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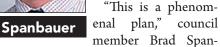
By Jonathan Richie

Oshkosh officials have approved a new energy plan that focuses on uses of renewable energy and transitioning away from fossil fuels.

The plan was approved by the Oshkosh Sustainability Advisory Board last week. The plan was developed by paleBLUEdot, a company that provides these types of plans for climate actions, renewable energy and sustainability initiatives.

"We focus on hastening the transition to a carbon-free economy," Ted Redmond said. Redmond, who is co-founder of the company, told the board his team com-

piled a number of plans which focus on lessening carbon emissions. These emissions originate from the burning of fossil fuels for energy, transportation or industrial processes.



bauer said. "Very detailed, very excellent."

The Oshkosh energy plan is designed

to meet carbon reduction targets, reduce operational costs and be used as a guide for proactive energy upgrades in the city's future.

"This plan will benefit Oshkosh by providing good goals and metrics for making decisions about city-owned buildings," Spanbauer told the Herald. "It will allow us to better understand which buildings need to be audited for their energy consumption, provides recommendations for ways to improve in energy efficiency and adds data to which buildings are aging to

SEE **Energy plan** on Page 12



Photo from Menominee Park and Zoo

Seasonal zoo fun

Guests were welcomed over the weekend to Menominee Park and Zoo for two traditional fall events: Brews in the Zoo and Zooloween Boo. Hours for the zoo have changed through the end of the year. It is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and closed holidays and weekends.

ATVs will not be allowed on city roads any time soon

E-bikes could be banned on certain sidewalks

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

ATV and UTV users are going to need to find another place to ride after a request to open city streets to these vehicles was defeated at the committee level.

The Transportation committee at its Oct. 13 meeting failed to get a motion to recommend allowing ATV/UTV traffic on city streets. This comes after the Winnebago County Board earlier this year ap-

proved opening up certain county roads for ATV/UTV traffic.

Former council member Kris Larson introduced the idea for the city and cited the potential economic benefits from bringing in more traffic into the downtown area.

Dave Schmidt, the president of the Fox Valley Wheelers ATV

Club and president of UTV/ATV Alliance of Winnebago County, wants Osh-



Smith

kosh to be the first "urban community" to allow ATV/UTV traffic on city streets.

"I don't see Oshkosh needing to be the first city in the state to do this," committee member Deb Martin said. "We aren't usually the first in the state in much. We usually wait to see."

Police Chief Dean Smith said Oshkosh would be a sort of guinea pig to test if a city of its size could handle all-terrain vehicle traffic. He mentioned at a meeting in September that a lot of other communities are watching to see what Oshkosh decides on this topic.

Schmidt said, without evidence, that

there will be an economic impact that these riders will bring into the city.

Krystopher Driscoll told the committee that these all-terrain vehicles are safer than motorcycles and didn't understand why motorcycles are allowed on the road but not ATVs.

"Those only have two wheels and so four wheels is obviously a better-balanced machine, they have roll cages, seatbelts, headlights, taillights," Driscoll said. "Overall, I think (ATVs are) a safer machine than motorcycles."

See **ATV decision** on Page 11

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Friendly rivalry

The Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North girls volleyball teams worked together Oct. 9 to hold a food and hygiene drive for the Day by Day Warming Shelter. The event was organized as a way for the teams to raise awareness about the cause.

Community band presents fall concert

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The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present a fall concert beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.

The concert will feature a variety of music written by its "Foreign Friends." This is a prelude to the band's 2026 concerts which will celebrate America and American composers for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The band is led by Music Director David Berndt.

Suite Française, a wind band classic, was written by the French composer Darius Milhaud. The band will perform three movements of the suite: Normandie, Alsace-Lorraine and Provence. These are three of the French provinces in which the American and Allied forces fought together with the French underground for the liberation of France during World War II.

Back in the Day

The Girl From Ipanema is a Brazilian bossa nova and jazz song which was a worldwide hit in the mid-1960s. The music was written by Antonio Carlos Jobim. It was arranged for band by Howard Cable.

Galop from Genevieve de Brabant was from the operetta by Jaques Offenbach. This is a spirited and light-hearted work which contains the origin of what is known today as the Marine's Hymn.

The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Assistant Music Director Jon Basten, will present a set of jazz tunes including an arrangement of Earth, Wind, and Fires' "In the Stone."

Marches, popular tunes, dance tunes and other music from the theatre will round out the concert, which will last about one hour and 45 minutes, including an intermission. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted at the door.

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Local gardeners take note! Charles Schroeder owns a farm at Greenville near the Winnebago County line. He claims he planted five potatoes and from these harvested six bushels and a peck of excellent tubers. The story goes that Schroeder cut the five potatoes into cubes, with each cube having one eye. That produced enough plantings to amount to 108 hills of spuds. The potatoes were of an early variety and were recently harvested. The feat was vouched for by Oshkosh City Assessor John C. Voss who recently visited Mr. Schroeder, his nephew, at his farm.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Oct. 22, 1917

Event celebrates Boys & Girls Club achievements

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is holding The Youth of the Year Dinner to recognize its members for their achievements in the areas of Health and Wellness, Academic Success and Character and Leadership during their time at the club.

Each month, staff members select outstanding youth from every program area as "Members of the Month" for their kind and respectful behavior, positive attitude, participation and helpfulness toward other members, staff and volunteers.

These youth are honored at the Youth of the Year Dinner, which provides club members ages 6-18 the opportunity to showcase their leadership abilities and be recognized among their peers.

Special awards are presented to youth from every area of the club, including onsite programs, school site programs and summer programs. The club's most significant youth accomplishment, the 2026 Youth of the Year, will be announced at

There are several ways to support the event: attend and celebrate the members in person, become a sponsor or sponsor a child or their family to attend. All proceeds from the event directly benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and support programs that empower youth to reach their full potential.

Check-in for the event begins at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. The kid-friendly dinner and program starts at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person. Special pricing is available for Youth of the Month and Year families.

This year's event theme is "Hollywood Night" because the children are the stars. The club said, "Feel free to dress your

Register online at bgcosh.org/eventsnews/youth-of-the-year-dinner/reservations/. To learn more about the event, contact Bonnie Behnke, director of development at (920) 233-1414 ext. 129 or bonnieb@bgcosh.org.

Oshkosh sets trickor-treating hours

With Halloween falling on a Friday this year, the City of Oshkosh has set its trickor-treating hours.

Trick-or-treating will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 in the city.



Five Generations at Nora June Rhode's First Birthday

County highlights lead-safe homes program

Oshkosh Herald

In recognition of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Winnebago County Public Health is hosting a free Community Partner Information Session to raise awareness about the dangers of lead exposure in children and highlighting its Lead-Safe Homes Program as a critical tool in keeping children safe and ready to learn.

Lead poisoning remains a serious environmental health threat to children, especially in homes built before 1978. Even low levels of lead in a child's blood can cause developmental delays, learning difficulties, hearing loss and behavioral problems.

Young children are particularly at risk because their growing bodies absorb lead more easily, and their brains and nervous systems are more vulnerable to its damaging effects.

"Our goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by preventing exposure," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Public Health Officer. "Through our Lead-Safe Homes Program, we're helping families identify and address lead hazards in their homes, especially in older housing stock."

The Community Partner Information Session will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday on the fourth floor of the David W. Albrecht Administration Building, 112 Otter Ave.

Residents will learn how the Lead-Safe Homes Program works, who qualifies, and how to apply for assistance with lead testing and home remediation. Attendees will then have an opportunity to travel to a current lead abatement project to hear from the homeowner, contractor and program lead abatement program coordinator.

The Lead-Safe Homes Program provides funding and support to remove lead paint hazards from homes, specifically those with young children or pregnant women.

The program is open to qualifying homeowners and rental property owners.

For more information about lead poisoning prevention or to learn more about the Lead-Safe Homes Program, visit wchd. pub/LeadSafe or call 920-232-3000.

Art Collective organizing Macabre Market

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Art Collective's Macabre Market will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Venue 404.

Guests are invited to indulge their dark side during an evening of all things creepy, goth and Halloween with more than 25 local artists, makers and businesses.

Booths will be filled with art, gothic de-

cor, medieval metal work, steampunk inventions and DIY projects. Spooky treats will be provided by Sweet Jules Bakes along with curated music and vinyl from Eroding Winds Record Shop.

A Macabre display will be set up for photo ops. Signature cocktails and mocktails from Venue 404 will be served. The event is rated PG13 for content.







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City tax rate could drop as part of proposed budget

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council is slated to adopt the 2026 budget in three weeks. City officials are confident the tax rate will drop from 2025, according to their estimates.

The council will meet Nov. 11 and handle one of the most important tasks the group has as stewards of the city - passing a budget.

City Manager Rebecca Grill said the city was starting the budget process with a deficit of over \$3 million.

"The goal is to offer a budget for council

consideration that preserves current service levels and minimizes any increased



taxpayers," Grill said. "We are pleased to propose a budget to the Common Council that would not only lower the tax rate for the city's portion of property taxes but also relies less on our fund balance to finance op-

financial impact for

erations than last year."

The total tax levy for 2026 is proposed

at \$47 million, which is the same as in 2025. The tax rate is expected to drop from \$8.14 to \$7.73.

The average homeowner can expect their taxes to drop for next year if these numbers are accurate and the budget is approved by the council.

