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City eyes grant to address homelessness

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

The City of Oshkosh is applying for a grant that could take actionable steps to help people experiencing homelessness.

If the city is awarded the grant, it will mean up to $250,000 for a 24-month project that would begin in July. Applying for the grant was approved Oct. 13 by the common council with no opposing votes.

"This is a health-focused grant from a Wisconsin Endowment Fund," City Manager Rebecca Grill said. "We're applying to use it to look at the different services that the city already has. It's really an opportunity to focus on a need that we have in this community. It just gives us the resources to do that. We'll be working with the county and a lot of our different (city) departments."

The grant's primary objectives include understanding the relationship between housing instability and health in Oshkosh, assessing the existing system of housing and health resources, and identifying and implementing practical improvements, evaluating daytime and inclement weather service needs and establish measurable outcomes.

Grill said the city would be hiring staff to help facilitate the grant if awarded.

"Homelessness is an issue that we need to tackle," council member Joe Stephenson said.

It was not the only homeless related topic on the agenda. Council member Paul Esslinger brought up the topic of

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Season opener

Matthew Michelic, an internationally recognized artist-teacher of the viola, performed works by Telemann and Bruch as the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra opened its 85th season on Saturday. The concert celebrated the reopening of the renovated and newly accessible Music Hall at UW-Oshkosh, the orchestra's home. Michelic was on the faculty of Lawrence Conservatory of Music for 37 years and is now semi-retired.

Why readers pay for a newspaper they can get for free

By Grace Lim
Herald Contributor

She reads the Oshkosh Herald cover to cover, passes it to her 90-year-old mother and believes strong communities depend on local news.

Every week, Meg Murphy-Steinke reads the Oshkosh Herald from cover to cover. Then she passes it along to her 90-year-old mother, JoAnn Hammen, who lives in Little Chute.

JoAnn grew up in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1954. She no longer lives in Oshkosh, but the Herald helps her remain connected to her hometown and to people she remembers. A few weeks ago, that connection became especially personal when the paper published a photograph of JoAnn and her former classmates, who've all turned 90 this year.

That photograph is one small example of what a local newspaper does. It records the decisions shaping a community, but it also records the lives being lived within it. It tells us what happened at City Hall and who gathered to celebrate turning 90.

For Meg, newspapers have always been part of life. Her father, Gene Hammen, sold advertising for The Post-Crescent for 40 years. He worked there with Dan Roherty, the founding editor of the Oshkosh Herald and the subject of my previous column. After graduating from UW–Green Bay, Meg's first job was selling advertising for the Kaukauna Times. She later spent 30 years in construction sales.

She understood early that the newspaper appearing on someone's doorstep did not pay for itself. Newspapers depend on advertising and on readers willing to support the work.

So when Meg and her husband, Dennis Steinke, a mechanical engineer, moved from Oakfield to Oshkosh in 2020, supporting the Herald felt natural. The newspaper was delivered to their home whether they paid for it or not. Meg chose to pay, becoming a member in November 2022.

"I love getting the paper in my mailbox every Thursday," she told me. "To me, spending that money to help sustain it is a small price to pay to get that paper every week."

Meg values the Herald because its reporting is local. She reads the election coverage to learn about candidates. She follows stories about waterfront development and other decisions that will shape Oshkosh. She reads the sports coverage and feature stories, including articles about Oshkosh native and Indiana Pacers star Tyrese Haliburton, whom her grandson played against in high school.

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Photo by Grace Lim

Dennis Steinke, left, and Meg Murphy-Steinke sit outside their home. Meg has supported the Oshkosh Herald since 2022 and reads each issue from cover to cover.



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Flu shot season has arrived earlier than usual

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

It's only mid-October, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the 2026-27 flu season has arrived weeks earlier than usual.

With positive flu tests already being reported on the West Coast, Jaci Grignon, communicable disease supervisor for Winnebago County, said it is ideal to get this year's flu shot before the end of the month. It takes about two weeks for the immunization to be fully effective.

"Everyone age 6 months or older needs to get immunized to protect them from getting the flu," she said.

The flu is a serious disease and can keep someone out of school or work for a week, if not longer, Grignon said.

"You feel so awful that you don't want to go anywhere. It will knock you out," she said.

The months of November through February tend to be the peak flu season, but it can start earlier or last longer, Grignon said.

"The important thing is to be prepared for whenever the flu enters the community," she said.

Getting a flu shot is important especially for people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women, young children, adults over 65, people with asthma, heart disease, diabetes or those who live in nursing homes or long-term care residences.


Grignon

Grignon said flu symptoms come on suddenly and usually include fever, a dry cough, sore throat, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigues.

"You feel awful when you have the flu," she said.

Anyone who has just come down with the flu should contact their medical provider. He or she may be able to provide patients with Tamiflu, which would help lessen or shorten symptoms.

"If you live with someone with compromised immune systems, an older adult, a pregnant woman or young children, it definitely makes sense to see your provider and get some Tamiflu so you can help protect those in your household," Grignon said.

She added Tamiflu is not a substitute for the flu vaccine. It's only for people who come down with the flu.

"Flu vaccines protect you and keep you from getting sick, which is why it is so important to get one every year," Grignon said.

People can visit their medical provider or a local pharmacy to get a flu shot.

The Winnebago County Health Department offers free flu vaccines for children through the Vaccines for Children program, which is for children enrolled in Medicaid or do not have health insurance. Adults can receive free or low-cost flu shots through the Vaccines for Adults program, which is for uninsured or underinsured adults.



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Community support

Winnebago Media Group Publisher Karen Schneider, center, accepted a grant from Women Who Care – Greater Oshkosh during the group's Oct. 13 meeting. The grant will help the newspaper provide local news to the community. Nonprofits Read More Oshkosh and Oshkosh Kids Foundation also received grants thanks to Blended Waxes.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

October 19, 1940

Rare Creature Found Locally Sent to NY Museum: A strange creature received at the E.G. Steinhilber frog farm is being sent to the Museum of Natural History in New York for study. Identified as a rare albino necturus (aka mud puppy) the lizard-like creature was trapped by a frogger working in the Lake Butte des Morts area. Steinhilber, who collects and sells all kinds of wildlife to schools, museums, restaurants, and universities as his business, is located on Joslyn Street near Witzel Avenue. Creatures of this type are of interest to scientists as they are believed to be the larvae stage of some now extinct form of life that once roamed the world millions of years ago. A genus of salamanders, the creatures possess four well developed limbs, large bushy external gills, and a compressed tail. They are a bane to fishermen, many of whom choose to cut their lines rather than handle them. Steinhilber said this specimen is about 15 inches long and weighs about a pound. Once notified, the New York museum expressed strong interest in the albino and asked that it be shipped alive to New York as soon as possible.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, October 19, 1940

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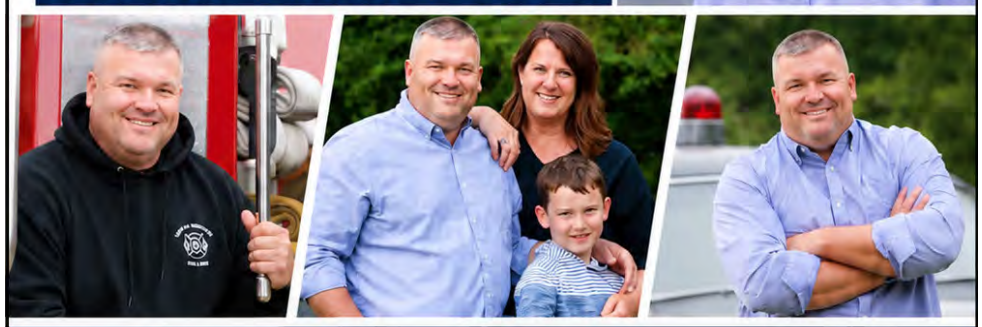
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Look closely at the decorative tree grates along downtown Oshkosh sidewalks. Their intricate designs celebrate the city's heritage, featuring landmarks and symbols that tell its story. A little piece of Oshkosh history hiding in plain sight! Can you identify them all?

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Officials direct staff to improve ALPR ban resolution

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

A resolution that would ban ALPR cameras will be looked at by city staff.

It would prohibit use of ALPR technology as criticism of the technology continues to grow across the country.

The cities of Oshkosh and Appleton both have introduced resolutions in an effort to potentially ban ALPR technology. ALPR (automatic license plate reader) was first approved by the Oshkosh Common Council in 2022 and cameras were installed the following year.

Oshkosh deputy mayor Karl Buelow introduced the resolution that states the city will prohibit the use of ALPR technology when it comes to criminal investigations unless there is council consent.

"The City of Oshkosh shall not purchase, lease, subscribe to, install, operate, or renew automated license plate reader technology ("ALPR") for use in criminal investigations unless subsequently authorized by the Common Council through adoption of a new resolution," the resolution states. "Any future proposal to authorize ALPR technology for use in criminal investigations shall be accompanied by confirmation that a written policy has been established addressing, at minimum: permitted purposes; access; retention; auditing; interagency sharing; secondary and non-law-enforcement uses; commercial use of City-generated data; and consequences for misuse."

The resolution concludes, "Nothing in this resolution prevents the Common Council from considering future technology when a defined public need, appropriate safeguards and a clear governance framework are presented."

Buelow outlined at the Oct. 13 meeting the three goals he had when drafting the resolution. The first is to prohibit the use of ALPR technology for criminal investigations. The second goal is to allow another council to revisit the technology.

"I don't want anyone walking away from this thinking that a prohibition adopted today means this technology will never be discussed again," Buelow said while reading from written remarks on his laptop. "Technology evolves, councils change and at some point, a future council may decide that this conversation should happen again."

The third goal is that the city continue having the discussion around ALPR technology.

Some critics of ALPR technology say that it puts all motorists under investigation all the time for all crimes. Other critics have pointed out police officers have used the technology to stalk romantic partners.

Throughout the debate on ALPRs in Oshkosh, the people opposed to the technology stated they trusted the Oshkosh Police Department. However, a majority said they do not trust other departments either in or out of Wisconsin.

On April 21, despite dozens of residents stating their opposition, the Oshkosh council voted 5-2 to renew the Flock contract for another year.

The meeting room on the fourth floor of City Hall was full of people. There was an abundance of public comments about the use of Flock and ALPRs. There was one public comments in favor of ALPRs that were not employed as law enforcement officers.

During the April 21 meeting, Flock's chief information security officer, Chris Castaldo, was asked by council member Brad Spanbauer about the heat map.

"No, it does not," Castaldo said via a zoom call. "No, it does not create a pattern of life."

Then Kristen MacLeod, Flock's senior public affairs manager, repeated the misinformation.

"No, that is not available," MacLeod said when Spanbauer asked her directly about a heat map.

When OPD Chief Dean Smith found out about the misinformation, he contacted the city manager's office and council members. Smith and city manager Rebecca Grill decided to ask the council to rescind their decision and reject renewing the contract.

"I hold my conversations and recommendations to council as sacred," Smith said. "I know that you trust me to give you my best recommendations that are in the best interest of the city with the information that I have available to me. I will not betray that trust because of this misrepresentation, specifically to a question asked by a council member. I can no longer recommend Flock."

Smith has since then said that the department is not moving forward forming an ALPR committee. That committee was suggested during the April meeting and Smith had planned to hire an independent cyber security firm to lead the committee along with representatives from the city and two resident representatives, one in favor of ALPRs and one opposed to ALPRs.

All Flock cameras have been covered by plastic. Flock has not responded to questions asking when the cameras will be taken down.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said last week that he believes the "silent majority" of Oshkosh residents want the Flock technology in the city and that the "vocal minority" keep showing up to the meetings to voice their opposition.

The council is expected to vote on an updated resolution at the Nov. 17 council meeting.

City hires communications and engagement manager

Oshkosh Herald

The City of Oshkosh has named Jake Timm as the next division manager for communications and engagement.


Timm

The division was created in January to help the city with communications, marketing and transparency with the public.

"I'm honored and excited to take on this new role with the City of Oshkosh," Timm said. "I look forward to working with our talented team and colleagues across the city to strengthen engagement, share the great work happening in Oshkosh and create more opportunities for residents to be informed."

Timm has worked for the city for more than 10 years and recently served as senior content coordinator for the Oshkosh communications and engagement (OCE) division.

The recruitment process was handled by Innovative Public Advisors, which conducted the search at no cost to the city. This is due to the company doing the search for the previous OCE manager, Drew Bailey, who resigned from his position just seven months into the job after being hired in January.

However, the city was paying Jess Wildes, co-founder and partner of Innovative Public Advisors, to do the job on an interim basis for $110 an hour for between 10 and 20 hours of work per week.

Timm previously worked as a director of multimedia services at UW-Green Bay. He earned his bachelor's degree in radio/tv/film from UWO.

Veterans Day breakfast, program to be held at museum

Oshkosh Herald

The AEGIS team is inviting veterans, friends and neighbors to a Veterans Day breakfast.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 11 for the event at the Military Veterans Museum, 4300 Poberezny Road. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

The Presentation of Colors will be at 8:45 a.m. followed by National Anthem at 8:50 a.m. The guest speaker at 9 a.m. is John Koehler.

