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Restaurant planned for Pioneer Island

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

In the years since the Pioneer Inn closed Pioneer Island has been mostly vacant. A few years ago that changed with Sometimes Tiki Bar opening up and having live music throughout the summer.

Now there is a new proposal to build a restaurant on the island that could grow into more permanent structures on Pioneer Island, including an amphitheater for live events.

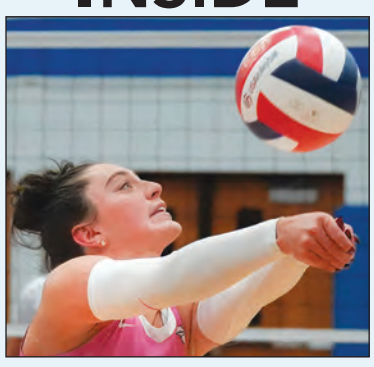
Kathy Propp of the Plan Commission said that Pioneer Island is possibly the most valuable property on Lake Winnebago. She called the proposal underutilizing the property.

"My big concern right now is it's arguably the most valuable property, but the most scruffy and embarrassing property," Propp said. "You have to admit the shrubbery is overgrown and it looks like nobody cares."

Developer Chet Wesenberg said he's been working with a developer on the

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Mariachi music

Mariachi San Jose returned to Oshkosh for its second visit, presenting two free community performances Oct. 10 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The ensemble performed at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market and at The Grand at UW-Oshkosh. Presented by The Grand Oshkosh in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the performances were part of Academia Popular de Mariachi, an initiative bringing mariachi music, culture and learning opportunities to local students, educators and the broader community.

Reimer Jewelers backed the Oshkosh Herald from the start

By Grace Lim
Herald Contributor

Owner Paul Wagner believed Oshkosh needed a newspaper rooted in the community. Nearly nine years later, he says readers can help ensure it keeps reaching local doorsteps.

Every Wednesday evening, the Oshkosh Herald makes its way upstairs at Wagner's house.

Paul reads part of it, puts it down and returns to it later. He reads the stories. He even does the children's activities on the back page.

"I love it," he said, laughing. "Love it, love it."

Paul is not only a devoted reader. Reimer Jewelers appeared in the Herald's first 12-page issue in January 2018 and has advertised consistently ever since. I don't know whether "founding advertiser" is an official designation, but I'm making it one. Reimer Jewelers is a founding advertiser of the Oshkosh Herald.

When founding publisher Karen Schneider approached Paul in 2017 about the newspaper she planned to start, she was not asking him to invest in a proven publication. There was no first issue, established readership or evidence that an independent weekly newspaper could succeed at a time when newspapers everywhere were shrinking.

Paul did not need much convincing.

He already knew Karen from her years at The Oshkosh Northwestern and had become increasingly frustrated by the loss of local relationships there. Reimer Jewelers no longer had a local advertising representative, he said, and sometimes worked with people in other states who knew nothing about the business or the community it had served since 1952.

"Karen was bringing back what we were missing," Paul said.

For Paul, advertising has never been a simple transaction in which he buys space on a page. It is a partnership, and that fits the way Reimer Jewelers has done business since 1952. The store has endured by being honest, treating people fairly and building relationships across generations. It does not run sales or mark up its jewelry simply so it can mark it back down.

Paul expects the people handling his advertising to understand Reimer Jewelers, care whether an ad works and want the business to succeed. He did not want to send information to someone in another state who

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Rachel Wagner and Paul Wagner of Reimer Jewelers continue to be supporters of the Oshkosh Herald.



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Helping the community through This is Your United Way

By Heidi Thomas
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Some of the best solutions in our community begin with a connection.

A nonprofit or school sees a need or opportunity. A business has a resource that could make a difference. A volunteer brings time, talent, or a passion for helping. A community partner adds expertise or a new idea. A donor makes a contribution that helps turn concepts into action.

Often, what we need already exists in our community — the real impact comes from connecting what we have with where it can make a difference.

That is an important part of how Oshkosh Area United Way serves southern Winnebago County.

We mobilize people, partnerships, and resources to respond to evolving needs, fill critical gaps and expand opportunities for people to reach their full potential. Sometimes that means connecting people with services. Sometimes that means investing in local programs. Sometimes we help lead the work, and other times we are invited in by community partners who see a role we can play.

At the center of it all is a belief that our community can accomplish more when we work together.

That belief is reflected in all that we do. The Oshkosh Area United Way Community Vault connects donated essentials like hygiene items, diapers, and toilet paper with nonprofits and community programs that can quickly get those resources where they are needed most. We fund and manage VolunteerOshkosh.org to connect people with meaningful ways to get involved in our community. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, operated and funded locally by Oshkosh Area United Way, connects young children with books to strengthen early literacy skills.

We also invest in local organizations and collaborative efforts, working alongside partners as new needs and ideas emerge. Through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), for example, UW-Oshkosh students provide free tax preparation for qualifying community members, while gaining valuable hands-on experience through a credit-bearing course. The program is an example of experiential learning that also meets a community need.


Thomas

The Haliburton Family Foundation Care Closets, built upon the work of the existing Hygiene Task Force, are another example. This collaboration brings together the Haliburton Family Foundation, Hygiene Task Force, Oshkosh Area United Way, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, and Oshkosh Area School District to create a more coordinated, sustainable way for students to access essential supplies. Rather than duplicating efforts, we are building on resources and relationships already in place, identifying gaps, and working together to fill them.

The work may look different from one day to the next because the needs of our community are different, too.

What stays consistent is our focus on three areas: Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellness, and Enabling Resources. Within each, we listen to what our community and partners are experiencing, are guided by data, and look for ways to work together for a greater impact.

Maintaining flexibility matters.

Community needs do not always fit neatly within one program or organization. And the best response is not always creating something new. Sometimes it is recognizing what is already working, seeing what is missing, and bringing together the people and resources that can help. That is where a connected, responsive United Way can make a difference.

That's also why local support matters.

Support for Oshkosh Area United Way gives us flexibility to invest strategically for maximum impact, respond as needs emerge, and help promising ideas move forward. That flexibility allows us to look beyond a single program or moment and recognize where our contributions can strengthen the whole.

There will always be more work to do. But our community is also filled with tremendous generosity, knowledge, talent, and a willingness to help.

And when it all comes together, that is when real progress happens.

Whether you give, advocate, volunteer, collaborate, or help make a connection, there is a place for you in this work.

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Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

October 13, 1973

UWO Homecoming Concert Features Fleetwood Mac: Tickets are now on sale for the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh's homecoming concert featuring Rock N Roll's famous Fleetwood Mac. Warmup acts will include the bands Blue Oyster Cult and Jambalaya. The event begins at 8 p.m. at the Kolf Sports Center. Tickets prices are $4 and $4.50.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, October 13, 1973

BGC of Oshkosh receives beef snack sticks donation

Oshkosh Herald

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh last week accepted a donation of 3,150 beef snack sticks from the Wisconsin Beef Council, adding high-protein snacks to the club's supply for the young people it serves.

Council representatives on Oct. 7 delivered the sticks to the club, which in 2025 served 1,458 meals and snacks weekly to members at no cost.

The donation is part of the council's statewide "United By Beef" campaign supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of Wisconsin.

StoneRidge Wholesale Division of Coloma helped stretch those fundraising dollars by providing the beef sticks at a discounted price.

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Mini golf course, ice cream parlor given modifications

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

A new ice cream parlor and mini golf course business is planned for Waugoo Avenue in downtown Oshkosh.

Representatives from the business recently attended a Plan Commission meeting where façade modifications and a new covered patio at 13 Waugoo Ave. were presented. The plan would be for the property owner to combine 13 Waugoo Ave. and 15 Waugoo Ave.

The mini-golf course would be in the covered patio area.

"It's going to be a very small nine-hole; it's not going to be 18-hole mini golf course," said Jeremiah Grothe, who owns the property.

Grothe was questioned by Kathy Propp, who sits on the Plan Commission, about how nine holes can fit in that space, which is currently serving as a private alley.

Grothe said each hole is about five feet wide and 18 to 20 feet long and there will be no gimmicks like windmills or dinosaurs. Grothe said it would be more realistic putting greens than a traditional mini-golf course.

Meredith Scheuermann asked how Grothe will keep golf balls from bouncing off buildings and going into traffic on State Street or Waugoo Avenue.

"I don't think I have a good answer for that," Grothe said. "We certainly could plan something across the front there (on Waugoo) to restrict the balls from going into the road."

Propp and Scheuermann both questioned Grothe on how they will keep people from entering the course from Waugoo Avenue.

Grothe said he could add that to the plans. Currently his plans are to keep the space open during operational hours and when closed he was planning on putting a chain across the alley with a "private property sign" on the chain.

"I'm thinking it needs to be some kind of fence," Propp said.

If a fence is installed, the Plan Commission would look at the plans during a site plan review.

Deputy mayor Karl Buelow, who sits on the Plan Commission, was in favor of the mini-golf course.

"I think this is an absolutely amazing use of an empty alley now becoming a mini-golf course downtown," Buelow said.

The entrance of the course will be from inside the building and not from Waugoo Avenue.

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New middle school name selection down to three

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

A new middle school is set to be built in Oshkosh to replace South Park Middle School and the community has provided almost 900 potential names for the new school.

The Oshkosh Area School District has released a second survey allowing the public to vote on their favorite of the top suggestions. The facilities committee reviewed the survey results and narrowed the selections down to three options for the new middle school.

OASD Board of Education treasurer Barb Herzog said the top three names were Lewis Hine, Paul Poberezney and Quarry Park.

Hine was a photographer in the early 1900s. Hine took photos of working conditions for children during this period and his work played a role in the United States establishing child labor laws.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Police presence

The Oshkosh Police Department assisted by other law enforcement agencies had a large presence on foot, on bikes, in cars and drone surveillance over the weekend near the UW-Oshkosh campus for Pub Crawl. Changes in city ordinances were made this year in an effort to deter problems during the unofficial twice-yearly event. The police department did not immediately provide information about how enforcement efforts went with this fall's event.

Poberezny founded the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which hosts the annual fly-in to Oshkosh that draws hundreds of thousands of people.

Other suggestions from the first survey included a combination of Perry Tipler and South Park, Westside, Chief Oshkosh and Rosa Parks. Those suggestions will not appear on the second survey.

The facilities committee met on Thursday morning to discuss the name suggestions. The district used a similar selection process for Vel Phillips Middle School and Menominee Elementary School.

The first survey garnered 849 responses with a total of 891 suggestions for names of the new middle school.

The school is set to open before the 2028-29 school year and was part of the 2025 facilities referendum. Initially the school was set to be built on the site of South Park Middle School but is now planned for the site of Shapiro School.

The building will consolidate Perry Tipler and South Park middle school students into one school.

Results from the first survey were broken down by respondents' connection to the district; students, staff, parents and residents. The most popular choice for all respondents was a combination of Perry Tipler and South Park.

The top three suggestions from students were Perry Tipler/South Park, Quarry Park and Westside. The top suggestions from staff members were similar – Poberezny, Quarry Park and Westside.

The top picks from parents and guardians were Perry Tipler/South Park, Poberezny and Hine. The top residents' votes were for Poberezny, Hine and Perry Tipler/South Park.

The survey will be live in the next week. However, the OASD Board of Education will have the final say on the new middle school's name.

The school board will review the results from the second survey at the Nov. 11 meeting and will select the new school's name on Dec. 2.

Community Park improvements plans for 2027

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Parks Department plans to make continued improvements at Community Park in 2027 as part of its budget plan for next year.

Relocating and building a new Shelter 3 is on top of the list. The new shelter will be similar to the shelter near the soccer fields. It will have restrooms, a concession stand and be available for rent.

The department plans to break ground on the Spirit-funded projects at the park for soccer, rugby and pickleball. Earlier this year, the county board approved allocating $1,959,476 in Spirit Funds for improvements to the current soccer and rugby fields and build new pickleball courts in the park. The board also approved a rule allowing naming-rights sponsorships at Community Park and Sunnyview Exposition Center.

Adam Breest, director of Parks and Expo, said department staff and local soccer clubs have been having conversations with a local business about the possibility of a large donation for the soccer complex. A draft contract with the first potential sponsor has been completed and is being reviewed, he reported to the Parks Commission at its Oct. 5 meeting.

The 2027 budget includes $50,000 to hire a consultant to conduct a rate fee study for the Sunnyview Expo grounds. The study will look at the types of events Sunnyview currently attracts and what other types of events it could attract, the fees it charges and what type of sponsorships the site could attract for buildings or other opportunities.

Other Parks Department projects slated for 2027 include:

- Finishing the Butte des Morts Boat Landing Project
- Improve the Lasley Point parking/entrance and install trail wayfinding signs
- Install a sign network for the trail system at Waukau Creek Nature Preserve
- Replace the pumphouse building at Black Wolf Boat Landing

For 2026, the department projected 356 event days at Sunnyview for a total rental revenue of $315,000. At Community Park, there were an estimated 251 shelter rentals and 122,880 cars entering from the southern entrance and 71,498 cars entering from the north entrance.

The Parks Department also has counters on some trails and boat launches to record how many people are using them. Here are the projections for 2026:

- WIOUWASH Trail (Westwind Trailhead): 78,060
- WIOUWASH Trail (Allenville Trailhead): 22,038
- WIOUWASH Trail (Medina Junction): 31,529
- Mascoutin Trail (Vines and Rushes): 458
- Black Wolf Boat Launch: 34,979
- Grundman: 77,313

The Butte des Morts Boat Landing counter was turned off since it closed in early July for repairs.

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Chamber continues supporting business growth, connections

By Rob Kleman
President and CEO, Oshkosh Chamber

The Oshkosh Chamber remains committed to strengthening the local business community, supporting economic growth and creating opportunities for businesses and professionals to thrive.

