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City will need to reassess properties

Noncompliant issues with state force a redo

By Jonathan Richie

Many property owners received statements indicating their property values have increased after the city went through a revaluation process. Discrepancies between the commercial properties and a state agency's compliance rules will force the city to do a revaluation of all commercial and residential properties next year.

Oshkosh homeowners saw their property value increase by an average of 75% after the revaluation and commercial properties saw their properties increase by an average of 30%. This was the first revaluation the city had done since 2017.

The city has several residential assessors who are always getting new information on homes in Oshkosh that have been sold or made renovations. Residential assessments were done by city staff and the commercial assessments were done by a contracted company – Tyler Technologies, based in Texas – that has been doing the commercial assessments here since 2013.

City records show Tyler Technologies was paid \$164,200 for work done for commercial assessments over the last two years.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Winnebago bird count

Janet Wissink, president of Winnebago Audubon, and her husband Steve observe birds on their property west of Oshkosh as part of a 24-hour count conducted every September since 1995. Wissink said the opportunity to identify birds visually and by their songs while observing trends contributes to ongoing research around the world. The organization also does bird counts in May and December.

County-run boat landings shift from parking permits

Launch fees to include kayak and canoe use

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

All users of Winnebago County boat launches, including kayakers and canoeists, will now be required to pay a launch fee after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors last week approved a modification to replace "boat landing trailer parking permits" with "boat launch use permit fees."

Winnebago County maintains boat launches at Butte des Morts, Eureka, Black Wolf, Boom Bay, Lake Poygan, Grundman Park and Asylum Point Park.

Previously, boaters who park an attached or detached trailer in any Winnebago County park or boat launch were required to pay a daily, annual or multiyear parking fee ranging from \$7 daily to \$100 for a three-year pass for a non-resident.

The county uses boat landing fees to maintain and improve boat launches and fund the installation, removal, repair and maintenance of buoys.

The amendment clarifies that all boaters, including those who live on the lake and frequently use the landings, are required to pay the fee for using the launch.

"These individuals are still utilizing the launch, bathroom facilities, floating docks, loading areas, and buoys," Parks director Adam Breest wrote in a memo. "Users that live on the lake and launch their boats at the beginning and end of the season should pay for the use of the boat landing just like the other users of the facility."

Among the discussion at last week's

meeting was whether snowmobilers should also be charged for using the launches to get out on the frozen lake.

District 13 supervisor Steven Binder said the county currently doesn't charge snowmobilers and if the county needs to raise revenue in the future it needs to consider charging them.

"I dont think it's fair to charge one person to use the launch and then all winter somebody else can use the launch for nothing," he said.

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Oshkosh police recruit new therapy dog

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department has introduced a new officer to the force and this one has four paws.

K9 Gema is a 2-year-old yellow Labrador who will provide emotional support to members of the community and officers. She is following K9 Magic, who passed away last year.

Gema was trained through a program called Journey Together Service Dog, a nonprofit charitable organization in Oshkosh with a mission to provide highly trained service dogs to people diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Dogs are placed at no charge with qualified Wisconsin residents who are 18 years or older.

Journey Together dogs live at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and inmates have the opportunity to train and care for the dogs. Volunteers provide instruction with inmates and take the dogs out of the prison to provide experiences that are not possible in a correctional facility. This partnership significantly decreases the cost of training service dogs, increasing the number of dogs who can be trained



K9 Gema was welcomed to the Oshkosh Police Department by Chief Dean Smith.

and placed in the community.

A press release from Oshkosh police stated K9 Gema is a friendly dog, loves treats and is always excited to meet new people.

"The Oshkosh Police Department continues to be proactive in seeking various strategies to help officers deescalate situations and bring them to peaceful resolutions. Gema's love, kindness, and support will bring a sense of calm to high-stress

situations and will be an important asset

to both the department and the city of Oshkosh," the release stated.

"We are very excited to welcome K9 Gema to our team. She will continue the great work that K9 Magic started and will be a blessing to our community," Chief Dean Smith said. "We are very thankful that Journey Together donated K9 Gema

to our behavioral health team." K9 Gema is paired with behavioral health officer Scott Sopata, who have been responding to behavioral health-related calls, which can be highly sensitive.

Gema has several Certifications: Canine Good Citizen, Advanced Canine Good Citizen, Urban Canine Good Citizen, UKC SPOT and Advanced Trick Dog.

"I was very excited to hear that the city of Oshkosh and our police department wanted our facility dog program to continue," Sopata said. "Magic opened so many doors of success and I know that Gema will continue that legacy while this program continues to grow. It was an honor to work with Journey Together, their trainers and volunteers during this successor dog process."

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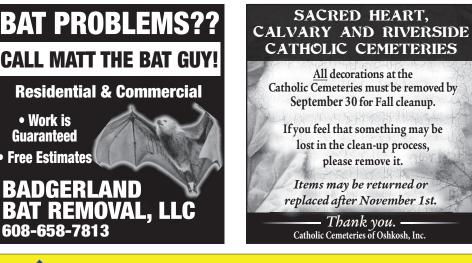
Rennert's Umpiring Contract Bought by National League: Lawrence

"Dutch" Rennert of Oshkosh, an umpire in the Class AA Texas League, has moved up the ladder into the National League, according to an announcement by league officials. The National League announced that Rennert and Harry Wendelstedt, also of the Texas League, will both advance. Together, they will work in the Arizona Instructional League starting in October and also work the exhibition games during the 1965 spring training circuit. "Dutch" is 31 years old and is in his eighth year of umpiring baseball since his career began back in 1957. (Note: "Dutch" Rennert would spend another nine years in the minors before finally taking the field in Montreal in 1973.



After paying his dues for 16 years in minor league baseball, he would go to enjoy a 20-year career in the majors umpiring in seven playoff games, two All-Star games and three World Series).

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Sept. 22, 1964







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New survey asks residents about overnight parking

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A new public survey is asking city residents what they think about overnight parking regulations in Oshkosh as the Common Council discusses potential changes.

Currently there is no parking allowed on city streets between 2 a.m. and 5 p.m. without a permit. There is also an option to get temporary permission for street parking for up to three days.

The Polco survey asks residents if they are aware of the overnight restrictions, whether the restrictions should be in place year-round and how those restrictions affect things such as snow removal.

Council member DJ Nichols stated in the past that parking adds a hurdle for some people that are new to the city or are trying to be responsible after a night

"For visitors to Oshkosh it's confusing; there's no signage that explains the nuanced rules," Nichols said in May.

He said the general rule for most cities is that you can park a car somewhere unless there's a sign that says you can't. Nichols also had concerns about people going out and then getting a parking ticket when they decide to responsibly get a ride home.

"There's limited and inconsistent enforcement of parking restrictions," Nich-

Transportation director Jim Collins gave a council presentation on the parking restrictions in August and presented

The transportation committee recommended more public input before moving forward with any changes. The committee also recently decreased the number of permit parking stalls in city lots and is offering more two-hour parking stalls.

"As a result of that, the police started doing more consistent enforcement; so as you know, the first couple of weeks there were a lot of complaints and issues because the enforcement had become more consistent," Collins said.

He said it would be best to let the new changes be in place for at least a year before making any additional changes.

Another reason for the parking restrictions is the city is improving stormwater quality throughout the city and part of that is regular street sweeping Oshkosh does throughout the year.

Council member Joe Stephenson said one sticking point for people is that they have to go into City Hall to buy a parking permit and it would be helpful if there was an online option for getting the permits.

The city is looking at several different online vendors such as PassportParking, which is what the city of Appleton uses, according to finance director Julie Calmes.

There is a form to fill out online to get permission to park overnight or people can call the Oshkosh Police Department non-emergency line at 920-236-5700 for permission to park overnight. The survey can be found at polco.us/oshkosh.

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Restrictions on homeless on county-owned property discussed

Supervisors consider ban on public camping

By Bethanie Gengler

Camping on Winnebago County-owned property may soon be prohibited after two county committees voted this month in favor of an ordinance targeting the growing homeless population.

The ordinance bans camping on any county right of way or property, including parks, parking lots and trails, with few exceptions. It permits the issuing of a citation only if a person continues to camp more than an hour after receiving a warning. Each day a violation continues or occurs constitutes a separate offense. A second offense is punishable by a fine of \$250 and up to six months in jail.

An additional ordinance that prohibits loitering allows officers to issue a citation or arrest a person who meets certain criteria, such as taking flight upon appearance of an officer, refusing to identify themselves while on county-owned property, or if an officer believes the person has committed or is committing a violation of the law. That ordinance failed to pass both committees.

The ordinances are only enforceable on county-owned property and do not overrule individual municipalities' ordinances.

At the start of the recent Judiciary & Public Safety (JPS) Committee meeting, several residents and representatives from local organizations spoke in opposition to the ordinances, calling them the criminalization of homelessness and citing the shortage of available housing.

"The people who we're talking about that are homeless, they have no place to



Winnebago County photo

Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett speaks to the county's Judiciary & Public Safety Committee on a proposed ordinance that would ban camping on county-owned property.

go," said Menasha resident Mike Bonertz, who retired as executive director of Advocap in 2021. "If they are loitering, where are they going to go? We have homeless shelters that are largely full, we have a number of different organizations that are working with homeless people, but there are more of them than there is funding to take care of them."

The ordinances were introduced by District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson and supported by Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz and Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett.

Concerns arose in June that several unhoused people were camping on the west side of the Orrin King building in Oshkosh, which contains the district attorney's office and other departments linked to the county justice system. People had been living there because it was considered a safe place and the metal grates on the side of the building provided warmth.

After a press conference that month,

Gossett outlined some of the issues.

"The area had turned into a space where people were urinating in public in front of windows with employees inside, they have defecated into the grates, openly used drugs and discarded drug paraphernalia into the grates and syringes out in the

This type of activity was occurring at the location before this past summer, but there weren't as many people and it wasn't as problematic, according to District Attorney Eric Sparr.

Gossett was the only person to speak in favor of the ordinance during public comment at the JPS meeting, repeating his earlier statements that the people camping near the building struggle with substance abuse and mental health and that this group has not shown interest in dealing with those issues.

"When we're faced with individuals, at some point in time we go from being helpful, loving citizens, to being enablers," he said. "And there's a reality to our enabling. When we enable people to maintain a drug-addicted lifestyle, an alcohol-addicted lifestyle, they are going to die from that and we are part of that."

The city of Neenah approved a similar ordinance banning camping early this year in response to concerns that unhoused people were camping in the right of way



in front of businesses in the 900 block of South Green Bay Road.

Matz cited Neenah's ordinance when urging the committee to support the camp-

"I have video, I have pictures, we have a camera that was set up, I can show you the public urination, I can show you the shooting up, I can show you a shoving match that occurs - borderline fight - yes, we can do something about that by addressing (it) with those individuals, but we've also created an environment where it's OK for you to be here after hours, it's OK for you to camp and it's OK for you to do the things that you do ...," he said.

Matz told the committee that he doesn't want people to underestimate what's happening.

"When we deal with a population that is addicted, has mental health issues, there is a high propensity for use of force and we're setting ourselves up for issues and I'm concerned about that - very concerned -I hope I don't have to come back here and tell you about an encounter that we had that turned bad, because it very well can,"

Under a jurisdictional agreement between the Oshkosh Police Department and the sheriff's office, police are responsible for services outside of the Orrin King building and the sheriff's office is responsible for inside the building, similar to other locations across Oshkosh.

If the county board approves the ordinances, Matz said the sheriff's office would then have jurisdiction both outside and inside county buildings in Oshkosh.

County Executive Jon Doemel, who must sign such an ordinance before it can go into effect, said that without changes he wouldn't support it, "but I think it could get to a place where I could," he said after being asked directly a second time whether he would support it.

