”

I often assign my students the founding documents, and I find them downright inspiring. The Declaration of Independence boldly declares that “all men are created equal,” that all have the right to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” and that “Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

I read that as meaning government is all of us and can only exist as it is because we as a collective permit it. This is what makes the Constitution, with its inclusion of an unamendable Bill of Rights alongside processes for making amendments as the will of the people changes, brilliant.

I say brilliant, but it is also necessary. The United States was unwieldy from its founding...and still is. We created a new nation on land where indigenous nations already existed. The man who authored the lines “all men are created equal” owned slaves.

The inconsistency between our country’s stated values and actual practices at various times can be hard to reconcile. But part of the enduring beauty of this country is our willingness to work to reconcile, to be better, to keep striving for



that original vision. Nonetheless I was struck by something I read in a story about the 250th in The Atlantic. Gal Beckerman, on June 8, opined that “Americans have never settled the question of how best to love this country.”

At first the statement left me uneasy. But upon more reflection I think that we can love this country in different ways. The United States means different things to different people, and that is OK. Perhaps it is a function of our unique founding that allows each of us to want, expect, celebrate and debate what it means to be a patriotic American in our own way. The power of the American experiment is that we can keep progressing despite our differences, up to the very question of what it means to be an American.

In fact, the ongoing contradictions give me hope in Oshkosh. I have had the privilege of serving the community in various capacities over the past decade-plus, and I am acutely aware that people want very different things out of their local government and school district.

Our community is not, and never will be, a finished product. I do not think we could even obtain agreement on what that finished product ought to look like. The only constant is change.

What matters is that our community, regardless of each individual’s position or influence, has the right to participate in our progress. For some it will be voting. For others it will be running for office, or writing letters to the editor, joining civic organizations, protesting or finding other ways to exercise their constitutional rights.

Even if our opinion is in the minority today, we have the right, and dare I say duty, to participate in our democracy to make Oshkosh, and this country, the best it can be. Once again, I find that remarkable.

Michael Ford is a professor of Public Administration at UW-Oshkosh, director of the Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research and current president of the Oshkosh Area School District Board. This column solely reflects his personal views.

School board

FROM PAGE 1
community recreation programs like softball leagues and elderly food service programs. Yerkey gave a report to the OASD Board of Education after the MOU was signed. He detailed the goals of the partnership and what is expected of officers serving as SROs in Oshkosh schools.

The district has been holding community meetings over the past year to discuss the SRO program and Yerkey said those discussions have encouraged OPD to shift from focuses on student discipline to instead focus on school safety.

Yerkey explained that another change in the MOU is that the district has been given more input on the SROs in the buildings, but ultimately OPD makes the decision on the SROs in the Oshkosh schools.

Board member Molly Smiltneek questioned why the MOU does not include the ability for the district to formally request an SRO be removed.

“We’re comfortable with how it’s written in (the MOU) to be able to provide feedback after our collaboration and partnership with the police department,” Davis said.

“Why is it acceptable to the district to have no formal way of engaging in the evaluation, choosing or placement of these officers at our schools, where we have no way to be able to control their activity in our classrooms or in our buildings,” Smiltneek asked. “How do we know that this is the good investment that our community



Yerkey

demands?” Davis said there are ways to provide feedback to the police department.

“We’re going to continue to collaborate on concerns,” Davis said.

OPD Captain Andrew Lecker told the school board that SROs are not new police officers but have received specialized training to deal with children in the school environment. Lecker said all OPD SROs go through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) training.

During the Aug. 12 meeting it was established that SROs have direct access to Infinite Campus, a platform that contains students’ grades, attendance records and is used by the district to send messages to families.

Yerkey said that SROs will have independent access to Infinite Campus for emergency purposes. This includes access to the students’ behavior records.

“Why?” Smiltneek asked. “It’s student data that is very private and personal. One of the most highly protected of data sources... Why do they need direct independent access to Infinite Campus?”

Lecker said that there was a recent incident where the victim was an eight-year old student and police needed to contact the student’s family and using Infinite Campus the police were able to contact the family.

Yerkey also pointed out the importance of having SROs in school buildings to keep them safe and secure.

“If we look at the world around us, (we see an) increase in gun incidents in Oshkosh,” Yerkey said. “There is a sense of security for many of our students and staff having our SROs present. And if there is a crisis, it’s pretty good to have individuals in our building who are trained to handle those pieces.”

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Healthcare leaders gather to discuss state’s workforce

UW-Oshkosh Today

Healthcare leaders, educators, policy-makers, workforce experts and students gathered Aug. 5 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for the Healthcare Forward Symposium, a regional forum focused on strengthening Wisconsin’s healthcare workforce and improving access to care.

Hosted by the NEW Healthcare Alliance in partnership with UWO, the symposium explored rural healthcare, workforce shortages, emerging talent needs, digital transformation and opportunities for stronger collaboration across sectors.

For UW-Oshkosh, the conversation connects directly to the University’s role in preparing nurses and healthcare professionals who serve communities throughout Wisconsin.

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh said universities can play an important role in bringing education, healthcare, government and community partners together around shared workforce needs.

“Wisconsin’s healthcare workforce challenges require sustained collaboration,” Singh said. “Universities can connect education, research and talent development with the needs of healthcare providers, policymakers and communities. This symposium brings those voices together to better understand the challenges, identify shared priorities and move from dialogue to action.”

Through its nursing and health professions programs, UWO helps prepare professionals who serve healthcare systems and communities throughout Wisconsin.

“There is real urgency in addressing Wisconsin’s healthcare workforce chal-



Photo from UW-Oshkosh Today

Regional healthcare leaders took part in Healthcare Forward Symposium Aug. 5 at UW-Oshkosh. The panel was hosted by NEW Healthcare Alliance and UWO with dialogue centered on the state’s health professionals and care availability.

lenges,” said Seon Yoon Chung, dean of the Mary Novak-Jandrey College of Nursing, Health Professions and STEM and a member of the NEW Healthcare Alliance steering committee.

“We can meet these challenges through collaborative, regional solutions that feature cross-sector partnerships,” Chung said. “It is critical to open talent pathways that support recruitment, retention, upskilling and career advancement across healthcare occupations.”

Dr. Ashok Rai, president and CEO of

Prevea Health and a member of the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents, emphasized the importance of expanding the overall healthcare talent pool rather than simply competing for existing workers.

“I recognize that healthcare organizations compete for patients, for contracts and—most relevant to the symposium—for the same people,” Rai said. “The distinction I’d offer is that, while we compete over the talent pool, we do not compete over the size of it. Recruiting from each other is zero-sum; growing the pipeline is not zero-sum.”

Rai also highlighted upskilling and reskilling existing employees as an important opportunity to strengthen the workforce in communities where people already live and work.

State Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim joined healthcare and regional leaders for discussions about workforce needs and access to care.

Dassler-Alfheim noted that communities face different healthcare challenges and emphasized the value of bringing partners from across sectors together to develop sustained approaches that respond to those varying needs.

Patti Habeck, president and CEO of New North Inc., also participated in the discussion, bringing a regional economic-development perspective to conversations about talent development, employer

needs and long-term collaboration.

Matt Kures, community economic development specialist and researcher with the UW–Madison Division of Extension, delivered the keynote address, Healthcare in the Digital Age, examining how changing technology is influencing healthcare delivery and workforce needs.

Healthcare students also shared their perspectives, while strategic sessions on Designing the Healthcare Workforce of the Future and Breaking System Bottlenecks examined recruitment, retention, education and career pathways.

The afternoon program focused on rural healthcare through a panel moderated by Marie Barry of the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative. Panelists included Kristie McCoic of Froedtert ThedaCare Health, Dr. Ashwani Bhatia of BayCare Clinic and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Amy Pechacek.

Rebecca Deschane, vice president of talent development for New North Inc. and overseer of the NEW Healthcare Alliance, said collaboration among employers, educators, workforce organizations and policymakers is central to the effort.

“Bringing together healthcare leaders, educators, workforce experts and policymakers to engage in strategic discussions and identify collaborative solutions is the goal of the forum,” Deschane said.

Event features information for duck hunters

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The Waterfowl Hunters Expo this weekend is a gathering for duck hunters.

The event will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh. It will feature exhibitors, hands-on seminars, exclusive events and everything

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Oshkosh Youth Choir returns to famed music venue

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The Oshkosh Youth Choir finished its 32nd season in the spring with a return to Carnegie Hall in New York.

The group joined three other larger choirs to form a 150-voice choir that performed a new master work written by Timothy C. Takach titled “We Are Phoenix” June 15 at Carnegie Hall.

The group’s first tour in 2010 was kicked off by a phone call from a member at Manhattan Concert Productions who had seen a performance video of the choir and wanted the group to join a national children’s choral performance in New York. The music director at the time, Jennifer Jensen, jumped at the opportunity and members of the Oshkosh Youth Choir participated in a joint youth choir concert at Carnegie Hall.

Since 2010, Jensen said the OYC has embarked on several tours including performances at the National Mall in Washington D.C., Disney World, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole’ Opry. These are all in addition to the many concerts the OYC performs locally each year.

In June 2024 the Oshkosh Youth Choir participated in both a Youth Series and Masterworks Series concert on stage at Carnegie Hall. Jensen said members of the OYC’s most advanced group, Aria Choir, were a little surprised when they walked into the first masterworks rehearsal in New York that year as the combined choir was comprised mostly of adults.

The OYC’s high school singers made an especially positive impression in the program and in April 2025 that group was invited back to Carnegie Hall (in June 2026) to participate in another masterworks program.