RSVP by Oct. 28 at 920-233-4650 or shorturl.at/hUC86.

Council to give direction on City Center

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

Mayor Matt Mugerauer announced following an executive session last week that the Oshkosh Common Council is expected to give city staff direction on the future of City Center.

At this time, the direction is to put the issue on the next agenda Oct. 27 for a closed session. After the council comes out of closed session, they would give direction to the city manager regarding the City Center acquisition or redevelopment.

The city has been in a due diligence period for several weeks as soil testing is done along with testing of the buildings' integrity on the site. Potential work to redevelop the site may not take place until 2030 when the Jackson/Oregon Street bridge construction is completed.

City staff has not answered why the city is interested in purchasing the property and then hire an outside company to act as a landlord for several years.

This proposal was brought by the city manager's office and not by an elected official.

The council has already agreed to purchase the 17 acres that is City Center for $12.5 million. City Manager Rebecca Grill has stated it will likely cost up to $30 million to redevelop the site.

There has been limited public support for the project. The potential purchase has been mostly talked about by the council and other parties behind closed doors in executive sessions.

Most council members have spoken in favor of purchasing City Center in the past. Mugerauer and council member Paul Esslinger have stated their opposition to the purchase with Mugerauer calling it a legacy project and a feather in the cap for city staff and council members looking to advance their careers. Esslinger has stated the city is wrong in its "Trust us, we got this" approach to the purchase.

It remains unclear if any information that has been discussed in the executive sessions going back to last October will be shared with the taxpayers that will be paying for the potential purchase and redevelopment of City Center.

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Club opens transformed classroom for young learners

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh celebrated the grand opening of its Panda Cares Center of Hope with a ceremony and ribbon cutting at the Club on Parkway Avenue.

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh leaders and Club members were joined by partners from Panda Express in Oshkosh to unveil the renovated classroom on Friday.

The Center of Hope, formerly a more traditional and inflexible classroom, is now a modern, multipurpose, convertible space for elementary-school-aged club members. It features a new large screen, new tablets, flexible furniture, bright, energetic wall treatments and technology more relevant to how students learn today. The classroom transformation is supported by a $45,000 Panda Cares Foundation grant.

"The Center of Hope gives our youngest members a space that tells them they matter and that their learning is worth investing in," said Tracy Ogden, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

After the ceremony, club members enjoyed a meal provided by Panda Express, hands-on activities and tours of the new space.

"Panda Cares has helped us breathe life back into the space. It is relevant to our kids and how they learn today," said Susan Tesch, BGCO director of academics. "The environment is vibrant. There's a touch of whimsy and wonder. Our members will be engaged."

Panda Cares is the philanthropic arm of Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express, and is a partner of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Center of Hope grand opening celebrates the partnership among Panda Cares, Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Panda Cares aims to reach 200 Panda Cares Centers of Hope in Boys & Girls Clubs across the country this year, marking the halfway point to the organization's goal of 400 in clubs by 2030.



Submitted photo

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Friday for the new Center of Hope classroom at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

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"If you don't have a local paper that writes that stuff, you'll never know," she said.

That may be the simplest explanation of why this campaign matters. A community cannot respond to decisions its residents know nothing about. It cannot hold local leaders accountable without people attending meetings, asking questions and reporting what happened. It cannot celebrate its own people if no one is there to record their victories, milestones and 90th birthdays.

The Oshkosh Herald, Neenah News and Winneconne News are now part of Winnebago Media Group, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The Founding 5,000 campaign is seeking 5,000 people willing to contribute $50 a year to help create a sustainable foundation for that work.

The paper will continue arriving whether you become a member or not. Membership is not about buying access. It is about helping ensure that everyone continues to have access.

The paper is free. The journalism isn't.

When Meg was asked what she would say to someone who had been receiving the Herald for years without contributing, she asked readers to consider what $50 helps preserve.

"It all stays local," she said. "It gives voice to local residents. By not supporting the local paper, all stories go untold, and you'll be completely in the dark."

Before we ended our conversation, I asked Meg to finish one sentence: I support the Oshkosh Herald because ...

She was ready.

"Strong communities don't just happen," she said. "They rely on connection, residents knowing what's going on, businesses reaching the customers who keep them open and citizens having the facts to make good decisions. Local newspapers provide that connection in ways no other source can. So I am in."

Meg is in.

Are you?

Grace Lim is a journalist, educator, founder of Humans of Oshkosh and owner of Grace Lim Creative. She believes local journalism and community storytelling help people feel seen, informed and connected.

Free training offered on vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW) is hosting a free, in-person training in partnership with Reach Counseling to address the challenge of supporting others through difficult experiences.

The training will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Nov. 10 at the Hyde Family Community Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 545 Monroe St.

Supporting Those Who Support Others: Understanding Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue & Sustainable Self-Care is a 90-minute interactive session led by Halie Nabbefeld, director of education and engagement, and Heidi Paessler, LPC, CCTP, clinical director at Reach Counseling.

Participants will learn to recognize the physical, emotional and professional effects of vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue, identify early warning signs and explore realistic self-care strategies they can incorporate into their daily lives.

The training is open to nonprofit professionals, board members, volunteers, community organizations, city and county employees, caregivers and others who support people facing difficult circumstances. Whether working with clients, supporting employees through personal challenges, caring for a loved one or serving the community, participants will gain insights and practical strategies to recognize the effects of compassion fatigue and support their own well-being.

With interest in the training growing, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh offered space at its Hyde Family Community Center, allowing OAUW to accommodate more participants.

The training is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required by 4 p.m. Nov. 5. To learn more or register, visit oshkoshunitedway.org/nonprofit-training-opportunities.



Electrical services contractor celebrates milestone

By Jill Trotter
Herald Contributor

For the past 20 years, Shea Electric & Communications has provided industrial and commercial electrical contracting services to businesses in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac.

The company is committed to investing in the next generation of electrical contractors and giving back to the communities it serves.

Shea Electric & Communications, co-owned by Dan and Patty Shea, provides electrical contracting services, including wiring, cabling, lighting, and security system and fire alarm system installation. They are committed to safety, communication and customer service.

"Dan has always been and is very passionate about the industry that he is in, doing electrical work, learning more, serving his customers and teaching apprentices," Patty Shea said.

Since 2006, the company has grown to employ a staff of 17 employees. The Sheas are proud for the business to be a "one stop shop" for its clients, providing all of the company's services in-house, thereby streamlining the process for their clients.

"Dan has always had a passion for quality, integrity (and) safety," Patty Shea said.

Dan Shea's passion for the electric industry inspired him to invest in the next generation of electrical contractors. Almost 20 years ago, Dan reached out to local high schools looking for opportunities to go and talk with students, giving them greater exposure to the career opportunities that are available in the skilled trades."

His outreach grew from a desire to create opportunities for young people while at the same time addressing the shortage in the workforce in the skilled trades.

"He loves the opportunity to go in and talk to students about what the trades have to offer as far as a long-standing career, financial stability and opportunities for advancement," Patty Shea said.

This outreach eventually led to the creation of the company's high school apprentice program. In 2014, Dan Shea took his outreach to the next level by hiring the company's first apprentice.

Often, after he visits the schools, several of the students go on to apply for the apprenticeship program. Applicants go through two rounds of interviews as part of the acceptance process. Currently, the company employs four apprentices. Dan Shea continues to visit the Oshkosh high schools as well as the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Academy at Fond du Lac High School.

Many of the company's former apprentices have stayed on and continued their career at Shea Electric. Patty Shea believes that the apprenticeship program is successful in large part because of the supportive nature of their staff.

"We're very proud of the culture that we have and the team that we have because they just work so well side by side, lifting each other up, educating each other, (and) giving support when they need support," Patty Shea said.

She believes the apprentices "feel supported and well-guided in our culture and choose to stay."

The Sheas' outreach doesn't stop there. They are committed to giving back to the Oshkosh and Fond du Lac community, both personally and professionally.

They have always had a philosophy of paying it forward, Patty Shea said, and are heavily involved in a variety of community events and economic development. The couple focuses their support efforts on women, children, and youth development.



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Shea Electric & Communications celebrated 20 years in business with a gathering for its team, customers, partners, family and friends at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

"As a business owner, we feel we have a responsibility to help strengthen the communities that we live, work and raise our families in," Patty Shea said.

The main beneficiary of their philanthropic support is the Oshkosh Boys and Girls Club. Supporting the Boys and Girls Club is a natural choice for the couple, since they both attended the Boys and Girls Club in Manchester, New Hampshire as children.

"The club has played a vital role in our journey," Patty Shea said. "And so, having an opportunity to be part of such a great organization here in Oshkosh is very rewarding for both of us."

In addition to providing financial support, Patty Shea has served on the Board of Directors for the organization for the past nine years. The Sheas also provide financial support, including donating auction items and providing in-kind services, to other Oshkosh and Fond du Lac organizations, including the Christine Ann Center and the Day by Day Warming Shelter.

The Sheas are grateful for their loyal customers and the support of the communities they serve.

"We're just excited to be part of the community and appreciate the trust that a lot of our customers (and) partners have given to us over the years and to be celebrating 20 years is very exciting and such an awesome milestone," Patty Shea said.

They recently celebrated the company's 20th anniversary with a celebration at the Oshkosh Convention Center with their team of employees, customers, partners, family and friends.

"One of the most meaningful parts of the evening was highlighting organizations that hold a special place in our hearts," Patty Shea said.

Assisted living center opens doors for trick-or-treaters

Oshkosh Herald

Halloween is taking over The Courtyard at Oshkosh on Oct. 29 as the community welcomes local trick-or-treaters for an evening of festive fun, games and prizes.

From 5 to 7 p.m., The Courtyard at Oshkosh, 3851 Jackson St., will be fully decorated for Halloween, creating a festive setting for children and families to stop by and trick-or-treat. Team members and residents will be on hand to welcome visitors and share in the Halloween spirit.

The evening will also feature games and prizes, with community partners joining residents, families, and guests for the celebration.

The event is an opportunity for The Courtyard at Oshkosh to open its doors to the broader community and bring people of all ages together for a fun Halloween evening.







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Lighted, rebound-able crosswalk signs can now be seen near Oshkosh schools in response to a 2026 student safety survey.

Lighted crosswalk signs added near schools

Oshkosh Herald

Lighted, rebound-able crosswalk signs have been distributed to Oshkosh schools in response to an Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods student safety survey.

The group extends its sincere appreciation to every resident, parent, student, educator and community member who took the time to complete the survey. The group said the response demonstrates the community's shared commitment to protecting children and creating safer neighborhoods.

"The survey confirms what many families experience every day — that there are opportunities to make walking and biking to school safer for students," said Liz Last, executive director of Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods. "Together, we can build safer routes to school and healthier neighborhoods for everyone."

Last said 328 individuals shared their perspectives in the survey.

Fire department receives public safety grant

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire Department has received a $22,865 grant to purchase Blackline gas monitors.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant will provide the new gas monitors, which are intended to strengthen life safety for the fire department and community. The gas monitors provide rapid detection of oxygen-deficient, toxic and explosive atmospheres before responders and residents are exposed.

With residents in Oshkosh potentially benefiting from safer emergency response, this investment will expand protection during hazardous materials incidents, confined space emergencies, industrial calls and large public events.

For more than 20 years, charitable donations have powered the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation's mission to support first responders and public safety organizations nationwide. Since 2005, the Foundation has awarded more than 7,300 grants totaling over $112 million to public safety organizations.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center open at UW Fox

A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Center opened Monday at the former UW-Fox campus, 1655 University Drive in Menasha.

The center is opening following the Oct. 7 federal major disaster declaration, which made federal assistance available to individuals and communities affected by July 27 tornado.

The center will have representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) available to answer questions, assist with applications and help residents navigate federal recovery programs.

The hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Sunday: Closed

The disaster recovery centers will be open for at least 30 days.

Applying for FEMA assistance

Residents are encouraged to apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, the easiest and most efficient way to begin the FEMA application process.

Those who prefer in-person assistance can visit a Disaster Recovery Center to ask questions, get help with applications, check their application status or learn about the appeals process. Residents can also contact FEMA at 800-621-3362.

Individuals who have already received assistance from local organizations or other recovery resources are still encouraged to apply.

Receiving local assistance does not automatically disqualify survivors from FEMA assistance.

The deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is Dec. 7.

Toys for Tots kicks off collection efforts

The Winnegamie Home Builders Association (WHBA) is continuing its partnership with the Toys for Tots Program, working alongside the United States Marine Corps, the Oshkosh Salvation Army and Oshkosh Corp. to help make the holiday season brighter for children in the community.

Toys for Tots' mission is simple yet powerful: collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them as gifts to less fortunate children. By coming together, community members can share joy, hope and the magic of the holidays with those who need it most.

"As we celebrate with family and friends, it's important to remember that many families are facing challenges this holiday season," said Jodi Vandermolen, Winnebago County Toys for Tots coordinator. "Through Toys for Tots, we have the opportunity to ensure that a child feels the joy of the holidays."

Collection dates will continue through Dec. 11. Donations can be made by bringing new, unwrapped toys to one of the designated drop-off locations across Winnebago County. Businesses, organizations and community groups are encouraged to become official drop-off locations.