Both ordinances targeting the homeless are expected to go to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors in October for final approval.





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Famed photographer's Oshkosh beginnings being recognized

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
Landmark Commission

Few people have had a greater effect on the lives of children than a kind, quiet photographer and teacher born in Oshkosh 150 years ago Thursday.

Lewis Hine's parents, Douglas and Sarah, operated a coffeehouse and restaurant on Main Street while the family lived upstairs. Their business operated at several Main Street locations but only one building remains at 413 N. Main. This cream-city brick building, built in 1875 and originally the office of the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, has been owned by the Krumrich family since 1907.

Jambalaya Arts has operated an art gallery at this historic site for more than 22 years and will be hosting an exhibit of his photographs and personal history through Oct. 31 starting with a reception at 5 p.m. Thursday – Hine's 150th birthday. The opening will include a proclamation from Gov. Tony Evers and a plaque presented by the Oshkosh Landmarks Commission designating the building as Hine's only remaining city residence.

Hine attended Oshkosh public school, graduating in 1892, the same year his father died. Lewis had jobs as a floor sweeper at the Oshkosh Upholstery Factory, a handyman, bank employee, and finally went to the Normal School – which became UW Oshkosh– working as a secretary to professor Frank A. Manny and part time as a student.

He attended the University of Chicago to become an elementary school teacher, then taught at the Ethical Culture School in New York, where Manny had become superintendent. He studied at New York



University, earning a master's degree in pedagogy. He also started a student photography club and took his students to the Ellis Island immigration station to make them aware of the "much maligned and controversial new Americans."

He said the intent of his images was "to ennoble, not to accuse." An aspiring artist, Hine understood how to use his photos to persuade and compel during his work from 1905 to 1930.

In 1908, he "decided to leave schoolwork to devote my time to the visual side of education" and became staff photographer for the National Child Labor Committee. The 1900 U.S. Census reports a total of 1,752,187 children between ages 5 and 10 engaged in "gainful occupations." In his first three years he traveled more than 50,000 miles as he photographed children working in mines, mills, factories, fields and on the street. He took notes of the children's name, age, height and work history.

His deep concern about child labor was the damage it did to their health and prevented them from getting an education. Hine's thousands of photographs for the NCLC were considered more responsible than all other efforts leading to President Franklin Roosevelt signing the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938, ending dangerous child labor and offering new protections for minors.



Lewis Hine is shown with his camera in this undated photo.



Library of Congress

Maud, 5, and Grace Daly, 3, shown in March 1911, each picked about one pot of shrimp a day for the Peerless Oyster Co. in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

John Howell, an Indianapolis newsboy, is photographed by Lewis Hine in 1908.

He went to Europe in 1919 as a Red Cross officer after World War I, interpreting activities in France and the Balkans on the "human costs of the war." On his return to New York, he decided to turn his focus from "negative to positive documentarian."

He became the staff photographer during construction of the Empire State Building, "showing the manpower of the skyscraper, from start to finish ... I have always avoided daredevil exploits ... but they have given a new zest of high adventure and, perhaps, a different note in my interpretation of industry."

"Men at Work" celebrated "the courage, skills, daring and imagination" of American workers that built the country. He emphasized the human element of industry with photos of the construction



of the landmark skyscraper, in addition to photographing railroad workers, coal miners, steelworkers, watchmakers and others.

During the Great Depression he documented government projects, including the TVA's Norris Dam and WPA's national research projects. He died penniless, not knowing the legacy he left. It was not until after his death that Hine was raised to the stature of one of the greatest photographers in the history of the medium.

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Field trip funding

The Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation received \$10,000 in funding for educational field trips from Hoffmaster Group for the second consecutive year. This donation will enhance the educational experiences of elementary students within the district. "The funding from Hoffmaster will allow us to provide once again unique field trips tailored for fourth-grade students, fostering their curiosity and expanding their learning horizons," stated Theresa Duren, foundation director.

Local pantry ends residency requirement

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) will no longer require guests to reside within its current southern Winnebago County area and is extending its services to all neighbors in need, regardless of residence.

The pantry at 2551 Jackson St. offers a barrier-free environment for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

"This policy change marks a significant milestone in our efforts to serve the community more inclusively," said Ryan Rasmussen, executive director. "Our commitment to providing assistance with dignity and respect remains unwavering, and this update allows us to extend that commitment to even more families."

The removal of the residency requirement falls in line with new Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) regulations. Under previous TEFAP requirements, Wisconsin pantries were required to verify guests and their residence to receive food. In October, the state will no longer enforce this policy.

Participants are still encouraged to provide residency information and other demographics to assist in pantry efforts of grant reporting and raising funds.

"This information will be pivotal to ensure we have the necessary funds to keep our shelves stocked with food for those who need it," Rasmussen said.

The OACP is open for guest shopping from 2 to 6 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Miss Wisconsin competition leaving city

Oshkosh Herald

After 61 years of Oshkosh hosting the Miss Wisconsin competition, it was announced last week that the organization is moving the event to New Berlin.

"As one of our friends and supporters in Oshkosh, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for the time, energy, interest and support you've provided to our organization over the years," the Miss Wisconsin Organization said in a statement. "It is bittersweet today, as we let you know that the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization board has made the decision to move its annual competition to a new home in Wisconsin.

Established in 1936, the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization is a state affiliate of the Miss America Organization.

The pageant has been held in Oshkosh since 1963 and included the Miss Wisconsin Teen competition.

"On behalf of the Miss Wisconsin Organization, I would like to thank Oshkosh for 61 wonderful years hosting our competition," said executive director Brenda Baudo. "We are forever grateful for the incredible generosity and support of countless volunteers and businesses who helped shape who we are today."

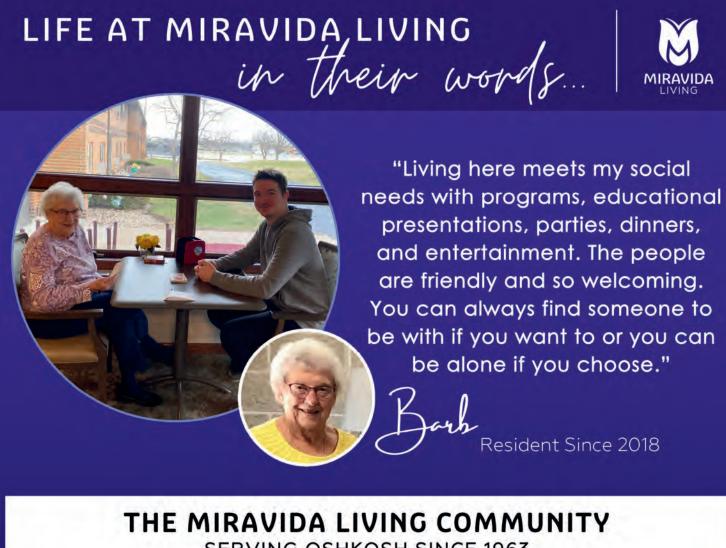
The 2025 Miss Wisconsin and Miss Wisconsin's Teen Competitions will take place June 18-21 at the New Berlin West Performing Arts Center.

"As our organization continues to grow and evolve, we must embrace change and what is now the best fit for our organization and our participants," the organization stated.









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The recently updated Grundman Boat Landing on Lake Winnebago in the Town of Vinland is one of five county launches.

Boat launches

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The change comes after the Department of Natural Resources contacted the Winnebago County Parks Department last year and notified staff that per state code the county could not charge for parking but could charge for launching a boat.

Last December, the county considered increasing the fee assessed at the seven boat landings maintained by the county in an effort to keep up with maintenance costs and make the boat landings more self-sustaining in the future. The fee increase was not brought to the full county

board for a vote.

Breest said the fee will remain the same and the county will use park rangers to enforce the requirements at boat launches and potentially recover some of the income it would have expected from the fee

The penalty for launching a vessel from a county boat launch without purchasing or displaying a permit is \$35, which must be paid within 48 hours. After 48 hours, the penalty increases to \$50 and if the penalty is not paid within five days it increases to \$75.

The County Board voted 32-2 in favor of the change, which went into effect immediately.

Public attorney pleads guilty to child porn charge

OSHKOSH HERALD

Outagamie County's former human resources director, who was charged with recording and distributing child pornog-

raphy, pleaded guilty in federal court Sept. 12.

Adam Westbrook, 35, signed an agreement Sept. 12 to plead guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography.

Westbrook was employed by Outagamie County when he was

arrested and charged in February and a search warrant was executed at his Neenah home. He previously served as Neenah's city attorney and later as executive director of human resources and legal affairs for Cooperative Educational Service Agency

Westbrook

(CESA) 6 in Oshkosh before taking the Outagamie County position.

Police said Westbrook recorded videos of a prepubescent naked male child and sent them to Preston Kite, 37, who was a Racine County sheriff's deputy at the time and has since been charged with 47 counts of child pornography, child sexual exploitation and bestiality, and led to the charges against Westbrook.

Two more Fox Valley men have also been charged in connection with the case. Jacob Boudreau, 30, faces 12 possession of child pornography charges; and Noah Thiel, 21, was charged with four counts of bestiality.

Westbrook faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, lifetime supervision and a \$250,000 fine at his sentencing hearing Dec. 5. If the court accepts the plea agreement, the judge must sentence Westbrook in the range of 8-12 years in prison.

Library to host free dyslexia workshop

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library is hosting a free dyslexia workshop at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 in the library's lower level featuring Kelly Steinke, founder of READ Learning Educational Services.

Dyslexia affects about one in five individuals and often undiagnosed until significant academic struggles arise. The workshop aims to equip participants with some essential tools for early identification and effective support strategies.

The workshop will deal with common concerns parents face after a diagnosis, including how to navigate school systems and understand their children's unique learning styles.

For more information about the workshop and the library's ongoing literacy initiatives, visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or call 920-236-5208.

South Park vandalism suspects being sought

Oshkosh Herald

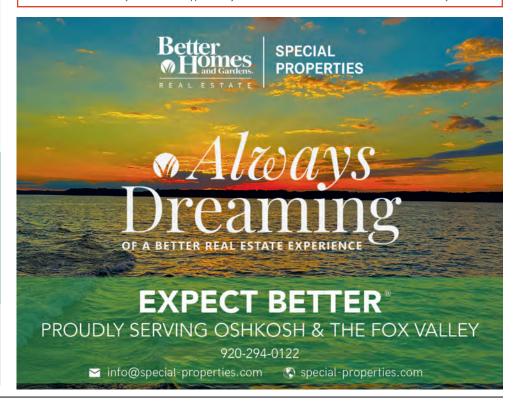
Oshkosh police are investigating several vandalism complaints last week at South Park where they said several juveniles damaged property in the public restrooms. Walls, floors and fixtures were covered with graffiti, and the cost to fix the damage is estimated at thousands of

The suspects were recorded on video surveillance cameras, and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700.









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Titans Day of Giving surpasses goal

Alumni and friends of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh responded to this year's Sept. 12 Titans Day of Giving campaign by surpassing its goals and raising \$105,674 from 414 donors.

Support came from 252 alumni, 84 faculty and staff, 70 parents, 32 friends and six students, though some donors selected more than one area of affiliation.

The virtual event was held on the date classes began at the institution in 1871, at what was once known as Oshkosh Normal School.

"It is incredible to see the ways donors supported UWO," Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said. "Donors gave to colleges, specific academic majors, athletic programs, student experiences and an array of scholarships. They challenged us to match their gifts, and people responded."

Funds raised support academic, athletics and campus initiatives. Several alumni, faculty and friends of the university offered incentives—many were dollar-for-dollar—to boost giving.

Grants available to help train skilled workers

The state Department of Workforce Development encourages Wisconsin employers to apply for the latest Wisconsin Fast Forward grant for funding to train skilled workers.