Jensen, who is now the presidenrt of the group’s board of directors, said this year was a little different, however. As the Masterworks Series is open to adults, the OYC music director invited not only current Aria Choir members but OYC alum-



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh Youth Choir takes part in a sound check prior to its June 15 performance at Carnegie Hall.

ni as well. To have singers who had been so integral to the choir’s past mixed with students who are currently involved in the choir was an experience like none other, Jensen said.

“Not only did the choir work together in extra rehearsals on Saturday mornings at First United Methodist Church here in Oshkosh, but then with the more than 150-voice Masterworks choir in New York,” Jensen said.

The Oshkosh Youth Choir took part in several activities while in New York. From dinner at the restaurant Serendipity 3, to spending time at the 9/11 Memorial, to riding the subway, to seeing not one, but two Broadway Shows (Ragtime, after the show just won four Tony Awards, and Masquerade, the immersive Phantom of the Opera musical). Jensen said it was a remarkable few days.

“On top of that, the choir was in New York when the New York Knicks won the NBA title and when the World Cup first kicked off,” Jensen said. “There were travelers from all over the world and our

group had the opportunity to experience history in the making.”

The Oshkosh Youth Choir will be celebrating its 33rd season this fall.

The choir was founded by Carl Chapman in 1993, then director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The students performed as part of a concert in conjunction with the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, also under the direction of Chapman.

The original intent behind forming the Oshkosh Youth Choir was to create vocal performance opportunities for youth beyond those offered by both the public and private schools in the area. As an offshoot of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, the original group was comprised of students

in fourth through eighth grades.

Today the Oshkosh Youth Choir encompasses four choirs with students in kindergarten through 12th grade and will be holding open auditions on Sept. 8 in the choir room at South Park Middle School.

If students are interested in auditioning, the schedule is as follows: 5 to 6 p.m. – students entering kindergarten through fifth grade, 6 to 7 p.m. – students entering sixth through eighth grade and 7 to 8 p.m. – students entering ninth through 12th grade.

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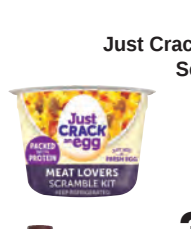
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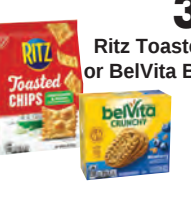
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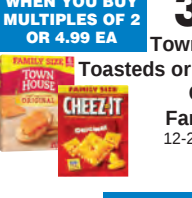
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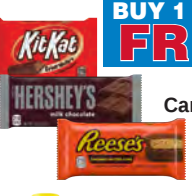
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Knights' Bauer a formidable force on football field

By Tim Froberg
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Playmakers who can change a game on both sides of the ball are the plutonium that football coaches need for a winning formula.

Mix in a little Brady Bauer and watch the victories pile up.

The do-it-all Lourdes Academy quarterback and linebacker is one of the best two-way football players in the Oshkosh area.

Bauer is the reigning offensive player of the year in the Trailways Conference and also landed 2025 first-team conference honors at linebacker.

In an era of platoon football, Bauer is double trouble for opponents: a versatile touchdown-making Swiss Army Knife who never comes off the field.

A dual threat as a runner and passer in the Knights' option-style offense, Bauer ran for a team-high 1,197 yards and 23 scores in 2025, while completing 70 percent of his passes and throwing for another 1,620 yards and 15 TDs with just three interceptions.



Bauer

Overall, Bauer produced a combined 2,817 yards and 38 touchdowns. But he was far more than just an offensive weapon. He was just as valuable as an outside linebacker and edge rusher in Lourdes' 3-4 defense, generating 61 tackles – 14 for loss – and 5.5 sacks.

"Brady is as good a football player as we've had come through Lourdes in my time," said Lourdes coach Kevin Wopat. "He was the best player on the field in every game we played and we're excited to see him continue his personal growth."

Bauer, who carries roughly 220 pounds on his sturdy 6-foot-1 frame, is a third-year starter who transferred to Lourdes following his freshman year at Oshkosh West. He watched his older brother, Joshua, a 2021 Lourdes graduate, quarterback the Knights when he was younger and wanted to be a part of the Knights' football culture.

"I love it here," said Bauer. "I love being at a smaller school. My brother loved playing for Coach Wopat and Coach (Nick) Behnke and so do I. It was a good decision."

Wopat and the Knights will echo those



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Brady Bauer is the reigning Offensive Player of the Year in the Trailways Conference and helped lead the Knights to the WIAA state semifinals in Division 7 last season.

words. With Bauer leading the way, Lourdes went 12-1 and won the Trailways Conference (7-0) in 2025 while reaching the Division 7 state semifinals before losing in overtime to Cochrane-Fountain City. The Knights went 7-5 in Bauer's first year as a starter in 2024, reaching Level 3 of the playoffs.

"It was pretty frustrating going out at Level 4, knowing we could have played in Madison," Bauer said. "But looking back,

we exceeded our expectations and had a great year."

Bauer and the Knights are hoping to take that next step and play for a state championship in November. Lourdes will lean heavily on Bauer to get them to Camp Randall. His running and passing skills fuel what should be a highly productive offense.

"I'm definitely a better runner than passer and love running the ball," said Bauer. "I

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try and be patient as a runner and rely on my vision. I thought I threw the ball pretty well last year, but I can throw it better and I've been working on it. I can't say enough about our offensive line. Those guys did an incredible job last year and I'm expecting the same this season."

Defensively, Bauer's speed and athleticism allow him to attack the backfield and explode off the edge in passing situations. The Knights frequently use Bauer as a chess piece on defense, shifting him to different spots along the line of scrimmage to allow him to take advantage of mismatches.

"I feel like I'm very versatile on defense and that my defensive skills match up pretty well with my offense," said Bauer, whose all-time favorite NFL defensive player was former Carolina Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly who was recently inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "What makes our defense good is that we have a very unselfish group. We all do our job."

Bauer's versatility isn't limited to football. He was a starting guard on the 2025-26 Lourdes basketball team and a slugger on the Knights' baseball team where he pitched and played first base. A left-handed hitter, Bauer hit over .400 in baseball and landed first-team all-conference honors. He received all-conference honorable mention in hoops.

"I thought I brought a lot to the table on defense in basketball," Bauer said. "I was kind of a rip and go guy who could slash to the hoop. I hit the ball pretty well in baseball. Football, though, is definitely my favorite sport. I love the contact and the culture."

Bauer's older brother, Joshua, has been a major influence on him along with his father, Josh, who was a kicker back in his high school days at Omro. Brady's older sister, Hailee, was also a standout athlete at Lourdes as a basketball player.

"My brother was always the guy who would take me to the (football) camps he'd go to and take me to training sessions," said Brady. "He was always sup-

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Tyrese Haliburton hosted a CareSource Impact Camp for about 150 youth in Oshkosh Friday. The Indiana Pacers all-star guard and former Oshkosh North standout participated in drills and contests with the campers and interacted with those in attendance.

Haliburton

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“Obviously we didn’t have an NBA player when I was growing up so the fact I am able to be here, have conversations and be in front of them and help create memories, that’s special to me.”

Haliburton is still recovering from a torn Achilles tendon, suffered in Game 7 of the 2025 NBA Finals.

He missed the entire season last year but expects to be ready to go when the Pacers open training camp in late September.

“We’re getting really close, so that’s exciting. I feel great,” Haliburton said. “I’m just ready for the year to be here in all honesty.”

The injury forced Haliburton to watch the NBA playoffs last year.

But it wasn’t necessarily the worst thing.

“You see the game from a different lens as a fan. It’s exciting because I love basketball. Before I’m an NBA player, I’m a basketball fan. I love the game,” Haliburton said. “I had a lot of fun (watching), but nothing compares having your feet on the floor and actually playing so I look forward to getting back on the court.”

Before Haliburton returns to basketball, though, spending time with friends and family in his hometown was something that was very important to him.

He said he is only able to get back to Oshkosh “one or two times” a year, but it’s always a good experience when he gets a chance to see his old stomping grounds.

“It’s like the holidays when you are around your family and how it’s fulfilling. I feel that way any time I come home,” said Haliburton, who recently got married to his long-time girlfriend, Jade. “There are a lot of places (in Oshkosh) that bring that out. I just have so many memories here. Every street reminds me of something dif-

ferent.”

Haliburton not only spends time in Oshkosh, but he also continues to make financial commitments to the Oshkosh Area School District.

Last year, he announced a \$3 million donation that went into renaming the Oshkosh North Fieldhouse and providing improvements for the facility, while also funding a new weight room at the school. He also contributes to the annual Back to School Fair that helps underprivileged district students as well as providing shoes and uniforms for the North basketball programs.

“Hopefully, with the more success I have as a basketball player and the more money I am able to make, the more I will be able to give back, not just to Oshkosh North, but the district as a whole,” Haliburton said. “My parents have always been pillars of this community helping kids with whatever. I’m fortunate enough to make enough money to help take that to another level. It will always be a part of who I am and I want to do as much as I can for the community for as long as I possibly can.

“I’m not naïve in that I understand it takes a village to get somewhere. Hundreds and maybe thousands of people have sacrificed a lot to help get me to where I am.”

Being able to play in the NBA and support the community he came from was something that was on Haliburton’s mind when he was growing up in Oshkosh.

“It was always the dream,” Haliburton said. “I’ve worked really, really hard to get here. I’ve spent a lot of early mornings and late nights in this gym working to get here. I enjoy reaping the benefits of that and seeing the fruits of that work come true.”

Haliburton, who graduated from North in 2018, acknowledged that even though those attending the camp last Friday cer-

tainly knew his name, very few – if any – saw him star for the Spartans.