Representing more than 850 member investors, the Chamber continues to build its mission through four strategic pillars: Economic Development, Education and Talent Development, Advocacy for Business, and Member Programs and Services. Throughout 2026, the Chamber has expanded its programs, introduced new initiatives and strengthened partnerships to meet the evolving needs of Oshkosh businesses.

Connecting businesses and building relationships remain at the heart of the Chamber's work. Networking opportunities, including Business After Hours, OC Connection Breakfasts and AM Oshkosh, continue to bring members together to exchange ideas, make valuable connections and showcase their businesses. Educational opportunities, including seminars and workshops, provide practical resources and insights on topics ranging from leadership and workforce development to technology and artificial intelligence.

In 2026, the Oshkosh Chamber placed an increased emphasis on professional development, leadership, and helping businesses navigate an evolving business landscape. The Mindset Leadership Program continues to equip participants with tools to strengthen their leadership skills, encourage personal growth and become more effective leaders within their organizations.

The Oshkosh Chamber also expanded access to emerging technology education through Small Business B(AI)sics, a free AI training initiative in partnership with the U.S. Chamber Foundation. The program introduces local businesses to practical applications of artificial intelligence, helping participants explore ways to incorporate AI into their operations and improve efficiency.

The Oshkosh Chamber also plans to introduce Membership 101 this month, an opportunity for both new and longtime members, as well as prospective members, to explore the full range of benefits, programs and resources available through Oshkosh Chamber membership.

Supporting the next generation of business and community leaders remains another priority. Propel Oshkosh Young Professionals has experienced significant growth in 2026, surpassing 120 members and expanding its calendar to offer three to four events each month. Propel provides opportunities for young professionals to build relationships, develop leadership skills and become more involved in the Oshkosh community.

Economic development and workforce initiatives remain central to the Chamber's mission. Whether it's through our proactive marketing efforts, support of existing business expansions, entrepreneurial development efforts, community development partnerships and regional economic development efforts, the Chamber continues to champion Oshkosh as a place to invest, work and grow. Programs such as Adult and Youth Leadership Oshkosh further strengthen the community by developing engaged leaders and connecting participants with the people, organizations and opportunities that make Oshkosh unique.

Finally, business advocacy continues to be a vital component to our mission. We continue to be the advocate and guardian of the Oshkosh business community as we implement our annual Plan for Prosperity legislative agenda, designed to foster a positive business climate for Oshkosh area businesses.

Together, these initiatives reflect the Oshkosh Chamber's ongoing commitment to providing meaningful value to its members. Whether through professional development, business advocacy, networking, supporting economic and workforce development initiatives, the Chamber continues to create opportunities for businesses of all sizes to connect, grow, learn and succeed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at rob@oshkoshchamber.com or any Oshkosh Chamber team member to learn more about the Oshkosh Chamber and how an investment in Chamber membership can be valuable for your business.

EAA Aviation Museum brings back ScaleVenture

After a long hiatus, the EAA Aviation Museum is bringing back the ScaleVenture scale model showcase from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The event will feature displays from many different builders covering the entire aviation timeline. It will include a special edition of the museum's monthly Speaker Series featuring former F-14 Tomcat pilot Meagan Flannigan.

Keeping with the F-14 Tomcat theme for ScaleVenture, former F-14 pilot Meagan Flannigan will speak as part of a special edition of the Museum's Speaker Series at 4 p.m. in the Education Center. Flannigan will lead a discussion and Q&A session about the aircraft made famous by movies like Top Gun.

ScaleVenture is included with museum admission with EAA Members being admitted for free.





Submitted photo

Rooms were updated as Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh Vince Lombardi Cancer Center underwent a renovation.

Cancer center opens in newly expanded space

Oshkosh Herald

Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh's Vince Lombardi Cancer Center has opened its newly renovated space, expanding access to better serve and support cancer patients in the Oshkosh-area community.

In addition to nearly doubling the center's square footage, the expanded clinic space also doubled the number of exam rooms and added additional infusion chairs, private infusion rooms and lab bays to meet the growing needs of the community.

The expanded Vince Lombardi Cancer Center is located on the Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh campus at 855 N. Westhaven Drive.

"In elections, emotions often dominate the conversation. However, when selecting the next Winnebago County Sheriff, the candidates' own records provide a clearer, more objective picture. Darin Rice has held leadership roles across corrections, detective, and patrol divisions. Jason Rippl has never served in a leadership role within the agency and has no comparable leadership experience. About four and a half years ago, Rippl and I discussed his potential run for sheriff and the prospect of running against me. I told him I would emphasize my leadership experience and note his lack of it. I advised him to test for, and seek, first-line leadership positions to strengthen his qualifications and understanding of a leadership role. Despite my suggestions, he did not do so. Accepting a leadership role in a 24-hour operation requires sacrifice, commitment, and a willingness to be responsible for others. Darin Rice has exemplified these attributes his entire career.

If this were an interview for a police chief position, Jason Rippl would not meet the minimum requirements to apply. Rice would be a sought-after candidate.

Do not experiment with your family's public safety. In a role where experience matters, Darin Rice is the only candidate qualified to lead the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

-Winnebago County Sheriff, John Matz



Oshkosh police arrest three linked to recent car thefts

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department is warning people to keep vehicles locked across Oshkosh as the city has seen a recent uptick in car thefts.

On Oct. 5, an Oshkosh resident reported to OPD that two loaded handguns were stolen from their unlocked vehicle. A search warrant was executed the following day at a home in the 1000 block of Durfee Avenue, which resulted in the arrest of three individuals.

The search warrant resulted in the three individuals being identified. OPD reported a "struggle" with the 16-year-old suspect and an OPD officer. The police are alleging the juvenile attempted to flee the scene. One officer was injured during the struggle and taken to a hospital for their injuries.

OPD alleges the 16-year-old "was armed with a loaded 9MM semi-automatic stolen handgun."

The 16-year-old suspect was referred for charges of endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon, felony resisting-causing injury to law enforcement officer, theft of a stolen firearm and possession of a stolen firearm.

A 15-year-old male was allegedly in possession of a stolen semi-automatic handgun. He was arrested on charges of burglary, theft of a stolen firearm, possession of a stolen firearm and habitual runaway.

OPD stated the two firearms they recovered were from the unlocked vehicle report.

The juvenile suspects were taken into custody and transported to Fond Du Lac Secure Detention Facility.

A 46-year-old female was also arrested linked to the incident. She was arrested for misdemeanor bail jumping, felony possession of THC (second offense) and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to OPD.

Court records show Hawian Redmond, 46, has been charged with misdemeanor bail jumping and possession of THC.

Since Durfee Avenue is located near Lourdes Academy, OPD was in contact with the school regarding the situation. Lourdes president Zach Zeckser told Lourdes families in his weekly message that the district will continue to practice caution with vehicles near the school.

"With that being said, this is a good opportunity for us to remind families and students who park on or near campus to practice prudence as well," Zeckser wrote. "I advise taking the same sort of precautions you might take as Christmas approaches, and make sure your vehicle is locked, and that there are not any valuables in plain sight in your vehicle when it's unattended."

Between Sept. 27 and Oct. 6 there were 33 reported thefts from vehicles or vehicles entered without the owner's consent.

OPD stats show that motor vehicle thefts and thefts are rising when compared to 2025 and 2024.

In 2025 there were 471 thefts from January to August, this year that number is 528 thefts. There were a total of 824 thefts across Oshkosh in 2024 and a total of 741 thefts in 2025.

In 2025, between January and August there were 23 motor vehicle thefts, compared to 33 so far in 2026. There were 57 motor vehicle thefts in 2024 and a total of 34 motor vehicle thefts in 2025.

OPD reminds people that taking steps like removing valuables, including firearms, and locking doors can reduce these opportunity crimes and improve community safety.

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra celebrates 85 years

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra is starting its 85th season with a ribbon cutting and concert.

The concert "Pictures" will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday in the renovated and newly accessible Music Hall on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Parking is free on campus for OSO concerts.

As OSO's 85-year legacy connects to Oshkosh's past, the concert hall has been rebuilt, creating a new dedicated space to gather and listen to music.

The festivities begin with Ludwig van Beethoven's "Name Day Overture," which offers a celebratory tone. The spotlight then turns to the sonorities of featured soloist, violist Matthew Michelic. He will perform Georg Philipp Telemann's "Concerto for Viola in G major" and Max Bruch's "Romance."

The second half of the concert will showcase the hall's new acoustics with Modest Mussorgsky's monumental "Pictures at an Exhibition" as arranged by the musical painter, Maurice Ravel.

Individual tickets are $15. Season tickets are $40. All tickets are general admission. Children 18 and under are free. UWO students with TitanID are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at oshkoshsymphony.com or in person at the concert.





Woldt requests more information regarding accusation

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Judge Scott Woldt is facing allegations of serious misconduct filed by the state judicial commission. Woldt is demanding more information regarding the allegations, specifically who is making them.

The Wisconsin Judicial Commission filed a complaint in August with alleged judicial misconduct going back to 2023.

Woldt was suspended seven days without pay in 2021 for making, "crude, sarcastic, and undignified comments in five hearings." He also used a firearm as a prop twice in his courtroom.

In a Sept. 21 filing Woldt's attorney argues there is not enough information in the complaint for Woldt to respond to the allegations.

"Judge Woldt must be able to determine what specific conduct is alleged to constitute each alleged violation so that he may accurately admit, deny or otherwise respond," Woldt's attorney Terry E. Johnson said. "However, the complaint does not provide the necessary clarity and specificity for Judge Woldt to do that."

Johnson writes that central participants in the complaint are only identified by their initials. The defense also cited a legal standard in Wisconsin Statute 802.06(5) that addresses when a complaint is too vague the defense cannot be required to respond.

"The Commission has commended a disciplinary proceeding seeking findings that Judge Woldt willfully violating multiple provisions of the Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct," Johnson said. "Judge Woldt is entitled to know with reasonable certainty who is involved, what conduct is alleged to constitute misconduct, and which specific conduct forms the basis for each charged violation before he is required to frame a responsive pleading."

The Wisconsin Judicial Commission complaint was filed on Aug. 3. It 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?"

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

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.

Solid Waste includes transfer station in 2027 budget

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County seeks to finish design plans, secure permits and begin construction on a new Solid Waste transfer station and resource recovery site in 2027.

The Solid Waste Department is asking for $14.8 million in its 2027 budget for the project. The county board will vote on the budget during the last week in October.

Solid Waste Director Kathy Hutter said the approximate 25,000-square-foot facility will reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.

"The current facility was built in 1992 as a recycling facility, which we no longer needed, and it was transformed into a transfer center. It wasn't built as one. Its ceilings are short — 26 feet tall when the industry standard is 30 feet — and the doors are not wide enough," she said. "The building has several pinch points."

One of those pinch points is traffic. Hutter said the facility is often congested, which receives waste and recycling materials from 15 surrounding counties and serves more than 250 customers daily during peak months. Winnebago County has waste and recycling agreements with 16 municipalities.

The new building will be about 25,000 square feet and have 32 feet tall ceilings and wider doors. The design will have a clear span ceiling without any beams for trucks for people to back into, Hutter said.

The facility will have a faster weight compactor, which will increase throughput in the building. There will also be a breakroom and observation room, which Hutter said will allow the department to offer tours.

The new building has its roots in a 2023 facilities study, which looked at all the county's buildings. The transfer station was one of the building's highlighted in the study that had critical needs that needed to be addressed. Hutter said the Solid Waste Department created a master plan in 2024 that highlighted replacing the transfer station.

The Solid Waste transfer station and recovery center will be finished and open in 2028. Once the new building opens, Hutter said the department will begin to look at alternative uses for the current facility.

"I think in 2028-29 we will look at some light renovations for the building to maybe convert into a resource recovery building that could accept things like drywall," she said. "Some of it may be market dependent."

Sheriff's Department seeks new dive system, trailer

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is seeking to purchase a new dive surface air system and dive trailer with its remaining 2026 capital budget dollars.

Sheriff John Matz said the dive system and trailer was originally part of the department's 2027 budget request but under the advice of the county executive's office, the purchases were moved to 2026 to make use of the unspent dollars.

The new dive trailer will cost $52,793 and the dive system will cost $24,999.44. The Judiciary & Public Safety Committee approved the purchases Oct. 5, forwarding the final decision to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

The department's dive rescue/recovery team currently uses recreational self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) systems when conducting dive training and operations. Matz said out-of-air emergencies are a concern for public safety divers and often occur due to SCUBA equipment failure or diver entrapment or entanglement. The current system uses a single 80-cubic-foot aluminum tank and due to several issues, the dives are often limited to 20 minutes per tank.

Matz said Surface-Supplied Air (SSA) systems are the industry standard for professional dive rescue and recovery teams. The systems are either compressor-based or compressed tank-based air systems in which the air is supplied to the diver through an umbilical cord/tether, allowing the diver to stay under water for an indefinite amount of time.

The department would purchase the SSA system from American Diving and Marine Supply for $24,999.44.

In addition to the SSA system, the sheriff's department wants to purchase a new 24-foot by 8.5-foot heavy duty dive trailer, which includes built-in cabinets and cubbies.

Matz said the current trailer is overweight and many items cannot be properly stored because adding proper storage would add more weight. The trailer also lacks the ability to properly rehabilitate divers and equipment after exposure to extreme temperatures, particularly during ice diving operations. The current trailer is heated with portable propane heaters, which pose both a fire and carbon monoxide risks.

Matz said the new trailer will have insulation for temperature control, emergency lighting and a generator to allow for a temperature-controlled environment. The new trailer, with all its components, would cost $52,793.

The leftover dollars in the 2026 capital budget came from new squad cars and a van coming in under budget and a remodeling project that included a sink and industrial garbage disposal could not be completed and moved to the facilities budget.