The Wisconsin Fast Forward program helps employers develop solutions to their area's workforce needs. Industry Sectors Worker Training Grants reimburse occupational training costs for unemployed, underemployed and existing workers. Training that qualifies workers for full-time employment, higher level employment or increased wages can be reimbursed through grants of \$5,000 to \$400,000.

Eligible applicants include public agencies, private organizations in all industry sectors, a consortium of placement partners and tribal governing bodies.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. Oct. 28. More information can be found at the Wisconsin Fast Forward Program.

Vaccinations against respiratory illness encouraged

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) is encouraging Wisconsinites to get vaccinated against respiratory illnesses this fall. An updated COVID-19 and a new annual flu vaccine are now available to protect against COVID-19 and flu strains circulating.

RSV vaccines are also available for people who are eligible, including most older adults and women who are pregnant. An RSV antibody to protect infants from severe illness will be available Oct. 1.

"In the fall, viruses like flu, RSV and COVID-19 start to increase across Wisconsin and spread through communities, workplaces, schools and other places people live, work and play," said state health officer Paula Tran. "While they may only cause mild sickness for some people, for others, like older adults, infants, and those with underlying health risks, they can cause serious illness and even death."

Jazz performers open First Tuesday series at church

Oshkosh Herald

Jazz pianist John Harmon and bassist John Gibson open the 30th season of music and lunch Oct. 1 at First Tuesday at First Congregational in downtown Oshkosh.

The short concert starts at noon fol-

lowed by a lunch of soup, salad and desserts with home-made breads. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

The Nov. 5 concert will feature UW Oshkosh pianist Eli Kalman and the Dec. 3 performance will be by the West Madrigal Singers.





Assessments

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The residential assessments were 100.98% of the equalized value, according to the state.

"Some of these assessors have been working in the community for 25 years," Nieforth told the Herald. "They did a phenomenal job."

The commercial assessments provided, however, were only 85% of the equalized value.

Municipalities receive a noncompliance notice when the assessed value and equalized value provided by the state showed a difference of 10%. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue looks at the city and region from the macro perspective and told city officials the equalized value on the commercial assessments did not reach that 10 percent threshold.

The city will need to do another revaluation due to commercial assessments not meeting that threshold.

There are more than 300 municipalities across the state that have received these noncompliance notices this year, which had some council members saying it looked like a state issue.

Oshkosh tax assessor Jodi St. Charles told the council in May that only 27% of Wisconsin municipalities in 2023 were following the state statute for equalized value meeting the 10% limit.

There is potentially good news for residential property owners as the back-to-back assessments make it unlikely their values will drastically change.

"The city is going to do everything to lessen the impact on homeowners as we go through this process again," Nieforth said. Council member Kris Larson stated 99% of residential property owners will see an increase in their property taxes if the levy is not increased. City Manager Mark Rohloff agreed with Larson that taxes will be going up.

Nieforth said that is not necessarily true because the city's portion of property taxes will not be known until after the council approves the mill rate in November around the same time the 2025 budget is passed.

Also, there are four taxing jurisdictions that contribute to the tax bill Oshkosh residents receive every year: city of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Area School District, Winnebago County and Fox Valley Technical College.

That statistic may have come from the fact that of the 20,000 residential properties in Oshkosh just 1% had an assessment that stayed the same or decreased, Nieforth said.

Most members of the council expressed their frustration with the process and the need to do another costly revaluation of residential and commercial properties.

The council discussed several options for avoiding this type of situation in the future, including council member DJ Nichols suggesting the council go into closed session to discuss Tyler Technologies assessments.

Another option would be reassessments on a regular schedule such as every two or three years instead of when the city becomes noncompliant.

There was also talk of the council reaching out to state representatives and seeing if a resolution can be put together and presented in Madison to explain the issues Oshkosh and other communities are experiencing and how the state DOR looks at equalized values.



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Haunted Happenings series returns to The Grand Oshkosh in October

Oshkosh Herald

The Grand Oshkosh presents paranormal-themed programming throughout October with the return of its Haunted Happenings series.

As the oldest operating theater in Wisconsin, The Grand also has a reputation for being one of the most haunted theaters in the state. Haunted Happenings includes events such as ghost tours, tarot card readings, magicians and "ghouling"

Spirits of The Grand Tours also return to bring the stories to life with interactive actor/tour guides with each area having a "spirit" around to tell the story.

Main stage events include David Caser-

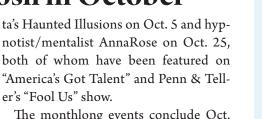
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ta's Haunted Illusions on Oct. 5 and hypnotist/mentalist AnnaRose on Oct. 25, both of whom have been featured on "America's Got Talent" and Penn & Tell-

The monthlong events conclude Oct. 26 with a Ghost Light Gala-fundraiser for the Every Child, Every Grade, Every Year initiative that supports the Amcor Student Discovery Series, Community First Credit Union ArtREACH series, and subsidized rates for Oshkosh high school productions at The Grand Osh-

More information for the series can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org.



Calendar of events

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Music on Main: Tae Popour Du, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

"Flight" author Neil Hansen, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Friday, Sept. 27

The Prince Experience, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday Night Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

Walk to End Alzheimer's, 8:30 a.m., Lakeshore Park pavilion

Ukefest on the Fox River, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

What it's Worth: Antique Appraisals, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Portrait of Aretha, 7 p.m., The Grand

"The Kite Runner," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Walking with Ghosts with Amy Bruni, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Time of Your Life Senior Expo, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

First Tuesday at First Congregational music and lunch, noon, 137 Algoma Blvd. Ben Wendel Quartet, 7 p.m., The Howard

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Fox Valley Take Back the Night, 5 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 3

Spellbound for Literacy, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Friday, Oct. 4

Vintage Shop Hop (statewide), 10 a.m., Bowenstreet Market, 2837 Bowen St.; Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St.

Morgan House Evening Tours, 6 p.m.,

Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

Vintage Shop Hop (statewide), 10 a.m., Bowenstreet Market, 2837 Bowen St.; Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St.

Auto Show, noon, Sunnyview Expo

Beaming Ranch open house, 1 p.m., 2692 County GG

Haunted Illusions, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

"Hocus Pocus," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Family Friendly Ghost Tours, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, Oct. 10

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, noon, Sunnyview Expo Center

Angelica Contreras artist talk and reception, 5 p.m., Allen Priebe Gallery, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

Spirits of the Grand tours, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, Oct. 11

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Sunnyview Expo Center

Streets of Hope, 6 p.m., Becket's Atrium, 2 Jackson St.

Sawdust City Fright Fest, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Spirits of the Grand tours, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Oct. 12

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra: Pumpkin Spice, 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts & Communication Building

Sawdust City Fright Fest, noon, Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Spirits of the Grand tours, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sunday, Oct. 13

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, until noon, Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Photo Walk, 4 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.



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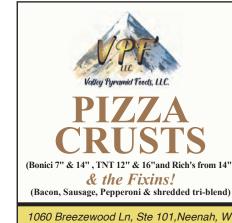












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West's Bartels enjoys tackling linebacking challenge

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Legendary tough guys like Ray Nitschke, Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary have long defined the inside linebacker position.

Still, it takes more than just muscle and mayhem to effectively play the spot. It takes instincts, diagnostic skills and leadership ability.

It takes a Zach Bartels-type of football player.

The Oshkosh West senior is one of the better linebackers in the rugged Fox Valley Association. He received All-FVA honorable mention on defense in 2023 and has been the Wildcats' leader in tackles by a wide margin this season.

"What I love about linebacker is that you're involved in almost every defensive play," Bartels said. "I pride myself in being physical. I like to hit and I'm pretty good at knowing what's going to happen on a play."

That doesn't happen by accident.

"I watch lots of film," Bartels said. "I can tell just from seeing different formations what could happen on a play."

When asked if he has a favorite all-time NFL linebacker, Bartels went old school, rattling off the names of retired players Brian Urlacher, Brian Cushing and Leighton Vander Esch.

"No matter who those guys were up against, they were always going to bring it," Bartels said. "They didn't let the other player come to them. They brought it to them."

Bartels can bring it, too. In addition to being a ballhawk, the 5-foot-11, 195-pound Bartels is also a team captain. While linebackers are often asked to play with a hair-on-fire intensity, they must have the composure to hold a unit together during tough times.

"When I first came into the program here at West, I looked up to older guys like Parker Fontaine and Kieran Patrick," said Bartels, a second-year starter. "They were always nice to me. I try and model myself after them. I always try to be nice to the underclassmen and build relationships with them.

"I like being someone players can look up to. I see myself as a leader and a vocal leader. If someone makes a mistake or has a bad play, I always tell them it's going to be OK. You have to get over things and right away."

Bartels is a fine athlete but has never coasted on his athleticism.

"Zach is exactly the type of kid we want to represent our program," said West coach Joe Ray. "He's an outstanding lead-



Zach Bartels is Oshkosh West's leading tackler this season after being named honorable mention all-FVA at linebacker as a junior.

er, does well in the classroom and is a firstclass human being. He has an incredible work ethic and is one of our most consistent and best kids. I have no doubt Zach will have an incredible future in whatever he decides to do."

Bartels has been playing tackle football since the sixth grade with the Oshkosh Flyers. His father, Jeff – a former defensive end and tight end in his prep days at Oshkosh North - served as one of his early

"My dad has always been a big part of my football life," Bartels said. "He's always been a huge influence and so has my cousin Cole (Yoder)."

Yoder, a former West standout defensive back, was a member of the 2016 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football team that was the national Division 3 runner-up. Yoder is now an assistant coach at West.

"He's always been a role model for me," Bartels said. "He's always been there to boost and support me. That's why I wear No. 33. That was his number."

Football isn't Bartels' only game. He's also a highly competitive wrestler and lettered in baseball last year.

Bartels has been wrestling since the first grade. He competed in the 145 and 152 weight classes his first two years at West before moving up to 175 last year. Jeff Bartels was also a prep wrestler and so was Zach's brother, Joshua.

"Wrestling definitely helps with football," Bartels said. "In football, you have



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to tackle low and wrestling helps a lot with that. You gain skills in wrestling that you wouldn't otherwise have and you get good stability and conditioning. Just the mindset you get from wrestling is important. You know that whatever practice you go through, it's not going to be that hard compared to a wrestling practice."

Bartels gets his impeccable work ethic from his parents. Jeff and Mary Ann Bartels own apartment complexes along with a campground, Sleepy Hollow Farm Campground. Zach squeezes in some work at the campground when he's not preparing for sports or school.

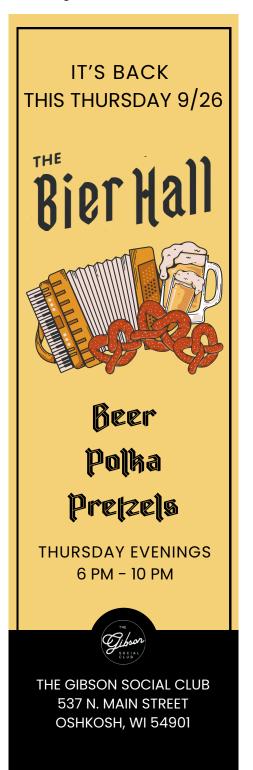
"My parents have taught me how to work hard and push myself," he said. "I do everything at the campground from splitting wood to digging holes with exca-

Bartels hopes to play college football. He may stay home and join UWO's stellar Division 3 program. Another possibly is UW-Eau Clarie.

"I've always wanted to play college football," Bartels said. "I know my strength right now isn't the best for a college linebacker, so I'll be lifting hard and eating

Bartels won't be intimidated on the field or in the classroom. He carries a 3.4 grade point average and is considering a major in either business or criminal justice.