And with that legendary smile and a bit of a laugh, he wondered if that means those recounting his accomplishments might be taking some liberties with the past.

“I’m sure the legend is growing,” Haliburton said. “It’s getting to the point now where the kids getting to high school have no real recollection of me being a basketball player at Oshkosh North. I’m sure coaches and teachers are telling stories that make me look better than I am.”

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Staying healthy will be key for talented, experienced Knights

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Lourdes Academy was staring down a trip to the WIAA Division 7 state championship game last year.

Unfortunately, those hopes were derailed in an overtime loss to Cochrane-Fountain City in a state semifinal contest.

Entering the 2026 season with much of the roster from that year’s team returning, the Knights have their sights set high again and are anxious to kick off this year’s campaign on Thursday at home against Living Word Lutheran.

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Knights head coach Kevin Wopat said. “Moving on from that and trying to build on that is a long process that isn’t going to happen in August but you can certainly gain a lot of groundwork in August and we are certainly trying to do that.”

Lourdes Academy will return some of the top players in the Trailways Conference led by senior quarterback Brady Bauer, who is the reigning Offensive Player of the Year in the league.

Bauer will get a new addition alongside him in the backfield this year as senior Maximus Behnke – who has started on the offensive line the past three seasons – shifts to running back to help out the Knights ground game.

“He was our best returning offensive lineman but our coaching staff felt he gave us the best chance to replicate the success our team had last year,” Wopat said. “He’s

a tough kid and smart and durable – the biggest change for him is that he’s never carried the ball before.

“But when we are playing in big moments, we are going to make teams deal with Bauer as much as possible.”

With Behnke taken out of the offensive line mix, the Knights will be somewhat young up front.

Senior Sam Rehm is the Knights’ most experienced offensive lineman and will be making the move from center to right tackle, while senior Nolan Gibson will flip-flop with Behnke in moving from running back to the offensive line at left guard.

Joining the group up front with be senior Santos Gomez at center, and juniors Asher Wellens at right guard and Peytyn Leinweiber at left tackle.

“It’s probably our biggest question mark going into the year on offense, but I thought the group had a nice scrimmage,” Wopat said. “They know if the team is good they have done their job.”

There are no question marks on the outside for the Knights where seniors Lucas Neuens and Michael Santiago give Bauer two veteran threats in the passing game. Neuens – who is also dynamic as a returner – was a first-team all-conference receiver after a breakout season where he caught 62 passes for 853 yards and nine touchdowns.

Added to the mix will be senior Harlan Kuehn, who will line up at multiple spots in the Knights’ formation and will be used as both a receiver and blocker.

“Harlan is kind of a jack-of-all-trades player for us,” said Wopat, who will also have junior David Agosto and sophomores Elwin West and Reagan Needham

at receiver. “He is a big, strong, athletic kid and makes Lucas look good on the bubble passes because he does not lose on that block to spring Lucas quickly.”

As potent as the Knights offense should be, Lourdes Academy may be even better on the defensive side of the ball.

Anchored by linebackers Bauer, Behnke and Kuehn, Wopat expects this unit to be one of the best groups the Knights have had on defense.

“Those three guys are special football players and they give us an incredible starting point,” Wopat said. “We expect our defense to be very good. It will be the backbone of our team.”

The biggest issue facing the Knights this season is its depth.

Despite a bountiful senior class, Lourdes Academy won’t be as deep as it was last year – and won’t have as much experience with its backups as in year’s past – and will need to make sure to stay healthy in order to reach their lofty goals.

“Our depth is not where you would love it to be so we have to stay healthy. We have a chance, if we stay healthy to have a really, really special year,” Wopat said. “But if one of our seniors goes down our team can change drastically in a hurry.”

Oshkosh North

The Spartans lost 23 seniors and 18 starters from last year’s team that reached the WIAA Division 2 quarterfinals and finished second to powerhouse Green Bay Notre Dame in the Fox River Classic Conference South Division.

First-year head coach Alec Gulan is fine with other teams knowing that situation and doesn’t care if that’s the narrative

around Oshkosh North entering the 2026 season. He hopes opponents see it being a down year for the Spartans because he believes this group will prove that idea wrong.

“Everybody looks at us as a team that lost 18 starters and we didn’t have anything left,” Gulan said. “The big thing is they might forget about our offensive line and not realize the kids we had sitting behind this senior group that have a tremendous amount of talent. I think we can build on these first couple of weeks and have a really successful year.”

The offensive line is where it will all start for North, led by junior Lucas Davis and senior Mason Geiger on the left side of the line at tackle and guard, respectively. Davis was a first-team all-conference selection last year, while Geiger earned second-team honors.

In addition, the Spartans also return juniors Aidan Flanigan at center and Mason Anderson at right tackle giving North a veteran group up front to build around.

“Coming in to having two- and three-year starters on the offensive line is going to be huge for us. The experience in the last year or two has helped them understand the game more,” Gulan said. “The biggest strength on our offense is going to run through those big guys up front.”

Most of the Spartans’ skill-position players from last year were lost to graduation so there will be some new faces at those spots.

Junior Julian Rew will step into the quarterback position that Bryce Ott had filled the past three seasons. Rew spent last year playing on junior varsity but Gu-

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2026 Oshkosh High School Football Schedules

VALLEY CHRISTIAN

Thu., Aug. 20:	Montello at Valley Christian	7 pm
Fri., Aug. 28:	Sevastopol at Valley Christian	7 pm
Thu., Sept. 3:	Valley Christian at Oneida Nation	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 11:	Algoma at Valley Christian	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 18:	Valley Christian at Gibraltar	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 25:	Valley Christian at Suring	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 2:	Green Bay NEW Lutheran at Valley Christian	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 9:	Valley Christian at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	7 pm

All home games played at Neenah Middle School

LOURDES ACADEMY

Thu., Aug. 20:	Living Word Lutheran at Lourdes Academy	7 pm
Fri., Aug. 28:	Lourdes Academy at Reedsville,	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 4:	Johnson Creek at Lourdes Academy	8 pm
Fri., Sept. 11:	Lourdes Academy at Fall River/Rio	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 18:	Westfield at Lourdes Academy,	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 25:	Lourdes Academy at Dodgegeland	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 2:	Lourdes Academy at Deerfield	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 9:	Parkview/Albany at Lourdes Academy	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 16:	Lourdes Academy at Randolph/Cambria-Friesland	7 pm

All home games at Titan Stadium

OSHKOSH WEST

Fri., Aug. 21:	Brookfield Central at Oshkosh West,	7 pm-x
Fri., Aug. 28:	Oshkosh North at Oshkosh West,	7 pm-y
Fri., Sept. 4:	Fond du Lac at Oshkosh West,	7 pm-x
Thu., Sept. 10:	Oshkosh West at Hortonville,	7 pm
Fri., Sept. 18:	Neenah at Oshkosh West,	7 pm-y
Fri., Sept. 25:	Oshkosh West at Kimberly,	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 2:	Appleton East at Oshkosh West,	7 pm-x
Fri., Oct. 9:	Oshkosh West at Kaukauna,	7 pm
Fri., Oct. 16:	Oshkosh West at Appleton North,	7 pm

x-Game played at Oshkosh West turf field
y-Game played at Titan Stadium

OSHKOSH NORTH

Fri., Aug. 2:	Ashwaubenon at Oshkosh North	7 p.m.-y
Fri., Aug. 28:	Oshkosh North at Oshkosh West	7 p.m.-y
Fri., Sept. 4:	Menasha at Oshkosh North	5 p.m.-y
Fri., Sept. 11:	Oshkosh North at Green Bay West	7 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 17:	Sheboygan North at Oshkosh North	7 p.m.-y
Fri., Sept. 25:	Oshkosh North at Green Bay Notre Dame	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2:	Sheboygan South at Oshkosh North	7 p.m.-x
Fri., Oct. 9:	Oshkosh North at Green Bay East	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 16:	Oshkosh North at Manitowoc Lincoln	7 p.m.

x-Game played at Oshkosh North turf field
y-Game played at Titan Stadium

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Prep football

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lan believes he is ready to take the reins of the Spartan offense.

“Julian got a lot of practice reps under Bryce the past two years and I think he is going to do a very good job,” Gulan said. “We talked about his strength he had that got him to this point and just be himself. Don’t try to replicate somebody else and just play his game. He’s done a phenomenal job so far focusing on what he does best.”

Senior Tre Chapman, junior Dominic Wyrwicki and sophomore Brock Binder will rotate through the backfield at the running back position for the Spartans, while senior Amaree Davis will lead the Spartan receiving core, which also will include senior Brendyn Sawall and junior Nazir Fisher.

On defense, the Spartans will be led by three-year starter at linebacker Manny Tlatelpa, an honorable mention all-conference selection last year.

Davis and senior Joe Sanders on the defensive line, senior Mason Feavel at outside linebacker and senior Ethan Kuhn will also be key members for North on defense.

“We have guys on our defense who have some experience and solid football kids who will do a good job for us,” Gulan said. “I think the biggest thing for us is focusing on this team. Everyone wants to focus on the last two years and the success which was great, but we want to focus on what this team can do.”

Injuries derail Spartans’ hopes for breakout season

Oshkosh Herald

At the end of last season, the Oshkosh North golf team appeared to be on the verge of taking a competitive step forward.

The Spartans finished a close sixth at the WIAA Division 1 regional with a lineup that included just one senior and

Golf PREVIEW

tenure.

Unfortunately, the Spartans’ plans hit a hiccup entering the 2026 campaign.