The average homeowner in Oshkosh that lives in a home valued at \$225,000 can expect to be billed around \$1,740 for the city's portion of the tax bill, which is down from \$1,831 for the same property this year.

One major reason the tax levy is staying at \$47 million is that the city did not see any increase in health care or dental costs for employees. Grill noted that 75% of the city budget is salaries and benefits for city employees.

The city is also expected to receive an additional \$300,000 in state funding from the municipal services payment program.

Last year the council decided to move over \$3 million from the general fund due to the issues with the revaluation process. Grill recently said that number is actually closer to \$500,000, and the city is proposing moving \$1.1 million from the general fund for 2026.

So instead of using close to \$4.6 million

from the general fund the city is expected to use just \$1.6 million from the general fund.

Finance Director Julie Calmes said the goal for the city is to not have to use any funds from the general fund in 2027.

The city has outlined four priorities in this budget:

- Ensure the continuity of high-quality services for Oshkosh's residents and business owners.
- Create a Community and Engagement Division focused on strategic alignment, clear proactive communication and readily available resources.
- · Make targeted technology investments to improve the customer experience and streamline operations.
- Focus attention on both pressing, immediate needs and opportunities to safeguard Oshkosh's financial future.

The council held two sessions on the budget with department heads last week.

A listening session will be held at 5 p.m. Nov. 4 at City Hall, a week before the council is scheduled to vote on the budget. That is a chance for questions to be asked of the council and department heads and for residents to give input on the budget before the council votes on Nov. 11 on whether to adopt the budget.



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The annual EAA Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet on Dec. 12 will pay homage to the 100th Bomb Group and the Apple TV mini-series Masters of the Air that depicted that unit's dangerous missions during World War II.

Tickets for the event are available at the EAA Aviation Museum website eaa.org. Attendance is limited to 350 people.

ture two guest speakers. Rebecca Crosby Hutchinson, daughter



of 100th Bomb Group navigator Harry Crosby who is one of the main characters depicted in Masters of the Air, will share the story of her father's experiences.

Joining her will be Michael Faley, executive vice president of the 100th Bomb Group Foundation and technical advisor on the mini-series.

Faley will share more insight into the group and how its story was brought to the big screen.

The 100th Bomb Group, known as the Bloody 100th due to its heavy losses, operated B-17 Flying Fortresses during World War II. The group flew its first combat mission on June 25, 1943, over Bremen,



Hutchinson

Germany. The group flew more than 300 missions in total, with several being portrayed in Masters of the Air.

The miniseries was created by John Shiban and John Orloff and is based on the Donald L. Miller book of the same name.

EAA's annual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet honors the Wright brothers' successful flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C. on Dec. 17, 1903 that began the era of manned flight.

Tickets for the event are \$85 for EAA members and \$100 for nonmembers. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation immediately following dinner.



Work has been completed to redesign and improve the gazebo in William Waters Plaza across Washington Avenue from Oshkosh Public Library.

Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge hosting dinner

Oshkosh Herald

The Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge will be hosting a lutefisk and meatball dinner at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

The event will include a full dinner, dessert and entertainment. The cost is \$33 for adults, \$15 for children ages 7 to 12 and free for children 6 and under. Reservations and checks can be sent in care of Lodge Treasurer Corey Olson at W5907 Sweet William Drive in Appleton 54915 no later than Oct. 31.

The Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge was founded in 1969 to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. The group meets monthly from September through May, usually at 6 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 3009 N. Meade St. in Appleton.

More information can be found on Facebook via Sons of Norway, Norse Valley Lodge 491, online at norsevalley.org or email norsevalley@gmail.com.

William Waters Plaza gazebo work completed

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A redesigned gazebo at the William Waters Plaza has been completed.

The gazebo is part of the William Waters Re-Imagined project that started in 2016. City officials said the completion of the gazebo marks a major enhancement to the public community space, further enriching the cultural and historical fabric of Oshkosh.

Final plantings around the plaza are scheduled to be done this week.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 4 in the plaza at 103 Washington Ave. that is named after the city's first mayor.



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Merrill Memorial Corner dedicated during ceremony

By Jonathan Richie
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The sun was shining as the Merrill Memorial Corner was celebrated Friday with a dedication ceremony.

Community members joined district officials to celebrate the opening of the memorial. The event included a color guard of men who went to Merrill School and a performance by the Vel Phillips Choir.

Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis spoke during the ceremony to the history of the school and the importance of celebrating that history while looking toward the future.

Merrill School was built in the early 1900s and was initially called the 10th Ward School. It was later renamed after civic leader James Merrill.

Three plaques that are part of the memorial highlight three men that were instrumental in Oshkosh and OASD history.

Henry Auler, Harold Schumerth and Merrill are each honored for their influence on the school. Merrill was a Civil War Veteran who served many roles in Oshkosh culminating in being elected mayor in 1899.

Although the school was built in the early 1900s, extensive additions were made in 1932 and those additions were designed by Auler, an Oshkosh architect. The Art Deco design is what the school became known for.

The third plaque honors Schumerth, who was a math teacher at the school for 40 years and the Oshkosh High School football coach for 29 years. Members of the Schumerth family attended the event and were honored by cutting the ribbon to conclude the dedication ceremony.



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The Merrill Memorial Corner was commemorated Friday as the school district celebrates the past and looks to the future. The memorial sits on the site where Merrill School stood.

Another aspect of the corner are the tree memorials for two students who passed away while attending the school. The memories of Christine Frederick and Denise Williams will remain part of the history of the school as part of the corner memorial.

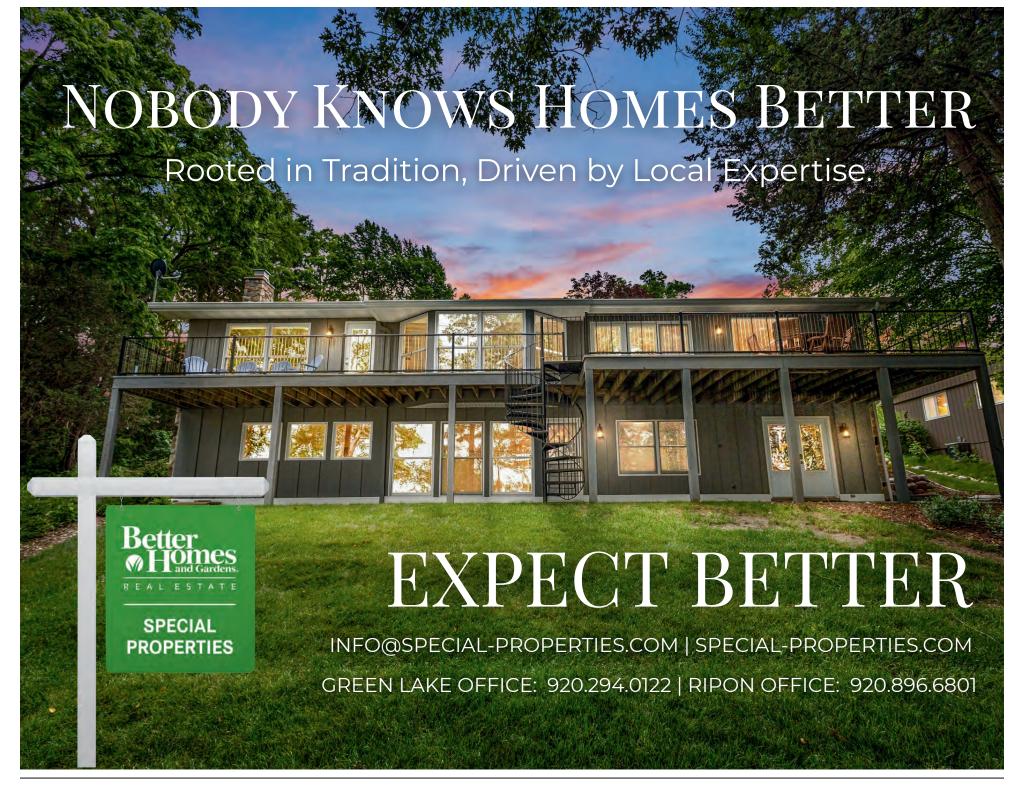
To open and close the ceremony a presentation of the colors included color guard members that went to Merrill School. Greg Postl, Jim Woodland and Duane Canon each attended Merrill School and served their country. Davis said having these men be part of the ceremony was another nod to the history of Merrill School and its alumni.

The alumni were celebrated at the event along with a number of former teachers from Merrill School attending the event who got a special shoutout for wearing their Merrill Blue.

The memorial sits on the corner of Central Street and New York Avenue. The lot

where Merrill School sat is now the site of the Vel Phillips track and field. The new athletic facility includes a full track and football field with basketball courts that will be used for recess at the school. The students previously had no place for recess outside.

Davis said the landscaping is still a work in progress and next year as the final touches are finished, students will be able to enjoy the field.



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Man faces multiple drug charges following search near school

Oshkosh Herald

Police arrested a man last month near an elementary school who court documents allege was involved in a fatal overdose four years ago.

William N. Towner, 36, of Oshkosh is facing one count of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and obstructing an officer after police in September conducted a search of a house he was staying in near Em-



Towner

meline Cook Elementary School.

Towner is also charged with delivery of methamphetamine and manufacture/deliver heroin connected to an April 2021 fatal overdose in Oshkosh. It was one of 41 fatal overdoses in Winnebago County that year.