"I'm learning the basics of business already just because of my family," he said. "As for law enforcement, I've been watching cop shows on TV since I was a little kid. Law enforcement has always seemed interesting to me."





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Wildcats can't slow down Rockets in tough FVA loss

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Some personnel changes gave the Oshkosh West offense a bit of a different look for last Friday's Fox Valley Association matchup against Neenah.

Senior Landon Ubrig threw for 315 yards with former quarterback Chase Brandl hauling in 11 passes for 157 yards but the Wildcats still fell short of collecting a win, dropping a 29-10 contest at Rocket Stadium in Neenah.

"There have been positives in every game that we have been getting. I'm proud of our that have not given in. They continue to battle. They continue to fight," West head football coach Joe Ray said. "We had a lot of changes this week and some different things going on and I knew it was going to be difficult for our kids to respond to it. They did a great job and I'm really proud of that."

Including Neenah, the Wildcats have faced three of the top four teams in the FVA to open up the conference schedule and will host another powerhouse in Kaukauna on Friday at Titan Stadium.

Despite the gauntlet of a schedule so far, Ray believes the team is gaining confidence playing the FVA's best even though their efforts have not resulted in a victory.

"It's tough but I think these kids are getting some confidence as they see us playing these teams tougher and we see our successes," Ray said. "When we trust our process and do things how we are supposed to do things, we can play with anyone. We're just going to keep getting better."

Ubrig led the West offense, finishing 24-of-47, becoming the first Wildcats quarterback to surpass the 300-yard passing plateau in a game since Ben Kohl threw for 323 yards against Wisconsin Rapids in 2016.

It was the first varsity start at quarterback for Ubrig, who played the entire second half against Appleton North last week

"It felt great to get it going," said Ubrig, who also led the Wildcats in rushing with 35 yards on 11 carries. "My job is just to

get the ball to the playmakers."

One of the key targets for Ubrig was Brandl, who averaged more than 14 yards per catch in setting season highs for the Wildcats in receptions and yards.

"Chase was resilient and he came out and had a great game tonight. He did a great job responding and he was a difference-maker for us tonight," Ray said. "Chase is a phenomenal player for us and he does a lot of things really well, but we felt the best thing for our team was to put Landon (at quarterback) and Chase at receiver. Landon throws the ball well and it adds a different element to our offense."

Ubrig and Brandl connected three times for 62 yards on an eight-play drive just before halftime that led to Elliott Reed's 30-yard field goal that left the Wildcats trailing 22-3 at halftime.

Neenah extended its lead to 29-3 early in the fourth quarter and West responded with two of its best drives of the night.

The Wildcats 79 yards on 12 plays after the Rocket touchdown but were stopped on fourth-and-3 at the Neenah 8-yard line.

Then, after the defense stopped the Rockets on a fourth-and-1 run, West drove 31 yards for its only touchdowns as Jaiden Fronczak plowed into the end zone from three yards out.

"(Scoring a touchdown) was great. Defense had a great stop and got us good

field position and then our o-line got a great push to get into the end zone," Ubrig said. "It was great to get some momentum going into next week and be able to know that we are able to run the football against one of the top teams in the state."

West's defense held Neenah scoreless in the first quarter and came up big to keep the Rockets off the scoreboard on their first drive.

Ubrig was sacked on a punt attempt to give Neenah the ball at the West 28-yard line and the Rockets needed four plays to reach the Wildcat 5.

But West forced a loss of a yard on a first down run and held the Rockets to zero yards on a second-down pass and forced an incompletion on third down.

The Wildcats then blocked Neenah's 23-yard field goal attempt to keep the game scoreless.

Neenah would be forced to punt on its next possession but then scored on back-to-back drives in the second quarter to take a 15-0 lead and then scored on a long pass play with 1:08 left in the half to take a 22-0 advantage.

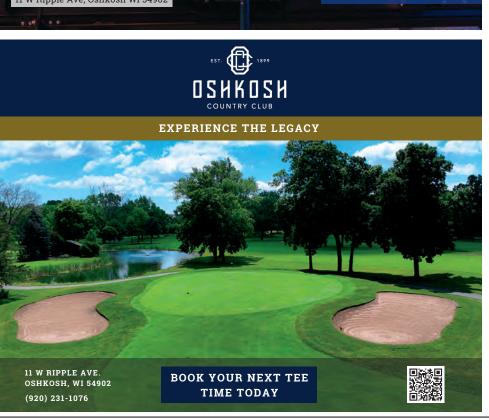
Alex Dyken added three receptions for 71 yards in the game for West.

Zach Bartels, Cade Heiman and Caleb Christensen each finished with eight tackles to lead the Wildcat defense, while Christian Kunde finished with seven.













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FOOTBALL

Ott's return sparks Spartans to shutout win

Bryce Ott returned from injury to throw for three touchdowns and Oshkosh North rolled past Sheboygan South, 49-0, in a Fox River Classic Conference South matchup last Friday.

Ott, who missed last week's game because of an ankle injury suffered in Week 3, completed nine of 10 passes for 130 yards, throwing a pair of touchdowns to Logan Schettle and connecting with Charlie Clark for another.

Jamare Scott finished with two touchdowns on the ground while running for 55 yards, while Jamond Thompson-Schreck had two carries for 56 yards, including a touchdown. Noah Probst also rushed for a touchdown in the game.

Andrew Oehler led the defense with eight tackles with Jackson Anderson registering an interception for North.

Knights can't hold off Hilltoppers in loss

Cambria-Friesland scored with 2:35 remaining to seal the 32-21 win over visiting Lourdes Academy.

The Knights had pulled within three points on a Wade Lindahl touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter but that would be the last score of the game for Lourdes Academy.

Lindahl finished with 78 yards rushing on 16 carries for the Knights, also scoring in the first quarter on a 5-yard run. Brady Bauer added the Knights second touchdown of the game, which left Lourdes Academy trailing 16-14 at the half.

Lindahl also finished 12-of-21 for 163 yards passing with Mat Yaggie leading the Knights' receivers with six catches for 50 yards, while Braden Studinski added four catches for 51 yards.

Bauer led the defense with 14 tackles in the game, while Ryder Mullen and Nolan Gibson each posted 10 tackles.

The Knights slip to 0-3 in the Trailways.

Warriors fall on road to Resorters

Matthais Behling threw for 161 yards and two touchdowns but Valley Christian came up short in a 28-20 loss to Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah last Friday.

The Warriors trailed 28-14 at the end of the third quarter but got a 21-yard scoring strike from Behling to Brady Patterson early in the fourth quarter to narrow the gap. That was as close as the Warriors could get.

Ethan Millar scored on a 19-yard touchdown run on the first drive of the game to stake the Warriors to an 8-0 lead, but the Resorters were able to surge in front 14-8 at halftime and then took a 22-8 lead early in the third quarter.

Behling tossed a 6-yard touchdown pass

to Rylan Koller midway through the period to bring Valley Christian within eight points but the Resorters added a score late in the quarter to extend the lead.

Behling finished 14-of-24 for 161 yards, while Koller, Patterson and Ian Kuhlow each had four catches in the game. Millar finished with 69 yards rushing on 11 carries to pace Valley Christian.

Defensively, the Warriors got 11 tackles from Mason Everts and 10 stops apiece from Kuhlow and Millar. Behling and Patterson had interceptions in the game.

VOLLEYBALL

Oshkosh North swept by Appleton North

Brinna Paulson led the Spartans with nine kills as Oshkosh North fell to Appleton North 25-16, 25-10, 25-17, in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday.

Ava Lee led the team with 14 digs and eight assists in the match. Paulson also reached double figures in digs with 11.

Katelin Schneider and Alexis Hayes each finished with three blocks to pace the Spartans.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans lost to Appleton East 25-23, 25-15, 25-15.

Paulson led the team with seven kills, 14 digs and three aces. Ellie Auler also chipped in with 14 digs, while Ava Lee had seven assists.

Valley Christian breezes past Wayland Academy

Anna Giannopoulos finished with 11 kills as the Warriors swept the Big Red 25-16, 25-17, 25-9 in a Trailways East match last week.

Alaina Wojtkowski added seven kills, while Raven Meyer finished with six.

Aubryn Lehman led the team with 11 digs and seven aces in the match, while Maliha Demler and Bella Birr totaled 13 and 12 assists, respectively.

Knights are perfect at **Suring Invitational**

Lourdes Academy won all six matches at the Suring Invitational on Saturday.

The Knights swept matches against Bowler, Three Lakes, Suring and Pembine-Goodman, while topping Sevastopol in a pair of three-set matches.

Annika Leitch led Lourdes Academy with 33 kills, while Delaney Ruedinger finished with 28 kills and 35 digs. Sabur Machiros added 23 kills.

Libby Guerrero led Lourdes Academy with 65 digs, followed by Hannah Mc-Dowell with 44. Celia Ralofsky posted a team-high 60 assists, while Grace Meyers

Statistics from the match against Goodman-Pembine were not posted.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes Academy lost a Trailways East match to Horicon 25-

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West edges Kimberly to stay unbeaten in FVA play

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Oshkosh West worked overtime to force a decisive fifth set and pulled out a hardfought volleyball victory over Kimberly in a matchup of two of the frontrunners in the Fox Valley Association last Thursday.

The Wildcats rallied on their home court to collect a 16-25, 25-23, 22-25, 31-29, 15-12 win over the Papermakers to remain unbeaten in the FVA and tied with Kaukauna atop the conference – one game ahead of both Kimberly and Appleton North.

"This is a result that took all 15 of us to get," head coach William Brydon said. "I know not everyone was able to make it onto the court, but each athlete on the roster has a part in pushing us forward, and I loved how locked in the team was tonight. All in all, I couldn't be more proud of the team's collective response to adversity tonight - Kimberly is a strong team, too, and I loved how we were able to weather the storms to push through to our ideal end

Olivia Warren's block broke a 12-12 tie in the final set and Maeve Lasky delivered the final point for the Wildcats.

Lasky, who had been limited to just serving because of an injury earlier this season but returned to her middle hitter position, also had some key spikes in the fourth-set win, which helped propel the Wildcats to the win.

"Lasky made an immediate impact playing out of her true position," Brydon said.

Sydnee Nelson had a huge night to lead the Oshkosh West hitters, racking up 27

kills – with just five errors – in the match to lead three hitters finishing with double-digit kills. Emma Liebergen finished with 14 kills, while Lasky added 10.

After dropping the first set, Oshkosh West held off Kimberly in the second set getting a kill from Nelson on set point to even the match at 1.

The Wildcats then built as much as a five-point lead in the third set only to see the Papermakers charge back.

Kimberly closed the set with a 15-6 run to regain the overall advantage in the match and then used a 12-3 surge in the fourth set to take a 23-21 lead. However, West was able to extend the set and eventually claimed the win to set the stage for the dramatic final set.

MaKaelyn Clark paced the Wildcats with 48 assists as well as a team-high five aces in the win, while Elaina Butz totaled a team-high 19 digs in the match. Clark added 17 digs, while Nelson finished with 15.



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17, 25-17, 13-25, 27-25.

Ruedinger led the team with 15 kills, while Machiros and Lietch each had 10. Meyers paced the team with 20 assists, while Ralofsky finished with 19.

Guerrero led the Knights with 28 digs, while McDowell had 25 and Ralofsky added 16. Reagan Jaber finished with a team-high three aces.

Oshkosh West edges Lightning in five sets

The Wildcats earned a five-set win to hand Appleton North its first FVA loss in a 21-25, 25-17, 25-19, 21-25, 15-12 match in Appleton last week.

Sydnee Nelson led the Wildcats with 20 kills, while Emma Liebergen had 11 and Kirsten Klatt had nine.