To sign up, contact Jodi Vandermolen at 920-235-2962, email jodi@whba.net or contact the Oshkosh Salvation Army at 920-232-7660.

Library seeks input on future building needs

Oshkosh Public Library is inviting community members to share their ideas for how the library building can meet community needs now and into the future during focus groups on Oct. 27 and Dec. 8.

A town hall-style focus group will also be held at 6 p.m. on both dates, providing an evening option to participate.

The sessions, facilitated by Engberg Anderson Architects, are part of an assessment of the library building and its spaces. Participants will have an opportunity to talk about what works well, what could be improved and how library spaces could better meet future needs. Community members may participate in one or both rounds of discussions.

"The library belongs to this community, so the people who use and support it need to be a part of this conversation," Library Director Darryl Eschete said. "We want to know what you value about the building today, what's getting in your way and what you'd change."

The library hopes to hear a wide range of perspectives. Residents do not need to be regular library users to participate. Anyone interested in the library and its future is encouraged to register.

To participate, visit oshkoshlibrary.org/building-development-initiative, choose the focus group that best fits your interests or experience and register for that session. Register is also available by calling 920-236-5203 or stopping by a library service desk.

Salvation Army seeks winter outerwear donations

Oshkosh Herald

As colder weather approaches, The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is once again launching its annual Coats for Kids Collection, a community-wide effort to ensure that local children have warm winter outerwear during the Wisconsin winter season.

The Salvation Army is asking community members to donate new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. All donated items will remain in the local community and be distributed to children and families in need throughout Winnebago County.

Donations may be dropped off at any participating collection sites throughout the Oshkosh area. Community members are encouraged to donate clean, gently used or new winter outerwear for infants, children and teens.

Individuals or families in need of winter clothing assistance are encouraged to visit saoshkosh.org or call 920-232-7660.





"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



Woman allegedly sold meth to undercover police officer

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh woman is facing a potentially lengthy stay in state prison after being charged with felony drug-related charges for allegedly selling methamphetamine to undercover officers last year.

Kandis C. Altherr is facing multiple charges of manufacture/deliver amphetamine of various weights, bail jumping and possession of cocaine in one case stemming mostly from events in 2025.

She was arrested earlier this month with more than 1.5 ounces of cocaine.

Court documents allege that between May 20 and Oct. 22, 2025, Altherr facilitated or was a party to six controlled buys of varying weights of methamphetamine. Altherr is also facing a number of cocaine-related charges stemming from an incident earlier this month.

Online records show Altherr is currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on cash bonds for each case; one is $5,000 and the other is $10,000.

The Lake Winnebago Area MEG Drug Unit was informed that Altherr was selling methamphetamine in the Fox Valley area. At the time she was staying at a motel in Fox Crossing. An undercover officer contacted Altherr and set up a transaction to purchase 3.5 grams of methamphetamine for $120 on May 20, 2025.

This was the first of six transactions. The first four, which were in May and June, were all with the undercover officer. In October 2025 the MEG unit began using confidential informants to purchase crack cocaine from Altherr.

Altherr is facing charges stemming from three trash bags of refuse that were investigated by the sheriff's office. Deputies went to Jonathan K. Mueller's residence in the Town of Algoma after several neighbors reported short-term traffic complaints, which deputies recognized was likely to be drug trafficking activity.

According to the criminal complaint, officers arrived at Mueller's home, which they later discovered is where Altherr was living, on Oct. 9 for a refuse examination or trash pull. Three trash bags were located, and the contents were hand searched. Two of the trash bags contained a white powdery substance that authorities believe is cocaine.

The evidence from the trash pull was enough for officers to believe the home was a drug trafficking place.

A search warrant was conducted on Mueller's residence and law enforcement located a self-made crack cocaine lab. He had multiple crack pipes, a metal measuring cup, baking soda, a candle and a battery pack.

Authorities believe the baking soda was used as a cutting agent for crack cocaine. The metal measuring cup was used for cooking the crack cocaine and the candle or battery pack was used as a heating element.

Mueller is facing one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. There was allegedly 2.4 grams of cocaine located in Mueller's bedroom.

Mueller is currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on a $1,000 signature bond. He is scheduled to be back in court on Oct. 26.

Altherr was searched and authorities allegedly found more than 44 grams of cocaine in her purse. She is facing additional felony charges including one count of possession with intent to deliver cocaine (over 40 grams), two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of possession of cocaine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

The intent to deliver cocaine charge is a Class C felony which, if found guilty, could result in 25 years in prison followed by up to 15 years of extended supervision.

Altherr is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for a preliminary hearing.



Brothers charged with armed robbery

Oshkosh Herald

Two Oshkosh brothers are facing armed robbery charges an incident that occurred in June.

Jarrel L. Gordon, 27, and Gerald L. Gordon, 24, are facing the same felony charges in separate Winnebago County criminal cases. Both brothers are charged with armed robbery with threat of force, false imprisonment, convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property.

Court documents allege the Gordons robbed a 23-year-old man of marijuana and his phone.

Jarrel Gordon and Gerald Gordon are currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail, each on $20,000 cash bond. If convicted on all charges, the brothers could face more than 33 years in state prison followed by over 23 years of extended supervision.

According to the criminal complaint, after two firearms were recovered from an Oregon Street apartment the Gordons were living in, a 16-year-old witness explained to the police how the alleged robbery took place.

The witness, who is not identified in the complaint, allegedly said the 23-year-old victim is a drug seller. The victim was invited over to the Oregon Street apartment, entered the home and went into the basement where the Gordon brothers were allegedly hiding.

The witness told police Jarrell Gordon and Gerald Gordon allegedly pointed firearms, an AR pistol and a Glock 17L at the victim and told him to give them his stuff or he'd be shot.

The victim told police on Aug. 26 the brothers took an ounce of marijuana from him and took his phone. The victim also had his phone stolen.

In an interview on Sept. 11, the witness told police he knew the Gordon brothers were going to rob the victim. The witness also told police the brothers smashed the victim's phone with a hammer.

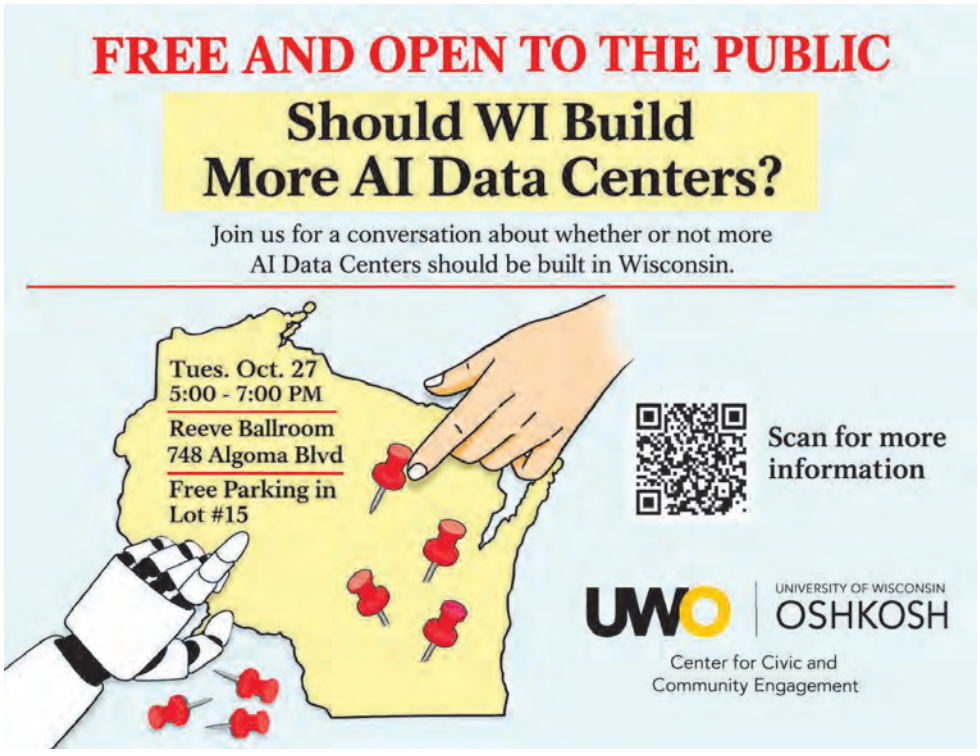
When a search warrant was executed at the Oregon Street, apartment officers found a hammer, a phone case and phone was a heavily damaged screen.

In a Sept. 25 interview Jerrell Gordon and Gerald Gordon were questioned separately by police. They were both shown photos of the two guns that were allegedly used to rob the victim.

Jerell Gordon told police someone brought the guns to the Oregon Street apartment but couldn't remember because he was high. Gerald Gordon told police he had never seen the guns before.

The Gordons are both due back in court Thursday for preliminary hearings.





Breakwall construction nears completion at Samers Bay

By Michael J. Cooney
Herald Contributor



Photo by Michael Cooney

Radtke Contractors is working on building a breakwall on Lake Butte des Morts to protect wetlands and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

A breakwall project designed to protect wetlands and improve fish and wildlife habitat on Lake Butte des Morts is nearing completion after poor ice conditions delayed construction for several years.

Crews are working by barge this fall at Samers Bay, allowing construction to continue without waiting for ice thick enough to support heavy equipment.

Chad Casper, director of the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department, estimated the current construction phase at roughly $1 million. Winnebago County has invested about $110,000 in the project, excluding staff time for design and construction oversight.

Other funding came from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Fox River Trustee Council, Wisconsin Habitat Partnership funds and local fishing organization Battle on Bago, according to Angelo Cozzola, a fisheries biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Casper said the project's size and cost required cooperation among the partners to secure funding and work through the development process.

The shoreline at Samers Bay has receded an average of 8 to 9 feet annually since 1941, resulting in an estimated loss of 93 acres of wetlands, according to Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation.

Casper said the offshore breakwall will reduce wave action and create calmer water where native vegetation can grow.

Wetlands provide flood storage, spawning areas and habitat for numerous species, Casper said. They also help filter pollution from the water.

"They're really the kidneys," he said.

Casper said the lake system has lost tens of thousands of acres of wetlands since dams installed in the mid-1850s raised water levels by about 3 feet. The higher water created conditions that increased erosion along wetland shorelines.

"These breakwalls are a way to mitigate some of those losses," he said.

The Samers Bay project includes 11 breakwall segments. According to the county, the planned structure extends approximately 5,850 feet, with 35-foot openings every 500 feet. It is expected to protect the shoreline and help restore approximately 111 acres of wetland habitat.

Cozzola said the breakwall dissipates energy from wind-driven waves and ice.

"The protection from further loss of wetlands is really one of the primary goals of the project," he said.

The sheltered water can also encourage aquatic plants growing above and below the surface, providing critical fish and wildlife habitat. Cozzola said the goal includes promoting clearer water rather than the cloudy, algae-rich conditions common in much of the Winnebago pool lakes.

The project began in 2020, Cozzola said. The county reported that initial breakwall construction took place during the winters of 2021 and 2022.

Winter construction traditionally offered a simpler way to place rock.

"You can drive on the ice, dump the rock there," Cozzola said. "You don't need a barge and everything that goes along with that."

Poor ice conditions prevented that work from continuing in subsequent years. Using barges this fall allowed crews to resume construction.

"We're no longer dependent on those good ice conditions," Cozzola said.

Winnebago County's involvement in offshore breakwalls dates to a small demonstration project on Lake Poygan in 1998.

"It was highly successful," Casper said.

Since then, the county department has designed and overseen installation of more than 40,000 feet of breakwalls on lakes Poygan, Winneconne and Butte des Morts. County staff design the structures, help secure funding and oversee construction.

Miss Oshkosh contestants invited to meeting

Oshkosh Herald

The Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Organization is inviting prospective contestants to learn more about the Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh's Teen programs at an upcoming informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 1.

The meeting will be held at Tamara's the Cake Guru, 2271 Westowne Ave.

This opportunity is for students, families and community members who may be interested in scholarship opportunities, leadership development, community service and personal growth through the Miss America Opportunity.

The informational meeting will provide an overview of both programs, explain eligibility and competition requirements, and give prospective contestants and their families an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about participating.

The Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Organization provides young women in Winnebago County with opportunities to pursue educational scholarships, develop leadership and communication skills, promote causes meaningful to them, and serve the Oshkosh and Winnebago community.

For additional information, contact info@missoshkosh.com or visit MissOshkosh.com.

To advertise in the Oshkosh Herald, call 920-385-4512.





Homeless grant

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homelessness and what the city is doing about it for downtown businesses.

Esslinger made it clear his agenda item was not to discuss what causes homelessness or the individual that experiences homelessness. He is concerned about business owners downtown and what the city is doing to protect them.

"I'm not here tonight to discuss whether homeless people want to be homeless," Esslinger said. "What we're dealing with here is the issue at hand – of what's going on basically downtown. We've been dealing with this for years and downtown business owners are really struggling with the situation."

Esslinger noted issues that the city has been dealing with for years, including people using outdoor public spaces as restrooms, intravenous drug use and needles, and assaults on men and women.

"Some businesses are afraid to be open at nighttime," he said.

Esslinger also noted there are some successes with the HOME base police station and prohibiting alcohol in Opera House Square.