Towner remains in custody on a \$10,000 cash bond. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to 30 years in prison followed by up to 20 years of extended supervision.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police believed Towner was living with a woman on Doemel Street. The Department of Corrections issued a warrant for his arrest.

Due to the home's proximity to Emmeline Cook Elementary School, school officials were notified of the situation on Sept. 23 before police attempted to arrest Town-

When officers knocked on the door, they spoke to the woman who said Towner was there but that he ran out of the house through a back door after realizing police were approaching the home.

Towner was located a few hours later in

the area of East Murdock Avenue and Oak Street.

Police searched Towner's bedroom and allegedly found 43.6 grams of methamphetamine divided into smaller plastic bags weighing approximately 3.6 grams. Police allege they were in these smaller bags for sale to another person.

The complaint alleges police also found meth pipes, pills and a THC gummy. There were also four suboxone strips located; suboxone is a medication used to treat opioid use disorder.

On Sept. 25, police spoke briefly with Towner and during that conversation Towner allegedly admitted that everything in the house was his.

The complaint then goes back four years and describes incidents that occurred in April 2021.

On April 14, 2021 OPD responded to a fatal overdose on Wright Street. The victim allegedly had a syringe in his hand when police entered the home. Officers found a small bag containing methamphetamine. They also found a separate bag with a white powdery rock in the victim's sock.

The person that initially called police stated Towner had provided the drugs and another man, Robert L. Stahowiak, delivered the drugs.

Stahowiak spoke to police and said he was living with the victim on Wright Street when the victim told him to leave the property.

On April 12, 2021 Stahowiak entered the home through a window, collected his clothing and took the victim's phone. He later told police he did not know why he took the phone.

He said he gave the phone to another man and the phone's sim card was located

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in the garbage of a home on School Street.

While speaking with police two days after the fatal overdose, Stahowiak referred to Towner as a dope dealer. Stahowiak said Towner provided the drugs and Stahowiak gave the methamphetamine to the victim.

Stahowiak then called Towner, and they discussed the case. Towner told him to deny everything and to blame another man that was associated with the Wright Street home.

A report from the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory said the substance seized near the victim was methamphetamine and the bag that was located in the victim's possession contained fentanyl. An autopsy of the victim concluded the cause of death was fentanyl and methamphetamine toxicity.

Stahowiak was never charged in relation to the incident. However, he does have a history of drug-related charges in Winnebago County. He has been convicted of possession of methamphetamine twice this year in two separate cases.

Towner has a hearing Oct. 30 in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

Homicide case runs into attorney issue

Oshkosh Herald

Wisconsin continues to have a shortage of attorneys, which is having an effect on a homicide by delivery of drugs case in Winnebago County.

Kenyatta E. McClure is charged with one count of first-degree reckless homicide/deliver drugs and two counts of felony bail jumping. He demanded a speedy trial and state law says a trial must be held 90 days after the demand is made.

In a hearing last week, McClure said the case was built on "completely bogus charges."

McClure made a demand for a speedy trial and the public defender's office has had issues finding an attorney to take the case with the time constraint in place and a jury trial on the calendar for November.

Attorney Brianne Patzer of the public defender's office said that 411 contacts have been made with attorneys in the region looking for an attorney to take the case. Patzer said the reasons for attorneys turning down McClure's case ranged from conflicts of interest to the time constraint of preparing

a homicide trial in one month.

Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt is presiding over the case. He also made a number of contacts trying to find an attorney for McClure and noted the main reason attorneys turned down the case is the time constraint.

Woldt said he found an attorney to take the case if the trial was moved to February.

Woldt gave McClure two options – the first is McClure represents himself in the jury trial and the second option is that he drops his demand for a speedy trial.

McClure suggested a third option. He wanted to speak with the attorney Woldt had found, and Woldt agreed to set up a status hearing for McClure to speak with the attorney.

McClure, 51, and Joshua J. Dumke, 41 have both been charged with homicide by delivery of drugs. Both men are currently in custody on charges unrelated to the incident; therefore, they are both given signature bonds by court commissioner Eric Heywood.

Dumke is currently in custody in the Winnebago County Jail for a possession of methamphetamine charge filed in June. McClure is serving a state prison sentence for five counts of manufacture/deliver less than three grams of amphetamine.

Court documents allege that Dumke and McClure were both involved in selling what they believed to be crack cocaine to a man who died of a fentanyl overdose in February 2024.

According to the criminal complaint, a man was found deceased inside his home after his family called police for a welfare check on the man. He was found with a glass pipe near him on Feb. 19, 2024.

An autopsy report states the cause of death was an acute mixed drug intoxication of amphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, para-fluorofentanyl and ethanol.

Text messages from the victim's phone appear to show the victim was attempting to buy crack cocaine. Text messages and data from the digital wallet Cash app show the transaction was completed sometime on Feb. 18, 2024.

Court documents allege McClure sold Dumke the substance that Dumke then sold to the victim. Charges in the case were filed about 17 months after the incident because the district attorney's office was waiting for results from the state lab.

Both cases are in Woldt's court.

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Festival Foods Turkey Trot celebrates 18 years

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This year the Festival Foods Turkey Trot will turn 18 years old.

The Festival Foods Turkey Trots, held across Wisconsin, benefit local Boys & Girls Club's and YMCA's. There are 12 in-person locations held across Wisconsin, including Oshkosh, with last year all events hosting over 34,800 participants statewide.

The Festival Foods Turkey Trot has something for everyone of all ages and skill levels to participate. There is a 2-Mile Walk, a 2-Mile Fun Run, a timed 5-Mile Run and a 2-Mile Dog Jog, in addition to the option to participate at a location of a participant's choosing through the at Home Edition.

This year's Oshkosh Festival Foods Turkey Trot will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 27 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. Bib and T-shirt pickup will be at the North Building from 2 to 6 p.m. Nov. 26 and Thanksgiving morning from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The race will start promptly at 8 s.m. following the National Anthem. The 5-Mile Run will start first, followed by the 2-Mile Run, the 2-Mile Walk and finishing with the 2-Mile Dog Jog.

Race registration is open, with early bird adult pricing ending Oct. 31. Regular pricing is Nov. 1 to Nov. 24 and Race Week pricing will be from Nov. 25-28.

Parking for the event is available at FVTC, UWO on Witzel Avenue, Verve parking lots and parking lots east of Ohio

Street as well as street parking.

Volunteer registration is also open. Volunteers will have an opportunity to win Festival Foods MVP Tickets for the Packers vs. Ravens game in December. Plus, all volunteers receive a Festival Foods Turkey Trot long-sleeve T-shirt, and those who volunteer outside will also receive an exclusive custom Turkey Trot beanie to match this year's shirt color.

For more information, go to Festival-FoodsTurkeyTrot.com.

CITY OF OSHKOSH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2026 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Oshkosh on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Oshkosh, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment on the City's 2026 Annual Property Tax Levy and Budget. The City will post a link to the budget book on the City website https://www.oshkoshwi.gov/BudgetFinancials/.

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

General Fund Comprehensive Summary

	FY2024 YTD	FY2025 Budget:	FY 2025 YTD Actuals	FY2025	FY2026
	Actual	Amended	June 30th	Projected	Budgeted
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$18,132,693	\$22,961,923	\$22,961,923	\$22,961,923	\$22,961,923
Revenues					
Taxes and Special Assessments	\$26,071,909	\$22,467,100	\$20,904,288	\$22,424,100	\$27,498,600
Intergovernmental	\$19,322,893	\$19,688,850	\$8,501,786	\$19,709,250	\$20,798,600
Licenses and Permits	\$889,115	\$754,450	\$451,593	\$753,870	\$716,250
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$695,492	\$814,100	\$475,049	\$870,600	\$860,000
Charges for Services	\$7,195,271	\$2,853,700	\$791,527	\$2,738,600	\$2,845,900
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,139,108	\$7,961,721	\$3,015,913	\$3,789,850	\$8,100,600
Service Charges	\$673,937	\$727,100	\$127,555	\$727,100	\$430,500
Other Financing	\$130,526	\$100,000	\$140,745	\$150,000	\$100,000
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,300	\$1,697,950
Total Revenues:	\$59,118,252	\$55,367,021	\$34,408,456	\$51,173,670	\$63,048,400
Expenditures					
Personnel Services	\$43,043,621	\$41,595,051	\$27,726,044	\$39,661,665	\$43,968,500
Operating	\$10,771,736	\$13,533,243	\$8,521,289	\$11,936,170	\$18,538,000
Capital Outlay	\$473,665	\$444,765	\$414,605	\$439,400	\$541,900
Total Expenditures:	\$54,289,023	\$55,573,059	\$36,661,938	\$52,037,235	\$63,048,400
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	\$4,289,230	(\$206,038)	(\$2,253,482)	(\$863,565)	\$0
Ending Fund Balance:	\$22,961,923	\$22,791,930	\$20,744,486	\$22,134,403	\$22,961,923

Expenditures by Function

	FY2024 YTD Actual	FY2025 Budget:	FY2025 YTD Actuals	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Budgeted
		Amended	June 30th		
Expenditures					
General Government	8,109,397	8,605,791	6,597,777	8,516,600	13,642,750
Public Safety	35,048,322	31,894,651	20,898,828	30,345,425	32,329,800
Public Works	4,523,029	5,705,250	3,847,969	5,598,970	5,888,500
Transportation	928,142	1,073,101	671,480	1,009,560	2,050,810
Culture & Recreation	3,099,576	3,656,957	2,372,381	3,342,960	6,908,550
Conservation & Development	2,010,994	2,643,248	1,691,594	2,865,215	2,227,990
Unclassified	569,562	1,994,061	581,909	358,505	-
Total Expenditures	54,289,022	55,573,059	36,661,938	52,037,235	63,048,400