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Herald support

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knew nothing about Reimer Jewelers or Oshkosh. With Karen and the Herald, he found people who knew him, understood his business and worked with him to create ads that served it well.

"Her team has been fabulous," he said.

Paul also knew from experience that print advertising worked. A printed ad does not disappear with the next scroll. The paper remains in a home, where readers can pick it up again, finish an article and refer back to something they saw. That staying power is one reason Paul believes other advertisers should support the Herald. Their advertising reaches customers while helping sustain the local reporting that gives people a reason to keep the paper.

"I like to look at it. I like to feel it," he said of the weekly paper.

Paul worries that we have become accustomed to reading headlines and assuming we know the entire story. A printed newspaper encourages him to slow down and keep reading. More important, a local newspaper gives people throughout the community a shared source of information.

"It's not Democratic. It's not Republican," he said. "We're reading this as a community. Everyone is getting the same information."

That requires journalists who live here, know the community and show up to collect its stories. It also requires money.

Advertising from businesses such as Reimer Jewelers helped the Herald publish that first issue and every issue that followed. But advertising alone has not created the sustainable financial foundation nonprofit Winnebago Media Group needs for the Oshkosh Herald, Neenah News and Winneconne News.

The Founding 5,000 campaign is seeking 5,000 people willing to contribute $50 a year. Combined with advertising revenue, that support would help pay for the reporting, photography, editing, design, printing and delivery behind the newspapers that arrive free in local mailboxes.

Paul does not think the appeal should be framed as paying $50 for something people already receive for free. Membership is about ensuring the newspaper remains available.

He compares it to his family's support of public television. He and his wife, Lauri, do not watch much television, but they contribute because it benefits other people. The Herald serves a similar purpose, including for people who are homebound and may depend on the newspaper for information and connection.

"I don't need to have a benefit," Paul said. "I just know that it connects us to everything that's good about our community."

Fifty dollars supports 52 weeks of local journalism. Paul pointed out that a family of four can no longer go to the movies for $50. A Herald membership costs less than $1 a week.

Nearly nine years ago, Karen asked a small group of local businesses to take a chance on a newspaper that did not exist yet. Reimer Jewelers said yes.

Now Paul is asking the community to support the work already done and help the newspaper continue to grow so that it keeps arriving at our doorsteps each week.

The paper is free. The journalism isn't. Are you in?

Grace Lim is a journalist, educator, founder of Humans of Oshkosh and owner of Grace Lim Creative.

Early voting begins next week

Oshkosh Herald

City of Oshkosh residents will be able to cast their ballots for the November general election next week at the UWO Culver Welcome Center.

In-person absentee voting, commonly referred to as early voting, is the same process as voting on Election Day but allows voters to do it before Election Day if they cannot make it to the polls on Nov. 3.

On the ballot will be races for federal seats in Congress, state offices in the Senate and Assembly, along with the race for Winnebago County Sheriff.

The first day for early voting will be Oct. 20. There will be no early voting Oct. 21 but there will be early voting at the Culver Center, 625 Pearl Ave., every day until Oct. 30 except for Oct. 25.

There will be early voting from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24. The common council has directed the city clerk's office to have at least one Saturday for early voting and one evening. Early voting will be available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26.

The Culver Center, 625 Pearl Ave., has been used for early voting this year after the city scrubbed plans to continue using 19 E. Irving Avenue. Voters raised concerns about the lack of parking and pedestrian safety hazards in that area.

City officials also looked into moving early voting to the Wisconsin Army National Guard office on Armory Place. But that idea was dismissed after it was pointed out that people in the community could be intimidated by voting at that building.

For more information regarding voter registration, where to vote and what's on the ballot, visit myvote.wi.gov.

In-person early voting

Oct. 20 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
No early voting on Oct. 21
Oct. 22 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 23 – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct. 26 – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Oct. 27-29 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 30 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pioneer Island

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property for 10 years and said he has seen improvement in that time.

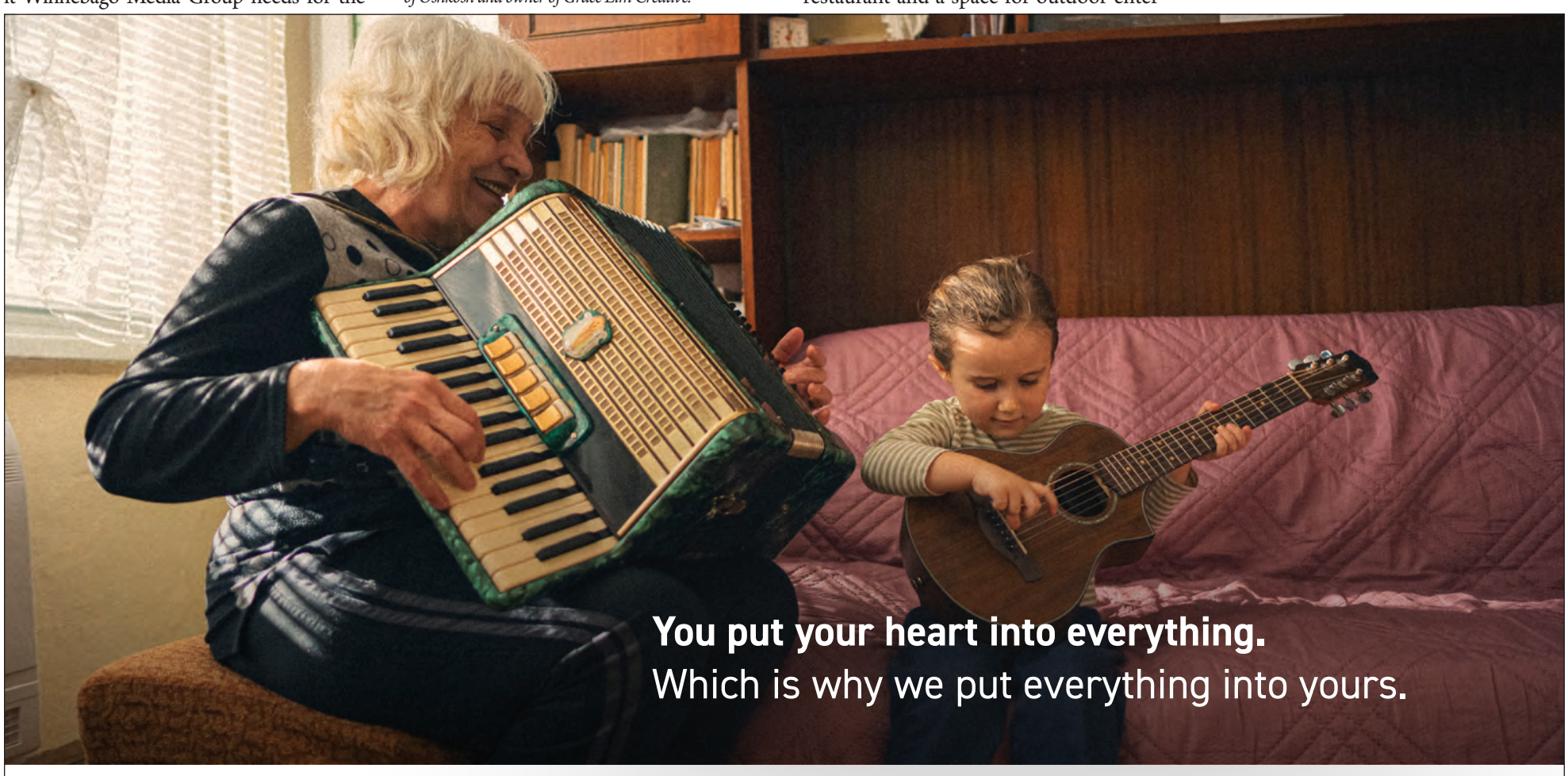
"I commend what they've done with the tiki bar and bringing people out there and activating the site," he said. "I think every year there's improvements and this is step one."

Wesenberg told the Plan Commission the current plans include building a restaurant and a space for outdoor entertainment. When phase one is completed there are plans for an event building and possible amphitheater.

There could be the potential for residential units being built on the island as well.

The city is planning on building the riverwalk that will wrap around Pioneer Island. The details about the materials of the riverwalk and where it will be placed are still being worked out by the city and owners of Pioneer Island.

Wesenberg said the plan of the owners is to "create something that's great for Oshkosh."



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Meet the experts:

Five candidates seeking Congressional District 6 seat

Oshkosh Herald

Residents will be going to the polls on Nov. 3 for the general election that will have federal, state and county contests.

In the Congressional District 6 race there are five candidates that will be on the November ballot.

Incumbent Glenn Grothman, R-Greenbush, is facing Democrat Brad Smith, Green Party candidate Matthew Arndt and independent candidates Elizabeth Fitzgibbon and Mike Thurow.

The Oshkosh Herald sent the same questions to each of the candidates that will be on the ballot in topics spanning national legislation to local input. The candidates' responses have been printed in alphabetical order. Some responses have been edited for clarity and space.

Matthew Arndt

Age: 54
Occupation: Self Employed
Highest level of education: BS



Arndt

Relevant experience: I am not a career politician

Why are you running for office?

I chose the Green Party because the two major parties no longer represent ordinary Americans.

They serve billionaires, corporate donors, Wall Street and a permanent political class that profits from our country's decline. They perform for cameras, but when defense contractors, big insurance, Israel and Wall Street demand something, both parties fall in line.

No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve billionaires and working people at the same time. Americans are told we have only two choices. We don't. That lie protects the people already in power. Change will come when ordinary Americans decide they've had enough.

How will you represent the people of District 6 in Congress and not just your party or your supporters?

The people of District 6 will own my vote. Not Washington. Not lobbyists. Not billionaires. Not corporate America. I don't care whether you're Republican, Democrat, Green, independent, or disgusted with politics altogether.

If you work for a living, raise a family, run a farm or small business, or depend on Social Security after a lifetime of work, I work for you. I will never ask how something helps my political career. I'll ask how it helps the people I represent.

I'm not running for Congress to join Washington's club. I'm running to make that club answer to you.

Elizabeth Fitzgibbon

Age: 39
Occupation: Phlebotomist, mother, advocate.
Highest level of education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Marketing



Fitzgibbon

Relevant experience: I am a mother, advocate and working Wisconsinite. My experience navigating the legal system, including pursuing my own case to the U.S. Supreme Court, gave me a firsthand view of what happens when institutions stop listening to the people they are supposed to serve. That experience shaped my focus on government accountability, transparency, constitutional rights, and ensuring ordinary citizens have a voice when dealing with powerful institutions.

Why are you running for office?

I'm running because too many Wisconsin families are working harder and getting less in return. Everyday costs keep rising while Washington spends more, grows more powerful, and remains trapped in partisan fighting.

I'm running as an Independent because I believe Congress should answer to the people, not party leadership. My priorities are lowering costs, demanding accountability for how government spends and exercises power, protecting individual rights, and bringing transparency to a system that too often protects institutions and insiders instead of the people it is supposed to serve.

How will you represent the people of District 6 in Congress and not just your party or your supporters?

That is one reason I chose to run as an Independent. I won't arrive in Washington owing my vote to Republican or Democratic leadership.

I will evaluate legislation based on what it actually does, whether it respects individual rights, and whether it benefits the people of Wisconsin's 6th District. I will work with members of either party when they have good ideas and oppose either party when they do not.

Representation should not depend on whether someone voted for me. If elected, every resident of this district will be my constituent.

Glenn Grothman

Age: 71
Occupation: U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District



Grothman

Highest level of education: Law degree

Relevant Experience: Lawyer for 10 years dealing with taxes, real estate, and probate; Wisconsin State Assembly (1993–1998); Wisconsin State Senate (1998–2015); U.S. House of Representatives (2015–present)

Why are you running for office?

Our welfare system (low-income housing, SNAP, Earned Income Tax Credit, Pell Grants, etc.) discourages work and, worse, penalizes people who get married.

We all know people of all backgrounds who are fantastic parents, but a single parent who marries someone with an income can easily lose $25,000 in government benefits. We must stop discouraging fathers in the home.

I am the leading advocate for the 14(c) programs which provide below-minimum-wage jobs for people with disabilities. Remarkable Inc. is an example of these programs.

I pride myself on being one of the more frugal members of Congress. We need more people who can say no.

I take on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs which try to divide America by race and were designed to destroy America.

How will you represent the people of District 6 in Congress and not just your party or your supporters?

You can tell that some congressmen's view of the world becomes limited by spending too much time with lobbyists and campaign contributors.

I constantly attend church festivals, car shows, farmers markets, and Lions Club events, as well as ring doorbells. I go to Hmong festivals, Legion events, and tour factories, educational institutions, and prisons.

No one in Congress has a more diverse calendar.

I wish they were more conservative, but more government regulation won't solve that.

Brad Smith

Age: 44
Occupation: Small business owner (consultant on technology, security and sustainability topics)



Smith

Highest level of education: Master's degree (MBA, UW-System)

Relevant experience: As a business leader, I've built and helped operate businesses, managed people and payroll, and led through times of ambiguity and a changing economy.

As a Wisconsin Army National Guard veteran, I learned to lead and work alongside people from all walks of life, make decisions under pressure, and accomplish a mission as part of a team. Those experiences taught me to listen first, rely on facts, solve complex problems, and bring people

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Humane society holding family-fun community events

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) will be holding its annual community outreach event, Spooktacular Pawlloween, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at the shelter.

This is a free family-fun event for the community. OAHS staff and volunteers will be offering children's activities and games, "trunk or treating" and fun stations inside the shelter where they can win free candy and other goodies.

Children will learn about companion animals and can also adopt a "pre-loved pet" stuffed animal to take home with them. Costumes are encouraged.

Guests are asked to reserve their free tickets for one of the arrival time slots: 15-minute increments between 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Spreading out visitor start times ensures everyone gets to spend plenty of time at each fun station, no one is crowded and that enough parking is available. Free tickets can be reserved at givebutter.com/pawlloween2026.