"But it's not just Opera House Square, it's many different places downtown," Esslinger said. "Visitors are turned off to go downtown, residents are turned off and the time for talking about this is over. It's time to get something done."

Esslinger said the city needs to have a plan to deal with homelessness.

Esslinger suggested the city staff meet with business owners, the downtown business improvement district, the chamber of commerce and county officials. From those meetings Esslinger is hopeful the city will learn if a vagrancy ordinance is the right choice for Oshkosh.

Grill explained that she has been in meetings on homelessness since she started working in Oshkosh.

"These meetings have been happening for a long, long time," deputy mayor Karl Buelow said. "The sad situation is and, Paul, you're not going to like this, but it's going to worse before it gets better. The economic situation in this city is reflective of the entire statewide and the entire country."

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith said he's been in meetings on the topic for four years. Buelow said the ideas that come out of those meetings are that people need bathrooms and places to shower.

"The only solution to homelessness, which is more housing," Buelow said. "You cannot fine someone into housing. You cannot vagrancy law them into housing."

Buelow, who worked at the Day by Day Shelter, said emergency shelters are the second most expensive way to help homeless people, with the most expensive being in jail.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer stated that the city has handed over health department duties to the county and therefore this is a county issue. Mugerauer also noted that former city manager Mark Rohloff was given the goal to "solve homelessness."

"I don't want to say nothing's been accomplished, but it's hard to see the results," Mugerauer said. "And I don't think that's unfair to say. It doesn't mean it's for lack of trying. I have routinely said this is the county's mandate to handle… If (the county) can't get the job done, then it might be time for us to start stepping up and opening the checkbook to try and figure out a way to get the job done for ourselves."

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Oshkosh Chamber Singers sets 40th anniversary season

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers has announced its program for the 2026-2027 season, its 40th anniversary season.

The fall concert will be "1791: Music from Mozart's Final Year." It will be presented at 3 p.m. Nov. 1 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Mary's site at 605 Merritt Ave. Selections will include "Requiem in D Minor," "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Arias and Choruses from 'The Magic Flute.'" Performed along with a chamber orchestra, the concert celebrates remarkable and enduring masterpieces from the last year of Mozart's life.

The traditional "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" will be a highlight of the holiday season. Performances begin at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 19. This joyous celebration of Biblical readings and related musical selections will be presented in the historic Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Boulevard. Accompanied by pipe organ and brass ensemble, the Oshkosh Chamber Singers join with members of the community in song and scripture readings celebrating the Advent and Christmas story.

The premiere of a newly commissioned work will highlight the anniversary concert beginning at 3 p.m. May 16 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Music Hall, 1001 Elmwood Ave. The concert also will feature favorite selections from the ensemble's past four decades that have inspired performers and audiences alike.

Since 1985, the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, first under the artistic direction of founder Dr. Carl Chapman, has brought consistently high-quality performances of great choral music to the Oshkosh area. The choir includes singers from Oshkosh and the Fox River Valley area. The current director is Herb Berendsen.

Tickets are available for individual concerts or in a season ticket package. Visit www.OshkoshChamberSingers.org for additional concert and ticket information, driving directions, choir history, volunteer opportunities and how to join the Oshkosh Chamber Singers.

Panel discuss impact of data centers

Oshkosh Herald

An event at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will explore the question of whether more artificial intelligence data centers should be built in the state of Wisconsin.

The freedom of expression event hosted by the Center for Civic and Community Engagement from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Reeve Union Ballroom will include a conversation from a panel to debate and discuss the question.

Perspectives will be shared from politicians who are both in favor and opposed to data centers, as well as experts who will speak to the economics and environmental impact of data centers.

Scheduled speakers include Ted Neitzke, mayor of Port Washington; Joe Stephenson, Oshkosh council member, principal planner/planning services manager for East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Amy Barrilleaux, communications director of Clean Wisconsin; Ross Milton, assistant professor of public affairs, UW-Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs and moderator Stewart Cole, associate professor of English and environmental studies, UW-Oshkosh.

Election integrity organization to present at meeting

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Alliance for Civic Trust (WisACT) is a cross-partisan democracy resilience network that was founded in 2024 with major support from The Carter Center of Atlanta, Georgia.

It has been housed and managed at UW-Oshkosh since 2025 and focuses on building civic trust through building relationships and community, providing support for fair, safe and secure elections and encouraging peaceful engagement among Wisconsinites.

The next WisACT Monthly Meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Culver Family Welcome Center at UWO. It includes free lunch for those who register in advance.

In partnership with RightCount and All Voting is Local, the event will feature a panel of people representing like-minded pro-democracy/election integrity and other community organizations that more broadly do nonpartisan work to amplify the voices of and give power to average people.

Along with these partners, organizations to be represented on the panel include Secure Democracy USA, League of Women Voters, EXPO and Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign. They will discuss the issues upon which they focus, their approaches to them and their thoughts about the midterm elections and what comes after.

The event will conclude with an opportunity for networking among participants and panelists, who will also be meeting prior to the public meeting to discuss potential collaborations amongst their groups. Those involved with an organization that seems to fit the bill can email WisACT@wisact.uwosh.edu.

To register for the event and lunch, go to shorturl.at/rs9tk.

Sturgeon spearing license deadline approaches

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds all spearers interested in harvesting a lake sturgeon from Lake Winnebago during the 2027 sturgeon spearing season to purchase their license before Oct. 31.

All license holders must be a minimum of 12 years old. There are an unlimited number of licenses available for Lake Winnebago, and both residents and nonresidents can purchase a license through the Go Wild system or at any license sales location.

There are a few exceptions to who can purchase their license after the Oct. 31 deadline: military personnel home on leave during the spearing season and youth who will turn 12 between Nov. 1, 2026, and the last day of the 2027 spearing season.

The Upriver Lakes fishery (lakes Poygan, Butte des Morts and Winneconne) is managed by a preference point system and lottery that is limited to 500 permitted spearers.

The 2027 sturgeon spearing season will open on Feb. 13, 2027, and will run for a maximum of 16 days or until any of the predetermined harvest caps are met.



Submitted photo

Donation check

The Oshkosh Tavern League Foundation presented a donation check on Oct. 14 to Duane Canon, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 of Oshkosh. This donation check will be used to help support some of the following: veterans and their families, local food pantries, Christine Ann Center, Salvation Army, Military Veteran Museum and Honor Flights. Presenting the donation check from the Oshkosh Tavern League Foundation from left to right are vice president Sean Felker; treasurer Crystal Mulvey; president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 Duane Canon and president John Popp.

Library to host movie screening, intellectual freedom discussion

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Public Library invites the community to a special screening of The Librarians on from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in the library's lower level.

The documentary explores the growing challenges librarians face as they defend intellectual freedom and protect the public's right to read. The event is presented in partnership with fsm, an independent arts review journal.

Directed by Kim A. Snyder, The Librarians examines the personal and sometimes hostile attacks directed at librarians as they find themselves at the center of debates surrounding censorship, book bans and access to information. As challenges to library materials reach unprecedented levels across the United States, the film highlights the essential role libraries play in preserving democratic values and ensuring open access to ideas.

Following the screening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion led by fsm. The conversation will dig into themes raised in the film, including intellectual freedom, censorship and the role of libraries in fostering informed communities.

The program is free and open to the public. Community members interested in learning more about the challenges facing libraries and the ongoing importance of intellectual freedom are encouraged to attend.

Museum event celebrates culture, remembrance

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A family-friendly Día de los Muertos celebration is being held at the Oshkosh Public Museum.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission to the museum and all event activities are free.

The cultural celebration is a way to honor those who've passed while experiencing the music, dance, art and storytelling traditions that make this day so meaningful.

Event highlights include live performances in the Main Tent. Mariachi Corcel de Madison will be performing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. along with Hola's Grupo Folklorico at 11:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

The Ofrenda Display, which is now open inside the museum, provides a way to honor a loved one by contributing their photo to the Museum's Día de los Muertos Ofrenda, on view through Nov. 1.

Crafts and activities hands-on stations for families and kids such as sugar skull face painting with paint and inflate, marigolds, scratch art and sugar skulls, coloring pages and take and make papel picado.

Space Day features activities, astronaut presentation

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Families can embrace their inner astronaut on Saturday as the EAA Aviation Museum's annual Space Day presents unique displays and activities.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All activities are free with museum admission.

Space Day activities include straw rockets, mission patch contest, lunar landing, space capsules and portable planetarium.

Fred Haise, the last surviving member of the Apollo 13 crew, will join virtually at 4 p.m. in the EAA Conference Center for a presentation on his storied career. Haise served as a lunar module pilot on the mission which saw an aborted landing on the moon due to an oxygen tank explosion.

Haise is also a retired fighter pilot, aeronautical engineer, NASA research pilot and astronaut, Apollo 8 and 11 backup lunar module pilot, and Apollo 16 backup commander. He also served as the technical assistant on the design and development of the space shuttle orbiter Enterprise.

More information on the day's activities can be found at EAA.org/SpaceDay.

Wisconsin Herd to host draft party at Anchor & Port

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The Wisconsin Herd will host a draft party for the 2026 NBA G League Draft on Saturday at Anchor & Port, 1 N. Main St.

The party will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the NBA G League Draft starting at noon. The Herd currently holds the 16th overall selection in the draft.

Head Coach Schuyler Rimmer and his staff will make the team's draft selections live. Following the draft, fans will get their first look at the Wisconsin Herd training camp roster.

The Herd will raffle off team memorabilia and feature music, games and other activities throughout the event.

Calendar of events

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

EAA Space Day, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Dia de los Muertos, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Downtown Oshkosh presents Witches That Wander, 10 a.m., Brinkley's Boutique, 419 N. Main St.

Spooktacular Pawlloween, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Area Humane Society

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

Magic Rocks! Illusionist Leon Etienne, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Fox Cities Roller Derby Monsters Brawl, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Hocus Pocus, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Oct. 25

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

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Oshkosh Area Women's Association Benefit Style Show, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Should Wisconsin Build More AI Data Centers Panel Discussion, 5 p.m., UWO Reeve Union Ballroom

Friday, Oct. 30

Cirque Macabre, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

The Late Night Double Feature at Friday Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Oct. 31

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

TedxOshkosh, 8 a.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

StoryTime Event: Meet Sara Bargaehr, Author of "Let's Meet at the Dog Park," 10 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Winnebago Area Model Classic, 10 a.m., LaSure's Banquet Hall

Trick-or-Treat, 4-7 p.m., City of Oshkosh

The Howling 2: Your Sister is a Werewolf, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Nov. 1

Author Talk with Greta Kelly, 2 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Oshkosh Chamber Singers presents 1791: Music from Mozart's Final Year, 3 p.m., Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Mary's site, 605 Merritt Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Celebrating Oshkosh Neighborhood Heroes, 5 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Friday, Nov. 6

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza Board Game Convention, 9 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center

Morgan House Tour, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

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Spanbauer drives transformation of Knights' squad

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The Lourdes Academy boys' cross country team was in a much lower gear when Henry Spanbauer initially joined the program.

Goals were so modest that just getting a full squad of runners together for a team score at a meet was an accomplishment.

Times have changed – both with team numbers and stopwatch speed - and the Spanbauer-led Knights are no longer running on empty.

Spanbauer is the No. 1 runner for a much-improved Lourdes boys' squad that is looking to make its second consecutive trip as a team to the WIAA state cross country meet.

The Knights, who have been working with limited rosters in recent years, sent their entire boys' team to the 2025 state meet for the first time since 2010 where they took 14th among 16 teams in Division 3. Spanbauer was Lourdes' top finisher, placing 31st with a time of 17:28.0.

It was the second trip to state for Spanbauer, who competed individually at the 2024 state meet and took 66th with an 18:01.2 clocking.

Hopes are high that the Knights' team can make a return trip to Wisconsin Rapids and they certainly have enough experience to do so. Spanbauer is joined this fall by a handful of runners who competed at last year's state meet: Zach Foster, Kody Neitzel, Mason Piechowski, Connor Salm and Cameron Kapral.

"Last year, it almost seemed like a miracle that we made it, so I think we were happy to just get there," said Spanbauer, who last week won the individual title at the Trailways Conference meet. "We have a very competitive sectional and our goal is to get back to state. If we can get there, I know we can compete in the top 10, maybe top seven. I think there is a lot more focus on getting through the sectional meet as smooth as possible and being competitive at the state meet."

Spanbauer's individual goal is to forge a top-10 finish and perhaps land a spot on the podium. His PR (personal record) is a 16:44 in the boys' 5,000-meter run.

"I'm shooting for around 16:20 by the end of the year," Spanbauer said. "It was great making state as an individual my sophomore year, but it's so much more fun when you get there as a team. I remember that one of the girls in our program couldn't finish the race my first year there and I was just terrified. I was like, 'If she can't finish, this has to be a really rough course.' But it turned out to be a blast."

When Spanbauer joined the Lourdes cross country program as a freshman, he was one of just three freshman and only five team members. Those tiny numbers have doubled and this year's team has 10 runners.

"It's just nice to be able to have a full team because that hasn't always been the case for us," Spanbauer said. "We've been picking up more and more people. It's really cool to see that growth and have as many available runners as the girls."