MaKaelyn Clark finished with 41 assists and 14 digs in the match, while Nelson with 13 digs, Elaina Butz with 12 digs and Emma Polishinski with 10 digs also aided the defense.

SOCCER

Palomaki's hat trick lifts Wildcats to win

Brandon Palomaki notched a hat trick and Oshkosh West scored three unanswered goals to break a tie score in a 4-1 win over Appleton West last Thursday.

Palomaki's first goal gave Oshkosh West a 1-0 halftime lead, but the Terrors tied the score early in the second half.

Palomaki got his second goal to break the 1-1 tie and then tacked on West's final goal to complete the hat trick.

Brayden Kufel also scored in the match for West, while Mason Strange, Collin Carns, George Miller and Jad Alzoubl had assists for West.

Spartans finish 1-1 at Kaukauna tourney

Oshkosh North scored three sec-

ond-half goals to rally for a win over Whitnall and earn a split in two games at the Kaukauna Tournament on Saturday.

Kiza Lukoko and Yohana Bikyeombe scored in the first half against Whitnall but the Falcons rattled off four goals in 14 minutes to take a 4-2 lead at intermission.

Mto Waseke Jean scored twice in the second half, including the go-ahead goal as North pulled out the 5-4 win. Shepherd Johnson also scored for the Spartans, while Jean and Gerome Mtabi each had two assists in the match.

The Spartans also lost to Beloit Memorial, 3-1, at the tournament with M'mbomba M'Munga scoring the lone goal for North.

Oshkosh North also lost to Kimberly last Thursday, 3-0, in Fox Valley Association action.

Knights earn win over St. Lawrence Seminary

Three different players tallied goals as the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team downed St. Lawrence Seminary 3-0 last week.

Matthew Loker, Isaak Rucinski and Kaleb Richardson scored for the Knights, while Richardson and Quin Ruark picked up assists in the match.

Wil Loker earned the shutout with two

TENNIS

Oshkosh West picks up pair of FVA wins

The Wildcats dropped only one match in earning a pair of Fox Valley Association wins last week, sweeping past Appleton East while toppling Hortonville, 6-1.

The No. 1 doubles team of Megan Jorgensen and Madelyn Marino and the No. 3 pairing of Emma TeLindert and Kinsey Koepsell highlighted the sweep of the Patriots by losing just one game in their victories. Allison Borgmann and Macie Ruh won at No. 2 doubles.

Earning singles wins against Appleton



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Sasha Quandt drills a backhand return during the Knights' match against Fox Valley Lutheran last week.

East were Allison Augustine, Samantha Burns, Maddalyn Meartz and Kyra Ahrens.

In the win over Hortonville, the Wildcats also posted a sweep of the singles matches with Burns pulling out a three-set win at the No. 2 flight. Ahrens dropped only one game in her win at No. 4 singles.

Joregensen and Marino won in straight sets at No. 1 doubles, while TeLindert and Koepsell posted a three-set win at No. 3 doubles for West.

Knights drop dual meet to Fox Valley Lutheran

Lourdes Academy won a pair of flights in dropping a dual meet to Fox Valley Lutheran, 5-2, last week.

Claire Trofka posted a 6-4, 6-4 win over Aerial Visocky at No. 4 singles, while Aolfe Mains and Abby Ridenour earned a three-set win at No. 3 doubles for the Knights.

Lourdes Academy also went 1-2 at the West De Pere invite on Saturday, scoring a 4-3 win over New London, while falling to De Pere (6-1) and West De Pere

(7-0).

Sasha Quandt at No. 1 singles and Trofka at No. 3 singles earned wins for the Knights, with Quandt posting a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win in her match.

Monse Luquin and Maya Hawi at No. 1 doubles and Jasmine Saiyed and Lila Geffers at No. 2 doubles each pulled out three-set victories for the Knights in the

Luquin and Hawai posted the team's only victory against De Pere.

SWIMMING

Oshkosh West tops Fond du Lac in dual meet

The Wildcats swept the top three places in two different events to lead them to a 115-67 win over Fond du Lac

The Wildcats swept the top places in the 50-yard freestyle with the trio of Samara Zeinert taking first followed by Sarah Draxler and Hailey Knutson. The West divers also finished 1-2-3 with Neva Schlies winning the event, Mia Drexler taking second and Henna Kaiser finishing in third.

Zeinert also added a win in the 100yard backstroke for the Wildcats.

Kiersten Dietschweiler and Etta Yonke each won two individual events for west with Yonke placing first in the 200yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke and Dietrschweiler winning the 200yard individual medley and 500-yard

Molly Dudzinski also posted a first place in the 100-yard freestyle for West.

The quartet of Zeinert, Yonke, Draxler and Dietschweiler also teamed up to win both the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay.

GOLF

Lynch leads Oshkosh North golfers at invite

Maggie Lynch tied for seventh overall to lead Oshkosh North at the Portage Invitational last week.

Lynch was one of five players to finish with a round of 89 for the Spartans, who finished 12th out of 15 teams with a team score of 424.

Brooke Peters and Samantha Leib each posted rounds of 108 for the Spartans, while Willow Standke totaled a round of 119.









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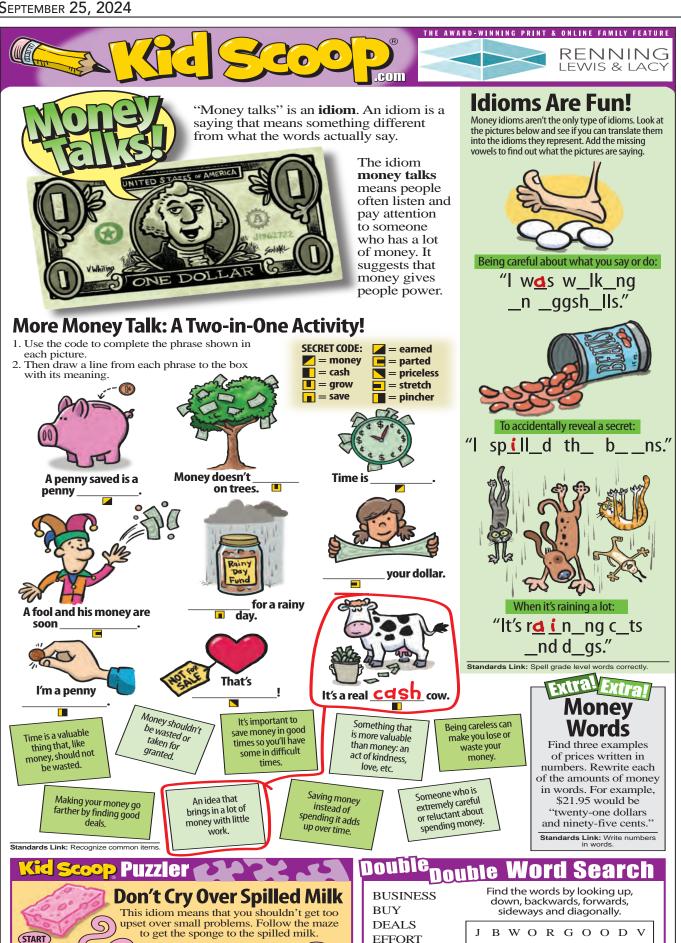
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Catherine Leona DeWitt

Catherine "Cathy" Leona DeWitt, 88, passed away peacefully on September 16,



2024, with her loving family by her side. Born on February 25, 1936, to Lester and Catherine Brenand in Winneconne, Wisconsin. Cathy was a radiant soul whose kindness and compas-

sion touched everyone she met.

Cathy found her true love early on, marrying Vernon DeWitt on November 6th, 1956. Their love story was the foundation of a beautiful life together, raising their children Vernon DeWitt Jr. Doug DeWitt, and Kim Glausier. The love Cathy shared with her family was boundless, and her home was always filled with love, laughter, and the smell of something delicious baking in the oven. Sunday dinners were a cherished tradition, serving as a constant reminder of the importance of family and the strength of their bond.



In 1985 Vernon and Cathy sold their home and farm near Oshkosh and started a new life in Winter Garden, Florida. She dedicated 25 magical years to working at Disney World, a fitting place for someone who embodied joy, love and light. Cathy had a special way of making everyone feel like family. Her hugs were like home, warm comforting and full of love. No matter who stepped into her home, Cathy took care of them as if they were her own. Though small in stature, she was mighty in spirit; her strength, resilience, and unwavering generosity were unmatched. Cathy gave selflessly, especially to her family, pouring her heart into everything she did.

Cathy's legacy of love lives on through her children: Vernon (Mary) DeWitt Jr. Doug (Wanda) DeWitt, and Kim (Bill) Glausier, her grandchildren: Billie Jo Kaler, Tiffany DeWitt, Joseph DeWitt, and Katelyn DeWitt, her great-grandchildren: Dessiea Kaler, Harlyn Kaler, Reagan De-Witt, and Reid DeWitt, her brother, Lester Brenand and sister Gwen Bartels and her special friend, Francis Sauer. She was reunited in heaven with her beloved husband Vernon, her brother David Brenand, and her sister Lorraine Tritt.

A memorial service will be held on September 26th at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Oshkosh Wisconsin, where friends and family will gather to celebrate the life of this remarkable woman. Viewing will begin at 9:30 with the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Cathy's sweetness, her generous spirit, and her unfailing love will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.





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Carol Ann Knight

Carol Ann "Annie" (Spanbauer) Knight, age 85, unexpectedly passed away in Os-



hkosh, Wisconsin on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Carol was born at Mercy Hospital, one of two daughters to Lucille (Dietzo) Spanbauer and Joseph Frank Spanbauer on May 14, 1939. Carol attended

and graduated from Oshkosh high school class of 1957.

After high school she worked for Wisconsin National Life Insurance Company, later met and married Marvin James Knight on October 1, 1966, in Oshkosh Wisconsin and became a homemaker. Together, they raised three boys; Carol and Marv were known for waltzing on their roller-skates and waltzing at Marv 's work parties. We were told they looked like they were gliding on the floor with passion.

Carol had such a love for her faith, family, and friends. Carol was always humming along to her own tunes, arms up in the air and dancing with the sweetest/goofy smile on her face. At Sunday family dinners we were always laughing at her uncensored goofy jokes.

Her hobbies were yoga, canning gardening, going to church, going to the Delta restaurant with high school alumni, puzzles and nightly dinners with her Evergreen family and friends. Oh, and she loved talking on the phone, conversations never went dry with her. She was also a special part in and able to see her children and grandchildren marry and grow their families as well.

Carol was a volunteer at the United Way, The Place To Be, and helping clean pews at Saint Vincent's (Saint Jude 's) church.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Erin) Knight, Keith (Lisa) Knight, and Kirk (Jeanne) Knight; grandchildren, Natasha Knight, Miranda (Tyler) Bellile, Alisha (Chris) Blattler Zachary (Dale) Knight, Krystal (Josh) Bervid, Kamden Knight and Keli Mertz; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Lynette (Tom) Larson; sister-inlaw, Ruth (Don) O'Brien, and many other family and friends.

Greeting Carol at the gates of heaven was her husband, Marvin Knight; her parents; as well as many other friends and family.

Per her wishes a private family service will be held.

A very special thank you to the staff at Evergreen Retirement Community. Also, a very special thank you to her very close friends for all the love, support and care she received over the years.

Per Carol, her last words were to be-"Adiós" [arms going up in the air].



Pamela (Drexler) Audette

Pam was born on January 28, 1952 and gained her angel wings on September



8, 2024 in Spokane Washington. worked for Everett Transit for 24 years and retired in 2017. Pam was a dedicated Volunteer Director at Christmas House, a charity close to her heart. She had a deep

appreciation for antiques and was adept at restoring them to their former glory or as she would say "trick it all out". Artistic by nature, she had a remarkable ability to breathe new life into forgotten treasures.