Debt Service Fund 0401-0074 Comprehensive Summary

	FY2024 YTD FY2025 Budget: I		FY 2025 YTD Actuals	FY2025	FY2026	
	Actual	Amended	June 30th	Projected	Budgeted	
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$1,551,959	\$2,361,305	\$2,361,305	\$2,361,305	\$2,361,305	
Revenues						
Taxes and Special Assessments	\$13,897,400	\$13,400,000	\$13,400,000	\$13,400,000	\$13,700,000	
Miscellaneous Income	\$449,397	\$250,000	\$474,558	\$800,000	\$400,000	
Other Financing	\$1,425,137	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenues:	\$15,771,934	\$13,650,000	\$13,874,558	\$14,200,000	\$14,100,000	
Expenditures						
Operating	\$14,962,587	\$15,200,000	\$7,362,542	\$15,265,000	\$15,410,000	
Total Expenditures:	\$14,962,587	\$15,200,000	\$7,362,542	\$15,265,000	\$15,410,000	
Total Revenues Less Expenditures:	\$809,346	(\$1,550,000)	\$6,512,016	(\$1,065,000)	(\$1,310,000)	
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,361,305	\$811,305	\$8,873,321	\$1,296,305	\$1,051,305	

2026 Fund Balance Projections by Fund

Fund	Projected Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Net Difference	Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	22,138,403	63,048,400	63,048,400	-	22,138,403
Senior Center Revolving Fund	234,616	78,000	51,200	26,800	261,416
Seniors Center	40,600	-	40,600	(40,600)	-
Fire Special Revenue	331,671	98,700	73,450	25,250	356,921
Ambulance	1,976,580	4,546,700	5,693,070	(1,146,370)	830,210
Library	281,250	4,267,718	4,429,540	(161,822)	119,428
Museum	300,500	-	300,500	(300,500)	-
Museum Collections	839,703	50,000	80,900	(30,900)	808,803
Cemetery	464,700	-	464,700	(464,700)	-
Community Devel Special Funds	186,111	257,000	250,000	7,000	193,111
Parks Revenue	894,191	486,400	418,720	67,680	961,871
Leach Amphitheater	114,500	-	114,500	(114,500)	-
CDBG Revolving Loan Fund	393,724	265,000	260,270	4,730	398,454
Public Works Special Fund	2,006	911,000	760,900	150,100	152,106
Pollock Aquatic Ctr	(102,000)	102,000	-	102,000	-
Neighborhood Improv Loan Prog	300,189	9,000	218,100	(209,100)	91,089
Healthy Neighborhood Initiatve	2,296,660	185,000	490,590	(305,590)	1,991,070
Comm Dev Block Grant	4,353,695	801,400	837,300	(35,900)	4,317,795
Local Go Edc Rev Loan Program	142,000	140,000	-	140,000	282,000
Senior Center	134,408	4,000	-	4,000	138,408
B I D District	269,089	200,600	255,000	(54,400)	214,689
Recycling	3,238,371	1,304,600	1,329,000	(24,400)	3,213,971
Garbage Collection & Disposal	(17,289)	2,120,000	2,097,640	22,360	5,071
Police Special Rev Fund	824,432	173,900	125,600	48,300	872,732
Street Lighting Fund	421,000	173,300	421,000	(421,000)	672,732
Special Events	1,528,329	50,000	50,000	(421,000)	1,528,329
Museum Membership Fund	619,853	185,500	297,100	(111,600)	508,253
Debt Service Fund	1,296,305	14,100,000	15,410,000	(1,310,000)	(13,695)
Sidewalk Construction Fund	(4,965,560)	14,100,000	13,410,000	(1,310,000)	(4,965,560)
Street Improvement Fund	11,341,010	9,344,000	4,800,000	4,544,000	15,885,010
Special Assessment Improvement	20,277,397	2,580,000	1,196,500	1,383,500	21,660,897
Contract Control Fund	3,846,952	26,260,000	20,125,000	6,135,000	9,981,952
	4,078,649	4,050,000	3,000,000	1,050,000	5,128,649
Special Assessment Replacement	12,376,852	18,078,000	22,040,000		8,414,852
Equipment Fund		590,000	590,000	(3,962,000)	900,853
Parks Improvement & Acquisition	900,853		590,000	25.000	
Park Subdivision Improvement	469,209	35,000	133,000	35,000	504,209
Tree & Bench Memorial	(16,511)	143,000		10,000	(6,511)
Grand Opera House Fund	(18,184)	60,000	39,700	20,300	2,116
Inspection Services	2,949,558	983,900	1,068,300	(84,400)	2,865,158
Weights & Measures Fund	27,257	125,000	94,120	30,880	58,137
Oshkosh Convention Centre	10,782,153	2,853,000	2,542,100	310,900	11,093,053
Parking Ramp Fund	560,079	125,000	168,400	(43,400)	516,679
Parking Utility	2,892,826	140,800	209,240	(68,440)	2,824,386
Transit Utility	12,356,741	5,677,000	7,127,770	(1,450,770)	10,905,971
Ind Park Land Enterprise Fund	3,325,607	510,000	70,900	439,100	3,764,707
Water Utility	93,576,392	23,244,000	19,027,941	4,216,059	97,792,451
Sewer Utility	96,215,954	22,215,700	17,378,006	4,837,694	101,053,648
Storm Water Utility	92,787,726	17,088,600	9,888,339	7,200,261	99,987,987
Employee Benefit Fund	7,651,270	13,253,700	12,580,600	673,100	8,324,370
Workers Compensation	678,896	999,700	1,002,100	(2,400)	676,496
Central City Fund	(2,185,623)	6,870,000	6,967,350	(97,350)	(2,282,973)
Trust Funds	1,856,850	1,873,000	129,900	1,743,100	3,599,950
Redevelopment Authority	10,300	166,500	58,450	108,050	118,350
Totals	413,413,100	248,611,318	227,567,446	21,043,872	434,456,972

City of Oshkosh Tax Levy 2026 Proposed Budget

					Adopted		Change	
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	from 2025	
	Taxing Fund	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Budget	Chg %
General	Fund	\$ 22,223,400	\$ 23,435,500	\$ 24,020,000	\$ 20,384,500	\$ 25,426,000	\$ 5,041,500	24.739
Special :	Revenue Funds							
	Garbage Collection & Disposal	1,460,400	1,560,000	1,730,000	1,990,000	1,990,000	\$ -	0.009
	Street Lighting	1,025,000	1,025,000	1,060,300	1,090,600	-	\$ (1,090,600)	-100.009
	Museum	970,000	970,000	1,029,100	1,050,000	-	\$ (1,050,000)	-100.009
	Senior Services	353,500	353,500	393,000	393,000	-	\$ (393,000)	-100.009
	Library	2,792,700	2,792,700	2,876,500	3,400,000	2,800,000	\$ (600,000)	-17.659
	Cemetery	321,000	318,900	328,500	350,000	-	\$ (350,000)	-100.009
	Leach Amphitheater	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	-	\$ (23,000)	-100.009
	Pollock Water Park	64,000	64,000	100,000	260,000	-	\$ (260,000)	-100.009
	Rental Inspections	16,500	12,800	-	-	-	\$ -	0.009
	Ambulance Services	-	-	-	1,660,000	1,400,000	\$ (260,000)	-15.669
Capital	Improvement Funds							
	Equipment Fund	1,100,000	1,088,200	1,205,500	765,500	814,500	\$ 49,000	6.409
Debt Se	rvice Fund	12,733,500	13,277,100	13,897,400	13,400,000	13,700,000	\$ 300,000	2.249
Enterpri	ise Funds							
	Grand Opera House	-	-	36,900	170,000	60,000	\$ (110,000)	-64.719
	GO Transit	809,500	809,500	856,600	2,063,400	809,500	\$ (1,253,900)	-60.779
	Total City Tax Levy	\$ 43,892,500	\$ 45,730,200	\$ 47,556,800	\$ 47,000,000	\$ 47,000,000	<u>\$</u>	0.009
	Change from previous year	1,939,800	1,837,700	1,826,600	(556,800)	-		
	% Change from previous year	4.62%	4.19%		-1.17%	0.00%		

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Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Aquire Restoration President Jeff Edmunds delivers the proceeds from the Second Annual Greater Valley Mini Golf Open to Theresa Duren of the OASD Education Foundation, alongside Superintendent Dr. Bryan Davis, Oaklawn Elementary Principal Scott Johanknecht and students. These funds will directly support teachers and classroom resources throughout the Oshkosh Area School District.

Mini golf tournament benefits Oshkosh schools

Oshkosh Herald

Local business Aquire Restoration hosted its Second Annual Greater Valley Mini Golf Open in August at Settlers Mill Mini Golf Course.

The tournament united local supporters, educators and businesses, raising just over \$3,000. These funds will directly benefit teachers and students in the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD).

The original idea for the fundraiser came from Aquire Restoration's commitment to finding creative ways to support local teachers.