Oshkosh North’s top two finishers at the regional meet last season – including sectional qualifier Maci O’Loughlin – were lost to injury for this season leaving a couple of huge holes in the lineup.

Senior Sammie Leib and sophomore Ashling Lynch are returning to the course this fall and Boucher is hoping the two experienced golfers can set the tone for the rest of the roster.

“We are really hoping to have our 2 returning varsity players lead some of our younger girls and show them what it takes to compete at the varsity level,” commented Boucher. “We are hoping to have some of those young girls work hard at practice and try to fill the shoes of their injured teammates.”

O’Loughlin tied for 11th at the regional meet last year to earn the sectional bid, while sophomore Nelly Harrison was close behind at regionals but is also out for the season.

“Maci was my first player to qualify for sectionals and it was just so beyond exciting,” Boucher said. “It’s definitely heart-breaking to have her out of the lineup ... but hoping to have her positive influence

Oshkosh West

Competing in the rugged Fox Valley Association is never an easy task but for first-year coach Nate Wara that’s exactly what he wants to see from his Oshkosh West squad this season.

“Obviously, I want to win – that’s why we play and work so hard,” Wara said. “But I want to see the guys competing. I want to see kids who are willing to compete, play at a high level and be physical.”

The Wildcats posted only one win last season but will be looking to add to that total led by a defense that will have some experienced players leading the way.

Seniors Melvin Byes at linebacker and Ethan Bowman at safety both received all-FVA recognition last season and will be anchoring the defensive side of the ball again this year.

“Those seniors are going to be big contributors who do a really good job. We have some other guys who can step up and really fill some roles,” Wara said. “It’s a group of guys who have been working together as a unit and are on the same page.”

Offensively, the Wildcats will have a key returning player in senior wide receiver Owen Heim – a dynamic threat both in the passing game and as a returner for West. Senior tight end Henry Weis will also be expected to fill a role on offense.

At quarterback, juniors Drew Abitz – who played the majority of time at the position last season – and Carter Kufel have been competing for snaps and will likely take that competition up until Friday’s opener at home against Brookfield Central.

“They are competing right now,” Wara

and insight around the rest of the team.”

Boucher will be looking for senior Sophia Fabiano and sophomores Becca Kolodzik and Kendall Juedes to potentially fill out the varsity lineup for the Spartans this season, however, North played its first two Fox Valley Association matches without a full team.

Oshkosh West

The Wildcats return five seniors who each saw varsity action last season as it looks to improve under second-year head coach Jessica Hansen.

Lauren Klinger had the lowest scoring average among the returning players last season and will be one of the leaders of the team. Hailey Gibbs and Samreen Chahal were close behind Klinger, while Keeley Toman joined the trio for last year’s regional meet.

Andrea Czerwinski also saw varsity action last year for the Wildcats, who had just six players out for the sport but entered this season with 12 on the roster.

Hansen was pleased to see the team double in size and is hoping it can pay dividends in competitions this season.

“While we finished at the bottom of the conference last year, every single athlete showed steady, noticeable improvement,” commented Hansen. “Building on that momentum, our goal this year is simple: keep moving up the conference ladder, one stroke at a time.”

Lourdes Academy

The Knights will field a girls golf team for the first time this season and head coach Jason Lowe will take a roster of 15 into competitions.

Lowe said that five of the team members are new to the game of golf but he is excited to see how the season goes.

said. “Just trying to see what we need to do to be successful and what I can do with the game planning to help them be successful.”

What may hold the key for the Wildcats will be the offensive line which Wara believes is coming together during the pre-season.

Senior Colton Nagy along with juniors Maddox McMillan, Parker Geis, Hunter Sawitski and Henry Hughes are heading the group up front and will be vital to the Wildcats’ offense.

“A little less varsity experience there but they have been doing a really good job solidifying what they need to do,” Wara said. “It’s the same for every team. If you struggle at the offensive line, I think you are going to struggle on the offense.”

With such a young roster and in his first-year, Wara understands there may be some bumps along the way this year but believes this team is focused on competing every week.

“Right now we are going to just do what we can and take every opponent week by week,” Wara said. “We are just trying to find our identity and accomplish what we need to do and be successful with what we are going to do.”

Valley Christian

A monumental season for the Warriors a year ago has set the stage for the 2026 campaign for Valley Christian.

Not only did the Warriors qualify for the WIAA playoffs a year ago, but notched a postseason win and second-year head coach Ben Birr believes this year’s group is ready to build on that success.

“Last year (making the playoffs) was one of our big goals we had. To get that taste made them more hungry and we saw that,” Birr said. “They know there is opportunity there for us and now we just have to go out and do it.”

The Warriors will return the bulk of their roster from last year as they take aim at a second straight postseason appearance.

Leading the way will be senior offensive line trio of guards Ben Curtis and Jeron Bjarnarson and center Eusabio Maldonado.

“We can’t do things without them,” Birr said. “They have just experienced more and more each year. It’s fun to see them

do what we’ve been teaching and we don’t have to spend as much time going over the little things anymore.”

Senior tight end Xander Osinga also figures in to the strong play on the offensive line, while also developing as a big threat in the passing game.

Senior quarterback Mason Everts also returns for the Warriors after a breakout season in his first year as the starting signal caller. Everts completed nearly 56 percent of his passes last year for 776 yards and nine touchdowns and Birr believes he can be even better this season.

“He’s bigger and faster and stronger. The way he is running the huddle and owning the huddle this year has been cool to see,” Birr said. “All of the little details you hope to see with a quarterback who has experience is what we are seeing with Mason.”

The Warriors biggest weapon on offense will be junior Sam Gloudemans, who averaged 11 yards per carry every time he touched the ball last season and finished with 13 touchdowns.

Birr said that Gloudemans’ talents have allowed the coaching staff to expand the playbook and create ways to get the versatile running back the ball.

“We are trying to be more creative in how we can get him the ball. We like to draw up different things and to have him as a weapon makes us excited to see what we can do,” Birr said. “Some of the giftings he has physically is awesome and I don’t think we have tapped in fully to what he can do.”

Gloudemans will also be one of the leaders on the Warrior defense along with returning all-conference selections in Curtis and Osinga. Birr also expects Everts to play more on defense this year, something he rarely did as a junior.

With all of the experience the Warriors have, the ceiling for this year’s group is very high and the team seems primed to make a run at it.

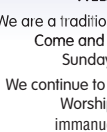
“Each year your goals get a little higher and bigger and we look at having pressure on us (to win) is an opportunity and a good thing,” Birr said. “The goals are to get conference and after conference is the playoffs and then just keep going as long as we can. The ultimate goal is to make it to state and it’s the most realistic time that we can talk that way.”

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Host of newcomers will help bolster Oshkosh West lineup

Oshkosh Herald

With a host of new players making their way on to the roster, Oshkosh West hopes to once again be a challenger among the

Tennis PREVIEW

The Wildcats will return six players from last year's varsity lineup but head coach Nicole Bouzek is encouraged by the number of newcomers on her roster this season for both this season and the future.

"I'm hoping with so many younger players joining the team with our experienced players that we will see a lot of success this

year and (in) the years to come," commented Bouzek.

The Wildcats graduated its top two singles players from last year, but have both players from its No. 1 doubles tandem in seniors Mady Marino and Megan Jorgensen returning from last season.

Fellow seniors Kinsey Koepsell and Riley Lecker were each a part of doubles pairings last season, while seniors Aubrey Epprecht played at No. 3 singles and Auden Bongers was at No. 4 singles.

Senior Sydney Ziegler is among the group of newcomers to the squad along with freshmen Collyns Lasky, Elia Larson, Aubree Marino, Natalie Backus and Taylor Schwab.

Bouzek is still working out the varsity lineup as the season gets underway.

Oshkosh North

The Spartans will have a different look for its varsity lineup this season as six of the 10 players who took the court in the sub-sectional meet last season were lost to graduation.

One of the players returning for Oshkosh North will be junior Madrona Larson-Poeschl, who played No. 1 singles a year ago in her first season at the varsity level.

Juniors Lilli Ames and Olivia Baer combined to form the No. 2 doubles team for the Spartans team last season and could be paired together again, while senior Shatera Nowell was also part of the North doubles' line-up at sub-sectionals.

Senior Emily Steiner and sophomore Sophie Nigl also saw matches at the varsity level last season and could figure into the lineup this year.

"My goal is for all of my players to come off of the season feeling like they made improvements in their game," commented head coach Brynn Hartzell. "It's important that my team knows it's not all about winning. It's about giving their best effort and enjoying themselves out on the court."

Lourdes Academy

WIAA Division 2 state-runner-up Sasha Quandt returns for her senior season and will lead an experienced lineup for the Knights.

Quandt, who has placed at state in each of her three seasons, lost a hard-fought

three-set decision in the championship match at state last year and is ready for another run at the title.

"Since state last fall, I have taken the mistakes I made and used them as motivation to improve throughout this past year. At each practice, I have focused on specific areas of my game that I want to polish, strengthen, and tighten. I have challenged myself by hitting with some of the strongest players and have continued to push myself to become a better and more confident competitor," commented Quandt in an email to the Herald. "Since this is my final year playing high school tennis, I want to finish my season knowing that I gave everything I had and accomplished the goals I set for myself."

Quandt leads a group of seven returning varsity players for Lourdes Academy, including two of the three doubles teams.

Junior Abby Ridenour and sophomore Raya Fisher played at the No. 2 flight, while junior Izzy Mugerauer and sophomore Leah Ridenour made up the No. 3 tandem and posted a win at the sub-sectional tournament.