Pam is survived by her children Shane (Megan) Drexler, Keegan Drexler, Brianna Hatch and son-in-law Caleb Hatch, grandchildren Francisco Flores IV and Journey Hatch, her four bonus grandchildren Delaney Nelson, Caleb Hatch Jr., Adela Hatch and Madelina Hatch. Her siblings Wendy Baier, Julie (Jim) Drexler, Terri Foss, David (Arlene) Ruddy, Jim (Vicki) Ruddy and Tom (Linda) Ruddy. She is further survived by several nieces, nephews and her beloved dog Sadie.

Pam is preceded in death by her father Chas, mother Janet, sister Amy Egner and niece Courtney Stark.

Pam was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and dedicated community member. She lived a life filled with love, compassion and generosity which fueled her gypsy soul. Her warmth and caring nature were a beacon of light to all who knew her.

A Celebration of Pam's Life will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at St. Vincent's Church, 1225 Oregon St., Oshkosh. Visitation from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. with Mass at 1:00 p.m. Fellowship and desserts to follow in Sebastian Hall.

Craig Alan Barnard

Craig Alan Barnard, Oshkosh, loving husband and father, entered eternity on



Friday, September 13, 2024 at the age of 69. He was born in Columbus, IN to the late Robert and Alma (Hayden) Barnard. Craig is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife, Rosemary

(Lloyd) Barnard; children, C.Thomas (Jessica) Barnard, Agoura Hills, CA, Daniel (Jennifer) Barnard of Avon, IN, E. Brynne (Tom) Clippard of Beverly, IL, Steven (Natalie) Barnard of Glen Ellyn, IL; step-sons, Michael Gierczyk of Willow Springs, IL, Marty Gierczyk of Shaker Heights, OH; as well as beloved grandchildren; brother, James Barnard of Skokie, IL, uncle Harley Barnard of Ladoga, IN; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Robert (Jan) Lloyd, Michael (Ellen) Lloyd, Allen (Judy) Lloyd, Susan Lloyd, Russell (Patricia) Diener; along with nieces, nephews,

grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins. Craig was preceded in death by his parents.

Craig had a passion for people, music, and cars. His schooling included Eastern Illinois University (B.M.E.) and Educational Counseling (M.S.Ed), Texas Tech University,(Ed.D) Higher Education & Adult Learning. If you would like to give a memorial, three organizations held special significance for Craig; Franki Jo Mascato Foundation, Damascus Road Project, Inc., and Bella Medical Clinic, all of Oshkosh. We, as a family, wish to send a special thank you to Dr. Robert Bayer, Dr. Jayesh Mehta, Dr. Goggins, Dr. Heider, Dr. Dar, and all their wonderful staff. Also special thanks to our teams from Aurora at Home and Aurora Hospice.

In lieu of mourning, we request the joy of your company to celebrate Craig's remarkable life. We will gather on October 4,2024 at Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia Street, Oshkosh, WI, 54902. Visitation will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm with celebration of life, and a time of gathering to follow

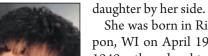
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Joann Costello

Joann was called to her heavenly home on Saturday, September 14, 2024 with her



She was born in Ripon, WI on April 19, 1949, the daughter of Paul R. Steinberg and Bernice Steinberg Miller (Hollman). Joann married Johann Costello on December 29, 1972

at Our Savior's United Church of Christ in Ripon, WI. Joann graduated from Ripon High School and Oshkosh Technical Institute with an Accounting Degree in 1969. Joann retired from AT&T after 40 years where she used her art talent and accounting skills in the Engineering Department as a CAD designer. Joann was a founding member of Professional Women of AT&T (PWATT) and a member of Wisconsin Pioneers of AT&T. She pursued her B.S. Degree in Human Services from Upper Iowa University. Joann was an active member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ where she was involved Daughters of Sarah, Bible study, and a long time Sunday School teacher (20 years) where she was proud to have taught her grandchildren. As a Sunday School teacher, Joann was known for always handing out treats, especially fruit snacks. Joann was also active in the Red Hat Society. Joann loved being a grandma and had a very active role in raising her grandchildren (Brayden &

Farrah). Joann will be greatly missed and remembered as a person who always had a smile on her face. She was known as a fair and pleasant person to be around.

Joann is survived by her two daughters, Jaina Ziegler (Brian) and Jolene Finley (Michael), her grandchildren Bradley and Brayden Butkiewicz, Briana Ziegler, and Farrah and Noah Finley, She is further survived by her brother Dennis Steinberg (Susan), her nephew Michael Steinberg Jr. (Audrey) and her niece, Amanda Zick (Jason).

Joann was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Johann Costello, her parents, Paul and Bernice Steinberg, her step-father, Bill Miller, her brother and his wife and daughter, Michael Sr., Rebecca, and Michelle Steinberg, and her sister and brother-in-law, Carol and David Gray.

The family would like to especially thank Leslie, Michelle, Barb, Jess, and all of the other caretakers at Elijah's place in Oshkosh as well as all of the hospice workers from Heartland for the loving care she received on her journey.

Funeral services for Joann and her husband, Johann, were held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ on Friday, September 20. A small luncheon at the church followed the service, and internment took place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Ripon.

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Ann Marie Davis

In fond memory of Ann Marie Davis, born on December 26, 1963 to the late



Kenneth and Gretchen (Viertel) Thomas, unfortunately departing from us on September 18, 2024, at the Centennial Inn in Oshkosh, WI. She leaves behind her daughters, Michele

Davis and Theresa Leaming, and her beloved son Kyle Davis. Ann, a dedicated CNA at Bethel Home for over 15 years, found immense joy in caring for others.

Ann enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, from her love of cooking to board games, cribbage, and puzzles. She liked tending her small garden. She found happiness in the company of her siblings and laughter of her grandchildren. Ann's spirit will be carried forward by those whose lives she

touched with her warmth and kindness.

Ann is survived by her children, Theresa Leaming, Kyle (Litisha) Davis, and Michele Davis; grandchildren, Colton, Kegan, Camden, Brayden, Maxton; siblings, Timothy (Annette) Thomas, Nancy (Donald) Zietlow, Steven (Jane) Thomas, Sara (Peter) Sobralski. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, Ann was preceded in death by her beloved mother-in-law, Mary Davis.

Per Ann's wishes, private services will

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Ann's family would like to thank the staff at Centennial Inn for their loving and wonderful care of Ann the past 12 years.

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Marlene N. Reisler

Marlene Norma (Hedtke) Reisler, age 82, passed away with her family by her



side on September 13, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born to parents, Norman "Fritz" and Hazel (Brusius) Hedtke on May 22, 1942, in Wisconsin.

In 1961, she gave birth to her first son in

Colorado and moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family shortly after. Marlene worked at the National Tavern with her parents, then went on to secretarial work at a car dealership, was a caregiver, worked at a pet and garden center until she went on to own Larry's Sign Connection for many years. She had a strong work

On July 10, 1993, she married the love of her life, Alfred "Al" J. Reisler, in Oshkosh, WI. They have known each other for over 33 years.

Marlene was very loving, creative and giving of her time. Aside from doing caregiving, she watched out for all the neighborhood stray cats and made homemade cards. She could look at ordinary items and find beauty. She was resourceful and could turn leftover materials into rugs, bowls, jewelry and stained glass. She enjoyed making beaded jewelry such as

bracelets and earrings and creating journals, gardening, collecting stamps and adding personal touches to her home and business. She also loved collecting anything that had an elephant on it.

She is survived by her husband, Al Reisler; son, Michael (Christine) Schraa; step-son, Clay (Louise) Reisler; grandchildren, Lauren Schraa, Carly (Alex) Vechart, Annalise Schraa, Brock (Michelle) Reisler and Bennett (Taylor) Reisler; great-grandchildren, Truett and Celeste; brother, Brett (Sunny) Hedtke; sisters-in-law, Pamela Hedtke and Hazel (Joe) Martinez; nieces, Cheryl Peppler and Sandra Folske; as well as many other family members and friends.

Preceding her in death was her parents; son, Gary Zarling; brother, Terry Hedtke; sister, Audrey (Marvin) Peppler; and her beloved mother-in-law Bonita Reisler.

Visitation will be held at Lake View Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI, Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 11:00am to 12:30pm, with service to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, her family would ask that you donate to Compassus Hospice. Compassus has helped the family above and beyond their expectations. A special thank you to Trish, Kacey, Stacy and Chaplin Erik.



William Kenneth Friday Sr.

William "Bill" Kenneth Friday, 83 of Oshkosh, left us peacefully on September 19,



2024, surrounded by his three children. Bill was born January 13, 1941, to William and Adeline (Jischowski) Friday.

Bill graduated in 1959 from Frankfurt High School. Soon after he enlisted in

the U.S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany. He followed his father's footsteps working for the Army Security Agency (ASA). He specialized in electronic intelligence.

Bill eventually was employed at Rockwell International as a machinist. After 30 years, he retired in 1995. He spent his retirement years fishing, hunting, and engaging in many hobbies.

Bill is survived by his sister, Barbara (Friday) Darabosh; son, William T. Friday; daughters, Tracy and Carey Friday; grandsons, Matthew and William J. Friday, and Craig Raatz; granddaughter, Stephanie Briggs (Wade Anderson); four great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews. A private service will be held, per our

father's wishes. We wish to thank Parkside Senior Liv-

ing, and AseraCare Hospice for their compassion and care. Special thanks to friends, Michelle Baerwald and Jaiden Pierotti for their help, insight and guidance.

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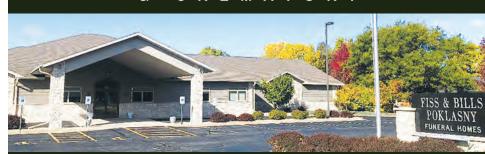
George M. Payne, 63, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly, on



Thursday, August 1, 2024, surrounded by family. A celebration of life for George will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Menominee Park-Shelter #1 in Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

Michael R. Peerenboom

Michael Richard Peerenboom, age 57, of Oshkosh, WI passed away Tuesday,



September 10, 2024 at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI. He was born on April 16, 1967 in Neenah, WI to Richard "Dick" and Boni Peerenboom.

graduated Mike from Oshkosh North

High School in 1986 and was the second generation to be the sole proprietor of Glen Valley Farm in Oshkosh, WI.

Mike had a deep-rooted love for the American Saddlebred horse. He followed in his parent's footsteps and continued to build a lasting legacy for Glen Valley Farm and for the Saddlebred breed as a whole. He has left his own imprint on the industry, including the breeding, raising, and training of the Saddlebred Horse, as well as hosting The Glen Valley Classic Horse Show. Mike loved horses and sharing his knowledge with others. He had an inherent talent with, and natural understanding of, the horses he worked with. A big part of his life was teaching and mentoring others, sharing his passion and allowing them to explore their own. Mike's lesson program at GVF helped make dreams come true, allowing the next generation of horse enthusiasts to learn and grow. He enabled them to practice, attend competitions, and create lasting bonds. Bonds not only between horse and rider,

but within the group, becoming a family unto themselves.

Mike's parents owned and operated the Fountain Tavern in Oshkosh, WI for many years, and friends and family regularly gathered there. "Follow me to the Fountain" was a common phrase heard as Mike was about to hop into a classic car like the Coupe or the GTO. You would not be surprised to see Mike driving the T-bucket through the park while blaring the "Footloose" or "Beach Boys" cassette tape, smirking behind Elvis sunglasses.

Mike and his father loved to restore classic cars. They lovingly rebuilt them and spent countless hours bonding over their shared passion. Dick was Mike's father, best friend, and idol. The time they spent together was priceless.