"Our goal has always been to ease the financial strain teachers face when they spend out-of-pocket on classroom supplies," said Jeff Edmunds, president of Aquire Restoration. "Seeing this event grow in its second year proves how much our community values and supports its schools. We're proud to play a role in making that possible."

Funds raised from the Mini Golf Open will go directly toward providing teachers with resources and support, helping ensure that every student in the OASD has access to enriching classroom experiences.

The golf tournament featured hole competitions, awarding prizes for the most holes-in-one, best poker hand, best outfit and the largest individual donation. The event wrapped up with a lively "19th hole" celebration at Aquire Restoration, complete with food, drinks, raffle prizes and music provided by DJ Haze.



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Advocap releases Community Needs Assessment Report

Advocap has released its 2025 Community Needs Assessment Report, a comprehensive study that identifies the most pressing challenges facing residents of Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties.

Conducted every three years, the assessment gathers input from residents living with low incomes, community partners and Advocap staff to inform programs, guide partnerships and shape long-term community impact.

The survey results reflect a daily struggle: many local residents are consistently worried about housing, food and their physical and mental health. Respondents reported experiencing high rates of anxiety and depression, often going without needed health services so they can afford other basic necessities.

Financial pressures - including rising rent, food prices and vehicle costs - were cited as major sources of stress.

"This assessment gives us an honest look at what families - our friends, neighbors, coworkers - in our region are facing," said Tanya Marcoe, executive director of Advocap. "The data and stories shared by participants help focus our work where it matters most — removing barriers, improving access to supports and partnering with others to create real pathways to stability and self-sufficiency."

Top identified needs from survey respondents include:

• Housing Instability (68%): especially help paying utilities (50%), rent (25%) and home repairs/weatherization (25%).

Calendar of events

Antiques Sporting Advertising and

Southside Halloween Bash, 5 p.m., St.

Oshkosh Art Collective's Macabre

Cocomelon: Sing-A-Long Live, 7 p.m.,

Deadly Friend, 7 p.m., Time Commu-

Jude the Apostle Church on Knapp

Market, 6 p.m., Venue 404

Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview

• Transportation (65%): help with car repairs (44%) and fuel costs (44%).

- Basic Needs (63%): support with benefits applications (30%), financial coaching and credit repair (22%).
- Food Insecurity (59%): requests for monthly food boxes/home delivery (43%) and access to fresh produce (21%).
- Access to Services (58%): desire for a single, central access point (53%) and clearer information (45%).
- Health and Wellness (57%): need for affordable dental (63%), vision (42%) and mental health care (39%).
- Child care (61% among those using childcare): requests for lower costs (58%) and more flexible hours (47%).

The report highlights opportunities to strengthen local collaboration, improve access and address systemic barriers:

- · Strengthen partnerships to expand housing, child care and transportation solutions.
- Simplify and centralize access to services and build community trust. • Expand early interventions such as fi-
- nancial coaching and mental health support. • Advocate for affordable housing, food
- and transportation. • Engage community members with

lived experience to shape solutions. "The data we're seeing and the stories we're hearing are clear. People are resil-

ient, but they need systems and programs that truly work for them," Marcoe said. "By working together, we can reduce barriers and help families build stronger, more stable lives."

5K and 1K Family Fun Run, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Tuesday, Oct. 28

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

Wednesday, Oct. 29

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

Friday, Oct. 31

City of Oshkosh Trick-or-Treat, 5-7 p.m. Trick-Or-Tease: A Burlesque Masquerade, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

House on Haunted Hill in Emergo, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

The Pocket Kings play Thriller, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Nov. 1

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh Harvest Moon Craft & Bake Sale, 8 a.m., Leannah Hall, Sacred Heart Church of St. Jude Parish, 515 Knapp St.

Winnebago Area Model Classic Model Show and Swap Meet, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

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

Oshkosh Area Community Band Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Jon Stetson – The Stetson Experience, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

First Tuesday at First Congregational featuring Handel, Rachmaninoff and Elgar, noon, 137 Algoma Boulevard

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Interfaith Festival of Gratitude Potluck Gathering 4 p.m., Masjid Qamar -Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 300 N. Eagle St.

Interfaith Festival of Gratitude: 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Oct. 25

nity Theater

Oshkosh Arena

Friday, Oct. 24

Expo Center

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market,

Antiques Sporting Advertising and Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Winnebago Audubon Society Chocolate and Coffee Tasting for the Birds, 10 a.m., James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y

Spooktacular Pawlloween, noon, Oshkosh Area Humane Society

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

Pints of the Past, 6 p.m., Morgan

The Masked Murderer Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m., Oshkosh

Hotel Transylvania (2012), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Oct. 26

Wisconsin Herd Run With The Herd



Submitted photo

Oshkosh Fire Captain Scott Rasmussen is joined by State Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim and State Rep. Lori Palmeri in recognition of being named First Responder of the Year.

Local first responder garners honor

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin State Assembly last week recognized first responders from across the state for contributions to public safety in their communities.

Among those recognized was Captain Scott Rasmussen of the Oshkosh Fire De-

"Captain Rasmussen has demonstrated humility and selflessness by building a peer support team for his fellow firefighters, recognizing the unique challenges of the profession," state Rep. Lori Palmeri said. "He also helped to establish an annual Recognition Banquet for his colleagues to uplift the successes of others in the Department.

"Those who support and uplift their peers don't get recognition of their own, usually because they don't think they're doing anything special - it's simply who they are," Palmeri continued. "Captain Rasmussen is so deserving of this honor, and his efforts to strengthen the morale

and resilience of the Oshkosh Fire Department will impact the wellbeing of the wider community for years to come."

The First Responder of the Year award, established in 2019, shines a spotlight on the everyday heroes who serve in Wisconsin's emergency services. Each year, state legislators invite their communities to nominate individuals who go above and beyond in their roles—those who demonstrate exceptional service, integrity and a deep commitment to public safety.

Honorees represent a wide range of disciplines, including police officers, K9 handlers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs, reflecting the diverse and vital roles that first responders play across the state.

Along with providing each award recipient with a legislative citation recognizing their achievement, the state Assembly also passed a resolution declaring Oct. 14 as First Responders Appreciation Day.

Farmers Market reviews vendor policies after bracelet incident

The Winnebago County Democratic Party agreed last week to not have a booth at the remaining Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Markets this season.

The agreement was reached by the party and farmers market organizers after someone in the Winnebago County Democratic Party was alleged to have given a child a bracelet that said #ishedeadyet in an apparent reference to President Donald Trump.

According to farmers market organizers, the mother of the child contacted the market manager to report the Oct. 11 incident and to express concern about the integrity of the market.

"This item did not align with current market policies," said Michael Cooney, board chair of the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market. "Since that time, the market has received multiple complaints about items being displayed and distributed, as such by mutual agreement, the Winnebago County Democratic Party will not have a booth at the remaining Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Markets this season."

The last day of the outdoor season for the farmers market is Saturday.

Birthday Ball to celebrate Marine Corps milestone cutting ceremony with swords followed

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League & Auxiliary will hold their Birthday Ball Nov. 15 to celebrate the historic 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps at their clubhouse in Oshkosh.

The guest speaker will be Nikolai Makaroff, past Central Division Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League. In addition, there will be the traditional cake

Following the incident, Cooney said the market's leadership acted promptly to review the matter, communicate directly with the organization involved and take steps to prevent future misunderstandings.

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market Board will be reviewing and considering revisions to market policies to prevent any similar incidents in the future.

"Our goal remains to provide a safe, welcoming and family-friendly environment for everyone — vendors, visitors and community organizations alike," Cooney said. "The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market has always been a place for people to come together, and we will continue to maintain that standard of respect and community spirit."

Cooney said market organizers support free speech and political expression, provided it is not disruptive to the operation or atmosphere of the event. Over the years, materials from both major political parties have been allowed at the market, even when some individuals have found those materials objectionable.

"When concerns are raised, we address them directly and fairly with the vendor involved," Cooney said.

by music from Wayne Neumann and All Marines and their guests are invited

to attend. The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations need to be in by Nov. 7. Anyone interested in attending or

would like more information may call 920-235-2222 or email winnebagomcl@ gmail.com.



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Police: Man beat dog multiple times, threatened victims

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man is facing multiple felony counts of intimidating a witness after he allegedly beat the family dog and threatened a 13-year-old girl.

Travis M. Gant is charged with felony intimidation of a victim and felony bail jumping.

If convicted of the three felony counts, Gant faces a possible sentence of 13 years in prison followed by a maximum of 13 years of extended supervision

He faces up to nine months in jail and a possible fine of \$10,000 for the misdemeanor count of mistreating animals – intentional or negligent violation.

Gant, 39, was living with a woman and her 13-year-old daughter, both are identified as the victims in court documents. Police found out about the mistreatment from a Snapchat video sent to another 13-year-old and a parent called police.

His arrest resulted in the Oshkosh Area Humane Society removing three adult dogs and four puppies from a home on Fred-



Gant

erick Street.
Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set Gant's cash bond at \$10,000. He remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail.

According to the criminal complaint,

police reviewed a Snapchat video that allegedly showed Gant beating the family dog. The dog was bleeding and foaming at the mouth while getting kicked in the head and appeared to be having a seizure.

The police headed to the 600 block of Frederick Street. Initially, no one inside the home responded but eventually police were talking to people inside the home through a front door camera.

Gant spoke to officers through the camera system and said two dogs were fighting each other. When an officer stated they needed to do a welfare check on the dogs, Grant ended the communication.