Spanbauer is a good example of a quality runner who has worked diligently to lower his times and reach a higher level. He didn't turn many heads when he first joined the program, but eventually decided to strengthen his commitment to the sport.

"When Henry was in sixth grade on our middle school team, he was the last runner on our team," said Lourdes cross country coach Tim Moore. "It wasn't because he wasn't good, but rather he had no interest in going faster.

"Then Henry started to focus on wanting to get better. That change in his mindset was the best decision he's made for his running opportunities."

What helped switch Spanbauer's mindset was a growing love for running. The older he got, the more he enjoyed pushing his body through workouts.



Photo courtesy of Lourdes Academy Athletics

Henry Spanbauer's development as a runner has helped lead Lourdes Academy back to prominence, including a trip to the WIAA State Meet a year ago.

"Henry is the type of athlete that enjoys the process of running," Moore said. "To be competitive in Wisconsin, you have to learn how to mentally and physically stay in aggressive efforts. It takes time. It takes an understanding of how to push yourself. And it takes the desire to want to do it.

"Henry has learned about himself and his abilities over his four years in cross country. He's a true student of the sport. He knows his competition and the latest research on training. He understands why we do what we do. Most runners don't even think about it. It's awesome to have that type of runner in our program."

As a runner, Spanbauer has a humble opinion of himself but doesn't lack confidence. He knows exactly who he is and what he brings to a race.

"I'd say that I'm a bit of a grinder," he said. "I don't have a huge kick at the end and I really don't outsprint anyone, but I can outwork them over a long course."

Spanbauer looks back at his early days in cross country and appreciates how far he has come…and how much faster he is today.

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Valley Christian rolls to playoff win over Blazers

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald



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Valley Christian's Sam Gloudemans follows the blocks of Noah Ekholm (42) and Jeron Bjarnarson on a first half run agaiunst Green Bay NEW Lutheran in a WIAA 8-player first-round playoff game at Neenah Middle School on Saturday.

When Valley Christian and Green Bay NEW Lutheran met on the football field two weeks ago, the Blazers gave the Warriors some things to think about.

NEW Lutheran racked up more than 500 yards of total offense and nearly 400 yards passing in the Warriors' Homecoming game. Valley Christian still won easily, however, the way the Blazers were able to move the ball and hit some big plays left a bit of a sour taste in the mouths of the Warrior defense.

"We worked on our drops and zones and everything," senior Xander Osinga said. "The defense was real important this game, even though we know the offense can score a lot."

The hard work by the Warriors certainly paid off.

Valley Christian's defense allowed just 31 yards over the first three quarters and kept the Blazers off the scoreboard until the final minutes as the Warriors rolled to a 48-8 win in a WIAA 8-Player first round playoff game at Neenah Middle School on Saturday.

"The last two weeks we have defended the pass a lot better," said Valley Christian head coach Ben Birr. "We don't mind giving up that little stuff here and there, we just don't want to give up the big plays and tonight we didn't let them get those big plays."

Valley Christian will head into the second round of the playoffs for the second straight year and will host Lena/Saint Thomas Aquinas on Friday night at Neenah Middle School. The Titans beat Flambeau 31-18 in their first-round game last Saturday.

In two WIAA playoff appearances – last year in 8-player and in 2002 in 11-player – Valley Christian has never advanced past the second round. Birr believes this team can be the first to accomplish that feat.

"This team is in a good spot mentally, spiritually and physically. They are hungry. They are focused on the next week already which is cool," Birr said. "They don't want to be satisfied with just one more round, they have the big picture in mind and the big prize."

The Warriors' defense dominated from the start getting a key stop on the Blazers' first possession.

NEW Lutheran recovered a Valley Christian fumble at its own 47-yard but four plays later turned the ball over when a harried Hayden Schultz threw an incompletion on fourth down.

Schultz not only threw for 377 yards in the first meeting but ran for 125 and keeping the Blazer quarterback under wraps was a key to shutting the entire offense down.

"We knew just to squeeze down on the quarterback and not let him run outside. That was a big deal for us," Osinga said. "We all just did our assignment and did what the team needed us to."

The Warriors sacked Schultz five times on Saturday – Liam Clayton led the team with 2.5 sacks – and only let him run for 30 yards on six carries.

"That's a big deal with a quarterback like that. That's their best athlete and makes a lot of unique plays with his feet," Birr said. "I think we were hitting him a lot right away and he wasn't the same quarterback he was a couple of weeks ago. Our guys just played real physical."

With the Blazers' offense stymied, the Warriors took control early on and never let up.

After the fumble on the first drive, Valley Christian scored on five of the next six possessions and rolled up a 35-0 lead by halftime.

Sam Gloudemans, who rushed for 247 yards and five touchdowns two weeks ago against the Blazers, scored on a 55-yard touchdown on the Warriors' second drive to open the scoring but Valley Christian then showcased some of its other weapons.

Jay Parish had the next score when he took a reverse after a pitch to Gloudemans and maneuvered his way for a 28-yard

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Prep roundup

TENNIS

Knights' Quandt finishes second at state

Lourdes Academy's Sasha Quandt finished as the WIAA Division 2 runner-up for the second straight season, capping a stellar prep career.

Quandt, who was seeded third in the bracket, lost to two-time state champion Kylie Matz of Brookfield Academy, 6-2, 7-6. Matz, who did not play in the state tournament last season, also won the 2024 state title and beat Quandt 6-0, 6-0, in the semifinals of the tournament.

Quandt was dominant in her path to the title match, winning all three matches in straight sets, while dropping a total of three games along the way. After receiving a first-round bye, Quandt beat Alivia Ritter of Aquinas 6-0, 6-0 and then topped sixth-seeded Annabelle Parker of Big Foot, 6-1, 6-1. In the semifinals, she rolled past Abigail Baker of Edgewood, 6-1, 6-0.

Quandt finishers her career with a 10-6 record at the state tournament. She was knocked off by the top seed in the bracket all four years and lost to the No. 2 seed as a sophomore when she placed fourth.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lourdes Academy sweeps conference titles

Both the girls and boys cross country teams for Lourdes Academy won the team titles in the North Division at the Trailways Conference championships last week in Rio.

The girls had three runners in the top seven and finished 11 points ahead of Rio/Fall River to claim the title.

Annie Moore and Ana Schneidewend led the way for the Knights placing third and fourth, respectively, while Khloe Bunton was close behind in seventh place. Zoe Heinzen added a 14th place, while Ella Laib was 19th and Evelyn Heinzen took 20th.

Valley Christian placed sixth in the girls team standings but had the individual runner-up in Mya Moran. Moran was one of two runners to break 20 minutes in the race and she finished nearly a minute ahead of Moore in third place.

Merian Getz was the second runner to finish for the Warriors in 26th place, followed by Dede Miller in 29th, Zara Elkholm in 39th and Amy Willis in 41st.

Henry Spanbauer won the individual title in boys race and helped the Knights edge Rio/Fall River by one point in a close four-team race for the title. Pardeeville was 12 points back in third place, one point ahead of Valley Christian.

Spanbauer ran away with the individual title, finishing 50 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. He was the only runner to break 17 minutes in the race.

Zach Foster in sixth place and Nolan Piechowski in 10th place, joined Spanbauer in the top 10, while Mason Piechowski in 19th place and Connor Salm in 23rd place rounded out the scoring runners for the Knights.

Valley Christian had three runners in the top 12 to take fourth place, with Simon Menet leading the group in fifth place. Ezra Ehrlich placed ninth and Jack O'Brien was 12th for the Warriors.

Rounding out the scoring runners was Zachary Werner in 16th place and Joshua Sandahl in 33rd place.



Submitted photo

Lourdes Academy senior Sasha Quandt takes a bite of her medal after placing second in singles at the WIAA Division 2 state tennis meet for the second straight year.

West's Moore claims FVA boys title

Oshkosh West junior Dominic Moore edged Hortonville's Alex Wagner by a little more than a second to claim the boys title at the Fox Valley Association Meet held last week at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna.

Moore covered the 5k course in 16-minutes, 2.5 seconds, while Wagner was the runner-up in 16:03.8. Oshkosh North's Jay Weber was third in a time of 16:19.8.

The Wildcats finished sixth overall in the final standings, one spot ahead of the Spartans.

Will Schiek and Arjen Karns finished 23rd and 24th for the Wildcats, while Krypten Turner was 46th and Garrett Lawatsch placed 56th.

Mason Gumz was the second finisher for the Spartans in 18th place, followed by Reid Anderson in 34th, Mugisha Sebuhinja in 49th and Campbell Harrison in 55th.

In the girls race, Oshkosh West finished fourth overall with Abby Tercha leading the way with a top-10 finish in ninth. Coraline Strebelinski and Haddie Wara in 13th and 15th followed close behind with Ellie Trebiatowski and Reese Wickham rounding out the scoring runners for the Wildcats in 38th place and 40th place, respectively.

Oshkosh North, which did not field a complete team for the meet, was led by Adri Clark in 16th place, followed by Chloe Niemczyk in 36th place and Allison Cummings in 47th place.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats fifth at Arrowhead Invite

Oshkosh West finished 2-2 and took fifth out of nine teams at the Arrowhead Invitational over the week.

The Wildcats split a pair of matches in pool play, beating Muskego before falling to fourth-ranked Arrowhead and then split a pair of three-set matches in championship play, topping Muskego before falling to New Berlin Eisenhower.

Emma Liebergen finished with 38 kills, 20 digs and eight aces to lead the Wildcats in all three categories, while Kinslee Nelson added 26 kills.

Brooklyn Rowe led the team with 52 assists and added four aces with Lucy Jolin chipping in 31 assists.

Olivia Xiong and Peyton Dorn totaled 19 and 17 digs, respectively, while Noelle Prickett paced the team with 3.5 blocks.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats wrapped up the Fox Valley Association season with a close four-set loss to Appleton East, 25-21, 24-26, 26-24, 25-18.

Liebergen finished with 15 kills, while Prickett had nine and Nelson eight. Rowe led the team with 25 assists with Jolin adding 13.

Six players finished with double digit digs in the match led by Xiong with 15, followed by Liebergen with 14, Rowe with 13, Jolin with 12 and Halle Stern and Kamryn Stauffacher each with 10.

Warriors collect close win over Berlin

Valley Christian collected a non-conference win over Berlin in three close sets, winning 26-24, 25-23, 29-27 last week.

Brielle Birr led the Warriors with 13 kills, followed by Laila Gostas-Sims with 11 and Mady Busch with seven. Birr also led the way with three total blocks.

Lydia Hardy finished with 38 assists and two aces, while Gostas-Sims paced the team with 22 digs, followed by Addy Lehman with 18. Lehman also had two aces in the match.

Over the weekend, Valley Christian went 2-2 at the Green Bay NEW Lutheran tournament, knocking off Algoma and Sheboygan Christian while falling to Green Bay NEW Lutheran and Howards Grove.

Lourdes Academy knocks off Tri-County

The Knights collected a win in its final match of the regular season, topping Tri-County 25-20, 25-23, 25-18 last week.

Three players finished with double-digit kills in the match for Lourdes Academy with Sarah Hafemeister totaling 11 kills and Kennadie Fronek and Naomi Liabwill each posting 10.

Katelyn Potratz led the team with nine

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Wildcats, Spartans, Knights gear for playoff games

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All three 11-player football teams in the Oshkosh area are heading to the postseason.

Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North and Lourdes Academy will each take to the WIAA playoff trail beginning with Level 1 games on Friday. It is the first time since 2009 that all three schools have reached the playoffs.

The Wildcats will be making their first playoff appearance since 2021 and will be in search of their first playoff win since 2008 when they face defending WIAA Division 1 state champion Arrowhead on the road on Friday.

West, which enters the postseason at 4-5, is the seventh seed in their section of the bracket while the Warhawks are the No. 2 seed. The winner will face either Oconomowoc or Middleton in the second round.

The Wildcats enter the postseason having won three of their last four games, following a 1-4 start in head coach Nate Wara's first season.

West has averaged just under 21 points in its four wins this season, but scored a total of just six points in its five losses combined.

Arrowhead, which is making its 36th playoff appearance and has claimed seven WIAA state titles, has won its last two games after suffering its lone loss of the season to Muskego in Week 7. The Warhawks also beat Fox Valley Association co-champion Neenah, 35-7, earlier this season.

Arrowhead features two running backs who have combined for almost 2,500 yards and 31 touchdowns this season. Jebari Craig leads the Warhawks 1,468 yards on the ground and 18 touchdowns, while Devin Nettles has accumulated 934 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Arrowhead quarterback Nolan Hanson has also thrown for 994 yards and 11 touchdowns.

It will be a matchup between a pair of former conference foes when Oshkosh North travels to face Kaukauna in a Division 2 first-round game on Friday. The two teams regularly faced each other when the Spartans were members of the FVA.

North is making its third straight WIAA playoff appearance and reached the quarterfinals in the Division 2 bracket last season.

The Spartans will be one of the hottest teams entering the postseason having won five of their last six contests after getting off to an 0-3 start in head coach Alec Gulane's first season. The lone loss over the last six games was to top-ranked Green Bay Notre Dame.