Mike was known for his bright clothing (button up Hawaiian shirt, neon swim trunks, and a captain's hat), colorful classic cars, and vibrant personality (including his dance moves). He was also known for the humor that was as iconic as the farm he loved. He was a one of kind personality, a jokester who lived for a good laugh, and people were naturally drawn to him. He saw the good in everyone and was always selflessly willing to help anyone in need. Mike was in the business of horses and people, using his knowledge to bring them all together.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Boni Peerenboom. Mike is survived by a large group of loved ones that he considered family. He touched the lives of an unimaginable amount of people in a meaningful way. Mike was a loving partner, son, brother, uncle, cousin, mentor and beloved friend to many.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the Fountain Tavern 3696 Stearns Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904. A special thank you to the first responders,

the staff at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, WI, and the staff at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI, for their phenomenal and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in his honor.



Ronald R. Koch

Ronald R. Koch, age 73, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully with his fami-



ly by his bedside on September 17, 2024 at Ascension Mercy Medical Center. He was born on June 24, 1951 in Oshkosh a son of the late Roy and Phyllis Jean (Hammerseng) Koch. Ron married

his soulmate, Victoria Elizabeth Hartman on July 17, 1971. Ron worked for and retired from the Hoffmaster Corporation after 44 years of service. He greatly enjoyed softball, bowling leagues, gambling, casino trips, playing cards and dice games. He loved his two grandkids and enjoyed seeing them in multiple sporting events and spending time with them. Ron was also an avid Packer and Brewers fan. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ron is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife of 53 years, Vic-

toria; two sons, Roy (Julie) Koch of Ripon and Scott (Tricia) Koch of Neenah; two grandchildren, Tyler Koch of Madison and Kailey Koch of Neenah; and his Grand dog (Rowdy), two sister-in-laws, Laurie Carpenter (Pat), Sandra Koch; a brother-in-law, Marty (Judy) Hartman. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. Ron was preceded in death by a brother, Kelly Koch.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 11:30 am until the time of ser-

Ron's family wishes to thank the staff at Ascension Mercy Medical Center for their care over the last year.

As Ron always said when finishing a task or project, "GUD NOF"



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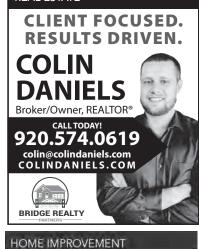
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Obituaries

Adeline M. Strasser

Adeline M. Strasser born on January 3, 1926 to Warren and Mary Conger on a





small farm about eight miles north of Oshkosh, Adeline Maryetta Strasser, 98, died on September 13 at Evergreen Sharehaven North in Oshkosh. She was one of 10 children and is survived by her brothers, Donald and Gene.

In July of 1945 she married William "Bud" Strasser and together they had three children: Myles (Lynette), Rita (Ken) and Bill (Kris). She had grandchildren: five

Shalyn (Erich), Shane, Josh, Greta and Sophie (Daniel). And one great grandchild,

Because there was no money and no future on the farm, she quit high school in the early 40s and shared an apartment with her lifelong friend Gerry. They both worked whatever factory job was available for young women to pay the rent.

One day, while on the assembly line of a bottle factory, she looked at one with something odd inside, looked closer, yelled "Eek a mouse!" and bolted out of the place like an Olympic sprinter in lane 4. Years later she would tell us (her kids) "Back in those days you could quit a job and walk a block down the street to get another one."

Soon she would meet her lifetime companion, William (Bud) Strasser and they

Lyn Diane Robinson

83, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away

Her children and grandchildren meant ev-

erything to her and were a blessing from

her marriage to William C. Robinson. She

cherished time spent with them in playing

games, quilting, and watching them grow;

Teaching and exposing them to all pas-

An everlasting impact for Lyn was as

a member of the International Order of

Job's Daughters, and in 1959 was installed

God gifted her with the passion of cre-

ativity. She enthused her creativity into

everything she made from church banners,

ceramic windchimes and figurines, floral

arrangements, jewelry, craft displays, and

through her love and perfection of quilting;

always creating, selling handmade items at

craft fairs, gardening, and teaching kids in

In 1980, Lyn joined with her dearest and

closest friend, the late Phyllis Sayles, to co-

own Mother Hubbard and the Cupboard in

Genesee Depot. Lyn was a member of the

Mukwonago Crazy Quilters, Inc. and the

Lakeside Quilters Guild, LLC. in Oshkosh.

Lyn continued to use her talents in secre-

After her children were all off to school,

as Honored Queen of Bethel 9.

the Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club.

sions she loved.

Lyn Diane Robinson (nee Martin), age

peacefully on Sep-

tember 19, 2024 at

Evergreen Retirement

Community. Lyn was

born on April 1, 1941,

a daughter of Alan

and Marie (Novak)

Martin, and was loved

dearly by her family.

would be married at First English Lutheran Church by Rev. E. A. Koch on July 31, 1945. They were a blue collar couple all the way, but gave us everything we needed or wanted, including a July trip every summer Up North into Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and Minoqua. We all remember the nightly trips to the dump grounds where we would wait for the bears to come out and watch them dine al fresco. They even let us bring a friend along and buy them ice cream cones at the little dairy shop right next to the live bait store with the Fish of the Day displayed in the cooler in the window. Usually it was a musky from Lac Vieux Desert.

But our mother's early years would be defined by Leon's Frozen Custard, where she carhopped for 12 years. We can still see her in her white outfit speed-walking from car to car with trays of malts, joosburgers, chili hot dogs. Her average tip was a dime and a quarter was big-time money. With her earnings we were able to buy a green Nash Rambler in 1953. We took that vehicle to the 44 Outdoor Theater about ten thousand times to watch John Wayne beat up no-goods and other assorted wastrels.

To put it succinctly, she was the backbone of our family. She made sure we were dressed appropriately for school and made sure we went to Sunday School, where we talked about Jesus and then used our crayons to color Moses, the apostles, and, of course, David and Goliath.

She loved flowers and spent many hours of her later years in her garden, seeding, picking, and pulling. Come to think of it, she was a flower herself, beautiful even in her 80s and 90s, always checking in her hand-held mirror if the lipstick was precisely placed and the eyebrows were just

Lyn's memory will forever be cherished by her daughters: Carrie (Richard), Debbie (Richard), and Jodi (Kyn); grandchildren: Alexander, Josephine (Brittany), and Katherine, Max and Sam; cousins, Judith and Alan; nieces, Valerie and Colleen; friend Carol; beloved dog, Jaxon.

In addition to her parents, Lyn was preceded in death by her aunts, Elinore (Albert) and Clare (James); uncle Robert; cousins, Ronald and Beverly; cherished dog, Dolly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St. Oshkosh on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass. After private burial at Genesee Village Cemetery, a celebration of life will be open to anyone wishing to pay their respects on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at First Congregational Church of Genesee Educational Center, W306 S5075 Church St, Mukwonago, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Thank you to Evergreen Retirement Community CNAs and nurses and Generations Hospice for their love, kindness, caring and support. You truly gave Mom the best care possible in her passing days. We are forever grateful for the time you spent with her.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Evergreen Retirement Community Life Enrichment Fund (mail checks to Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902) and the Generations Hospice, Generations of Giving Foundation (mail checks to Generations of Giving, 1028 S Main St, Suite C, Fond du Lac, WI 54935) are appreciated. Please mention Lyn's name and the specific fund when providing donation.

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right.

In her final days at Sharehaven, she would put that mirror on the cart in front of her walker when she went to breakfast. She was Elizabeth Taylor and she knew it. If there was a bit of vanity, so be it.

We will always love you, Mom. You brought us into this world and made sure we were well tended. God bless you because He certainly blessed us.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11 am at

the Fiss & Bills Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Rev. John Dorn will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10 am until the time of service at the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers please send donations to the Oshkosh Humane Society at 1925 Shelter Ct. Oshkosh, WI 54901. Adeline's wishes were NO flowers. Thank You.

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Gerald J. Spalding

Gerald J. Spalding, 77, passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2024. He was



born June 27, 1947 to parents, Clifford and Lila (Stang) Spalding.

Gerald loved to go hunting, fishing, snowmobiling spending time with his family. He also enjoyed going to the casino with his family

and friends. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. He instilled his love of the outdoors and automobiles in his sons.

He is survived by his sons, Michael

(Toni) Spalding and Daniel (Katie) Spalding; grandchildren, Kira, Kaden, Colton, and Lila; brother, Steve Spalding; and many other friends and family.

Preceding him in death are his beloved wife, Phyllis Spalding; and his parents, Clifford and Lila.

Funeral services will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI on Friday September 27, 2024 with visitation being from 11am to 1pm, services to follow at 1pm. Gerald will be laid to rest next to his wife Phyllis at Lake View Memorial Park.



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tarial roles, most meaningful to her being at Blum & Colombe and Caroll University. She was an excellent planner, organizer, and smart financial manager.

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Titans tripped up by Division II Michigan Tech

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

UW Oshkosh football coach Peter Jennings would have liked walking off JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Saturday having knocked off NCAA Division II Michigan Tech to improve the Titans' record to 3-0.

But in the aftermath in the 44-7 home loss to the Huskies, bringing an end to a rugged three-game nonconference schedule for UW Oshkosh, the head coach wasn't overly disappointed in the defeat and liked where his squad was at entering a bye week before kicking off the WIAC slate.

"You play good teams not just to play against the best but to sort of expose your weaknesses. I think we are a great team and we have the potential to do some pretty big things when we get into conference play but you don't know that if you don't challenge yourselves," Jennings said. "Today, I think we saw there are some things we have to work on. This is what we have to do if we want to be really good."

Coming off wins over nationally ranked Division III opponents Wheaton College and Linfield University in the first two weeks of the season, the Titans drove down the field on its opening possession of the game only to have a 40-yard field goal attempt blocked.

That would be UW Oshkosh's best scoring chance until the Titans reached the end zone with 28 seconds left as Michigan Tech put on an impressive show on both sides of

'They are big , they are fast and they are well coached. They are everything we thought they would be," Jennings said. "When you play a fully funded Division II team, you don't necessarily have to play



UW Oshkosh's Avery Martell (0) sheds a block to attempt to tackle a Michigan Tech ball carrier Saturday.

a perfect game, but you have to play pretty dang close and we didn't today."

Michigan Tech (3-1) seized control of the game with a 23-point second quarter and eventually built its advantage to 44-0 on a 71-yard touchdown pass from Alex Bueno to Ethan Hull with 2:47 left in the

The Huskies finished with nearly 500 yards of offense in the game, including four touchdown passes of at least 30 yards.

The Titans totaled 303 yards of total offense in the game, but almost half of that total came on two drives - the opening march that led to the blocked field goal and the touchdown drive to close out the game.

UW Oshkosh's biggest issue against the Huskies came on first down. In the first half, the Titans had 10 of their 13 firstdown plays gain two yards or less, while four of the plays lost yards leaving UW Oshkosh behind the sticks.

"It shrinks the play call sheet a lot," Jennings said. "You definitely want to be in second and medium and third and medium or third and short so you have the entire call sheet. There were times today when we felt a little bit squeezed with the offensive play calls because of the situation we were in."

Freshman quarterback Cole Warren made his first collegiate start for the Titans after playing much of the second half last

Saturday against Winfield.

Warren finished 28-of-41 for 244 yards in the game, but was picked off twice, and said the experience of playing against the Huskies will help him when the Titans begin the WIAC season at UW-Whitewater on Oct. 5.

"I like finishing with Michigan Tech because I think they give us the best look for the next games," Warren said. "It wasn't good for us to get our butts kicked but it was good for us to know where we are at and what we have to fix."

One of the offensive bright spots for the Titans was senior receiver Trae Tetzlaff, who hauled in 13 passes for 125 yards.

"We put a big emphasis on finishing finishing games, finishing drives, finishing the play - so, when you are down like that, to be a leader you have to go have an action about it and that's what I was trying to do when I was out there," Tetzlaff said. "Work my hardest to gain every yard and show the guys that even though we might be down, we're still giving it our all."