The man in the video, who police believe to be Gant, made numerous threatening statements to the 13-year-old in the home. Gant allegedly said, "I swear to god I got something for you," "You wanna send videos and s***" and "Imma give you a video to give."

The complaint alleges Gant used language with the other victim to dissuade her from telling police about how he beat the family dog.

This all happened because the family dog, Chanel – a black and white pitbull,

had peed in the house inside her crate and that is allegedly why Gant beat her.

During the incident while police were outside the home waiting for a search warrant there were text messages being sent from the police to the 13-year-old inside who was passing along information about Gant allegedly beating the dog.

Police noted several lacerations on the dog's head that appeared to be in different stages of healing.

Gant allegedly would strike the dog with a stick or another object. Police found a hammer in the kitchen of the home with a red-like substance on it and a stick measuring 27.5 inches long and between 1 and 1.5 inches thick.

Police believe this stick, which was found wrapped up in a sweatshirt, was the weapon used to strike the dog that day.

Gant is scheduled to be back in court this week for a preliminary hearing in front of Heywood.

Suspect arrested after Kwik Trip armed robbery

Oshkosh Herald

A suspect in an earlier armed robbery at a Kwik Trip in the Town of Vinland was arrested Oct. 15 during a traffic stop.

According to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to the armed robbery at approximately 12:30 a.m. Oct. 13. The sheriff's office said a male suspect had presented a handgun and demanded money out of the cash register.

The suspect left on foot with an undisclosed amount of money and walked across the street where he had previously parked his vehicle. With the assistance of the Oshkosh Police Department and the Neenah Police Department, the area was soon saturated with officers, but locating the suspect immediately after the incident was unsuccessful.

Through a variety of investigative resources, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was able to identify the suspect's vehicle. It was quickly learned that the registered owner associated with the vehicle had a history of robbery convictions.

Investigators located the suspect residing in the City of Oshkosh. The suspect was identified as 58-year-old Lorenzo Wood Jr.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Oshkosh Police Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol, on Oct. 15 conducted a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle and took Wood into custody without incident. A search warrant was then executed at the suspect's residence to gather further evidence in the case.

The case is currently under review for federal prosecution.

Deadline nears to get sturgeon spearing licenses

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds all spearers interested in harvesting a lake sturgeon from Lake Winnebago during the 2026 sturgeon spearing season to purchase their license before Oct. 31.

There are an unlimited number of licenses available for Lake Winnebago, and both residents and nonresidents can purchase a license through the Go Wild system or at any license sales location.

All license holders must be a minimum of 12 years old. However, military personnel home on leave during the spearing season and youth who will turn 12 between Nov. 1 and the last day of the 2026 spearing season do not need to purchase their license by the Oct. 31 deadline.

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

plicants have already been authorized for the 2026 season and have until the start of the spearing season to purchase a license. Successful Upriver Lakes tag applicants cannot purchase a tag for Lake Winneba-

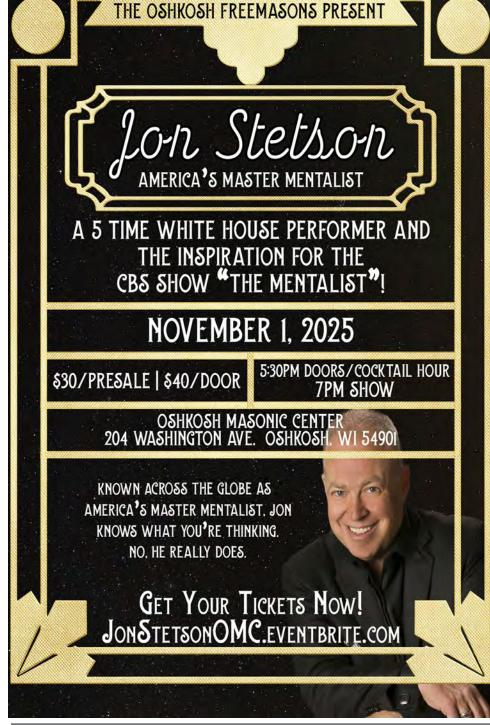
Sturgeon spearing license sales help fund the necessary management activities on the Winnebago System, such as staffing the registration stations during the spearing season and the work during the spawning season to gather data to set the sustainable harvest caps.

The license sales also fund the large acoustic tagging project in the Winnebago System, which tracks lake sturgeon movement throughout the system and helps ensure all Winnebago lake sturgeon management decisions are made using the latest science.

The 2026 sturgeon spearing season will open on Feb. 14, 2026, and will run for a maximum of 16 days or until any of the predetermined harvest caps are met.









ATV decision

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ATVs and UTVs are designed for outdoor trails and not paved roads with other types of vehicles.

A study published by the National Institutes of Health found that over half of all ATV fatalities occur on roads and non-fatal crashes result in more serious injuries than non-fatal crashes on offroad trails.

"Our results show that riding on either represented significantly greater dangers than riding off the road," the study says.

Smith stated there are concerns about enforcement and the fact that the city could be looking at adding E-bikes to the streets as well.

"There are consequences that I think are going to be problematic for us," Smith said. "It's not that UTVs are going to be bad. It's everything else that we're putting together that could be a problem for us."

There is a potential that someone with a revoked or suspended driver's license, who cannot legally drive a vehicle, would be able to drive an ATV/UTV if an ordinance approved by the Oshkosh Common Council allows it.

Violations that occur on all-terrain vehicles are not held to the same standard as passenger vehicles.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is responsible for vehicles and all-terrain vehicles are held to the standard of the DNR, which is not as robust as the DOT, especially regarding drunk driving offenses.

ATVs and UTVs are also not registered with the DOT and instead are registered with the DNR; therefore, the city will not be able to increase revenue from these vehicles through the newly imple-

mented wheel tax. Committee member Jeff Armstrong asked why is the city looking to make so many provisions for this one group.

"Why do I have to pay a wheel tax and they don't," Armstrong questioned. "Obviously safety's an issue; noise is an issue. I've talked to a lot of different people – nobody has said they want this."

He added he doesn't see how it helps the majority of the community.

Although the motion was defeated at the committee level, it can still be brought back at a future date.

The city conducted a survey that received over 1,400 responses. The majority of the comments in the survey were opposed to allowing city streets to open to ATV/UTV traffic.

Of the respondents, 40% said they strongly agree or agree that city streets should allow all-terrain vehicle traffic, compared with 55% who disagreed or strongly disagreed with opening the streets to the new traffic.

"The majority of the citizens that responded, and it was a good response to the survey, did not support it," Committee Chair Al Hartman said.

The city published the survey results along with all of the comments on the topic.

"UTV are larger than a Smart car. Safer than a motorcycle," one comment said. "There (is) no benefit to electric scooter(s) and Oshkosh approved. Oshkosh is letting progress of transportation stop if not approved. Let Oshkosh grow."

"This is a bad idea," another comment said. "There are way too many people in the city to be allowing this kind of transportation. There are numerous other transportation methods such as E bikes. These are toys not real vehicles."

E-bike restrictions considered

The Transportation committee also discussed e-bikes and the issue of where these bikes should be allowed to operate in the city.

Transportation director Jim Collins said that e-bikes, according to state statute are allowed anywhere a bicycle is allowed.

Collins explained there are a number of options that the city can use moving forward.

The options span from banning bikes on all sidewalks to only allowing e-bikes to operate on pedal-mode.

There are safety concerns that bicyclists have provided during these discussions, and Chief Smith added his voice to those safety concerns. He rides his bike in Oshkosh but doesn't feel safe on roundabouts and in bike lanes.

"I ride a bike all over the city. I get on the sidewalks because I'm not comfortable riding my bike on the street," Smith said. "If there is a bike lane – I'm not going to take it because I don't trust who's coming behind me and I know how traffic is and when you hit a roundabout, you certainly don't want to be in a roundabout on a bicycle, either."

He pointed out that e-bikes can reach speeds up to 30 mph and will likely be able to go faster soon.

"They're just going to get more powerful as they develop," Smith said.

The committee decided to make a recommendation to the council to ban all bikes from operating on the sidewalk when a business entrance is next to a sidewalk. If approved by the council, this would ban bikes on almost all of North Main Street due to the downtown businesses located there.

City staff plans to bring the discussion to the council at its Oct. 28 meeting.

Festival of Trees looking for tree decorators

Oshkosh Herald

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh is collaborating with West Pointe Bank, Caramel Crisp and The Grand Oshkosh to resurrect the Festival of Trees in a new format to be held at The Grand.

The dates are Nov. 26 through Dec. 6 (closed Nov. 27 and Dec. 1).

The group is looking for volunteers who love the holidays and decorating trees to consider participating with Festival of Trees. Volunteers could possibly win a gift basket for the Best Decorated Tree voted on by the community.

Nonprofits who bring and decorate their own tree can do so for \$50. Individuals and small businesses should message for details at facebook.com/Altrusa-of-Oshkosh-WI.

Proceeds benefit Oshkosh area nonprofits and programs such as literacy, Coats for Kids, The Teachers Closet, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, COTS, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and more.

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Energy plan

FROM PAGE 1

the point of considering whether they are worth continued investment."

Energy costs on the rise

This all comes at a time when energy bills are expected to increase over the next

National headlines continue to shine a light on the anticipated increase in energy costs due to a number of reasons. Forbes Magazine reported in August that electricity has increased almost 10% since January and could rise an additional \$170 per year for households by 2035.