Juniors Maya Hawi and Nadia Haese also return after playing at No. 2 and No. 4 singles, respectively, last season.

"Each of these players has their own strengths, so we will continue to build on them while also working on improving other areas," commented assistant coach Lori Verdette. "Our hope for this season is to support and encourage all of the girls, as tennis can be a lifelong sport. And we want to foster competitiveness and enjoyment of tennis for all of them."

Prep roundup

GOLF

Toman leads Wildcats against Spartans

Keeley Toman edged out a pair of Oshkosh North golfers for medalist honors as Oshkosh West picked up a Fox Valley Association dual meet win at the Oshkosh Country Club on Monday.

Toman fired a 54 to lead West, which finished with a team score of 243. Oshkosh North did not have a complete team for the meet.

Lauren Klinger added a 62 for the Wildcats followed by Olivia Weigant with a 63

and Mia Drexler with a 64. Sammie Leib led the Spartans with a 55, one shot behind Toman with Ashling Lynch adding a round of 56.

Leib paces Oshkosh North at dual meet

Sammie Leib posted a round of 53 as the Spartans competed against Kaukauna in an FVA dual meet at Westhaven.

Ashling Lynch also scored for the Spartans with a 61, but the two were the only golfers for the Spartans.

Sawyer Olson of Kaukauna earned medalist honors with a round of 35.

Titans' McGibboney nominated for national award

UWO Sports Information

Reanna McGibboney was named one of two nominees from the WIAC for the annual Division III Commissioners Association Women's Sport Student-Athlete of the Year Award.

McGibboney was a member of the Titans gymnastics team from 2023-26. She majored in nursing and had a 3.71 grade point average.

McGibboney is a three-time Academic All-District® At-Large Team member, selected by the College Sports Communicators, receiving the distinction in 2024, 2025 and 2026. She landed on UW-Oshkosh's Dean's List four semesters and the honor roll in three semesters. McGibboney was nominated twice for the National Society of Leadership and Success.

McGibboney helped UW-Oshkosh win National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) championships in 2023, 2024 and 2026. She was tabbed the NCGA West Region Gymnast of the Year

in 2026 after winning individual national titles in the vault and balance beam. McGibboney added NCGA All-America accolades in the vault (2023, 2024), uneven parallel bars (2025) and floor exercise (2023, 2024, 2026).

She was a member of WIAC championship teams from 2023-26 and was named the WIAC Gymnast of the Year in 2026, after claiming the WIAC Newcomer of the Year honor in 2023. McGibboney won the WIAC individual title in the vault in 2026.

McGibboney has been a member of in Athletes in Action, the Honors College and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at UW-Oshkosh. She was a two-year team captain and volunteered for Salvation Army Food Pantry, the flu vaccination clinic, UW-Oshkosh Gymnastics Camps, Touch-A-Truck, as a Sunday School teacher, and at a local elementary school.

UW-Whitewater's Abbie Reiser, a golfer for the Warhawks, is the WIAC's other nominee for the women's award.

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Obituaries

Barbara Anne Cram

Barbara Anne Cram (Borgardt), went to be with the lord on August 11th, 2026 at her home with her granddaughter Annalise by her side.

She was born on August 27th, 1947 to David “shorty” Borgardt and Dolores Vander Hoof.

Growing up in Oshkosh Barbie; as she was also known; enjoyed her time with all of her cousins at the farm, picking on her pest of a sister, chasing boys, and taking trips to Chicago to see family. She especially liked going to her Aunt Ollie’s house to get her nails painted.

Barbara graduated from Oshkosh High School. Shortly after, she married Ernest Cram III and started growing her family, having two beautiful daughters.

Barbara’s passion in life was helping people. She started her young career at Winnebago Mental Heath Institute but her heart lead her to the Phoenix Therapeutic Massage College in Arizona, where she graduated in the 80’s. Arizona quickly became a very special place in her heart—not only because of her time in massage

school, but also because of the many friendships and memories she made there. While it saddened her to have to leave the first time, she was grateful to watch her granddaughters grow up in WI.

Babs; as she was also known; came back to Wisconsin and continued to be a proud state employee, going back to Winnebago Mental Health Institute as an AODA Counselor and Resident Care Technician. Retiring just shy of 42 years in total state service. She loved helping her patients and was grateful for her colleagues, many of which became friends. She cherished her job until retirement called and she could return to Arizona again.

Retirement looked good on her and she was thrilled to become a “snow bird.” She would often remind us that “the light was better in Arizona,” while assuring us that the summer heat was nothing to worry about because it was, “a dry heat.” Those who knew Barbara knew how much joy Arizona brought her. She loved sharing her happy place with friends and family. Her heart drew her back to WI the second time for her great grandkids.

She was immensely proud of her family. Her daughters, granddaughters, son and grandsons in law, and her great grandchildren. Helpful by nature, she always made

Club where they met.

Terrell loved being on the water and being on boats, especially sailing. He was an excellent cook and a professional BBQ Grill master, even traveling to Memphis, TN to compete in the World BBQ Championships winning an award for his Georgia Peach Lime Sauce. Terrell enjoyed traveling with Jane to many places, including Mexico, New Orleans, and San Antonio as well as many more wonderful places.

Terrell is survived by his wife, Jane; daughter, Janelle (Jay) Osborne; sons, Jeff (Letricia) Aaron (Kara), Sean (Chelsea Donoghue) Tomason; step-son, Ryan (Sara), & Davis (Tia) Thuecks; sister, Brenda (Kevin) Shaw; grandchildren, Derick, Brenden, Tyhiya, Cassiopeia, Rory, Ashton, Gage, Allie, Caleb, Seth, Avery, Liam, Ethan, Lincoln, Emmalyn; as well as 9 great-grandchildren. Terrell is further survived by his beloved canine companion, Chloe

In addition to his parents, Terrell was preceded in death by his brothers, Dennis, Larry, Garry, John, infant brother-Duane; as well as his canine companion Captain

A memorial service for Terrell will be held at Lake View Memorial Park- Chapel (2786 Algoma Blvd) on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 12PM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be donated to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aurora for the loving care they gave to Terrell.

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from this earthly life on August 11, 2026. A Christian Funeral will be held at Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh on August 21st, 2026. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. with the service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Jacob will be buried at Poy Sippi Cemetery, trusting in the promise of resurrection to glory through Jesus his Savior. To view the entire obituary, please visit <https://www.seefeldfuneral.com/obituaries>.

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Barbara’s love language was food. If you caught her out to eat it was most likely at The Roxy or Two Brothers. But cooking is what she loved most. She made sure it was shared with all that knew her. Recipes were optional.

She is survived by her sister, Karen Oaks. Daughters, Diana Cram and Lisa (Scott) Hein. Granddaughters, Britani (Jon) Wilson, Annalise (David) Poirier and Brooke Hein. Great-grandchildren, Lucas, Elijah, Asher and Eslianna. Special

friend Percy.

She is proceeded in death by her parents, grandparents, her husband, brother in law Gus and dear friends Bobbi Peterson and Mark Nelezen.

There will be a Celebration of Barbie’s Life on Thursday, August 27th at The Hilton Garden Inn from 3-7pm. Wear a dash of pink and come celebrate her birthday with us!

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to one of her favorite charities; The Oshkosh Area Humane Society, Wisconsin Public Television or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

A special thank you to Amanda and Stacy at Compassus Hospice.

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Terrell W. Tomason

Terrell W. Tomason, age 75, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Aurora Medical Center. He was born to the late Garry and Jewel (Alexander) Tomason on September 8, 1950, in Oakland, CA. Terrell joined the United States Navy in 1968,

faithfully serving his country in Vietnam; being stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin. He was later stationed in Coos Bay where he was placed in charge of the maintenance of the entire base. After being honorably discharged he went on to become a Baptist Minister for many years, he was very proud of his time as a minister

Terrell graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. He worked as a Forensic Pathologist for the State of Oregon, where they filmed “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” while he was working there. Eventually going back to school for his Social Work Degree, transitioning into his position as a social worker for the State of Oregon. Terrell moved to Wisconsin where he took up a position as a probation and parole officer with the state of Wisconsin, where through his hard work and dedication to his career as well as believing in second chances, he was able to help a lot of parolees turn their lives around. He also taught terrorist and hostage negotiations to various law enforcement agencies.

He married Jane Wiske on February 12, 2004, in Oshkosh at the South Side Yacht

Jacob Robert Kroll

Jacob Robert Kroll was born into this world on May 19th, 2015, in Wauwatosa,

Wisconsin to Andrew Richard Kroll and Janelle Ann (Buckholz) Kroll. On January 24, 2016, Jacob was clothed with Christ’s robes of righteousness through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. He was called to his Savior’s side and given rest



Obituaries

Sharon Neveau

Sharon “Chickie” Neveau, 83, of Oshkosh, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Aurora Medical Center, surrounded by her family.



She was born January 23, 1943, in Powers, Michigan, to Lawrence and Gladys Murray. Sharon grew up in Powers and graduated from Powers-Spaulding High School. She was married to Ray Neveau, the love of her life, for 60 years.

Chickie displayed an unconditional love for family that was evident in the way she supported and cared for her sons. From an early age, Brian and Greg were at her side as she instilled in them important life lessons: that family comes first, that faith in God provides strength, and that anything is possible when you work hard and are willing to try. She supported Ray and her sons wholeheartedly in every pursuit and always believed in them. Chickie had a gift for making others feel valued and loved. Her warm hugs, gentle kisses, and kindness marked every moment together—something her family and friends experienced even during her final week in the hospital.