Kyle Dietzen and Kenny Satori each finished with seven tackles to lead the Titan defense, while Thomas Coroneos added six tackles and a forced fumble.

The Titans have also gotten a boost from freshman linebacker Dayshawn Henry. The Oshkosh North graduate has seen increased playing time over the course of the first three games and posted two tackles and a pair of quarterback hits in the game.

"Dayshawn is a really smart, athletic, high-motor football player," Jennings said. "He's in a room, that's a talented room. Our linebacking group is just a bunch of dogs and he has made it so he has to be on the field as a freshman. That's a tip of the cap to him."



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The Importance of Pre-planning **Cemetery & Funeral Needs**

Virginia Radtke, Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh

Ben Soll, Seefeld Funeral Home, Oshkosh

The A, B, C, & D's of Medicare

-Sarah Radosevich, Vizance Insurance, Oshkosh

12PM

The Integrative Medical Mind Mackee Hoffmann, Chaplain, Qigong Instructor The Difference Between Forgetfulness & Memory Loss Mike Rohrkaste, Fox Valley Memory Project Let's explore your Medicare plan options together help you review your specific needs and enroll in the plan that's Anthem 🚭 🛡



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Fall Dining & Refreshments Guide

September 2024







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Food Served Daily | 11am-8pm Dine in or Take out

Check www.winklerswestwardho.com for complete menu and specials.

Follow us on **(3** for dining specials and special events.

SOUPS -

Clam Chowder

Chicken Tortilla, Tomato Basil Bean with Ham, Cheesy Broccoli Beef Noodle, Chicken Noodle Split Pea, Lasagna Stuffed Green Pepper

> Chili with the Works small or regular

DESSERT French Crème Cheesecake

RESERVE HALL TODAY FOR ANY SIZE PARTIES

SANDWICHES -

All burgers made with 1/3 lb lean meat on a fresh bakery bun

> Hamburger Cheeseburger

Bacon Cheeseburger

Mushroom Swiss Burger

Swiss cheese, mushrooms

Patty Melt 1/3 lb lean meat, white & yellow

cheese, fried onions on marble rye bread

Steak Sandwich

½ lb tenderloin on a gourmet steak roll. Add fried onions & mushrooms

Pizza Burger

½ lb pizza burger on a gourmet steak roll

Hot Beef

8 oz on a hoagie bun. Add mushrooms, onions & cheese

Chicken Breast

(Grilled or Breaded, Regular or Spicy) 6 oz on a fresh bakery bun Add lettuce, tomato & mayo

Turkey Club

Turkey with bacon, lettuce, tomato & mayo on Texas toast

BLT

Bacon, lettuce, tomato & mayo on Texas toast Add double bacon

BLT Double

Double bacon, lettuce, tomato & mayo on Texas toast

Breaded Cod Sandwich with lettuce, cheese, tartar

Reuben

Corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese & 1000 Island on marble rye

BBQ Pulled Pork

on a gourmet steak roll

Grilled Ham & Cheese

on Texas toast

Grilled Cheese American cheese on Texas toast

Hot Ham & Cheese

Ham & American cheese on a fresh bakery bun

Hot Ham

on a fresh bakery bun

SIDE ORDERS —

French fries Crisscuts

Seasoned or Sweet Potato

Potato Dippers TaterKegs Southwest Potato

Tantalizers Battered Onion Rings

> **Cheese Curds** Regular or Garlic

Mozzarella Logs **Mac N Cheese Bites** Cheddar Broccoli Bites

Jalapeno or Fiesta Poppers

Pickle Chips Cauliflower

Mixed Basket

Includes: French fries, onion rings, cheese curds, mushrooms, cauliflower

> Chicken Wings (5) regular or hot

Wings Basket (15) regular or hot

Chicken Strips regular or hot

Mini Tacos

Mushrooms

Mini Corn Dogs

Potato Salad • Coleslaw



FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

SEAFOOD *APPETIZERS*

Wild Caught Alaska **Pollock Wings Cod Nuggets**

DINNERS

(all dinners include half pound or more of fish)

Beer Battered Canadian Perch Plate

Breaded Canadian Perch Plate

Beer Battered Canadian Walleye Pike

Fantail Shrimp

10 Breaded Butterflies **Beer Battered Blue Gill**

Frog Legs Steamed Haddock Loins **Battered Haddock**

LIGHTER SIDE

Honey Batter Dip 4 pc Chicken

3 pc Breaded Perch – 6 oz (Add an extra piece of Perch)

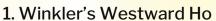
> Golden Ale Battered Haddock - 6 oz

Dinners & Lighter Side served with choice of French fries or potato salad, coleslaw, and rye bread.

Baked potato available on Friday

Dining & Refreshments

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Dinners

Served with a choice of side. Include soup and salad bar. Additional sides can be added.

Our steaks are USDA choice and hand cut. We will cut a steak to your appetite.

Tenderloin 6oz, 8oz Ribeye 12oz, 16oz

The "Matty" - 22oz ribeye smothered w/ports & onions

Steak additions - Ports & onions, mushrooms & onions, bleu cheese crumbles, Oscar style (asparagus and hollandaise), garlic or pesto butter pat

Surf & Turf - Add to a steak or any other entrée Lobster tail or 3 shrimp, grilled or deep fried

Prime Rib

Served every Saturday.

Served with our homemade Phoenix sauce.

Queen Cut - 10-12oz King Cut - 14-16oz

Broasted Chicken

Served every day 4 piece Dinner

12 piece bucket for take out. Chicken only

Seafood Selections

Served every day.

Try a pat of Pesto butter on your fish

Grouper - Pan or deep fried Walleye Pike - Pan or deep fried

Salmon - Grilled Salmon Bruschetta - Topped with homemade

sauce and fresh parmesan Haddock - Broiled, pan or deep fried

Jumbo Shrimp - Deep fried or grilled

Shrimp Scampi - Sauteed in butter, garlic, and

seasoning Coconut Shrimp - served with homemade pina

colada sauce

Gator - A house Favorite! Pan or deep fried



Friday Fish Selections

Served on Friday's only

Lake Perch

Whitefish - Pollack, hungry appetites can purchase additional pieces

Fisherman's Platter - Shrimp, Haddock, Perch

and Walleye. Sorry, no substitutions

Roast Duck Dinner

Served last Wednesday each month Please call to reserve your duck dinner. Dinner includes 1/2 duck homemade dressing, mashed Potatoes, gravy, soup and salad bar.

Our pizza is made to order with fresh toppings and homemade sauce. 14 inch

Ultimate Meat Lovers - Sausage, pepperoni, bacon, and Canadian bacon

Loaded Supreme - Sausage, pepperoni, onions,

green peppers, mushrooms, black olives BBQ Chicken Bacon - Sweet BBQ base. bacon,

onion, colby jack cheese Jalapeno Popper - Cream cheese base, sausage,

Build Your Own - meat toppings and veggies, as many as wanted

Cheese - Mozzarella and Colby Jack cheese



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APPETIZERS

Zuggets Buffalo Zugs Chili Cheese Zugs Fantastic Four 10" Cheeza Bread Za Sticks White Cheddar Curds Mac & Cheese Shields Mozzarella Sticks Corn Dog Minions Cheeze Toasted Ravioli Zarollis Chili

CHICKEN WINGS & STRIPS

Traditional Bone-In or Boneless Wings Chili Cheese Boneless Wings 4 or 6 Chicken Strips

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Super Mac Corn Dog Minions Mac 'N Cheese Shields Chicken Strip Duo

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Black Forest

Sliced turkey / roast beef / Swiss / marble rye / Chalice sauce

Tenderloin Sandwich*

3 – 3oz medallions / toasted French / served with American fries

add sautéed mushrooms and onions

Reuben

Choice of grilled corned beef, turkey, pastrami or portabello; sauerkraut / Swiss / marble rye / Chalice sauce

Pastrami

Grilled pastrami / provolone / toasted French / Chalice sauce

Grilled ham / Swiss / toasted sourdough / Chalice sauce

Sub Supreme

Grilled beef / grilled pastrami / sauteed mushrooms / onions / cheddar / toasted French / Chalice sauce

3 eggs / ham / onions / green peppers / mushrooms / provolone mushrooms / onions / Swiss / / toasted French / Chalice sauce

Bungens

Chalice*

½ pound burger / lettuce / tomato / onions / cheddar / seeded bun / ketchup sauce add bacon

Pastrami*

½ pound burger / grilled pastrami / provolone / lettuce sautéed onion / toasted French / Chalice sauce

Deluxe*

½ pound burger / sautéed mushrooms / onions / Swiss / marble rye / Chalice sauce

Jacked UP Frisco Burger* ½ pound burger / lettuce / tomato Grilled portabello / lettuce / Swiss / pepperjack / toasted sourdough / bacon / ketchup sauce *Choice of ½ lb Angus or Homemade Garden patty

Fish & Poultry Sandwiches

Grilled Fish Fillet*

Grilled haddock / lettuce / tomato / onions / cheddar / toasted French / tartar sauce

Chicken Deluxe

Grilled chicken / sautéed marble rye / Chalice sauce

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Grilled chicken / sliced ham & Swiss / toasted French / honey

Chicken Philly

Grilled chicken / sautéed mushrooms / onions / green peppers / provolone / toasted French / Chalice sauce

Turkey or Chicken

Lettuce / tomato / onions / provolone or bacon / toasted sourdough / Chalice sauce (with both bacon & cheese)

Vegetanian Style

Portabello Mushroom Sandwich / marble rye / ranch

Grilled Cheese

Swiss / provolone / cheddar / pepperjack / choice of bread / Chalice sauce

No Meat

Grilled mushrooms / onions / green peppers / marinated tomatoes / lettuce / Swiss provolone / Chalice sauce / choice of bread

Appetizens

Portabello Bites - sautéed / served with ranch / garlic toast

Broccoli Bites - sautéed / served with ranch / garlic toast

Tenderloin Bites* - Cajun grilled / steak sauce / garlic toast

Chicken Bites – Cajun grilled / garlic toast / honey dijon (add sautéed onions / mushrooms

/ provolone / to any bites) Garlic Bread - with melted cl Italian Tomato Bread - toasted garlic bread / marinated tomatoes / provolone cheese / ketchup

Garlic Shrimp* - 10 Argentina Red shrimp / garlic butter / garlic toast

Shrimp Cocktail - 10 shrimp / tangy shrimp sauce American Fries = add cheese / onions / bacon

Abudanza

sauce

Wowbudanza

Dinnens

Garlic & Butter Haddock* Grilled haddock / garlic and butter / mushrooms / onions / green peppers / American fries / rye

Haddock Au Gratin*

Grilled haddock / steamed broccoli / provolone / American fries / garlic toast

Open-Face Tenderloin*

3 - 3 ounce tenderloin / garlic toast / American fries / Abudanza / Wowbudanza (add sautéed mushrooms & onions add cheese)

Salads

Hot Italian Salad*

Sautéed mushrooms / onions / tomatoes / green peppers / provolone / garlic toast / Chalice sauce Add portabello / broccoli / chicken / Add tenderloin / shrimp /

Garlic & Butter Shrimp Salad* Sautéed Argentinian Red shrimp

/ mushrooms / onions / marinated tomatoes / 3 cheese blend / garlic toast / parmesan peppercorn

Blackened Haddock Salad* Blackened haddock / steamed

broccoli / sautéed mushrooms / Swiss / tomatoes / garlic toast / raspberry vinaigrette

Tenderloin* Chef Salad (cold)

Lettuce / onions / green peppers / marinated tomatoes / cucumbers / grilled tenderloin , parmesan cheese / garlic toast / parmesan peppercorn

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