Event attendees can bring in an item from the OAHS Wish List to get a free spin on the Prize Wheel. Most-needed items are currently Pupperoni sticks, Fancy Feast canned kitten food, Purina Pro Plan Kitten canned food, and Timothy hay for bunnies. This event is for humans only; attendees are asked to leave their pets at home.

OAHS will also host a "Cuddles & Cocoa" Adoption Event on from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30. The public can meet many adoptable foster kittens, who will be there especially for the event, along with some featured pups, bunnies and guinea pigs.

OAHS is grateful the month of October, as part of the Subaru Loves Pets initiative, that Bergstrom Subaru of Oshkosh is providing OAHS with direct funding, through a grant administered by the ASPCA, to help cover essential costs for preparing animals for adoption: they will be sponsoring the costs of all microchips for adopted dogs, cats and bunnies.

Adopters can submit an online application to adopt a pair of kittens prior to the event to obtain pre-approval and then, if enough time is given to process their application, they can choose their kittens at the event and take them home. The application can be found at new.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/OAHS/Cat.

Free hot cocoa will be provided courtesy of Planet Perk Coffee House, and free cuddles will be provided courtesy of the adoptable pets.

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together to deliver workable solutions.

My military leadership, business experience, and community service have prepared me to hit the ground running and deliver results for Wisconsin's 6th District.

Why are you running for office?

I'm running because Wisconsin families deserve affordable healthcare, strong education and training, good-paying jobs, and an economy that works for everyone.

Way too many working families in our 6th District are struggling, while our current representative has shown greater loyalty to the president and special interests than to his constituents. As a lifelong Wisconsinite, veteran, business leader, and community advocate, I understand the challenges facing our communities.

I'm eager to bring my experience and service-first mindset to Washington and fight for the people and communities I call home.

How will you represent the people of District 6 in Congress and not just your party or your supporters?

I will represent the entire 6th District by listening to everyone, regardless of party affiliation or whether they supported my campaign.

My military service taught me to work alongside people from different backgrounds, listen with patience and curiosity, and find common ground. I will hold regular town halls, meet with farmers, small business owners, educators, and working families, and work with anyone to deliver results for our District. I won't put party loyalty or special interests ahead of my constituents.

My commitment is to the people of the 6th District. I am running for people, not politics.

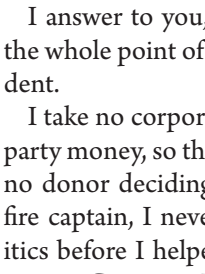
Mike Thurow

Age: 39

Occupation: Union fire captain and HAZMAT technician.

Highest level of education: High school diploma, followed by years of professional certification in the fire and emergency services.

Relevant experience: Thirteen years in the fire service, now a captain and a HAZMAT technician.



Thurow

I have worked chemical spills, industrial accidents, and the Milwaukee anthrax response, work that earned FBI and Secret Service commendations. Before the fire service, I spent nearly a decade at Healthcare for the Homeless. I am a proud union member, IAFF Local 215, and a father of four.

My whole career has been solving real problems for real people under pressure, working with whoever is on scene. That is the experience Washington is short on.

Why are you running for office?

I am a union fire captain. For 13 years my job has been to show up when things go wrong and get people out.

Neither party is doing that for working people anymore. They fight on TV, cash the same corporate checks, and the bills at your kitchen table keep climbing. I am running as an independent because I do not owe either party anything.

No party, no corporate PAC money, no bosses telling me how to vote. Just someone who answers to the people of the Sixth. When there is a fire, you do not ask who somebody voted for. You show up.

How will you represent the people of District 6 in Congress and not just your party or your supporters?

I answer to you, not to a party. That is the whole point of running as an independent.

I take no corporate PAC money and no party money, so there is no leadership and no donor deciding my vote for me. As a fire captain, I never asked a person's politics before I helped them, and I will not start in Congress. I will hold town halls in every county and keep showing up in the towns nobody campaigns in.

You do not have to agree with me on everything to know I will show up for you.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Take Back the Night, 5 p.m., UWO Culver Family Welcome Center

Thursday, Oct. 15

UWO Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band, 7 p.m., UWO Music Hall

Friday, Oct. 16

Community Blood Drive, noon, Elks Lodge, 175 W. Fernau Ave.

Brews in the Zoo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo

Kevin Farley: Growing Up Farley, 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Saturday, Oct. 17

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Holiday Craft Sale, 9:30 a.m., Oshkosh Town Hall, 230 County Road Y

Scale Venture, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo

Spooky Skate Night, 5 p.m., Oshkosh 20th Avenue YMCA

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra presents Pictures, 7 p.m., UWO Music Hall, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

EAA Speaker Series: Meagan Flannigan, Flying the F-14 Tomcat, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Sunday, Oct. 18

Run with the Herd 5K and 1K, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

12:34 Concert, 11:30 a.m., Algoma Boulevard ABUMC

UWO Choirs, 3 p.m., UWO Music Hall

Friday, Oct. 23

Southside Halloween Bash, 5 p.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church, 1025 W. Fifth Ave.

Paranormal Investigation, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Jason Salmon Comedy Tour, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Oct. 24

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

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Wildcats serve up sweep against rival Spartans

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West never let rival Oshkosh North build any kind of momentum in their annual matchup last Thursday night on the Wildcats' homecourt.

The Wildcats surrendered more than three points in a row just once in the three-set match and rolled to a 25-12, 25-18, 25-15 win over the Spartans.



Jolin



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"Some of us get in our heads pretty easily and when we don't let them get big runs, it helps us a lot," said senior libero Halle Stern. "I think this whole team has been focusing a lot on not looking so far ahead and being ready for every ball that comes over. That's just been our mindset all season."

The lone hiccup for the Wildcats came at the start of the second set when North took advantage of three West hitting errors and got a kill from Breleigh Paulson to take a 4-1 lead.

Kamryn Stauffacher ended the Spartans' surge with a kill, followed by another kill from Addison Benesh and an ace from Emma Liebergen that brought the Wildcats even. The two teams traded sideouts before a dump set for a point by Lucy Jolin started a three-point run – which included a tip from Kinslee Nelson and a spike off an over-pass from Stauffacher – that put West ahead for good.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Noelle Prickett slams a spike past Oshkosh North blocker Lucy Housworth during last Thursday's Fox Valley Association match.

"When you win by a decent amount, the next (set) you have so much confidence that you think it will be a little easier and we got it, we can do it and then they come a little bit harder on us," Jolin said. "That's when we lose our momentum but we always end up bringing it back."

The Wildcats broke the set open on seven straight points on Olivia Xiong's serve and fended off a Spartan surge later in the set to keep the comfortable lead.

Nelson's spike through a North block and an ace from Adalynn Her got West to the cusp of the set win before scoring the final two points on missed serves from North.

The Wildcats led from the outset of the third set as a couple of tips from Stauffacher and an ace by Brooklyn Rowe highlighted the start. A hard kill from Nelson and Liebergen's spike through a North block pushed the lead to 8-3.

The Spartans responded with a kill from Lucy Housworth and an ace from Mattalin Maxwell in a three-point span to get back within two points, but West scored 11 of the next 13 points to seize control.

A kill from Emjay McConnell and another spike on an overpass by Liebergen closed out the set and the win for the Wildcats.

"I was really proud of our team for their execution," said West head coach Will Brydon. "We gave them little chewable things we wanted them to really work hard on and I saw that in all three sets. It wasn't always clean, but I can take that. I can take a team that wants to grow."



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Breleigh Paulson hits one over a West block last Thursday night.

Liebergen led a balanced attack for West with 11 kills, while Stauffacher finished with eight and Nelson totaled six.

A total of six different Wildcats finished with at least four kills in the match giving the West setters plenty of options to choose from.

"It's so much fun (as a setter)," said Jolin, who led West with 14 assists, while Her added 11. "I have the connection with all of my hitters and on the court it shows. It's unbelievable."

West also had a strong night serving, totaling 13 aces in the match, led by Liebergen's five.

But as much as Brydon appreciates racking up aces, he also likes to see the Wildcats' serving take opponents out of their offensive flow.

"We want to ace as much as we can, but it's more about getting them out of system," Brydon said. "Location and strike point is what we are focusing on and I really loved their execution. They did a great job on that."

Housworth, Maxwell, Paulson and Ella Seeley led the hitters for North.

The Spartans are still searching for its first win in the FVA this season, but head coach Ryan Seeley likes the progress the team is making.

"Each game we are doing more and more things better," Seeley said. "The big thing I want is to fight for every point and make it tough for the other team and they are a team that doesn't quit fighting. That will take them far in their life."

The Wildcats have now won back-to-back FVA matches and are in fourth place in the conference with a 5-3 record.

With the regular-season finale on tap for Thursday at home against Appleton East, the Wildcats are looking to build some momentum heading into the postseason.

"This win does give us a boost. The win over Hortonville, too," Stern said. "It just keeps building us up and were excited for the rest of the season."

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Life in the fast lane suits West speedster Choinski

By Tim Froberg
Herald contributor

Usain Bolt was a soccer player who used his amazing speed to excel on the pitch before becoming a world-class sprinter.

Carson Choinski is another explosive athlete who consistently shows that speed and soccer are an excellent match.

Choinski is a track star during the spring semester and his exceptional movement skills have made him one of the top soccer players in the rugged Fox Valley Association.

The Oshkosh West defender was a second-team all-FVA selection as a junior and is a strong candidate to land first-team honors this fall.

He's also made his mark as a sprinter in track. Choinski runs the 200 and 400-meter dashes and was a member of two West relay teams that competed at the 2025 WIAA state track and field meet. Choinski landed a third-place medal (in Division 1) in the 4x400 relay with a stellar time of 3:19.29 and also ran a leg of the 4x200 relay. He was a sectional qualifier in the open 200.

Choinski brings that special zip to soccer, but speed alone doesn't get it done. He has top-notch instincts for the game and a team-first attitude.

"Carson is an amazing player," said West soccer coach Matt Callahan. "He's very hard to outrun and is great at winning balls out of the air and from other players. He's a very hard-working player and his skill and athletic ability have made him a special player."

Choinski is a third-year varsity player whose track background pairs well with soccer. He uses his speed to close down attackers, maintain the defensive line and assist in ball recovery.

"My speed helps a lot in soccer," Choinski said. "I try and use it to my advantage. I'm not going to be the guy scoring goals, but I'm not going to let guys get past me.

"A big thing is that my conditioning workouts for track keep me in shape and allow me to play a full game in soccer."

Choinski spearheads West's defense at the center back position. He's a team captain who seldom leaves the field.

"I feel like I'm a leader for this team," he said. "I kind of orchestrate the defense and help us stay connected the whole game."

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Choinski hails from a soccer family. His older sisters, Maddi and Kailee, played varsity soccer at West, while his mom, Ammie, was a soccer standout at Menasha High School and at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

"Having sisters that played soccer kind of pushed me," said Choinski. "We were always in the back yard, working on our passing and stuff. I looked up to them. I was able to get better by playing with them and that allowed me to see the potential that I had."

Choinski enjoys the unpredictability of soccer.

"What I love about the game is that you never know what you're going to get," he said. "You have to come out strong every game because every game is different with different situations and different outcomes. You have to play with confidence and have good chemistry."

Choinski's prep athletic career won't end with soccer. He's looking forward to a big finish in track and field. Dylan McDonald and Carter Schmidt will join Choinski as returnees in West's 4x200 relay, while Noah Cardinal is back with Choinski in the 4x400 relay.

"Getting a medal at state last year was great," Choinski said. "It was just all heart. We came in as an underdog in the 4x400 and gave it all we had. Our 4x200 team should be really good this year because we only had one kid who graduated. And I expect us to be very good in the 4x400 relay, too.

"It was such a fun time in La Crosse last year. We were able to experience the bluffs before the meet and it was really cool to see that huge stadium from the hills. We're hoping to get back there."

Choinski plans to attend college next fall but hasn't yet nailed down his school of choice. He isn't planning on playing college soccer but is considering running track and field. Choinski is a strong student with a 3.8 grade-point-average and says he will likely pursue a math-science-related major.

Choinski's current focus is helping a solid Oshkosh West team finish the season strong. The Wildcats opened the week with a 6-4-4 overall record and were 3-4-2 in league play.

"We have a lot of guys who have played together over the years, so there's good chemistry and we work hard," Choinski said. "We're hoping to make a deep run in the tournament."



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Oshkosh West senior Carson Choinski anchors a strong defensive unit for the Wildcats and garnered all-Fox Valley Association recognition as a junior last season.



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Big plays in second half carry sluggish Knights to victory

By Zachary Bellin
Herald contributor

After an early touchdown by the Parkview/Albany Vikings, the Lourdes Academy Knights fought back and scored 22 unanswered points to topple the Vikings 22-6 in a Trailways Conference contest at Titan Stadium on Friday.

"We did a good job when we needed to," Knights head coach Kevin Wopat said. "We gave up some yards today, when we've not given up many, and credit to Parkview(Albany) for that. But I thought our defense made stops when it got inside the 30, 25 and tightened up a little bit better."

The Knights improved to 7-1 with the win and remain in second place in the Trailways Conference. Lourdes Academy will travel to face conference leader Randolph/Cambria-Friesland on Friday night.

Quarterback Brady Bauer led the way through the air and on the ground as he finished the game 10-for-13 for 114 passing yards and a touchdown, along with 95 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 10 attempts.

In the absence of both wide receivers Lucas Neuens and Harlan Kuehn, Michael Santiago stepped up for the offense and caught eight balls for 93 yards and a touchdown. Santiago continually came up clutch in the contest as he brought in a two-point conversion and a long catch and run on fourth down.

"I was just getting to my routes and trying to execute them well," Santiago said. "The goal was getting by them (Parkview/Albany's defense) and running faster than them so my quarterback could give me a good ball."