Early in her married life, she worked for the telephone company. Later she and Ray managed the family apartments. In addition to her strong devotion to family, steadfast friendships created an extended family with many lifelong friends that has grown through generations. Chickie al-

ways made time for meaningful conversations and a card game. Their home was always open to anyone who needed a place to stop by, stay, or live for a time.

Chickie is survived by her sons, Brian (Meghan) and Greg (Deb); grandchildren Nathan (Ashlyn), Erin (Josh Hassman), Luke (Nicole), Lauren (Jacob Derenne), and Libby; great-grandchildren Nora, Adeline, Audrey, Liam, Russell, and Charlie; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and special friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her brother Lawrence (Joan); and her sister Lois (Bob Whitens).

Chickie’s final resting place is Lake View Memorial Park. Though we will miss her dearly, we take comfort in the hope of an eternal reunion when the Lord Jesus gathers all His saints into His heavenly kingdom.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Raphael’s Church, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Monday, August 24, with visitation from 9:30-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at 11:00 a.m. A celebration of life will be held immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship in Ray and Sharon’s name has been established with the Oshkosh Foundation, donations can be made at <https://www.neveau.net/scholarship>.

The family is deeply grateful for the compassionate care Chickie received from the staff at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

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BEST teachers and support staff and loved the elementary kids. She was a member of the PTA where she served as Treasurer for two years, and President of the Support Staff Union, AFSCME.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Charles; sister, Patricia Monzka.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Kent; sons, Eugene Lynn, Keith David (Debra), and Kelly Alan (Christine) Kent; grandchildren, Amanda (Libby) Luciani, Ashleigh Kent, Adam Neider, and Erick and Ava Kent.

A celebration of life for Millie will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Monday, August 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a time of sharing to take place at 2 p.m.

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was very talented and respected by his co workers. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time at the family cabin and trips to Las Vegas.

Dennis is survived by one son, Brian (Kari) Youngwirth, two daughters, Brenda (John) Kleinschmit, Kris Nowicki, four grandchildren, Jacob Youngwirth-Olk, Zach Kleinschmit, Marisa Youngwirth and Kensia Kleinschmit. He is also survived by other relatives and a few life long friends who were dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary on January 1, 2016, two brothers and one son-in-law, Greg.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the KB Club at 945 Adams Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54902.

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Janet L. Fasel

Janet L. Fasel, age 67, passed away at Aurora- St Lukes Medical Center on the



morning of Sunday, August 9, 2026. She was born to Roy and Joy Pyper on September 10, 1958.

For most of her Career, Janet was in Reno, NV as a Gaming Agent for the Golden Nugget Casino. In her later years Janet worked at Pyper’s Pub which she co-owned with her mother; where she would eventually meet her beloved husband, Scott Fasel. Janet married Scott in July of 1994. She also worked with a few

different companies after retiring at the casino; some local companies being, La-sure’s Catering, Quality Trucking, & Met-calf Mobile.

Janet loved camping and fishing with her husband and loved ones, as well as being in her beloved boathouse. She was an amazing cook and greatly enjoyed crafting and sewing.

Janet is survived by her loving husband of over 30 years, Scott; her loving pets, Tucker, Nova, Jasper, & Molly; sister-in-law, Kathy Pettit; as well as many beloved extended family, especially her nieces and nephews.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of Janet’s life will be held at a later date.

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Tracy Lynn Hawley

Tracy Lynn Hawley (Boyce)
October 16, 1963 - August 8, 2026



Tracy, our beloved mother and tambou-rine-dancing Queen, left us way too soon on Saturday, August 8th, after her battle with cancer, surrounded by family.

Born on October 16th, 1963, to Charles and Peggy Boyce (Norton)—the second of four children—Tracy lived a life defined by her infectious positivity and deep love for those around her.

After graduating from Oshkosh North High School, Tracy earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UW-Oshkosh. She went on to devote over 35 years to elementary education—a career she truly adored. Guided by unwavering dedication (and an endless supply of needle-sharp pencils, courtesy of Stella), she ensured every single student was given the opportunity to learn.

When not putting in countless hours into her profession, Mom enjoyed reading in her jelly lounge, walking her dogs, going on bike rides with Mitchell, and most of all, dancing like no one was watching (like she would have given a hoot). She was known to bring her phone playlist up to the juke box or touch tunes machine in order to get everyone in the boogie mood. Tracy loved attending concerts with friends and family (as long as it wasn’t too crowded to dance).

She loved decorating the house for every holiday - there wasn’t a window sill, doorway ledge, or coffee table without her festive touch. When it came to the holidays or birthdays within the family, she put every single member’s desires before her own, even when it meant saving a dozen unfrosted cookies for her brother (Richie) when everyone else loved frosting.

It was not only during the holidays that

she put everyone first, she did that quite literally every day. Wow... how lucky we were, to be able to call Tracy our mother!! She was genuine, she was empathetic, and most of all she was loving. She had a way of encouraging and inspiring all of whom she encountered to become better versions of themselves.

Mom will be lovingly missed by her two sons, Mitch and Sam (Meg), our father Terry, our grandmother Peggy, as well as our aunts and uncles; Richie Boyce, Todd Boyce, Lynn and Rich Hawley, and Cathy Cartwright. She will also be dearly missed by her nephew, Charlie, and niece, Shatonia and her children, Jaidyn, DeVance, and Shalyce. Mom also leaves behind many amazing friends, all who were so eager to help with her battle these past months. Molly Dittmer, Lana Summerville, and Lori Lang, your help in getting her to her appointments does not go unnoticed. Grandma, your care for mom through this journey was nothing short of amazing! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!!

She was preceded on this journey by her grandparents, Bud and Dorthy Boyce and William and Dorthy Norton, her father Charles, her little sister Anne (Dave Miller), the amazing Joy Holdren, our four tail wagging yellow labs; Packer, Izzy, Tiller and Josie, her sister in law Cheryl Messerschmidt, her mother and father in law, Donna and Jerry Hawley, and their parents, Dorothy and Fred Schmidt and Esther and William Hawley. They all better get their dancing shoes on and get ready to boogie :).

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 21 from 2pm til 6pm with the service to follow at St. Andrew’s Church on Murdock St in Oshkosh. Then of course, music, food, and refreshments at the Elk’s Club. Who knows, maybe shuffleboard at Retro’s??

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Dennis M. Byrnes

Dennis M. Byrnes (9/23/51), husband to Penny Byrnes, Oshkosh, passed from this life on Aug.22 2023. Dennis was the father of J. Michael Byrnes, Ft.Worth TX and Shawn Byrnes (Candice Vinson), Washington DC. He was the step father of Katie Pruchnofski (Kirk), Neenah, WI, step grandfather to their three children, and, the brother of Dick Byrnes (Pat), Brookfield, WI. He was the former husband of Sandy Potter, P ewaukee, WI. Dennis was uncle to many nieces and nephews, and brother in law to Donna and

Carol. Dennis was preceeded in death by his parents Eleanor and Richard Byrnes of West Allis , WI, brothers Tom and Don, and his neice Michelle Thoma.

Dennis, blessed by many friends, also leaves behind great former work colleagues at Sears,Roebuck & Co.,where he worked for 36 years.

Dennis enjoyed gathering friends and loved ones together. Byrnestock: a now annual family reunion, is part of his legacy.

Cancer treatments impacted the last several years of his life. He lived well, in spite. Dennis is missed.

Mildred Faye Kent

Mildred “Millie” Faye (Coffman) Kent, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Millie was born on December 6, 1934, to Minerva (Missey) and Elby Coffman in Granite City, IL.



Millie married Eugene “Gene” Kent on June 30,1956 at Trinity Baptist Church in Lawton, OK. They

celebrated 70 years together.

Millie loved her family with all her heart. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother for six years. She also loved music and was a big Green Bay Packers fan.

She retired from the Lake Delton Elementary School after 19 years as the secretary. She was blessed to work with the

Dennis Youngwirth

Dennis L. Youngwirth, age 73, of Oshkosh passed away on August 13, 2026 at his residence. He was born in Oshkosh on February 2, 1953 the son of Norman and Margaret (Robl) Youngwirth. On May 19, 1973 he married Mary Miller in Oshkosh.

Dennis was employed for many years at Klinger painting and decorating, and



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Josephine A. Christenson

Josephine A. “JoAnn” Christenson, 97, passed away on August 7, 2026, at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, WI. She was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on June 28, 1929, to parents, Abner and Josephine (Unmuth) Barndt.



She is survived by her children, Kathy (George) Basler, Karin Early and Craig Christenson; grandchildren, Ashley Basler and Aaron Basler.

Preceding her are her husband, Donald Christenson; son-in-law, David Early; sisters, Jean Baker and Betty Brown; brothers, Raymond Barndt & Robert Barndt.

Kathy L. Ritzert

Kathy L. Ritzert, (Kleckner), passed away peacefully on August 10, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 17, 1961, in Harvard, Illinois, to Wayne and Sharon. Kathy graduated from Harvard High School in 1979. In 1986 Kathy was united in marriage to Leonard Ritzert, they were married for 33 years before his passing in 2019. Together, they had one daughter, Jennifer.



She was a hard worker, and it showed through her occupations throughout life. She grew up on the family farm (Harvard, IL). Kathy worked in administration at Lynn Dairy (Granton, WI) and the manufacturing department at Cummins Filtration (Neillsville, WI). She was also employed at Piggly Wiggly (Omro, WI). Her most prized job of all was taking care of her two granddaughters who lit up her world.

Kathy took great pride in her Christmas cookies and often challenged herself to bake as many varieties as possible. Kathy was a talented musician and enjoyed playing the organ. She also enjoyed crocheting and was known for making and giving crocheted items to those in need. Kathy took great pride in her family, especially her grandchildren, Harper and Paisley.