North is the No. 7 seed in their section of the Division 2 bracket. The winner of Friday's game will advance to face either Pulaski or Ashwaubenon in a Level 2 game next week. The Spartans lost to Ashwaubenon in the season opener.

Kaukauna, the co-champions of the FVA, is 7-2 overall and have won four straight games entering the postseason. The Ghosts are making their ninth straight WIAA postseason appearance and fifth straight in the Division 2 bracket.

Three of the Ghosts four wins this year have come by a touchdown or less and Kaukauna does have a win over Oshkosh West, which beat the Spartans earlier in the season.

Kaukauna sports one of the most balanced offenses in the FVA, having rushing for 1,472 yards this season - led by Muhammad Jobe's 751 yards – while throwing for 1,452 yards.

Quarterback Ryan Carrel has accounted for 1,345 of the passing yards and 10 touchdowns to go along with seven interceptions and has also rushed for 603 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Lourdes Academy has become a staple of postseason football in Wisconsin, having qualified for the playoffs in 21 of the last 22 seasons, including the last 10.

The Knights have won at least one game in the playoffs the last three seasons and five of the last seven and made it to the state semifinals last year where they lost to Cochrane-Fountain City in overtime.

Lourdes Academy is the No. 2 seed in their section of the Division 7 bracket and will face Pecatonica-Argyle, which enters the game with a 4-5 after taking sixth in the Six Rivers Conference. The winner of the game will face either Hilbert or Abbotsford in the second round.

The Knights, who were co-champions of the Trailways Conference, enter the game having won five straight after suffering their lone loss of the season. Lourdes Academy has outscored its opponents 182-34 over the course of the winning streak.

Pecatonica/Argyle, which is making its 25th WIAA playoff appearance, but first since 2018, won its regular-season finale to earn its spot in the postseason. The Vikings had lost four straight games prior to the win and allowed 167 points in that span.

Pecatonica/Argyle features dual-threat quarterback Martin Anderson, who has thrown for 1,245 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also rushing for 506 yards. Brock Erickson is the leading rusher for the Vikings with 862 yards and nine touchdowns.

WIAA Playoffs

Level 1, 11-player
Friday's games
Division 1

Oshkosh West (4-5) at Arrowhead (8-1)

Division 2

Oshkosh North (5-4) at Kaukauna (7-2)

Division 7

Pec./Argyle (4-5) at Lourdes Acad. (8-1)

Warriors win

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touchdown run. Ian Kramer added a 33-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter before Mason Everts connected with Osinga for a 45-yard touchdown pass.

Valley Christian's final score of the first half came on a 3-yard run by Gloudemans as the Warriors drove 33 yards in the final 26 seconds to get the 35-point halftime lead.

Gloudemans still racked up 150 yards rushing and averaged 12.5 yards per carry, however, the Warriors were ready to take advantage of the Blazers paying so much attention to the standout back.

"That's why some of the other counter-type plays worked against them because they were worried about Sam," Birr said. "We have a lot of weapons. We just haven't had to show a lot and there's more we can show as well."

Parish scored the final two touchdowns for the Warriors and ended his day with three scores on three touches – two runs and a pass reception.

His second touchdown, a 53-yard run on another reverse, was highlighted by a hellacious lead-block from Everts that allowed Parish to sprint into the end zone.

"The blocks my quarterback was putting on were just awesome. It was awesome celebrating in the end zone with him," Parish said. "It felt awesome but I have to give all glory to God and my teammates."

The reverses that Parish ran were not only a counter to Gloudemans runs but attacked the Blazers' defense at its weakest point – the perimeter.

"Even before the game, we were talking about it and we knew it was going to be a big play. We were all excited to run it," Parish said. "We trust in each other and know that each of us is going to do our assignments. We've practiced this stuff so much we don't have to stress or worry about it."

Everts, who was 5-of-6 for 136 yards passing and also led the team with 14 tackles, connected with Parrish on a 43-yard touchdown pass with about eight minutes to go to stretch the Warriors' lead to 48-0.

NEW Lutheran scored on its next possession and then attempted an onside kick but Valley Christian recovered and was able to kneel out the clock.

"We feel way more confident and have way more team chemistry," Parish said. "This is the closest our team has ever been."

And that means there are likely brighter days and bigger games ahead for the Warriors.

"God's brought in a lot of special things for us this year and it feels a lot different," Osinga said. "We are looking for a long run and excited to see where this is going."



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Valley Christian's Liam Clayton wraps up Green Bay NEW Lutheran quarterback Hayden Schultz for a sack during Saturday's playoff win.







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aces in the match, while sharing the team-lead in digs with 12. Fronek also had 12 digs, while Ellie Koch had 11 and Adi Sauceda finished with 10.

Grace Martin led the Knights with 27 assists.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost to St. Mary Catholic, 25-14, 25-14, 26-24.

Liabwill finished with 10 kills to lead the Knights, while Hafemeister had eight and Fronek and Eliana Brandes had six.

Potratz and Sauceda finished with 11 and 10 digs to lead the Knights, while Martin totaled 24 assists in the match.

Oshkosh North picks up victory

The Spartans collected a four-set win over Green Lake/Princeton in a nonconference match last week.

North also fell to Kaukauna 25-18, 25-14, 25-14, in its regular-season finale last Thursday.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

North/West drops pair of FVA matches

The Oshkosh North/West co-op team lost two matches last week, falling to Kaukauna 25-9, 25-12, 25-10 on Thursday after dropping a 25-14, 25-13, 25-21 match to Green Bay Notre Dame.

Arthur King had six kills to lead the Spartans against the Tritons. Calvin Vang finished with eight assists and Tidus Xiong led the team with 11 digs.

SOCCER

Knights wrap up second straight Flyway title

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian scored four first-half goals and collected a 4-0 win over Central Wisconsin Christian to secure the program's second straight Flyway Conference crown.

Matthew Loker tallied the first Lourdes/Valley goal just minutes into the game when he poked a rebound into the back of the net off a corner kick. Thatcher Bratton-Wesner delivered the corner kick that Jackson Buttke headed on goal, but the rebound off the Crusaders' goalkeeper came right to Loker.

Buttke added an unassisted tally to give the Knights a 2-0 lead before the 10-minute mark before notching his second goal off an assists from Elijah Troiber. Troiber then scored with about 10 minutes to go in the half and Lourdes/Valley made the lead stand up the rest of the way.

Spartans log win over Menasha

Oshkosh North erupted for a season-high seven goals and rolled to a 7-1 win over Menasha last week.

Earlier in the week, North fell to Pewaukee, 4-3.

Wildcats suffer shutout loss

Oshkosh West was dealt a 1-0 loss by Homestead in its regular-season finale last Thursday.

FOOTBALL

Knights grab share of Trailways crown

Lourdes Academy got a big night from Brady Bauer in a huge second half as the Knights collected a 33-14 win over Randolph/Cambria-Friesland on Friday night to earn a share of the Trailways Conference crown.

The Knights and the Patriots each finished with a 6-1 league record.

Bauer rushed for 293 yards and five touchdowns in the win, including an 86-yard touchdown run in the first half. Bauer was also 4-of-4 passing for 21 yards.

The Knights trailed 14-10 at intermission but blanked the Patriots in the second half.

Maximus Behnke finished the game with a whopping 21 tackles, including 10 solo stops with Ian Simmons adding 10 tackles. Reagan Needham added a fumble recovery in the win.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Brady Bauer rushed for 293 yards and five touchdowns in leading the Knights to a win over Randolph/Cambria-Friesland on Friday night.

Wildcats rally in second half to top Lightning

Oshkosh West erased a 10-point halftime deficit in the second half and collected a 17-10 win over Appleton North in the regular-season finale last Friday.

Carter Kufel scored on a 52-yard run in the fourth quarter to break a 10-10 tie to put West ahead to stay in the game.

Kufel also connected with Drew Abitz for a 62-yard touchdown in the second half. Colden Searles added a 22-yard field goal to account for the other points.

Kufel finished 15-of-25 for 161 yards and the touchdown with Owen Heim catching a team-high five passes in the win.

Brandon Devoe led the defense with seven tackles while Elijah Wilder notched an interception in the game.

Spartans roll to win over Ships

Dominic Wyrwicki ran for 271 yards and three touchdowns as Oshkosh North collected a 42-19 rout of Manitowoc Lincoln.

Wyrwicki averaged nearly 11 yards per carry on his 25 rushing attempts and also caught two passes for 34 yards.

Brock Binder added 73 yards on the ground as North racked up 388 yards rushing and finished with more than 520 yards of total offense.

Talen Oesterreich finished 11-of-18 passing for 143, including touchdown passes to Amaree Davis and Nazir Fisher.

Manny Tlatelpa led the Spartans with 23 tackles, followed by Ethan Kuhn with 11 and Lucas Davis with 10. Mayson Feavel and Joseph Sanders recovered fumbles in the game for Spartans, while Binder added an interception.

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"I just honestly like the process of getting faster," he said. "I feel that running is so black and white. When you're running the same routes or the same areas, you can really see how much you have progressed.

"For example, we always run to Riverside Cemetery on Saturdays. When I was in eighth grade, I would only be able to do about three fourths of the workout and at a much slower pace. Now it's like I'm doing it at a pace that I could have never imagined and it feels easy. Just that progression is my favorite thing about running."

Spanbauer enjoys competing for Moore, who has produced an assembly line of top-notch runners at Lourdes. Spanbauer gets extra coaching from his father, Luke, who is the Knights' assistant cross country coach.

"I feel like my dad is really good at keeping me grounded," said Spanbauer. "Like before meets, I'll always get nervous. He'll help me relax and work me through that process. He will make sure that I don't do anything stupid… like not stay on top of my nutrition, hydration and sleep at home."

Spanbauer also runs track and field during the spring months, competing in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

"It's kind of funny," he said. "When I'm running cross country, I want to be doing track. And when I'm doing track, I want to be doing cross country. To me, track is definitely a lot easier. You can just sort of turn off your brain for most of the race. You're really just running around an oval track with a bunch of guys. You have nothing to really watch out for. You just keep turning left."

Spanbauer – a high honors student at Lourdes – plans to run in college, but hasn't yet settled on a school.

"I'm just going to maintain my focus on all the external stuff like sleep, nutrition and keeping a good lifestyle outside of running," he said. "As for the running part, I'm just going to run more, add more miles and keep working hard."

Spanbauer's final season of high school cross country is winding down and he's looking to close it with a big finish.

"Henry is running great workouts, encouraging his teammates and having consistent races," said Moore. "It will be fun to watch his last run at state. He'll be competing in college next year and will be impossible to replace in our program. But it will be fun to see his success at the next level."





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Obituaries

Faye Hoffman

Faye Hoffman, age 92, of Winneconne passed away October 18, 2026. Faye was born on September 22, 1934 to James H. Sr. and Hazel J. (Feavel) Tritt in the town of Poygan. She graduated from Omro High School in 1952, was employed at E.R. Wagner-formerly Winneconne Stamping Co., The Bemis Company, and Firstar Bank until her retirement in 1999.



On April 24, 1954 she was united in marriage to Clayton R. Jensen at First Methodist Church in Berlin. Clayton preceded her in death on April 23, 1977. On August 8, 1981 she was united in marriage to Arthur F. Hoffman at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winneconne. Arthur preceded her in death on November 10, 1988.

Faye enjoyed many years of camping, travelling, tending to her vegetable and flower gardens, and maintaining her yard to attract the wide variety of wildlife she loved observing. She also enjoyed watching and supporting the many activities of her stepchildren and grandchildren over the years.

Faye is loved and will be missed by her daughter, Pam Beduhn of Hastings, MN, her son, Bruce (Renee) Hoffman of Winneconne, and her daughter, Amy (Peter) Romberg of Winneconne, grandchildren, Lindsay (Lucas) Dahling, Tyler Beduhn (fiancée Michelle Beaumont), Ross (Ashlei) Hoffman, Leah Hoffman (fiancé Eddy Barrientos), Connor Romberg, and Courtney Romberg, her great-grandchildren, Theodore and Arthur Dahling. She is further survived by a sister, Phyliss Silverthorn of Omro, sister-in-law, Lenora of Omro, brother-in-law, Eugene Allen of Oshkosh, as well as many special nieces and nephews.

Faye was preceded in death by her previous husbands, Clayton R. Jensen and Arthur F. Hoffman, her very special friend of many years, Don Harness, parents, James H. Tritt Sr., Hazel J. Tritt, three brothers, Harland G. (Carolyn) Tritt, Darrell (Judy) Tritt and James H. Tritt Jr., sister, Peggy Allen, and brother-in-law, LaVern Silverthorne.

A memorial service for Faye will be held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 8 S. 4th St. Winneconne, WI 54986 on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Rev. Darin Warneke. Visitation will take place at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. The burial of cremated remains will take place at Pine River Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Faye's name to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of Park View Health Center for the loving care provided to Faye during the last two and a half years. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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Nancy Jo Salzer

Nancy Jo Salzer, age 87, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully at her residence on Friday, October 16, 2026. Nancy was born in Oshkosh on May 23, 1939 the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Stenzel) Kuske. On June 29, 1957 she married John Salzer, Sr.