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Brady Bauer fights for extra yardage as he is brought down against Parkview/Albany on Friday.

The Knights looked like they were bound to respond to the Vikings' early score until the penalty bug took over and eventually pushed them back to a third-and-26, which the offense was unable to gain. The following three drives ate up most of the first half, but the Knights were able to beat the clock and take the lead with 15 seconds left before halftime.

It was Maximus Behnke who got the drive going as he immediately broke away for what was supposed to be a 77-yard touchdown but ended up being a run for 49 yards as the offense was flagged for a penalty. From the Vikings 25 yard-line, Bauer and Santiago connected for 21 yards, then Bauer punched it in for his first rushing touchdown of the day to put the Knights up 7-6.

Coach Wopat said he thought that the team played an uncharacteristic first half, but going into halftime with the lead was huge for them mentally.

"I thought we were really sloppy on both sides of the ball," Wopat said. "Very uncharacteristic of us, especially defensively. Offensively, we just had too many penalties. You can't sustain drives with the penalties we had."

Out of half, both teams went scoreless on their first drives, but Bauer wasted no time on their second drive as he took off for a 55-yard touchdown. The Knights, with the interest of going up two possessions, went for two and Bauer found Santiago wide open.

Bauer said the team knew the offense felt like they had to score on that drive, otherwise it could've got bad.

"As soon as I saw a hole, my eyes glowed up," Bauer said. "The offensive line opened up a huge hole for me so I was just gone after that."

On the following drive Asher Wellens was able to get to a sack and force a 7-yard loss, then Behnke intercepted a pass and set the offense up at their opponents 23-yard line.

After the interception Bauer found Santiago wide open for a 23-yard touchdown to put the Knights ahead 22-6, and showed a little more emotion that he did on the previous two touchdowns.

Bauer said that's because he was excited about the play working to its design.

"I saw him and I knew to just air it out for him and try to make sure it (the pass) was catchable," Bauer said. "We were celebrating with the guys and just have to build confidence off plays like that."

The Knights defense stopped Parkview/Albany on a pair of fourth downs on the next two drives and from there on out, all Lourdes had to do was kill the clock and that's exactly what they did with Behnke and Jacob Thelen. Behnke finished with 94 yards on 12 carries, while Thelen averaged 6.8 yards per carry on his five attempts.

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Late goals lifts Knights to triumph over Wolves

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

Elijiah Troiber was in the right spot at the perfect time for the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team

And it didn't happen by accident.

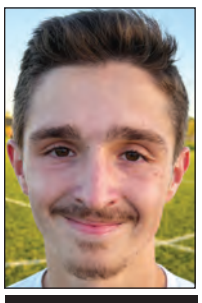
Troiber corralled a loose ball in the penalty box after a Knights' corner kick and drilled home the go-ahead goal with less than 40 seconds to play in the match as Lourdes/Valley collected a 2-1 win at Winneconne last Thursday.

"I always know that a rebound is likely to come (from a corner kick) so I found an open space in the box, waited for the ball and luckily, it got deflected right to me," Troiber said. "Then I just had to put it in."

Troiber's goal capped a late flourish for the Knights in the road win.

Lourdes/Valley dominated possession in the final minutes of the match and generated multiple corner kicks with the last one – which was taken by Steven Stiansen – resulted in a goal.

Stiansen lofted a ball toward the front of the goal where a gaggle of players jumped for the ball. One of the Winneconne defenders got his head on the cross, but the ricochet went right to Troiber – who was unmarked just inside the top of the penalty area.


Troiber

He then directed his shot through traffic and into the net.

"I wasn't real surprised to be open. On corner kicks everybody typically goes for the ball," Troiber said. "It's the last 30 seconds of the game so I'm just thinking about getting it on target so it has a chance."

Troiber also assisted on the Knights first goal of the match, sliding a through ball to Matthew Loker at the top of the penalty area.

Loker, who had generated the best scoring chances for Lourdes/Valley in the early going, including one shot off the cross bar, took a couple of touches after receiving the pass and drilled a low shot into the net for a 1-0 lead.

Winneconne evened the score a few minutes later as the match went into halftime tied at 1, but the Wolves weren't able to generate many scoring chances the rest of the way.

Lourdes/Valley utilized a two-man backline of Elias Gutierrez Kuhaupt and Liam Buttke in front of goalkeeper Micah Humiston to anchor the defense and the duo limited what Winneconne's attacking players could do.

"Those two defenders played phenomenal," head coach Abrahan Gutierrez said. "They get in trouble at times but they fix it. They play with harmony and tranquility.

"They do get help from Reid (Dwyer). He helps slow down everything for them."

The Knights' offense was kept quiet for much of the second half but started to ramp things up in the final 20 minutes.

Josiah Franz had a good shot saved by the Wolves' goalkeeper in the 66th minute, while Loker rolled a shot just wide of the mark a couple minutes later.

Then, with less than two minutes to play, Troiber rolled a free kick into the penalty area that was deflected out by the Wolves for a Knights' corner kick. That generated a shot from the top of the penalty area from Landon Marschall, that the Winneconne goalkeeper had to knock away for another corner kick.

This time, Troiber and the Knights would get the game-winner.

"We just wanted it more," Troiber said. "We always love to win and it's the passion for the game that boosted our momentum on the end."

Prep roundup

FOOTBALL

Warriors complete perfect regular season

Valley Christian erupted for 28 points in the first quarter and led 42-0 as the Warriors rolled to a 56-15 win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbuelah in the regular-season finale on Friday night.

The Warriors are now 8-0 heading into the WIAA 8-Player Tournament, where they earned a No. 1 seed in their sectional and will face Green Bay NEW Lutheran in a first-round game on Saturday afternoon at Neenah Middle School. Valley Christian beat the Blazers 55-26 in Week 7.

Sam Gloudemans scored on runs of 31, 40 and 10 yards and Jay Parish added a 45-yard punt return in the opening quarter to stake Valley Christian to the big early lead. Parish added a 7-yard touchdown catch from Mason Everts in the second quarter as the Warriors led 35-0 at halftime.

Everts added a 3-yard touchdown run and Gloudemans picked up his fourth touchdown of the night on a 40-yard run in the third quarter before Nolan Meyer capped the scoring with an 18-yard touchdown run.

Gloudemans finished with 143 yards on just eight carries and surpassed the 1,000-yard plateau for the season. The junior now has 1,069 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns this season.

Gloudemans and Jeron Bjarnarson led the Warriors' defense with nine tackles apiece, while Ian Kramer added eight stops and had an interception.

Wildcats fall short against FVA-leading Ghosts

Oshkosh West held Kaukauna to less than 20 points but couldn't pull off the upset in a 19-3 loss in Kaukauna on Friday night.

Drew Abitz and Owen Heim finished with 58 and 52 yards of total offense, respectively, while Carter Kufel was 7-of-15 for 71 yards and totaled 16 yards rushing in the game.

Cade Heiman led the West defense with six tackles, with Eli Bancroft and Brandon Devoe each finishing with five.

Colden Searles' 27-yard field goal accounted for the Wildcats' points.

Spartans post second straight win

Oshkosh North scored 34 points in the second quarter and rolled to a 48-0 win on the road at Green Bay East on Friday night.

No other information was available from the game.

The Spartans will cap the regular season at Manitowoc Lincoln on Friday.

TENNIS

Knights' Quandt headed back to state

Lourdes Academy senior Sasha Quandt punched her ticket to the state tournament by finishing second at the WIAA Division 2 sectional held in Kohler last week.

Quandt, who was the Division 2 state runner-up last season, finished second in the No. 1 singles bracket at sectionals. She beat Howards Grove's Tatum Balderrama 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and then toppled Ella Webber of Kohler., 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals. Quandt lost in the sectional final 6-4, 6-3 to St. Mary Catholic's Vivie Auth – a two-time state champion in doubles.


Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Sasha Quandt finished second at the WIAA Division 2 sectional meet to earn her fourth trip to the state tournament.

Quandt (17-2), who is seeded third in the bracket, will receive a first-round bye and will play the winner of Ayela Schafer of The Prairie School and Alivia Ritter of Aquinas in her first match on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

She could get a rematch with Auth in the semifinals if both players advance to that point.

West doubles team takes fourth at sectional

Senior Kinsey Koepsell and freshman Natalie Backus dropped both of their matches in the No. 2 doubles bracket to take fourth in their flight at the WIAA Division 1 sectional tournament last week.

Koepsell and Backus lost to Hartford's Maddy Regan and Maddie Schlitt, 6-2, 6-3 in their first match and then fell to West Bend East's Reagan Lauderback and Julia Wolfe 6-3, 6-1 in the third-place match.

The duo won both of its matches at the sub-sectional earlier last week, including a 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 victory over Sheboygan North's Natalie Schaalma and Madeline Schultz in the first round.

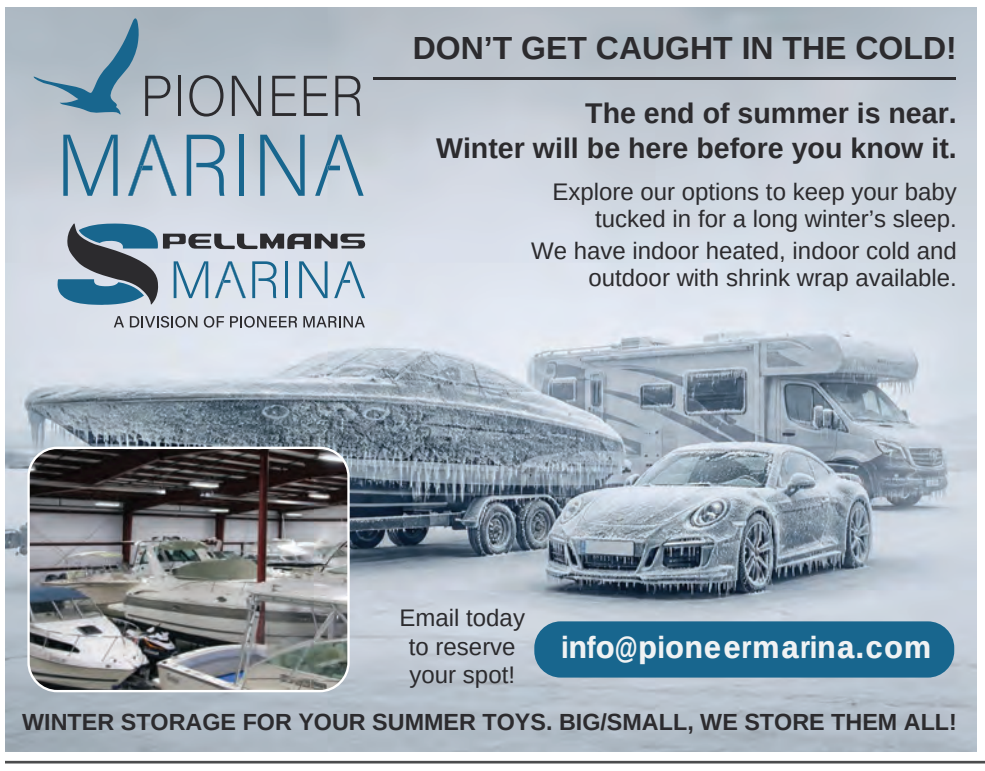
GOLF

North's Leib competes at sectional tournament

Sammie Leib of Oshkosh North shot a 105 at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet held at Washington County Golf Course last week.

Leib was making her first appearance at the sectional level and marked the second straight year the Spartans had advanced a

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golfer to sectionals.

Rita Kuepper of Hartford and Lola Appleby of Beaver Dam tied for the low round of the tournament with a 68.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

West holds off Polar Bears in three sets

Kinslee Nelson led the way with 13 kills as Oshkosh West knocked off Hortonville 25-20, 25-18, 25-22 in a Fox Valley Association match last week.

Nelson also led the team with three aces and chipped in seven digs.

Olivia Xiong and Emma Liebergen led the team with 12 and 11 digs, respectively, while Liebergen also finished with six kills in the match.

Addie Benesh led the team with three total blocks with Lucy Jolin and Brooklyn Rowe each totaling 13 assists.

Knights collect win over Horicon

Naomi Liabwill totaled 12 kills and Sarah Hafemeister had 11 to lead Lourdes Academy past Horicon in three sets last week.

Elliana Brandes added seven kills in the win for the Knights. Katelyn Potratz had 16 digs and Kennadie Fronek added 14 digs, while Grace Martin led the team with 21 assists in the win.

The Knights then went 3-1 at the Trailways Conference tournament on Saturday, posting wins over Green Lake/Princeton, Parkview and Madison Country Day, while falling to Randolph.

Liabwill finished with 34 kills and Fronek added 23 in the four matches, while Martin totaled 70 assists and nine aces to lead the team.

Potratz led the team with 30 digs, followed by Martin with 27 and Fronek with 26.

Warriors fall short against Crusaders

Powerhouse Central Wisconsin Christian proved to be too much for Valley Christian as the Crusaders picked up a 25-8, 25-18, 25-20 win last week.

Laila Gostas-Sims finished with nine kills, two aces and 12 digs for the Warriors.

Audrey Lehman added 12 digs, while Ellie Demler and Lydia Hardy each finished with 10. Hardy also led the team with 16 assists.

Valley Christian then went 1-2 at the Trailways Conference tournament on Saturday, beating Madison Abundant Life, while falling to Central Wisconsin Christian and Oakfield.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Evan Danahay (5) heads a ball away from Oshkosh North's Mfariji M'Munga when the two teams played last week.

Brielle Birr had nine kills in the win over Abundant Life, with Gostas-Sims adding six. Gostas-Sims and Hardy each had three aces, while Hardy led the team with 20 assists. Lehman had 10 digs and Jael Pickler added nine digs for the Warriors.