Kathy is survived by her father, Wayne (Annette) Kleckner; daughter, Jennifer (Alex) Dworak; grandchildren, Harper and Paisley Dworak; siblings, Kevin (Cathi) Kleckner, Julie (Jeff) Luetschwager, Paul (Tracey) Schnulle; sister-in-law, Charlene Schnulle; and many nieces and nephews.

Audrey I. Korth

Audrey I. Korth, age 93, passed away peacefully at Ascension Mercy Hospital on the morning of Sunday, August 16, 2026 with her family by her side. She was born to the late Walter and Gertrude (Gast) Flunker on May 29, 1933. She married Robert Korth on July 10, 1954, in Dale, WI. Together they had five children, and they were together until his passing in 2016.



Audrey worked hard to provide a warm and loving home for her and Robert to raise their children. After the children had begun to get older, she took a few positions in various offices as a secretary.

In her earlier years, Audrey enjoyed knitting and quilting, specially making blankets for all the grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading, spending time with family, and playing marbles. Much of Audreys precious time was spent attending church on Sunday at Grace Lutheran, where she was a devout member for many years. She made sure not to miss Tuesday Bible study and her daily exercise.

Audrey is survived by her children, Larry (Ellen) Korth, Diane (Richard) Roeder, Jeffrey (Christine) Korth, Kathleen (Aaron) Schneiderwendt; grandchildren, Christopher (Ayme) Korth, Michael (Lisa Perez) Schneiderwendt, Eric (Kassie) Korth, Bradley (Liz Warren) Schneiderwendt, Halli Schneiderwendt, and great-grandchildren, Quentin, Garrett, Clayton, Gavin, Kamden, & Sutton.

In addition to her parents and husband, Audrey was preceded in death by her son Bradley Korth; grandchild, Justin Korth; sisters, Marion Wallenfang, Evelyn Ruple.

A funeral service for Audrey will be held at Grace Lutheran Church (913 Nebraska St) on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 5PM. A time of visitation will be held from 3PM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

A special thanks to the nurses and staff at Ascension Mercy Hospital ICU especially Tara and Kelly for the short time Audrey was in their care.

Audreys mortal remains will be laid to rest in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh, WI there to await the glorious resurrection of all flesh at the return of Christ our Lord.

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JoAnn was raised & spent most of her life in the small community of Winnebago, WI. She worked at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute & the Winnebago Post Office where she eventually served in the role of Postmaster for 10 years.

It was in Winnebago where JoAnn met the love of her life, Donald Christenson. JoAnn & Don were loving & inseparable partners through 59 years of marriage until Don’s passing in 2009. JoAnn was a loving mother to 3 children, making family the center of her life. She loved to travel and spend time with family. Sunday gatherings were special to her and she also very much enjoyed gardening, cooking and canning.

JoAnn also was active as a member of the small community of Winnebago that was her lifelong home & built lasting memories sharing time with her neighbors & extended family. JoAnn & Don’s life gained additional purpose with the arrival of their grandchildren, Aaron & Ashley who meant the absolute world to them.

A member of the Lutheran faith, JoAnn practiced the principles of loving others through her whole life, at every opportunity. Her remaining family mourns her passing but also takes comfort in knowing she is at peace & reunited with Donald. We look forward to seeing both of them soon, in an eternity free from pain & suffering.

Shirley M. Lemieux

Shirley M. Lemieux, age 91, was welcomed into eternal life on August 8, 2026. She was born July 2, 1935 in Oshkosh, the daughter of the late Arthur and Verna Strutz. She graduated from Omro High School in 1953 and married Chuck, her high school sweetheart, June 19 of that summer. Together they had three sons: Mark Lemieux, Las Vegas, NV, Gary (Debi) Lemieux, Neenah, WI, and Craig (Karen) Lemieux, Fremont, WI.

Shirley had a long career at Workforce Communications where she began as a secretary and retired as a vice president and co-owner. She was active in water aerobics, her church spirituality group and as a Packers fan. Shirley will be remembered as a great hostess, a faithful friend and a dedicated mother & grandma. Her six grandchildren are: Andrea (Andrew) Williams, Erin (Matt) Lemieux-Dombroski, Shauna Lemieux, Jessica Lemieux, Mitchell Lemieux and Calvin (Lydia Parker) Lemieux. She also leaves five great-grandsons and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 20, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church, Oshkosh followed by interment at Omro Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the church on Thursday morning from 9:30 A.M. until the hour of the service.

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Roy J. Myers

Roy J. Myers, born January 13, 1944, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2026. Roy graduated from Waupun High School in 1962. Roy married his first wife and had 6 children. Roy married Lois Tasch in 1973 and had 3 children. He later married Luci Freiberg on March 23, 1998, who he called the “love of his life.”

Roy founded and pastored “the Church of God” in Fond du Lac from 1969 to 1972. He was widely known as “Roy,” “Jim,” or “Preacher.” He was known among friends and family as a talented tenor and for his joke-telling. He worked hard and played hard. He was an avid boater and member of the Fond du Lac Boat/Yacht Club. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, and golfing. He



Mark Maynard

Mark Maynard, age 65 of Oshkosh passed away on August 11, 2026 at Edenbrook of Oshkosh. He was born on November 17, 1960.

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Jacqueline Frank

On August 10, 2026 a beautiful soul was beckoned to our almighty father. Jackie was born October 22, 1932 to John and Christine Jungwirth. One of six sisters and one brother. Jackie worked different jobs and was working at Morgan Doors where she met the love of her life Willard. They married and had one son, Brian, and ended up in a loving marriage of 60 years.

Mom left Morgan's and went on to Paine Lumber Co where she stayed until the company closed its doors. She then partnered with her niece Cindy Meszarous and became her helper wallpapering many homes and businesses in the Oshkosh area and the valley. That created a bond between the two that grew and solidified

to this day. Mom then went to The Company Store. She loved that job. Meeting people and helping them with their purchases. There wasn't a relative that didn't have pillows, sheets, comforters or jackets from that store. Between all that she was an exceptional homemaker. She took great pride in her home and her yard. She loved working outside and you would often see her sweeping the sidewalk and driveway. I truly believe she wore out a broom a week otherwise you could always find her in the basement by her favorite twins. The washer and dryer. I really believe our basement was a whirlpool test facility.

She was an outstanding cook, and we will forever miss her Thanksgiving dinners. Beef and pork roast, dumplings and gravy. Those aromas permeated through the house and neighborhood. Mom was also very fortunate to travel beautiful European countries and also China. She was blessed to have wonderful neighbors

all the years she was in her home. Julie Gray and husband David who has passed on, Tony Kaelin and especially Duane Hanneman who very recently passed away. He was a very special person, so kind and caring, visited mom to talk, have coffee and something sweet. Knowing he was next door after dad had passed and keeping tabs on her and just being there was priceless.

So left to mourn moms passing are Brian (Amy) Frank, one grandson, Nathaniel (Amanda) Frank and two great-grandchildren, Alaric and Adalia Frank. Sisters, Jane "Tootie" Eisch and Marlene Friesch and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Willard and siblings, Connie Brown, Amber Lafontaine, Judy Dadas and Eugene (Bounke) Jungwirth.

My family would like to thank the staff from Moments Hospice that touched her life- so loving and caring. Jackie and Kris at

Lakeshore Manor and all the employees past and present. Thank you for making Lakeshore her home. She loved all of you very much. And to Josh, she thought the world of you. You're an exceptional young man and wish you great success in your future.

Thank you to my loving family. To Judy and Tootie for your frequent visits and sisterly love and to my dear cousin Cindy Meszarous. You and mom had a unique bond that could never be broken. You loved each other so much. Your generosity with your time and treats seems trivial but the caring and love makes it the whole package. Your love and support for me will never ever be forgotten.

Mother requested no funeral or big Ta-do so we will have a private ceremony at a later date. You were very loved Mom. R.I.P.

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Obituaries

Julia L. Holdren
Julia “Julie” L. (Schuhart) Holdren, age 81, passed away on August 4, 2026, in Fond du Lac, WI. She was born on June 25, 1945, to parents, George and Dorothy (Kroll) Schuhart. She was the youngest of five children.
Julie attended Oshkosh High School and then went on to work at Hoffmaster. While at Hoffmaster, she made a lot of friends. Her fondest times at work were when she was talking sassy and smack with her co-workers. She had quite the personality and was quick with the comebacks.
On May 23, 1998, she married the love of her life, James “Jim” “Zed” Holdren. She was his Jules Baby. They spent many



wonderful years together until his passing in 2017.
Jim and Julia loved to attend car shows together, go to meat raffles at Retros and frequent Jorgie’s in Both. She was always up for a car ride and a lunch date. She adored her kids and grandchildren and loved spending time with them.
In her free time, she could be found planting flowers and making her yard beautiful. When someone had a plant that wasn’t doing well, she always knew how to fix it with her green thumb. Julia also liked to bake- especially monkey bread, to take to Melissa and Ryan at work, and to host holidays and had an open door for all of Melissa and Ryan’s friends. She was considered “everybody’s Mom,” and that is what all their friends called her.
She is survived by her children, Melissa (Terry) Morey (maiden name- Griswold) and Ryan (Amanda) Holdren; stepdaugh-

Tyler A. Rentmeester
January 8, 2004-July 31, 2026
Tyler, 22, passed away unexpectedly on July 31, 2026. He is survived by his parents, Cristina & Jesse Rentmeester and his siblings, Paige, Lydia, Landin, Lana, Shaddia, Eve, Shariya, Hazel, Zeke, Silas, Tre, Faith and Hope.