The reason for this anticipated increase comes from the recent One Big Beautiful Bill Act that has repealed clean energy tax credits and the explosion of data centers being built as artificial intelligence companies rapidly expand.

The MIT Technology Review reported that researchers estimate that power going to AI-specific purposes could use as much as 326-terrawatt-hours per year by 2028. That is enough to power 22% of US households each year. It will also generate the same amount of emissions as driving over 300 billion miles, which is more than 1,600 round trips to the sun from Earth

Energy Plan Roadmap

Redmond went over the 285-page plan with the sustainability board. The document includes a roadmap that has five strategic goals outlined in the plan with 25 detailed actions that can be taken by the city to meet its energy goals and all of this could be implemented over a 10-year time

The five strategic goals include:

- Improve total building efficiency.
- Adopt high-performance buildings.
- Implement fuel-switching from fossil fuel to non-fossil fuel sources.
- Achieve 50% renewable electricity for all city operations by 2035, 100% by 2040.
- Maintain funding to support the plan. Redmond said that fuel-switching is not really an option right now, but there are pilot programs that are looking promising.

The energy plan is to be used like a living document; none of it is set in stone with rigorous deadlines. This is similar to the plan the city is using for downtown Oshkosh as the city seeks to make changes to the area to make it more welcoming to residents and visitors.

The plan includes a breakdown of city buildings that have the potential to be used for solar panels. It breaks down all city buildings by priority; 20 buildings are first priority for solar panels. These buildings have limited roof and solar obstructions. Ten buildings are second priority and 13 buildings that are the least priority due to the increased obstructions.

City Hall, Oshkosh Police Station and the new Four Seasons building at Lakeshore Park are all first priority for potential solar panels. This is based on the building's configuration, roof obstructions and solar obstructions.

City Hall receives about 1,435 hours of sunlight annually and has limited obstructions with about 7,102 square-feet available for solar panels. The police station logs about 1,426 hours of sunlight per year and has 20,586 square-feet available for solar panels.

An example of a building that is the least priority for solar panels is the Oshkosh Public Library. Even though the library has over 21,000 square feet, the roof's configuration will make placing panels challenging and there are many roof obstructions on the building.

Redmond estimates that Oshkosh city buildings emit about 15,000 metric tons of carbon annually. If the energy plan is followed and is accurate the city could lower that number to 5,654 metric tons of carbon emissions by 2035 and potentially zero by 2040.

"Take these 2040 numbers with a grain of salt," he added.

There are also cost saving estimates within the plan. If every aspect of the plan is implemented by 2035 the city could be saving around \$340,000 annually on electricity costs. Other estimates include annual electricity savings close to 2.2 million kilowatts and using almost 8.8 million kilowatts of renewable electricity.

Redmond explained that an initial investment will need to be made in the plan before the city will see any return on this renewable energy investment. That \$340,000 is the lifetime savings of the plan divided by per-capital year, the total potential savings is \$3.4 million, according to Redmond.

Spanbauer suggested creating a fund that would take the savings from the energy plan and reinvest those funds back into energy renewable projects.

"It is incredibly important for the city to invest in renewable energy," Spanbauer said. "Not only does this allow us to build more resiliency into our city buildings by being able to provide ourselves with power, paired with battery storage and other backup technologies, it allows the city to maintain function during times of emergency, grid failure and natural disasters such as after strong storms and tornadoes."

The sustainability board voted with no opposing votes to recommend the plan to the Oshkosh Common Council, which also approved the plan with no opposing

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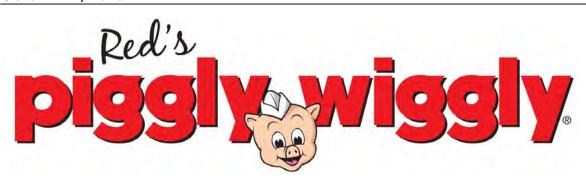
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Spartans can't get past Tritons, gear for playoff run

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

It had been a while since the Oshkosh North football program had been in a game that had the atmosphere of last Friday's showdown against Green Bay Notre Dame.

Both teams entered the game state ranked and undefeated. Both teams had obliterated the rest of the Fox River Classic Conference slate. Both teams wanted to walk off of JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium with a conference title in tow.

Unfortunately for the Spartans, the defending state champion Tritons proved to be too much of a hurdle to clear.

"It sucks losing at home with the chance to win a conference championship," North head coach Luke Ott said following the 3414 loss to the Tritons. "But we will take this as a learning experience, especially going into the playoffs."

Oshkosh North will be back at home on Friday for a WIAA Division 2 Level 1 playoff game. The Spartans earned the No. 3 seed in their region of the bracket and will host sixth-seeded Marshfield.

The winner of the game will be on the road against either second-seeded New Richmond or seventh-seeded Ashwaubenon. River Falls is the top seed in the bracket.

"They have earned the right to be in the playoffs and to host a playoff game," said Ott. "We get the chance to play next week and there are a lot of teams that don't. We'll take it."

After allowing a touchdown to Notre



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Oshkosh North's Jamare Scott finds some running room as he gets past a Green Bay Notre Dame defender last Friday night.

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Dame on its opening drive, the Spartans fought back to take the lead in the first half.

Bryce Ott connected with Dalton Clark

Bryce Ott connected with Dalton Clark for a 53-yard touchdown on the second play of North's second possession of the game to tie the score. Clark got open behind the Triton defense and Ott hit him in stride for the long touchdown play.

Then, after the defense forced a threeand-out, Ott and Clark connected again. This time the pass play covered 39 yards and gave North a 14-7 lead seven seconds into the second quarter.

"Bryce had some great balls to Dalton,"

Luke Ott said. "The big plays are great but we have to look at down and distance at times and realize, that six yards is going to make a difference."

The North defense stopped Notre Dame on a fourth down run on the next possession but after the Spartans were forced to punt, the Tritons marched 63 yards in six plays and tied the score.

Notre Dame then capitalized on a couple of short fields to score 10 points over the final five minutes of the first half.

Bryce Ott's interception led to a 30-yard field goal while a failed fake punt attempt gave the ball to the Tritons on North's 26-yard line with a little more than a minute left in the half and Notre Dame scored a touchdown to take a 24-14 halftime advantage

"We thought we saw something on the fake punt so we took a gamble. It was my poor decision on that one," Luke Ott said. "I don't think we relaxed (offensively), they just did what they do well."

North had a chance to narrow the gap on the first possession of the second half, marching into Tritons' territory, highlighted by a 19-yard pass to Clark to convert a third down.

But the drive was stopped on Bryce Ott's fourth-down incompletion as the Tritons followed with an 11-play, 66-yard drive to take a 31-14 lead.

"We got comfortable a little bit (on offense) and then started looking forward too much," Bryce Ott said. "We looked at what our next touchdown was going to be rather than how we were going to get there."

Notre Dame converted a North fumble into another field goal in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring.

The 34 points was the second-lowest point total of the season for the Tritons.

"Our defense held up. Giving up 34 points against this team is a good effort," Luke Ott said. "They are a great team and we shot ourselves in the foot a little bit tonight."

Bryce Ott finished 13-of-24 for 185 yards with Clark hauling in eight catches for 145 yards.

The Tritons stymied North's rushing attack allowing just 36 yards on the ground and holding the Spartans' talented running back Jamare Scott to just 34 yards on nine carries.

Kingston Allen rushed for 264 yards and four touchdowns on 42 carries to pace the Tritons.

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Warriors pummel Resorters to earn historic playoff win

By Steve Clark
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Valley Christian head coach Ben Birr still remembers Valley Christian's first WIAA playoff football win.

He was a senior on the Warriors' 11-player squad that beat Tigerton in the first round of the postseason in 2002 before falling the next week to Pacelli.

Valley Christian can now add a second WIAA playoff win to Birr's memory banks.

Sam Gloudemans rushed for 151 yards, Matthias Behling returned a punt for a touchdown and the Warriors held Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah scoreless for 3½ quarters to collect a 40-12 victory over the Resorters in a first-round 8-player playoff game at Xavier Middle School in Appleton on Sunday.

"It feels really good. I'm super proud of this group of guys, knowing how much work they have put in," Birr said. "We're calling this the harvest season. They have planted a lot of seeds with all of the work they've done and now we are seeing that come to fruition."

The Warriors, who improved to 8-1 overall on the season, will advance to next week's second-round game in the 32-team playoff field. Valley Christian will travel to undefeated Wabeno/Laona.

The Rebels knocked off Three Lakes/ Phelps, 42-0, on Saturday.

"It feels great. I'm so happy for the seniors," the sophomore Gloudemans said. "I give glory to God for that. He brought us here on the field today to be a light for the world."

Valley Christian never trailed in the game but the Warriors had to wait a bit to

score its first points.

Gloudemans was stuffed on a fourth-down carry at the Resorters' 25-yard line to give the ball to Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah. But after the defense forced a punt on a three-and-out Behling put the Warriors ahead for good.

The senior couldn't make an over the shoulder catch on the punt, but after the ball bounced off his hands, he scooped it up and weaved his way for a 70-yard return for a touchdown.

"At first I was like I should just fall on it but it's the playoffs so I grabbed it and said we'll see what happens," Behling said. "I really didn't have too much trouble. I just ran to where it was open, cut across the field and got a touchdown."