North can't finish off win against Terrors

The Spartans won two of the first three sets but couldn't finish off the win at Appleton West, falling 20-25, 25-22, 23-25, 25-22, 16-14, in a close, hard-fought match.

No other information was available from the match.

SOCCER

Spartans top Wildcats in crosstown tussle

Oshkosh North scored a pair of second-half goals to rally from a halftime deficit in a 2-1 win over Oshkosh West last week.

No other information was available from the game.

Wildcats roll to win over Green Bay West

Six different players scored goals as Oshkosh West rolled to a 7-0 win over Green Bay West in a nonconference match last week.

Asher Connelly finished with two goals to lead the Wildcats, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Gael Bolanos, Evan Danahy, Mason Callahan, Miles Callahan and McKeon Leclair also scored in the game for West.

Bolanos also added an assist in the game, with Jacob Klingbeil, Cole Jennings, Juan Arenas, Lincoln Houle and Shahram Mohammadi also notching assists in the win.

SWIMMING

Oshkosh West sixth at Natalie Bolin Invite

Rose Yonke had the top individual finish for Oshkosh West as the Wildcats took sixth place as hosts of the Natalie Bolin Invitational on Saturday.

Yonke finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle to grab West's lone top five individual finish on the day.

Molly Dudzinski added a sixth place in the 50-yard butterfly and was ninth in the 100-yard individual medley for the Wildcats while Emma Dudzinski picked up a 10th place in the 25-yard freestyle.

West also placed third in the 100-yard freestyle relay with a team of Yonke, Avery Booms, Rylee Coppernoll and Molly Dudzinski, while the foursome of Caylee Gerritts, Sophie Anderson, Ava Ceman and Caelan Wettern was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy's best finishes were from Teya Zinth who placed eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and tied for 10th in the 100-yard freestyle.

CROSS COUNTRY

West girls dominate Seymour Invitational

The Wildcats had all five scoring runners in the top 10 and totaled just 15 points in winning the girls title at Seymour Invitational last week.

Abby Tercha led the Wildcats' contingent by finishing second overall in the race – just six-tenths of a second behind the individual winner.

Haddie Wara finished third followed by Coraline Strebelinski in fifth, Ellie Trebiatowski in eighth and Reese Wickham in ninth.

Oshkosh North also had a pair of runners in the top 10 in Adri Clark in fourth place and Chloe Niemczyk in sixth. Allison Cummings also finished 26th for the Spartans, who did not have enough runners to compete as a team.

In the boys race, Oshkosh North finished third among the 13 teams, while Oshkosh West was fifth.

The Spartans were led by Jay Weber in third place and Mason Gumz in fifth place, while Reid Anderson finished just outside of the top-10 in 11th place. Campbell Harrison in 45th and Clay Poquette in 49th rounded out the scoring runners for North.

Dominic Moore was the race runner-up to lead Oshkosh West, with Arjen Karns taking fourth overall. Krypten Turner came in 24th place, followed by Garrett Lawatsch in 37th place and Nolan Brest in 61st place.

Lourdes girls, boys third at Campbellsport

Lourdes Academy took third place in both the boys and girls competitions at the Campbellsport Invitational last week.

Annie Moore led the Knights girls team with a fourth-place finish, while Ana Schneidewend took 12th and Khloe Bunton was 16th. Zoe Heinzen and Ella Laib rounded out the scoring runners for Lourdes Academy in 36th and 47th place, respectively,

Valley Christian runners in the girls race were Dede Miller in 67th place, Merian Getz in 69th place and Vashti Ernst in 78th place.

In the boys race, Henry Spanbauer led the way for the Knights by taking third place, while Zach Foster finished in 11th place. Nolan Piechowski placed 24th for the Knights, followed by Connor Salm in 39th and Kody Neitzel in 48th.

Valley Christian runners competing in the boys race were Simon Menet in 18th place, Zachary Werner in 30th place, Andrew Sandahl in 68th place and Joshua Sandahl in 77th place.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Spartans drop match to Appleton West

The co-op Oshkosh North/Oshkosh West squad dropped a 25-18, 25-15, 25-13 decision to Appleton West last week.

No other information was available from the match.





Obituaries

Kay Lynn Kohfeldt



Kay Lynn Kohfeldt passed away on October 11, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born in Oshkosh on December 22, 1947, to parents, Frederick and Ruby (Pritz) Wendland.

She graduated from Oshkosh High School, class of 1965. She went on to work at Lennox Candle.

Kay married the love of her life, Alan Kohfeldt on September 2, 1972, they shared over 50 years together; together they raised their son, Kevin. She loved to work in her garden, and listen to music, especially Prince. She also had a deep love of animals. Kay always had time for her family and will be remembered for the love and care she had for them, especially the grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Kevin (Sandy) Kohfeldt; grandchildren, Allison, Lucas and Masen. She is further survived by her sister-in-law, Janet (David) Tomczak; dear lifelong friends, Joyce, Mary and Jan; as well as Mary's daughter, Jodi.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Alan Kohfeldt; and parents, Frederick and Ruby Wendland.

Visitation will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 338 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh, WI, on October 17, 2026, from 9:30am to 10:30am and services immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in Kay's honor.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Aurora Hospice and the staff at Park View Health Center

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Obituaries

Thomas Howard Brown

Thomas Howard Brown of Oshkosh, Wisconsin died on September 23, 2026, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. He was 88.



Tom was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on March 28, 1938, and lived there his entire childhood, graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1956. He attended Wisconsin State College Oshkosh (now University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh) and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English. He continued his education at Western Reserve College (now Case Western Reserve University), graduating with a Master of Social Work Degree.

Tom spent his early career as a social worker in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, where he concentrated on working with juveniles. Mid-career, he returned to Oshkosh to open Country Corner Antiques at 1606 Oregon Street, where he could enjoy his passion for buying and selling antiques and other collectibles; he always said he had the best (or perhaps second best) political campaign button collection in Wisconsin! After many successful years, he closed that business and retired. His retirement was short lived, however, and he began his third career as a bridge tender in Oshkosh, principally on the Oshkosh Avenue bridge.

Tom was all about Wisconsin sports. He was a high school basketball fan, regularly attending the State Boys Championship Tournament in Madison with a group of his friends. He cheered for University of Wisconsin sports of all kinds (including attending the Rose Bowl!), baseball (Milwaukee Braves – later Milwaukee Brewers), and football (Green Bay Packers, of course). One of the memories he often described was attending the "Ice Bowl" in 1967 with his best friend Bob Mitchell – they showed up at game time (and minus 13 degrees) and paid $2 per ticket!

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Gladys Brown, his brother Bob Brown, and his sister Mary Laipple. Tom did not have children but will always be remembered as "fun Uncle Tom" by his surviving nieces and nephews, Marcia (Mike) Stichter, Cathy (Rick) Thurwachter, Jim (Gretchen Winter) Brown, and Tom (Trish) Laipple, and his many grand and great grand nieces and nephews.

A private interment at Lake View Memorial Park is yet to be scheduled. The family suggests that any donations in Tom's memory go to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, where Tom (a cat lover) was a frequent volunteer. https://www.oahs.org/donate

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Dale R. Scheller

Dale R. Scheller, age 74, passed away on Friday, October 2, 2026, at Ascension Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born to the late Arthur and Beatrice (Behm) Scheller on November 3, 1951, in Oshkosh.



After graduating from high school, Dale went into the United States National Guard where he served his country for six years. He married the love of his life, Susan Radley on March 5, 1983, at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, where he's been a member his entire life.

Dale worked at Morgan Doors for over 25 years as well as briefly at Miles Kimball.

Dale played dart ball and golf league and well as playing in several bowling leagues throughout his life. He also enjoyed hobbies outdoors like going hunting and fishing as well as going gambling at a casino. When he wasn't active, Dale relaxed by either reading his newspaper or by watching old tv show reruns like Cheyenne, Rifleman, Maverick, Leave it to Beaver, Wagon Train, and Walker Texas Ranger. In his younger days, Dale enjoyed camping up north where he helped plant trees through the FFA.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Susan; five siblings, Sharon, Gene (Mary), Gary, Brian, & Tracy Scheller; brothers-in-law, Dave Kottwitz, Lloyd (Marion), & Duane (Dixie) Radley; sisters-in-law, Marcia Hurst, Barb (Ron) Vaughan, & Beverly Pionke; nieces and nephews, Brittany (Josh) Webb, Cassie (Leardus Woodford) Scheller, Emma & Quinn Scheller, David Winters, and Aaron Courtney. He is further survived by many aunts and uncles as well as nieces and nephews on Susans side of the family.

In addition to his parents, Dale was preceded in death by sisters, Christine Flack, and Debbie Scheller; mother-in law, Emma Radley; sister-in-law, Julie Scheller; and brother-in-law, Louis Pionke.

A funeral service for Dale will be held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ (1306 Michigan St) on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 2PM. A time of visitation will be held from 12PM until the time of service. A private burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park. THE FAMILY ENCOURAGES THOSE ATTENDING TO DRESS IN THEIR BEST PACKER APPAREL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

The family would like to thank Kimberly Joas.

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Michael C. Fox

Michael C. Fox, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away October 8, 2026. Arrangements provided by Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes- Westside. Services on Oct 17, 11:00am at 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh WI 54904. Please refer to Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home's website for the full obituary.

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Marjorie Morton

Marjorie "Lynn" Morton, age 79, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at her home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Born August 17, 1947, in Salem, Illinois, Lynn was the daughter of the late J Roy and Betty (Lee) Fogle.



Lynn worked for Piggly Wiggly in West Bend, WI, Atlanta, GA and Fond du Lac, WI, as a Bakery and Deli Manager for 35 years. She also worked for Lowes in Oshkosh, WI, for 10 years.

Lynn enjoyed family, baking, music, crafts and collecting antiques. She also loved the outdoors, gardening, decorating the entire house at Christmas and an occasional trip to the casino. Rescuing and caring for animals was incredibly important to her, as well as helping others. Lynn had a knack for meeting and making new friends. She was dearly loved by family and friends; she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Lynn is survived by her children, Allen (Sandy) Morton, Heather (Stan) Reno, and Shawn (Shannon) Morton; siblings, Mike (Jean) Garden, Gary Garden, Diedra (John) Heaney, Cheryl (Larry) Miller and Lori Doefler; grandchildren, Taylor, Alaina, Cassidy, Michael, and Khloe; cherished friend and companion of 48 years, Cheryl Cash, and her beloved dog, Cooper; as well as other relatives and friends.

Lynn was preceded in death by her parents, J Roy and Betty Fogle; and grandchild, AJ.

Visitation for Lynn will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, service at 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes, 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Interment will take place at Washington County Memorial Park in West Bend, Wisconsin.

Memorials in honor of Lynn Morton may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America or PetSmart Charities.

Lynns family and friends wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the care, compassion and support provided by her end-of-life care givers, Cheryl Cash, Heart 2 Heart Home Care (Crystal, Brenda, Michelle, Brittany, Whitney) and St. Croix Hospice.

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Linda A. Robinson

Linda A. Robinson, age 73, of Oshkosh, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. She was born on May 14, 1953, in Milwaukee to Frank and Sylvia (Stoltz) Rageth. She married Robert Robinson on May 17, 1974. Children were at the heart of Linda's life's work. She began her career as a preschool teacher, opened her own Family Daycare Center "Inch by Inch", then founded the Child Care Resource and Referral Center in Winnebago County to help families find quality care for their little ones. She later served as a childcare licenser for the State of Wisconsin.



Linda was a devoted Christian, and she shared her faith through music. For many years she served in her church's music ministry, singing with and guiding both the adult and youth choirs. She worked with youth groups and Sunday schools and led a woman's Bible study over the years. Her family finds comfort knowing that she is now with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Linda is survived by her husband, Rob; her daughters, Jodi (Chris) Bauer and Carrie (Stuart) Shannon; her grandchildren, Chase, Gage, and Evie; her brothers, Ben, John, and Dick Rageth; and her sister, Debbie Dixon.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Warren Pett.

A memorial service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 2PM. A time of visitation will be held from noon until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers the family will be giving memorial gifts to St Jude's Children's Hospital, https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=9455569&fr_id=154020&pg=personal

The family would like to thank all of her friends and family for the warm wishes and support during her fight with cancer.

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Zachary Allen Jungwirth

Zachary Allen Jungwirth, 36, lost his fight to the disease of addiction on Thursday, October 8, 2026. He was born to Jeffrey Jungwirth and Carrie Priest (Schlichting) on March 25, 1990, in Oshkosh. Zach attended Oshkosh West High School. He had several different jobs but enjoyed working at the UWO Food Service the most.



He played some sports but his favorites were playing disc golf and gaming. He also enjoyed playing golf with his Papa and hanging out with all of his friends. He loved his sweets, mainly caramel apples, and loved Sal's Pizza. Music was a big part of his life, and he enjoyed rap the most.

Zach was loved by all and a friend to everyone. He had a smile as big as his heart and saw good in everyone. Zach and his mother had a very special bond and always had each other's back. His grandmothers were very close to him and never gave up on him. He had a love for animals and children and was especially patient with special needs children.

Zachary is survived by his wife, Steffanie Kinderman and his two wonderful stepchildren. Also survived by his mother Carrie (Jordan) Priest, his grandparents Russ (Chris) Schlichting, Diane Miller and Marcia Jungwirth and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Zachary was preceded in death by his father Jeffrey Jungwirth, grandfathers Jordy Jungwirth and Harry Miller, and great grandparents.

Zachary will be deeply missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 4 p.m. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Solutions Recovery in Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

Nancy A. Salzsieder

Nancy A. Salzsieder, age 76, of Oshkosh, WI, went home to her Lord on October 8, 2026 at the Courtyard, Oshkosh.