Tyler loved his family fiercely and always found a way to make someone smile and he especially took pride in helping babysit his younger siblings. Tyler had a strong passion for fixing and building things. He loved camping, cooking, being outside, hunting and fishing with his family, spending time at Papa and Oma’s cabin, vacations, and he was always putting together something.
He was so talented, funny and smart. Tyler loved his work as a dietary aide in the kitchen at Bella Vista. He especially loved being with the residents and serving them their meals. When Tyler first got his job, it was important for him to get to know each of the residents, so he would carry around a notebook with their special orders and dietary needs. He even would make sure the residents had their favorite donut on Friday donut day. Tyler always came home from work with a funny story or a joke; most of them inappropriate.
Tyler graduated from Oshkosh North

High School in 2022 and then took some college classes before deciding he wanted to be a dietary aide. While in school, Tyler loved anything math related and participated in the Math Club and Robotics.
Tyler is also survived by his Papa, Oma, Grandma Molly, Grandma Sandy, Grandpa Glen, Uncle Zach, Uncle JJ, Aunt Sasha, Uncle Chris and Aunt Brittany, Uncle Chris and Aunt Holly, Aunt Amber, First mom Kelly, many cousins, other relatives and friends of the family.
Tyler is proceeded in death by his Grandma Tammy, Uncle Adam, great grandparents, and great Granny who really adored Tyler.
Thank you for those who cared for Tyler including Omro Police and Fire Department, many first responders, Winnebago Sheriff officers, and friend/first responder, Austin. We will always be grateful for you.
Dear Tyler, our dear son,
Although our time together was short, we will forever cherish the memories we created. We love you so much and will continue to miss you every single day. As Landin said, “God is getting a good one.” Until we see you again, please take care of us down here.
Love mom, dad, all of your siblings, and family
A celebration of life will be at a later date.



Jeffrey Charles Huppert
Jeffrey Charles Huppert, beloved son, husband, brother, and stepfather passed peacefully from the loving arms of family and friends to God on July 21, 2026 at the age of 73.
Jeffrey (Jeff) was born June 14, 1953 to Joyce (nee Schulte) and Charles Huppert in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area and raised along with his brother Tom and sister Bonnie in West Allis, Wisconsin. He graduated from Nathan Hale High School and later from Lawrence University in Appleton Wisconsin. He spent the majority of his working career as a federal employee with the Social Security Administration in Wisconsin (Oshkosh), Illinois and Ohio. Through work, he met and married his beloved wife Bette Davies. They enjoyed many interests and activities, including travel, camping, family



get together, Wisconsin Badger football games, antique glass collecting/sales, and adventures with pets. They both championed a variety of support groups for women, children, and animal causes over the years. Jeff also enjoyed many hobbies, including basketball, fantasy football, volleyball, poker, trivia contests, reading, tutoring and mentoring. Jeff was known by family and friends for his great generosity, caring, loyalty, humor, patience, intelligence, insight and wisdom. He will be greatly missed.
He is preceded in death by his beloved wife and loving mother. He is survived by his forever loving and grateful siblings Thomas Huppert (Judy) and Bonnie Huppert (Thomas McLeod), stepson Bret Davies (Laurie), and many friends.
The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all of Jeff’s compassionate caregivers at Lakeview Health Center (West Salem), Liberty Village (Tomah), and Emplify Health by Gundersen Hospital and Hospice (La Crosse) who helped make his last days safe and comfortable.

ter, Jennifer (Todd) Hollenbeck; grandchildren, Hunter Wells, Derek Wells, Brooklyn Holdren, Zoey Holdren and Samantha Morey; step-grandchildren, Christopher (Elizabeth) Holdren, Lydia (Justin) Seehawer and Jordan Hollenbeck; and several other family members and close friends.
Preceding her in death was her husband, James “Jim” “Zed” Holdren; her parents, George and Dorothy (Kroll) Schuhart; brothers, Greg and Roger Schuhart; twin sisters, Sally Kasper and Susie Immel; and sisters-in-law, Joy Holdren, Carol Schuhart and Marilyn Schuhart; and brothers-in-law, Mike Kasper and Sam Immel.
A celebration of life will be planned for

spring of 2027. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the place where Julia had gotten her beloved and faithful companions over the years, the Oshkosh Humane Society in her honor.
The family would like to thank Eric Schneider for all the time he donated to keep Julia’s yard beautiful when he came to visit. Additionally, family can’t thank the staff enough at the Frontida Liberty House and SSM Hospice, of Fond du Lac, for the outstanding care they gave her. As well as anybody that has known and helped Julia along her journey.



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Rummage/Estate Sale!! 1655 Arizona Street. Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22 - 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Case No. 2026SC004536

Plaintiff(s): Dollar Loan Center 8860 W Sunset Rd Las Vegas NV 89148 VS. Defendant(s): Thomas A Chabowski 2114 Bowen St Apt 8 Oshkosh WI 54901

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Dane County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of court: 608-266-4311 Courtroom/Room Number: N/A 215 S. Hamilton Street Madison WI 53703 Date: 09/08/2026 Time: 09:00 am

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money

may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

Case No. 26SC1851 Case Code 31001

Plaintiff VALLEY BAKERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION W6470 QUALITY DRIVE GREENVILLE, WI 54942 v. Defendant TYLER SMITH 735 A JACKSON STREET OSHKOSH, WI 54901 Summons and Complaint

Small Claims

To the Defendant You are being sued as described on the attachment complaint. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated:

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Make New Friends Game!

Try this fun back-to-school activity. You might spot a new friend!



HOW TO PLAY BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO:

- 1. Make copies of the **Back to School Bingo Game** and pass them out among a group of kids around your age. These could be classmates, teammates, members of a club or even kids who live near you.
- 2. Each kid completes the information in each square. When you finish this, the Bingo Cards will have a lot of information all about each of YOU!
- 3. Share your cards with other kids and spot kids with similar answers.
- 4. When you spot a match, put your initials on each other's cards.
- 5. How many matches can you find?



BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO

A Make-New-Friends Game



Favorite subject: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Birthday: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Favorite ice cream: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Where I was born: _____ _____ Initial: _____
Favorite color: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Favorite team: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Favorite book: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Favorite movie: _____ _____ Initial: _____
Pencils or pens? _____ _____ Initial: _____	Dogs or cats? _____ _____ Initial: _____	Place you want to visit: _____ _____ Initial: _____	Something you're good at: _____ _____ Initial: _____
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Sofia and Soren have a lot in common. Circle the things that are the SAME about Sofia and Soren.

I'm Sofia. These are just some of the things I enjoy.



I'm Soren. These are some of my favorite things.



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Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that describe you and things you like and cut them out. For example, if you see a picture of a taco, and that is a food you like, cut out the picture. Glue the pictures and words on a piece of paper and title it, "All About Me!"

Standards Link: Use a variety of media for art projects.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Missing Vowels

The vowels are missing from this famous quote about kindness. Can you replace them all?

A=☺ E=★ I=🌸 O=♥ U=☾

“H_m_n k_ndn_ss h_s n_v_r w_k_n_d
th_st_m_n_r s_ft_n_d th_f_b_r_f
fr_p_pl. A n_t_n d_s n th_v
t_b_cr_l t_b_t_gh.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

FAVORITE	S F I G A M E N S D
SUBJECT	S G F E R I M D A K
FAMOUS	S N O A B I N G O P
ADMIRE	U M E D V E I O B E
SHARE	B O N P I O B O G T
VISIT	J V F R S E R A H S
MOVIE	E I F R I N I I E N
BINGO	C E D S T E A M T N
GAME	T F A M O U S O W E
PENS	
BORN	
PETS	
TEAM	
BOOK	
DOGS	

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



Kid Scoop Together: Funny Fill-In Story

Ask a family member for each kind of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

On the first _____ of school,
NOUN

I made a new friend. We have a lot
of _____ in common!
PLURAL NOUN

We both love to eat _____
ADJECTIVE

_____ for lunch almost every
PLURAL NOUN

day. And we both carry our lunch in
identical _____.
PLURAL NOUN

My friend is the only person I've
met who enjoys watching "The
_____ Show"
ADJECTIVE NOUN

more than I do! We also like a lot of
the same music, and our favorite
sport is competitive _____
NOUN

_____ racing.

Yesterday, I forgot to bring my
_____ to school. Guess who
PLURAL NOUN

had an extra one? That's right, my
new friend! So I was able to finish
the _____ book report
ADJECTIVE

I'd been working on.

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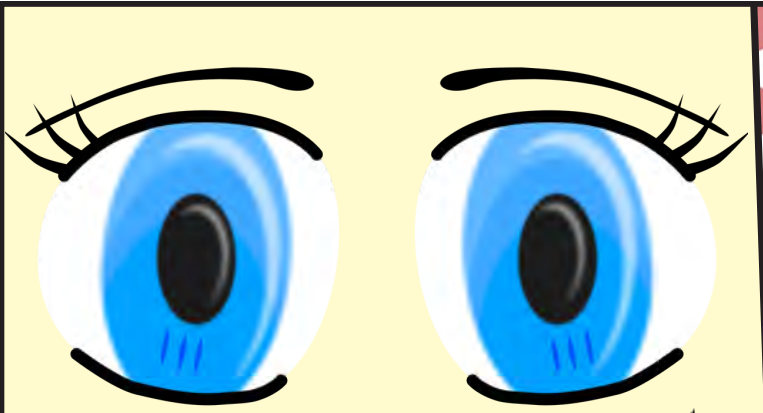


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