Nancy is survived by her husband, John Salzer, Sr of Oshkosh. Three sons, John Salzer, Jr of Oshkosh, Bruce (Pam) Salzer of Oshkosh and Steve (Karen) Salzer of Winneconne. One daughter, Karen Davis of Oshkosh. Thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and one grandson.

Private family services will be held.

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Carrie J. Hankes

Carrie J. Hankes, age 60, lost her fight with multiple autoimmune diseases at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee surrounded by her family and loved ones on October 17th, 2026.



She was born to the late Robert and Delores (Kleven) Witcraft, in Marshfield, WI on November 24, 1965. After high school, she continued her education at Viterbo University in La Crosse, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, along with gaining her master's in nursing administration at U.W Oshkosh, and attending St. Norbert College to receive her master's in theology. Carrie provided 35 years of compassionate and dignified care to her patients. In addition to her nursing career, Carrie was proud to be a lay associate of the Sisters of Sorrowful Mother in Oshkosh, WI.

She married her soulmate, Andrew Hankes on October 26, 1991, in Arkdale, WI; together having their greatest blessing, a daughter, Alycia Hankes.

She loved traveling with her family, camping, attending Timber Rattlers baseball games, hosting family reunions, crafting, playing cards and watching movies. Her all-time favourite activity was spending time with her cherished family. She filled every space she entered with love, kindness and had a way of making everyone feel wanted and included in her life.

Carrie is survived by her loving husband, Andy; Daughter, Alycia (Becca) Hankes; Sister Cammie (Tom) Jaekel. Along with many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Carrie is preceded in death by her brother, Christopher Witcraft.

The family would like to provide special thanks to Dr. Benjamin Heinzen at Ascension Health, the Froedtert Hospital Transplant and Intensive Care Unit, UW Madison Hospital and Clinics, Aurora Hospital of Oshkosh, and Ascension Mercy Hospital of Oshkosh. The family would also like to thank her extra daughters; Amy and Mel for always being there.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Rapheal's Archangel Catholic Church (830 S. Westhaven Drive), on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. A burial will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Sisters of Sorrowful Mother in Oshkosh, WI.

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Obituaries

Judy A. Anderson

Judy A. (Nitz) Anderson age 82, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening October 11, 2026 at Parkview Health Center. She was born June 26, 1944 in Oshkosh, WI, the daughter of the late John E. and Nina R. (Meyer) Nitz. On January 12, 1963 she was united in marriage to Charles R. Anderson.



She worked at Miles Kimball then was a stay-at-home mom to her daughters. She loved going camping and yearly trips to Lake Michigan with her young family. Later she worked at Oshkosh B'Gosh but retired early to watch four of her grandkids for many years. Family holidays were always a special event with an abundance of food that she would prepare for everyone. She lived a quiet life but enjoyed attending her grandkids and great-grandkids sporting and music events. In her later years she was an avid puzzler and movie watcher. Her DVD collection was unmatched by anyone in the family. She also enjoyed the monthly breakfast get-togethers with her brothers and sisters-in-law.

She will be sorrowfully missed by her daughters, Linda (Mike) Davis of Berlin, Carla (Troy Lind) Anderson, Julie (Bruce) Gutsmiedl and Marsha (Ron) O'Bright of Oshkosh, nine grandchildren, Sean (Nikki) Davis, Jennifer (Jeremy) Lane, Aaron (Alyssa) Davis, Garet (Maureen O'Connor) Anderson-Lind and Seth Anderson-Lind (Ronnie Ludin), Kayla and Carissa Gutsmiedl and Stefanie (Austin) Amraen and Tiffany O'Bright. Five great-grandchildren, Korbin, Skylar, Ryleigh, Joscelyn and Jayden. One brother Jeff (Ann) Nitz and two sisters-in-law, Pat Nitz and Linda Nitz as well as extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, two sisters Marilyn (Jim) Wiles and Sharon. Four brothers, John (Gerry) Nitz, Neil (Barb) Nitz, Charles Nitz, David Nitz and sister-in-law Mary Nitz.

A service will be held at 11am on Thursday Oct. 22, 2026 at Fiss and Bill Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Dr. Oshkosh. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:30am until the hour of service.

We want to thank the staff at Parkview for making her last months on earth comfortable and enjoyable.

An angel whispered, take my hand and come with me, your work here is done. I went away to a place where there's no tears, nor sorrow only laughter and smiles, there will always be a tomorrow. As I move amongst the clouds, I'll look down and smile upon you, while the angels sing a heavenly song. I am not alone, all who went before are here, they awaited my return. I know you'll grieve and wish I was still here, I am here in the memories you hold dear. Remember how much I love you and know I took your love with me. I did not wish for you to cry, nor feel sad. My pain is gone and I am free! Soon you'll come to me, until then God will be with you just as He's with me.

FISS & BILLS - POKLASNY
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Cherie Smoody

Cherie Smoody, 77, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 11 surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Oshkosh on September 12, 1949, a daughter to William and Louise Kolaske.



Cherie loved her family and friends, and her passion was people and conversation. She loved sitting around the kitchen table telling stories which lead to a lot of laughter. She had several lifelong friends from childhood and made several more throughout her life working at Mercy Hospital and Elijah's Place. She enjoyed elderly people and their stories.

She loved her bi-weekly card nights and prayer groups, but more than anything she loved her children and grandchildren. She never missed a school function or sporting event they were involved in.

She was really looking forward to celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary on November 20 with the love of her life.

She will be forever missed by her husband of 50 years, David Smoody; and her sons, Jeff Wright, Brad (Dottie) Wright, Brent Wright and Randy Smoody; and her daughter, Darcy (Ryan) Michalkiewicz; grandchildren, Zachary Sikes, Cassandra (Robert) Sikes, Candice Sikes, Alyssa (Derek) Mills, Paige (Keenan) Moehring, Stella Wright, Lexi (Bryan) Schaefer, Dakota (Nora) Wright, Kyle Wright, Dylan Wright, Tyler Wright, Bryant Wright, Hailey Kons and Sawyer Kons; and 13 great- grandchildren. Further survived by her brother, Bill Kolaske; and brother-in-law; Bob Nagler; and multiple nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rebecca Sikes-Greenwood; parents, William and Louise Kolaske, sisters, Karen Nagler, Kay and Don Connors.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Avenue in Oshkosh on Saturday, October 24. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM with service at 11:00 AM.

Fox Cities Funeral & Cremation Services
3026 Jackson St
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Jerome Arden Tagatz

Jerome Arden Tagatz, 74, passed away unexpectedly in Appleton, WI. He was born in Oshkosh, WI to parents, Donita (Strandt) and Arden Tagatz on September 27, 1951.



He graduated from Oshkosh High School and on August 11, 1991, he married Janet. Jerome worked at Bemis (aka Amcor) in Oshkosh, in his free time he enjoyed cooking, playing poker, spending time with friends, neighbors and relaxing with his dog, Lucy.

Jerome is survived by his brother, Gregory (Jillian) Tagatz; nephews, Robert Tagatz and Bruce Westwood; nieces, Coral Westwood and Leah Nettekoven; brother-in-law, John Wieland; and sister-in-law, Julie (Glenn Westwood) Wieland.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Janet Tagatz; parents, Donita and Arden; grandparents, Emil and Ruby Strandt, and Adolph and Ester Tagatz.

A visitation will be held at the Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel on Monday, October 26, 2026, from 10am to 11am, with service to immediately follow at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the family on Sand Pit Lane.

Seefeld Funeral and Cremation Services

Patricia E. Hauge

Patricia "Pat" E. Hauge, age 78, passed away on October 10, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born to parents, Wilken and Genevive (Willims) Hauge, on January 17, 1948, in Oshkosh, WI.



She attended St. Mary's during grade school and graduated from Oshkosh High School. Her passion was to be able to help others. She went on to be a beautician followed by continuing her education to be a registered nurse through Marian College and worked for many years at Mercy Medical Center 3-South.

In her free time, she loved to travel near and far. She was part of several travel clubs and groups. Pat traveled with her sister on several occasions to Italy and Russia. She had badges from all over the world.

She is survived by her sister, Carol Kaufmann; nieces and nephew, Polly (Cody) Andrews and their children; Kate (Glenn) Tollar and their two daughters, Bud Kaufman and Ken Kaufman; numerous cousins; as well as several others.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Wilken and Genevive (Willims) Hauge; and brother-in-law, David Kaufmann.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at Calvary Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI, at 1:00pm. Reception will follow the burial at the Oshkosh Town Hall, 230 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh, WI, 54901 at 2:00pm.

Fox Cities Funeral & Cremation Services
3026 Jackson St
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Katherine Ann Schneider

Katherine "Kay" Ann Schneider, age 81, of Oshkosh passed away on October 12, 2026 at Lakeshore Manor in Oshkosh. Kay was born in California on October 21, 1944 the daughter of Robert and Ethel (Harsch) Schneider.

Kay is survived by her siblings, Robert Schneider and Steven Schneider both of Oshkosh and Joan Schneider of Wauwatosa, WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Mark.

Private family services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Kay's family would like to send a Special Thank You to the staff at Lakeshore Manor and also Compassus for the wonderful care Kay received.

Fiss & Bills - Poklasny Funeral Homes
865 S Westhaven Dr.
Oshkosh, WI 54904
(920)-235-1170

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FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Iola M. Johnson

Iola M. (Bruno) Johnson, 82, passed on October 13, 2026. She was born July 31, 1944, to parents, Iola G. (Spaulding, Hanford) Bruno and Victor Bruno in Daggett, Michigan.



Iola married the love of her life, Jerrold "Jer" W. Johnson on May 21, 1966. She worked with children most of her adult life- as a school food service employee, as a City of Oshkosh School Crossing Guard and also worked as a caregiver in childcare. She also enjoyed crafting for friends and relations.

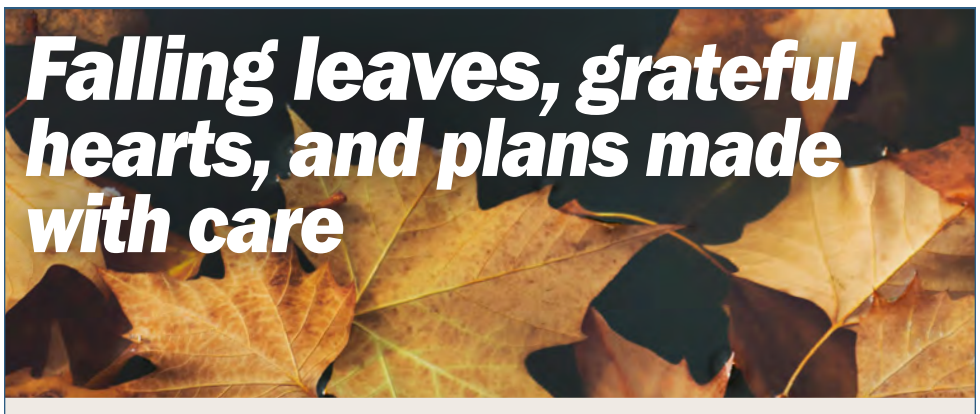
She is survived by her husband, Jerry Johnson; son, Jim Johnson; brothers and sister (in heart), Ron Hanford, Rick (Deb) Hanford, Randy (Michelle) Hanford, Merry (Richard) Ellwanger; nephews, Blois Hanford and Kiel Oesterreich Jr.; nieces, Cheryl Wyatt Hanford, Beth (Dave) Penty, Darlene (Brian) Wagner, Gayle, Donna, Elaine and Kay and many grand- nieces, grand-nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Iola is preceded in death by her parents, Iola and Victor Bruno; brothers, Fred (Elaine) Hanford (adoptive parents), Robert Hanford, Lloyd Hanford, Claude Hanford, Frank (Judy) Hanford, Eugene (Lina) Hanford; and sister, Melva (Kiel) Oesterreich; and nephews Kenny and Alan Hanford; and her special pets, Neesa, Rusty and Pee Wee.

Per her wishes, no formal service will be held, a celebration of life will be held at the Pizza Ranch on Washburn in Oshkosh on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 4pm to 6pm.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Kwiatkowski Funeral Home
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Legal Notices

**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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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
NAME CHANGE OF:
Courtney Elizabeth Maron
By (Petitioner) Courtney Elizabeth Maron
Notice of Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV1013**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From:
First – Courtney
Middle – Elizabeth
Last – Maron
To:
First – Courtney
Middle – Elizabeth
Last – Dowling
Birth Certificate:
First – Courtney
Middle – Elizabeth
Last – Dowling

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St, Oshkosh WI 54901, Courtroom #320
Date: November 30, 2026
Time: 11:15 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4866 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 13, 2026
Winnebago County Circuit Branch 5
Runs: October 21, 2026, October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026**

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2027 is scheduled for public hearing on Monday, November 9th, 2026, at 3pm at Winnebago County Department of Human Services, 220 Washington Avenue, Room 033(lower level), Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Public hearing will be held to receive public comment on Winnebago County's proposed plan for spending $429,192.00 authorized under Section 85.21 of Wisconsin State Statute to implement elderly and disabled transportation services in Winnebago County.

Proposed 2027 projects requesting 85.21 funds include GO Transit specialized transportation services ($214,596) and Valley Transit specialized transportation services ($214,596).