Nancy was born on November 20, 1949, in Oshkosh, WI, daughter of the late Herman and Lorraine (Dittmer) Salzsieder. She graduated from high school and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She worked as a private tax preparer as well as a bookkeeper. Nancy was a longtime member of Wyldewood Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher for 30 years.

Nancy is survived by her sister, Susan Krumenauer, 1 nephew and 1 niece. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Inurnment will take place at Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI.

Special thanks to all the friends who visited these past years to see Nancy. Also a thank you to the staff at the Courtyard of Oshkosh and Moments Hospice. You were a great blessing to Nancy!

If you wish to give a memorial in Nancy's name, please send to Wyldewood Baptist Church, 3030 Witzel Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

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Public Notice

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2027 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Oshkosh on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Oshkosh, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment on the City's 2027 Annual Property Tax Levy and Budget. The City will post a link to the budget book on the City website https://www.oshkoshwi.gov/BudgetFinancials/.

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

General Fund Comprehensive Summary

	FY2025 YTD Actual	FY2026 Budget: Amended	FY 2026 YTD Actuals June 30th	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Budgeted
Beginning Fund Balance:	$22,749,038	$24,032,445	$24,032,445	$24,032,445	$26,963,255
Revenues					
Taxes and Special Assessments	$22,500,227	$27,542,200	$26,128,074	$27,527,700	$29,038,600
Intergovernmental	$19,748,146	$20,798,600	$4,326,697	$20,738,920	$21,111,200
Licenses and Permits	$671,303	$726,250	$294,343	$669,150	$671,250
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	$625,158	$860,000	$295,353	$610,000	$662,600
Charges for Services	$3,545,323	$3,303,900	$523,698	$3,113,640	$3,615,200
Miscellaneous Income	$3,749,009	$7,659,000	$1,434,549	$4,159,000	$4,571,160
Service Charges	$745,288	$430,500	$59,456	$351,800	$560,800
Other Financing	$241,710	$100,000	$297,954	$310,000	$270,000
Transfers	$2,310,128	$1,703,950	$4,872	$2,015,100	$260,300
Total Revenues:	$54,136,292	$63,124,400	$33,364,996	$59,495,310	$60,761,110
Expenditures					
Personnel Services	$40,538,724	$43,863,610	$18,875,220	$40,936,930	$44,745,660
Operating	$11,809,533	$18,974,002	$7,382,721	$15,089,470	$15,920,850
Capital Outlay	$504,628	$541,900	$386,867	$528,100	$94,600
Total Expenditures:	$52,852,885	$63,379,512	$26,644,808	$56,564,500	$60,761,110
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	$1,283,407	($255,112)	$6,720,188	$2,930,810	$0
Ending Fund Balance:	$24,032,445	$23,777,333	$30,752,633	$26,963,255	$26,963,255

Expenditures by Function

Name	FY2025 YTD Actual	FY2026 Budget: Amended	FY 2026 YTD Actuals June 30th	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Budgeted
Expenditures					
General Government	9,588,472	13,664,257	5,696,003	12,081,610	13,343,130
Public Safety	30,867,866	32,364,158	14,081,371	30,934,390	33,192,450
Public Works	5,730,991	5,908,592	2,479,142	5,693,150	5,926,130
Culture & Recreation	3,341,523	7,019,060	2,698,469	3,967,350	4,290,550
Conservation & Development	2,398,909	2,372,635	895,715	2,029,000	2,093,500
Transportation	925,124	2,050,810	794,109	1,859,000	1,915,350
Total Expenditures	**52,852,885**	**63,379,512**	**26,644,809**	**56,564,500**	**60,761,110**

Debt Service Fund 0401-0074 Comprehensive Summary

Name	FY2025 YTD Actual	FY2026 Budget: Amended	FY 2026 YTD Actuals June 30th	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Budgeted
Beginning Fund Balance:	$2,361,305	$954,660	$954,660	$954,660	$1,042,060
Revenues					
Taxes and Special Assessments	$13,400,000	$13,700,000	$13,700,000	$13,700,000	$13,700,000
Miscellaneous Income	$463,635	$400,000	$497,982	$500,000	$250,000
Transfers	$0	$562	$0	$0	$0
Total Revenues:	$13,863,635	$14,100,562	$14,197,982	$14,200,000	$13,950,000
Expenditures					
Operating	$15,270,280	$15,410,562	$6,608,522	$14,112,600	$14,702,000
Total Expenditures:	$15,270,280	$15,410,562	$6,608,522	$14,112,600	$14,702,000
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	($1,406,645)	($1,310,000)	$7,589,460	$87,400	($752,000)
Ending Fund Balance:	$954,660	($355,340)	$8,544,120	$1,042,060	$290,060

2027 Fund Balance Projections by Fund

Fund	Projected Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Net Difference	Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	26,651,395	60,761,110	60,761,110	-	26,651,395
Senior Center Revolving Fund	253,450	84,500	64,310	20,190	273,640
Seniors Center	24,308	-	-	-	24,308
Fire Special Revenue	362,431	94,400	70,000	24,400	386,831
Ambulance	431,668	5,481,100	5,824,480	(343,380)	88,288
Library	3,366,512	4,107,718	4,554,450	(446,732)	2,919,780
Museum Collections	924,093	45,500	68,600	(23,100)	900,993
Community Devel Special Funds	195,214	7,000	-	7,000	202,214
Parks Revenue	1,174,893	546,900	420,620	126,280	1,301,173
CDBG Revolving Loan Fund	557,642	265,000	594,910	(329,910)	227,732
Public Works Special Fund	(568,485)	510,000	11,000	499,000	(69,485)
Neighborhood Improv Loan Prog	91,568	9,000	218,100	(209,100)	(117,532)
Healthy Neighborhood Initiative	2,250,453	2,138,500	530,700	1,607,800	3,858,253
Comm Dev Block Grant	3,780,839	817,249	831,749	(14,500)	3,766,339
Local Go Edc Rev Loan Program	2,236,071	140,000	-	140,000	2,376,071
B I D District	145,441	150,600	150,000	600	146,041
Recycling	4,016,262	1,304,600	885,630	418,970	4,435,232
Garbage Collection & Disposal	758,713	2,120,000	2,277,210	(157,210)	601,503
Police Special Rev Fund	861,722	129,300	254,900	(125,600)	736,122
Special Events	890,217	50,000	50,000	-	890,217
Museum Membership Fund	619,853	185,500	297,100	(111,600)	508,253
Debt Service Fund	1,042,060	13,950,000	14,702,000	(752,000)	290,060
Street Improvement Fund	11,341,010	9,344,000	4,800,000	4,544,000	15,885,010
Special Assessment Improvement	11,908,262	2,580,000	1,196,500	1,383,500	13,291,762
Contract Control Fund	3,832,745	16,943,200	16,943,200	-	3,832,745
Special Assessment Replacement	5,145,565	4,050,000	3,000,000	1,050,000	6,195,565
Equipment Fund	1,450,997	13,942,000	13,942,000	-	1,450,997
Parks Improvement & Acquisition	-	590,000	590,000	-	-
Park Subdivision Improvement	469,209	35,000	-	35,000	504,209
Tree & Bench Memorial	(11,012)	11,010	-	11,010	(2)
Grand Opera House Fund	(89,651)	60,000	39,700	20,300	(69,351)
Inspection Services	3,793,728	983,900	1,094,230	(110,330)	3,683,398
Weights & Measures Fund	102,145	125,000	96,660	28,340	130,485
Oshkosh Convention Centre	11,576,082	2,825,800	2,547,570	278,230	11,854,312
Parking Ramp Fund	618,257	110,000	19,300	90,700	708,957
Parking Utility	2,934,426	161,200	207,040	(45,840)	2,888,586
Transit Utility	15,064,006	6,341,100	8,186,930	(1,845,830)	13,218,176
Ind Park Land Enterprise Fund	3,387,259	510,000	70,900	439,100	3,826,359
Water Utility	103,007,599	23,244,000	19,356,776	3,887,224	106,894,823
Sewer Utility	109,793,446	22,240,700	17,545,206	4,695,494	114,488,940
Storm Water Utility	104,499,217	17,063,600	10,196,589	6,867,011	111,366,228
Employee Benefit Fund	7,211,801	13,428,100	13,457,400	(29,300)	7,182,501
Workers Compensation	1,044,526	999,700	1,000,910	(1,210)	1,043,316
Central City Fund	2,516,710	6,870,000	7,112,340	(242,340)	2,274,370
Trust Funds	3,576,911	1,873,000	300,050	1,572,950	5,149,861
Redevelopment Authority	108,050	166,500	58,450	108,050	216,100
Totals	453,347,608	237,395,787	214,328,620	23,067,167	476,414,775

City of Oshkosh Tax Levy 2027 Proposed Budget

Taxing Fund	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Adopted Budget 2026	Proposed 2027	Change from 2026 Budget	Chg %
General Fund	$ 23,435,500	$ 24,020,000	$ 20,450,500	$ 25,426,000	$ 26,971,000	$ 1,545,000	6.08%
Special Revenue Funds:							
Garbage Collection & Disposal	1,560,000	1,730,000	1,990,000	1,990,000	1,990,000	$ -	0.00%
Street Lighting	1,025,000	1,060,300	1,090,600	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Museum	970,000	1,029,100	1,050,000	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Senior Services	353,500	393,000	393,000	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Library	2,792,700	2,876,500	3,400,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	$ -	0.00%
Cemetery	318,900	328,500	350,000	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Leach Amphitheater	23,000	23,000	23,000	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Pollock Water Park	64,000	100,000	260,000	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Rental Inspections	12,800	-	-	-	-	$ -	0.00%
Ambulance Services	-	-	1,594,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	$ -	0.00%
Capital Improvement Funds:							
Equipment Fund	1,088,700	1,200,500	765,500	814,500	769,500	$ (45,000)	-5.52%
Debt Service Fund	13,277,100	13,897,400	13,400,000	13,700,000	13,700,000	$ -	0.00%
Enterprise Funds:							
Grand Opera House	-	36,900	170,000	60,000	60,000	$ -	0.00%
GO Transit	809,500	856,600	2,063,400	809,500	809,500	$ -	0.00%
Total City Tax Levy	$ 45,730,200	$ 47,556,800	$ 47,000,000	$ 47,000,000	$ 48,500,000	$ 1,500,000	3.19%
Change from previous year	1,837,700	1,826,600	(556,800)	-	1,500,000		
% Change from previous year	4.19%	3.99%	-1.17%	0.00%	3.19%		

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Obituaries

Lois Amelia Bidwell

Born November 03, 1930 in Ring, WI to George Wentzel & Blodwen (Davis) Wentzel, Lois grew up on a farm near Omro, graduating as Salutatorian of the Omro High School class of 1948. She received a nursing degree from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Oshkosh, a 3-year program that ran year-round with nursing students working in the hospital as much as in the classroom. Lois began & ended her nursing career at Mercy Medical Center, with brief stints at St. Joe's Infirmary in Louisville, KY & Waukesha Memorial in Waukesha, WI. She worked in Ob/Gyn, pediatrics, med/surg & surgical recovery. After retiring she served as a volunteer at Mercy for several years.



Lois married Reg Bidwell, her high school boyfriend, on March 11, 1953. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage, raising five children: Jane (Bruce) Seston, Kay (Bruce) Loberg, Brian (Lori) Bidwell, Gary (Katherine) Bidwell & Greg (Karen) Bidwell. The family enjoyed many adventures, including camping trips around Wisconsin & long trips to the Eastern & Western US.

Lois has 14 much-loved grandchildren: Adam, Kevin (Jennifer) & Marcia Seston; Brent (Ryan Handerhan) & Alex Aronowitz; Catherine (Austin) Keenan, James, & Michael Bidwell; Amanda (Earle Wilson) Bidwell, Lauren (Michael) Albright & Molly Bidwell; Jacob, Ryan (Sarah) & Ethan Bidwell - & 5 adorable great-grandchildren: Spencer & Avery Seston, Kwame Wilson, Damon Bidwell & Augusta Keenan.

An active member of First Presbyterian Church of Oshkosh for many years, Lois served as a Deacon & Elder, sang in the choir, played bells & assisted with many church functions. When her children were younger, she manned the church nursery school, was a Campfire Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother & active in Parent Teacher Association. Lois volunteered for Red Cross Blood drives, taking health histories of potential blood doners.

Lois & Reg were avid dancers, joining both square & round dance groups, attending many state dance gatherings & camping events. They enjoyed attending theater productions, biking, cross-country skiing, swimming, playing cards with friends & traveling. They visited many US states & countries across the globe on trips with the ROAD Scholars & other guided adventures. A favorite trip was to Alaska with Reg. Lois loved to read & was a true wordsmith. She was good at crossword puzzles & nearly impossible to beat at Scrabble!

Lois was a life-long caregiver. She was with several family members when they passed— among them her mother Blodwen, SIL Beverly, & siblings Leslie & Ardyth. She enjoyed baking, keeping a supply of cookies in the jar & making her own bread. No holiday was complete without her home-made buns.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald (Reg) Bidwell; parents, George & Blodwen Wentzel; brothers & their wives, Roy (Gen), Bruce (Helen) & Leslie Wentzel; sisters & their husbands, Marion (Ken) Shuck) & Ardyth (Rod) Hoeft; father & mother-in-law, James & Viva Bidwell; sister-in law, Beverly (Bidwell) Clausen; brother-in-law & wife, Dwight (Barbara) Bidwell.

The family wishes to thank Bethel Home & Moments Hospice for their loving care. A Celebration of Life will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home on Lake Pointe Dr. in Oshkosh on Saturday, Oct 24. Visitation will be 3-5pm with service & luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

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Obituaries

Joan Louise Schettle

Joan Louise (Rothenbach) Schettle of Omro passed away on September 24, 2026, due to a stroke.



Born on January 10, 1943, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1961. She married Stephen Schettle on June 1, 1963, who survives her. Joan was a homemaker at which she excelled and everyone who know Joan loved her and for good reason.

Since the age of 37, her life was often filled with pain, as she dealt with crippling rheumatoid arthritis. Over the years she also struggled with multiple heart issues, including bypass surgery, lactose intolerance, GERD, and uncontrollable tremors that made eating a challenge. Despite these difficulties, she remained cheerful and uncomplaining.

Her condition worsened in May after a hip fracture left her quite housebound, and bowel issues revealed diverticulosis, which limited her diet to bland foods.

Joan faced pain almost every day. However, when someone asked how she was, she would simply say, "good" or "fine." I'd hear that and look at her and think, "liar," and yet I cannot recall Joan lying once in our 63 years of marriage. She just did not want to focus on her problems but wanted to help you with yours. She possessed the rarest of human attributes: the ability to listen to others in a way that they knew she cared about them. She loved deeply.

Joan became a born-again Christian in 1980. Her primary focus in life was drawing closer to Jesus through her countless hours of prayer and Bible reading. She was a true example of Christlikeness by the way she cared about others more than herself. As her husband, I was the main beneficiary of her smoothing out my rough edges. I will be eternally grateful for my Joan!

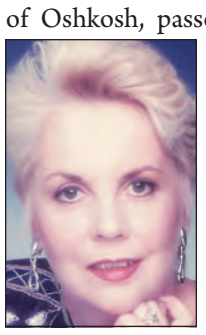
Joan's faith lived the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." (All of our troubles.) She will always be a shining example of cheerfully enduring life's struggles to all who knew her.

There will be a celebration of life on October 17th, 2026, at Mill City Church, 3250 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Visitation is at 10:00 AM, service at 12:00 PM, followed by a meal.

Joan and Steve have three sons: Jim Schettle of Omro and Michael (Tracy) Schettle of Greenville and John (Jane) Schettle of Winneconne. Grandchildren Warren Schettle, Olivia (Austin) Bowman, Joseph Schettle, Nathan Schettle and Seth Schettle. Great Grandchildren Dominic Schettle, Logan Schettle, Thaddeus Bowman and Augustus Bowman. Further survived by siblings: Robert Rothenbach of Waupaca, Mary Riley of Beaver Dam, and Gary (Kris) Rothenbach of Neenah.

Sandra Lee Moore

Sandra "Sandie" Lee Moore, age 82, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2026. In her final days, she was surrounded by the love and comfort of her family. Sandie was born on August 20, 1944, to the late Frank and Margaret (Solie) Harris.



Sandie dedicated much of her professional life to providing care and support for individuals with developmental disabilities, a role that reflected her compassionate and caring nature.

Sandie married the love of her life, John Moore, in 1978. Together they built a life centered on family, friendship and shared adventures. John's career took the couple to California, where they spent seven memorable years together before returning to Wisconsin. Many of Sandie's happiest memories were spent with John at their campsite, enjoying relaxing weekends surrounded by friends and family. The two also enjoyed countless trips to Laughlin with family and friends, sharing laughter, making memories and always hoping the next pull of the slot machine would bring a big win. John preceded her in death in 2016.

Family was the heart of Sandie's life. She cherished bringing loved ones together and looked forward to hosting Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas each year. Her home was always open, and the holidays were filled with warmth, laughter and treasured memories. When she wasn't spending time with family, Sandie could often be found with a good book in hand, as reading was one of her favorite pastimes.

Sandie's love for cats was well known to all who knew her, and there was rarely a time when a beloved cat was not part of her family. Sandie's cats were never the simple kind. She had a knack for taking in those with big personalities, health challenges, or habits that tested everyone's patience but her own. No matter their quirks, each was deeply loved and well cared for.

Sandie is lovingly survived by her children, Randal Lee and Steven (April Zink) Lee; grandchildren, Christopher (Jessica) Lee, Stephanie Miller, Michael (Shannon) Lee, Kara (David) Waters, Alex, John and Macey Lee; great-grandchildren, Ella and Hudson Lee, Kytairra, Bentleigh and Kashtyn Miller, Prince Wright, Colton, Grayson and Griffin Lee, Oscar, Henry and Owen Waters; brother, Michael (Karen) Harris; nephew, John (Sarah) Harris; and niece, Sunshine (Hank) Vissers.

Sandie was preceded in death by her husband, John Moore; and her parents, Frank and Margaret Harris.

Sandie's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, nurses, caregivers and staff at Evergreen Retirement Community and Aurora Medical Center for the extraordinary care, kindness and compassion they showed Sandie and her family. A special thank you is extended to April, for the many hours she spent with Sandie during her final months. Her love, companionship, and support were a tremendous comfort to Sandie and deeply appreciated by the family.

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Patricia Rae Ulsberger

Patricia Rae Ulsberger, age 87, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2026, at Eden Vista in Oshkosh, WI.

A funeral Mass for Patricia will be held on Tuesday October 20th, 2026 beginning at 11:00 am, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI, with Fr. Tom Long officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am and continue until the start of Mass. Interment will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI.

To view the full obituary, please visit www.konrad-behlman.com, or call Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home for more information, 920-231-1510.

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Garage/Estate Sales

Garage Sale: 2360 Fall Creek Lane, Oshkosh. Friday, Oct. 16 & Saturday, Oct. 17, 9AM - 4PM. Circular Saw, Rototiller, Shaw File Cabinet, Antique Rocking Chair, Wicker Baskets, Mirror and other Decor.

Miscellaneous

I buy classic cars especially convertibles 50/60s impala/ 55-57 bel air/ Cadillac/ Monte Carlo/ cutlass/ Buick/ caprice/ Chevelle / Mercedes/ etc , any condition 414-514-1828 bill

PEACE LUTHERAN CEMETERY fall clean-up is Saturday, October 17. Please remove summer decorations from gravesites by Thursday, October 15. Decorations left on gravesites will be removed during clean-up. Decorations may be placed on gravesites beginning Sunday, October 18.

Reimer Jewelers has a Full-Service Watchmaker on Staff. 11 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh

Wanted: local wood duck decoys. Carved by Oshkosh area carvers, also duck hunting wood ammo boxes (920-235-4717)

Real Estate/Rentals

Must see home 1564 Plummer St., Oshkosh renovated 2019, custom woodwork, doors, kitchen, dry basement, spacious double garage. Beckman Properties 920-428-9669.

Legal Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Lucille Margalene Strauss By (Petitioner) Lucille Margalene Strauss

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000929

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From:
First – Lucille
Middle – Margalene
Last – Strauss
To:
First – Lucille
Middle – Margalene
Last – Strauss-Muckerheide
Birth Certificate:
First – Lucille
Middle – Margalene
Last – Strauss

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs
Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: October 21, 2026
Time: 3:30 p.m.

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

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

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 17, 2026
Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4

Runs: October 14, 2026, October 21, 2026 and October 28, 2026.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN WINNEBAGO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT Case No. 2026-CV-734 Case Code: 30301 Money Judgement

SUMMONS

TENET COMPANY
Plaintiff,
-vs-
SOPER PROFOAMIT LLC
And
SCOTT SOPER
Defendant.

The State of Wisconsin, To each person named above as the Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after October 7, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 and to Rinehart, Scaffidi & Rinehart LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is: 1001 West Glen Oaks Ln. Suite 111, Mequon, WI 53092. You may have an attorney to help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgement against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement rewarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 28th day of September 2026.
RINEHART, SCAFFIDI & RINEHART LLC
Electronically Signed By: William A. Rinehart II
State Bar No. 1055477
1001 West Glen Oaks Lane Suite 111
Mequon, WI 53092
Phone: (262) 302-4060

Runs: October 7, 2026, October 14, 2026 and October 21, 2026.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: GABRIEL TIMOTHY KILLIAN Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV988

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From:
First – Gabriel
Middle – Timothy
Last – Killian
To:
First – Reyna
Middle – Luchterhand
Last – Killian
Birth Certificate:
First – Gabriel
Middle – Timothy
Last – Killian

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse
415 Jackson Street, Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: November 13, 2026
Time: 1:15 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4912 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: October 8, 2026
Winnebago Cty Circuit Court BR6
Runs: October 14, 2026, October 21, 2026 and October 28, 2026

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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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How to Wipe Out a Deadly Disease

Can you number the parts of this story in the correct order?

The situation was even sadder because a vaccine that could prevent people from getting polio had been invented.

It was so successful that Rotary International made it a goal to wipe polio off the face of the earth. For more than 30 years, more than 2.5 billion children have been given the life-saving polio vaccine. Today, wild polio remains active in only two countries.

Dr. Santos asked members of Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines to vaccinate the children in their communities. More than 6 million children were immunized against polio. It was a huge success.

Dr. Benny Santos belonged to an international club called Rotary. He wrote a letter to the international president of Rotary asking if all of the Rotarians in the Philippines could volunteer to immunize the country's children. The President of Rotary and his committee approved the idea.

More than 30 years ago, a doctor in the Philippines named Dr. Benny Santos was very upset about the number of people in his country who had a disease called **polio**.

Polio caused people to become physically disabled. Some had problems breathing. Many died.

What is polio?

Thanks to the polio vaccine, most kids in North America don't know what polio is. There has been only one confirmed case of polio here in the last 30 years. Polio is an illness that can lead to paralysis of your spine and/or limbs and can sometimes cause death.

A Worldwide Hero

In the 1950s, an amazing doctor worked tirelessly in his lab to invent a vaccine that could stop polio. Instead of keeping the secret to make himself rich, he gave it away for free so that every child in the world could get it.

Because of his kindness and hard work, he helped defeat polio and became a real-life superhero!

Circle every other letter to discover his name.

D A R B J K O L N V A T
S M S U A W L Y K E

DR. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Healthcare workers travel from village to village to make sure they reach all children with the polio vaccine.





Photos courtesy Rotary International

India was officially declared polio-free in 2014. There have been no new cases there since 2011.

What is **Rotary?** It's a global network of volunteers. Find out if you have a Rotary Club in your community that might have a member who can speak to your class about the efforts to end polio.

Rotary

A Special Test

Rotarians have a short test with only four questions. Use the code to discover the four questions Rotarians ask themselves about everything they say or do.

Is it the _____ ?	Is it _____ to all concerned?	Will it build _____ and _____ ?	Will it be _____ to all concerned?

= GOODWILL = BETTER = GOOD = FAIR
= BENEFICIAL = TRUTH = FRIENDSHIPS = TRUST

If everyone asked themselves these four questions before they said or did something, how would it make the world a better place?

Extra! Extra!

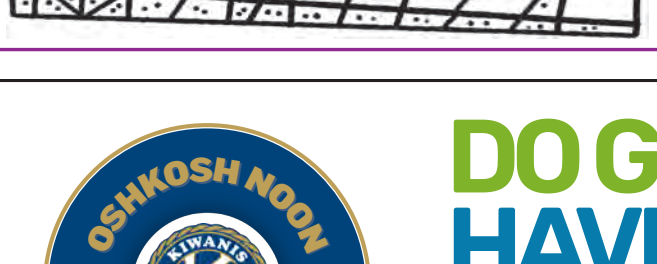
People Care

Look through the newspaper for examples of three people helping others. Cut out their pictures and/or names and glue them to a piece of paper. Write one to three sentences about how these people are helping others.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In 1988, when the Global Polio Eradication effort began, there were 350,000 cases of wild polio each year—about 1,000 cases a day. Fill in the squares with two dots YELLOW. Fill in the spaces with one dot BLUE. This will reveal the year that the last case of wild polio happened in the United States.



Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Then look for them in this week's *Kid Scoop* stories and activities.

CASES
CLASS
DISEASE
GOAL
IDEA
INDIA
KIDS
LIFE
POLIO
PROBLEMS
ROTARY
SPINE
UPSET
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VACCINATE

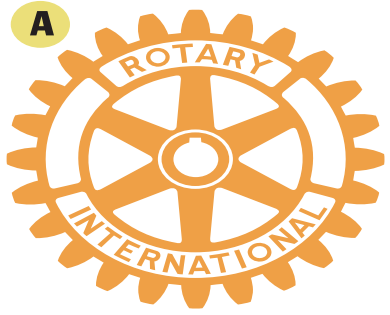
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A	B	G	F	A	N	A	P	L	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

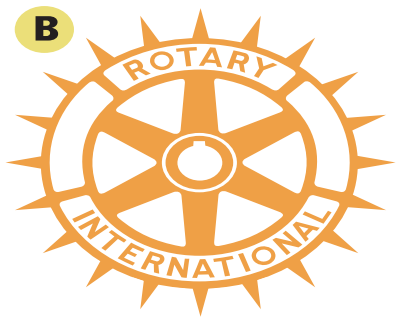
Kid Scoop Together: Twin Emblems

You may have seen the Rotary International emblem in your town. Nearly every community has a Rotary Club with members that are dedicated to serving the community. Look carefully at the emblems below. The two that are exactly alike are Rotary's official emblem.

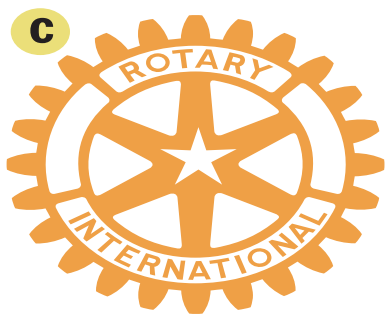
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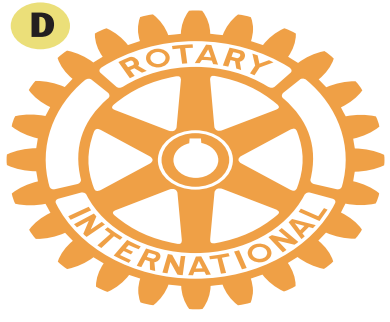
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E



ANSWER: A & D.

Write On!

I'm a Helper

Write about ways you help at home, school, or in your community.

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REPEAT.

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