For those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments to:
Nicole Hecimovich, Adult and Aging Program Supervisor
Winnebago County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2187
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-2187
877-886-2372
nhecimovich@winnebagocountywi.gov

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

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Public Notice: TowerCo VI, LLC proposes to construct a 60-foot monopole tower with appurtenances located at 1363 Schaick Ave, Oshkosh,

Winnebago County, WI 54902 (N 43-58-34.5, W 88-34-02.2). Not Lit. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) filing number is A1392754. We invite your comments pertaining to the effect of the proposed tower on historic properties. Please

submit comments within 30 days to Amy Perrine c/o MartinEnviro at 3830 Crown Point Road Suite F, Jacksonville, FL 32257, aperrine@martinenviro.com, or call (904) 737-1034.

Runs: October 21, 2026

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Case No. 25 CV 653**

In Re the Matter of:
NICOLET NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs
SCOTT J. SOPER et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Pursuant to an Amended Order for Default Judgement, Judgement on the Pleadings and Judgement of Foreclosure in the above-entitled action filed on October 7, 2026, I shall expose for sale and sell the following described property (or so much of it that is sufficient to pay the amount due upon said Judgement, plus interest and costs) at public auction, at the following date, time, and place:
Date: January 19, 2027
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Lobby, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Property: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 7673 recorded in Volume 1 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 7673 as Document No. 1830007 of the Winnebago County Registry; said Certified Survey Map being all of Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Certified Map 4761, being part of Government Lot 2 of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, Town of Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

Tax Key No. 016-008906

Address: 4515 Sand Pit Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

Amount of Judgement: $743,349.94 plus interest, fees and costs

TERMS OF SALE

Cash or certified check (10% down payment at sale, balance due within 10 days of court approval). Property will be sold "As Is" and subject to real estate taxes. A third-party purchaser is responsible for payment of the Transfer Fee (Purchase Price x .003)

Dated this 15th day of October, 2026.
/s/ John Matz
Sheriff for Winnebago County
OLSON LEGAL GROUP LLC
21 W. New York Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 230-7020 Phone
(920) 230-7021 Fax

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Runs: October 21, 2026, October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION)
CASE NO. 26PR270**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert A. Wipijewski
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 12, 1971 and date of death July 11, 2026 was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 325 Grant Street, Winneconne, WI 54986.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 19, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242

DATE SIGNED: October 7, 2026
Electronically signed by Sara Henke, Register in Probate, Probate Registrar
Form completed by: Samantha J. Emro, Esq.
Address
Emro Law, LLC
3501 E. Evergreen Dr., Suite B
Appleton, WI 54913
Telephone (920) 750-5758
Bar Number 1123918

Runs: October 21, 2026, October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Case No. 25 CV 122**

In Re the Matter of:
RIPPLE CREDIT UNION
f/k/a HEALTH CARE CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
vs
EDDIE REIERSON et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Pursuant to an Order for Default Judgement, Judgement on the Pleadings and Judgement of Foreclosure in the above-entitled action filed on September 8, 2006, I shall expose for sale and sell the following described property (or so much of it that is sufficient to pay the amount due upon said Judgement, plus interest and costs) at public auction, at the following date, time, and place:
Date: December 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Lobby, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Property: Lot One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) in E.M. CRANE'S ADDITION to Algoma Park Plat, in the Twelfth Ward, City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Tax Key No. 912-1298
Address: 2028 Plymouth Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901
Amount of Judgement: $142,596.70 plus interest, fees and costs

TERMS OF SALE
Cash or certified check (10% down payment at sale, balance due within 10 days of court approval). Property will be sold "As Is" and subject to real estate taxes. A third-party purchaser is responsible for payment of the Transfer Fee (Purchase Price x .003)

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2026.
/s/ John Matz
Sheriff for Winnebago County
OLSON LEGAL GROUP LLC
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Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 230-7020 Phone
(920) 230-7021 Fax

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Runs: October 21, 2026, October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026.

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Obituaries

Michael F . Pomroy

Michael F. Pomroy,82, of Melbourne Beach, Florida, passed away on October 11, 2026. He was born in Duluth, MN on January 1, 1944, to the late William and Christine Pomroy. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.



He was a man of quiet dedication to his family and Catholic faith, always placing their needs and happiness above his own. Whether offering guidance, lending support, or simply being present, he made those closest to him feel deeply loved and valued.

Michael enjoyed a distinguished career in sales, marketing, and operations spanning more than 40 years with The Morgan Door Company and Golden Pharaohs. His work took him from Oshkosh, WI, to Weed, CA, and Melbourne Beach, FL, while business travels carried him to places as far away as Malaysia, South Africa, and beyond. Along the way, he built lasting professional relationships and formed many lifelong friendships.

Michael is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Pomroy (nee' Callinan); sister Kathleen Nardi (nee' Pomroy); children Elizabeth Pomroy (Michael Valle), Kathleen Pomroy, Timothy Pomroy (Katherine), Molly Hardy (Joseph) and John Pomroy (Jacquelin Kennedy); grandchildren Margaret, Charles, Henry, Rebekah, Benjamin, Kennedy and Callie and beloved nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Predeceased by his parents William & Christine Pomroy, in-laws John & Helen Callinan, brother William Pomroy, sister-in-law Georgia Pomroy, and brother-in-law Aurelio Nardi.

Visitation and Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 30, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Church in Melbourne Beach, FL.

Melissa Ann Greiser-Bonar

Melissa Ann Greiser-Bonar, age 63, passed away at Aurora St. Luke's in Milwaukee, WI on Monday, October 12, 2026. She was born to the late Robert and Nan (Eliason) Greiser on July 13, 1963 in Green bay, WI. A full obituary may be found on the Funeral Home Website.

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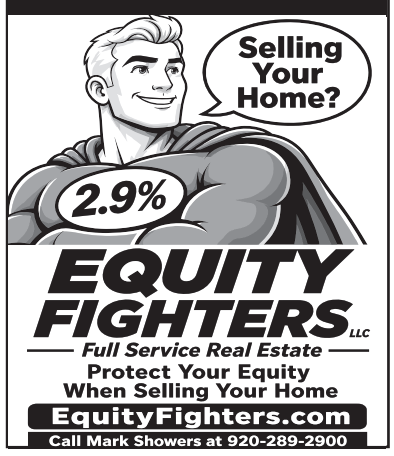
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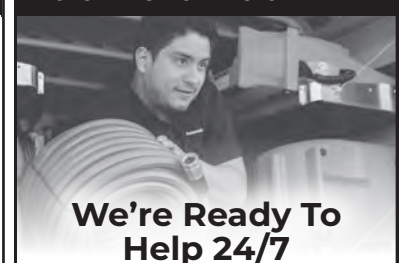
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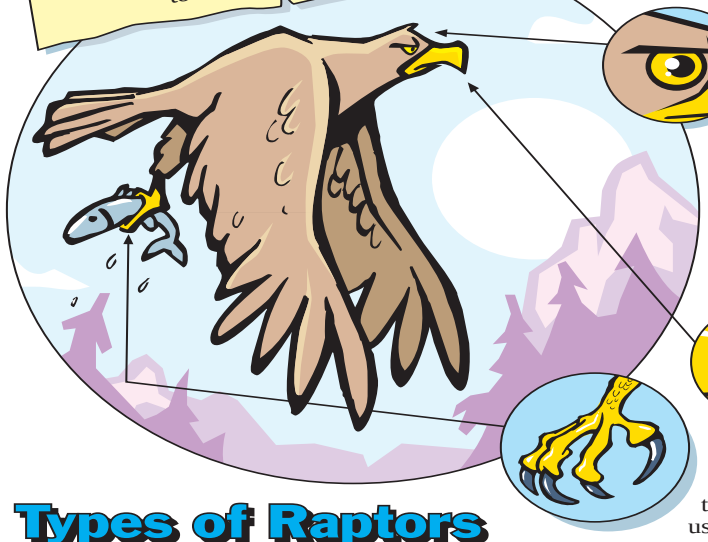
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RAPTORS!

Raptors are birds of prey, which means they are predators that hunt and eat other animals. Hawks, eagles, falcons and owls are all raptors. Discover the amazing facts about these magnificent creatures on today's *Kid Scoop* page.

The word raptor comes from the Latin word ***rapere,*** which means "to seize or grasp."



Adaptations

Raptors have three key adaptations making them excellent hunters.

EYES: Raptors have keen eyesight that helps them spot their prey from great distances. The Australian wedge-tailed eagle can spot a rabbit from about 1.2 miles (2 km) away. This is about three times farther than a human can see. Raptors can also see more colors than people, which helps them see camouflaged prey.

BEAK: They have a sharp, hooked beak for tearing their meat into bite-size pieces.

FEET: The sharp, powerful talons or claws of raptors are used to catch and kill prey.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that adaptations in physical structure may improve an organism's chance for survival.

Types of Raptors

Read about these three raptors. Then do the math to match each one to its silhouette.

Golden Eagle = 30

Habitat: Found throughout the Northern Hemisphere.
Wingspan: About 7 feet (2.1 m)
Diet: Usually small mammals such as rabbits and squirrels. Golden eagles have been seen attacking and killing pronghorn antelope, which are several times bigger than they are.

11 + 9 - 7

Peregrine Falcon = 13

Habitat: Found on every continent except Antarctica.
Wingspan: 3.5 feet (1 m)
Diet: Mainly hunts birds and can typically catch their prey in the air.

23 + 5 - 9

Swallow-tailed Kite = 19

Habitat: Southeastern United States
Wingspan: 4 feet (1.3 m)
Diet: Slow-moving prey such as snakes, insects, baby birds and rodents.

16 + 3 + 4 + 7

Visit HawkWatch International's website to find more information about raptors. Discover places in your area where you can see raptors migrating. Learn how scientists study raptors using satellites at **www.hawkwatch.org**

Raptor Code

Use the code to find out some amazing raptor facts!

Number of different kinds of raptors that can be found worldwide: ■ ◡ ◤

Speed a peregrine falcon can reach when diving after prey: more than ◤★★ mph!

The smallest raptor, the American kestrel, is about the size of a robin and weighs about ■ oz.

The largest raptor is the harpy eagle, which nests in tall rainforest trees of Mexico, Central and South America. It has a wingspan of over ◘ feet.

SECRET CODE

▲ = 1	◣ = 6
◤ = 2	◘ = 7
◠ = 3	◡ = 8
■ = 4	◥ = 9
◢ = 5	★ = 0

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Extra! Extra!

Life-size Silhouettes

Lay pages of the newspaper on the floor side-by-side and tape the edges together. Measure and mark the wingspan of the raptors mentioned on this page. Draw and cut out life-size silhouettes for display.

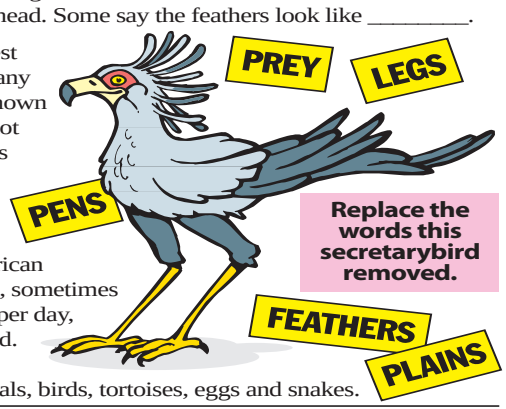
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Secretarybirds

The secretarybird gets its name from the crest of _____ on the back of its head. Some say the feathers look like _____.

It has the longest _____ of any raptor and is known for running—not flying—after its _____.

These unusual birds walk through the African _____, sometimes up to 20 miles per day, looking for food. They will eat insects, mammals, birds, tortoises, eggs and snakes.



Replace the words this secretarybird removed.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions.

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.

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EAGLES
PREY
RODENTS
SPEED
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BEAK
EYES
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S	R	O	T	P	A	R	E	E	S
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P	S	Z	X	N	P	H	A	W	K
E	W	L	Z	E	V	L	G	L	B
E	A	Z	W	D	C	Z	L	J	S
D	R	Z	Z	O	U	Y	E	R	P
Z	D	Z	N	R	Q	W	S	Z	Z
C	O	L	O	R	S	S	E	Y	E

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

Kid Scoop FIT&FUN

Try these exercises to have fun and exercise the owl way!

Fly like an owl.



Stretch your arms wide apart and swoop around outdoors.

Perch like an owl.



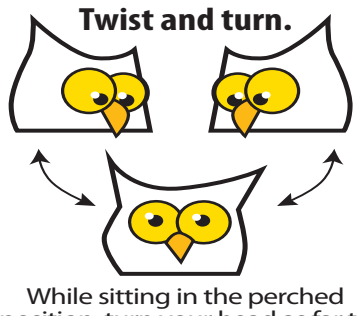
Squat down like you are sitting on a tree branch watching for mice on the ground. Fold your arms into wings with your thumbs in your armpits. How long can you stay in this position?

Hop like an owl.



Start in the perch position. Then hop to the right, hop to the left, hop forward, and hop backward.

Twist and turn.



While sitting in the perched position, turn your head as far to the right as you can. Then turn your head as far left as possible.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical activity and exercise.

Write On!

Bird Report

Write a paragraph reporting on your favorite bird. Include at least three facts about this bird.

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