Birr said grabbing the lead was important against the Resorters, who the Warriors beat 33-0 during the regular season.

"Elkhart was hungry and they have been playing better," Birr said. "They did a great job and battled the whole game so getting those first points was a big deal."

The Warriors' Cole Highfill intercepted a pass two plays into the Resorters' next possession and Valley Christian would turn that into another touchdown.

Quarterback Mason Everts converted a fourth down quarterback sneak to extend the drive and Derek Wallace powered into the end zone from two yards out on the final play of the first quarter to give the Warriors a 12-0 lead.

"Especially against a team we have beat before, we know (the loss) was going to be in their heads," Behling said. "We've been in that spot before and we know when we got that first punch it hurts so much. I could see it in their eyes, some of them



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The Valley Christian defense talks during a timeout in the first half of Saturday's WIAA playoff win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah.

just fell apart."

Behling not only returned a punt for a touchdown but hauled in a 21-yard touchdown pass from Everts midway through the second quarter as the Warriors extended the lead to 19-0.

Behling, who caught all three of Everts' completions in the game, stretched the ball over the goal line while being tackled to earn the touchdown.

Elkhart-Lake Glenbeulah answered with its best drive of the first half but was stopped short of getting on the score-board

The Resorters converted a fake punt for a first down on the march and reached the

Warriors' 30-yard line but after an intentional grounding penalty on first down, Carter Belville added a second-down sack and the Resorters couldn't make up the ground and turned the ball over on downs.

Behling's interception ended the Resorters first drive of the second half as the Warriors' halted a second march into their territory.

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was able to rack up some yards in the game, but the Valley Christian defense stood strong to keep the Resorters off the board.

"We are going to let them get little

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Knights gear for playoff opener against Shiocton

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Four years ago, Lourdes Academy opened its playoff experience by facing off against Shiocton.

The two teams will meet again in a WIAA Division 7 Level 1 playoff game this Friday night at Titan Stadium, although the roles have somewhat reversed.

In the last meeting between the two teams, the Chiefs had put together an impressive season – a surprise No. 2 seed in the bracket that finished as the state runner-up – while the Knights were hovering around .500.

This season, it's Lourdes Academy, the Trailways Conference champions, coming in undefeated, while Shiocton enters the postseason with a 2-7 record.

"They are a completely different team than the one we played four years ago," Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. "They are young, which is probably a reason why they have lost a ton of close games. They are a much better team than their record would indicate."

Shiocton won its regular-season finale 36-12 over Northland Pines last Friday, while its other win came in Week 3 in a 35-0 thumping of Clintonville.

But four of the seven losses for the Chiefs have been by eight points or less and the defense has allowed only one opponent to have a huge scoring night as state-ranked Coleman scored a 35-0 win.

"They haven't given up a ton of points this year," Wopat said. "Shiocton does a really good job of playing pesky defensive football." The Chiefs are led by junior quarter-back Kyle Bergsbaken, who is completing about 67 percent of his passes and has thrown for 1,024 yards and six touch-downs. Bergsbaken is also the team's leading rusher and has five touchdowns on the ground.

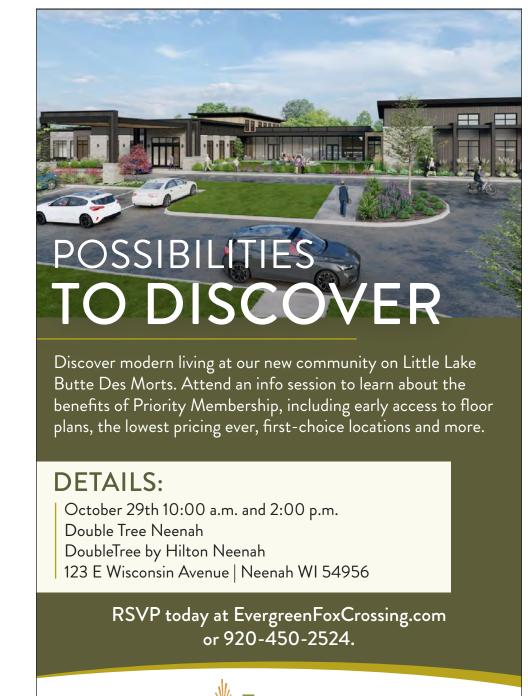
Bergsbaken's top two targets are both juniors in Brett Singler and Wyatt Hess with 46 and 39 catches, respectively, and are each averaging more than 11 yards per catch.

"They rely on big plays," Wopat said. "If you give up big plays, they have a chance to thrive. If you don't, they end up shooting themselves in the foot."

Lourdes Academy's defense is playing at a high level having shut out its last two opponents. The Knights have allowed just 14 points in their last four games overall and have not allowed an opponent to score more than 14 points in a game.

Brady Ridenour is the team's leading tackler followed closely by Jacob Bogardus and Harlan Kuehn. Ryder Mullen and Lucas Neuens each had four interceptions on the year, while Bogardus and Nolan Gibson each have two fumble recoveries.

"You need to be able to prevent people from scoring in order to win multiple playoff games. We have been very good at that all year long," Wopat said. "Our varsity defense has not given up many touchdowns or points. We have done a really good job of preventing big plays. We have done a good job of preventing long drives and we are counting on that to continue. That's



Possibilities await

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uandt finishes second at Division 2 state singles tourney

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Sasha Quandt turned in the best individual finish at a WIAA state tennis tournament but fell just short of her ultimate goal in Madison this past weekend.

Quandt, a junior for the Knights, lost to Chesterton Academy's Susanna Hundt in the title match of the Division 2 singles bracket at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison to finish in second place. It is the highest finish for a Lourdes Academy singles player at the state tournament.

The second-seeded Quandt won the first set of the title match but Hundt came back to take the next two sets to claim the 4-6, 6-0, 10-8 win. Quandt also lost to Hundt at last year's state tourna-



ment, falling in straight sets in the thirdplace match.

Quandt, who improved her overall record to 6-4 in state tournament matches, rolled to the finals with three consecutive straight-set victories.

After receiving a first-round bye, Quandt dispatched Onalaska Luther's Emma Kolb 6-1, 6-2 in her first match and then topped Grace Villwock of Kohler, 6-1, 6-3. In the semifinals, Quandt toppled

game)," Gutierrez said. "I give credit to

third-seeded Annabelle Parker, 6-1, 6-1.

Quandt lost a combined nine games in her first three state matches.

Quandt finishes the season 18-1 and is 47-9 over the past three seasons.

St. Mary Catholic's Vivie Auth and Adel Schneider won their second straight WIAA Division 2 state doubles title, finishing an undefeated season with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Ava Miller and Parker Van Dusan of Kenosha St. Joseph.

nights suffer first loss to Kohler in regular -season finale

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If there was any good time for the Oshkosh Lourdes/Valley Christian boys' soccer team to lose its first game of the season, it was the regular season finale against Kohler.

The Knights gave up more goals than they allowed in their previous 16 games, falling 5-1 to the Blue Bombers at Titan Stadium on Thursday night.

Because little was at stake, coach Abrujuan Gutierrez compared the game to a friendly match in international soccer. The non-conference loss came two days after a 2-0 victory over Central Wisconsin Christian that clinched the Wisconsin Flyway Conference championship with an 8-0-1 record for the Knights' first conference championship in 31 years.

"It's part of life," Gutierrez said. "Move on. The opponents, they're motivated, and we move on for the next step. You already have the (state) ranking, you already have the (playoff) seeding, you have the first conference title since 1994. So we want to start working hard for the regional."

The Knights (14-1-1) entered the game against Kohler ranked eighth in the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association state rankings. But the Blue Bombers decided to move up their defenders near midfield, hoping to draw the Knights offsides, and the strategy worked.

Although the Knights dominated pos-

(the Blue Bombers), they were prepared for the offside. We tried to figure it out, and in the second half, we got it." Kohler (13-5-1) opened the scoring in the 17th minute on a penalty kick goal by Diego Cardenas after the Knights were called for a handball in the box.

The Knights had a few good chances in the first half, but Matthew Loker's header was saved by Kohler goalkeeper Aidan Scheuller in the 23rd minute, and Kaleb Richardson's near breakaway in the 38th minute was stopped when a defender sprinted from the side to deflect his shot.

Kohler went up 2-0 early in the second half when Lennon Buzaitis scored on a header off a free kick.

The Knights had a couple of flurries shortly after that. Josiah Franz fired two shots in the 45th minute, but Scheuller saved the first try and Franz hit the rebound just over the crossbar. Scheuller punched out Richardson's high shot attempt about 10 minutes later.

Kohler followed with three goals in the next 10 minutes, one by Buzaitis off a cross from Cardenas, then two more by Cardenas on a breakaway and another penalty kick.

The Knights had allowed only three goals in their first 16 games. Although they gave up three goals and an assist to the speedy Cardenas, the Knights didn't see the need to make tactical fouls against him because it was a non-conference game, Gutierrez said.

Cardenas leads the state with 89 points this season on 35 goals and 19 assists, according to Maxpreps.

The home team also played without its best holding midfielder, Elijah Troiber, who was out with a sinus infection, forcing freshman Elias Gutierrez to switch positions and it made Jackson Buttke to play more defensively than usual, Gutierrez said.

"If it would be a win for something (important), I would have cared, but today was a game to just play the game," Gutierrez said. "So it's not a match you needed (to win)."

Gutierrez also rested Richardson and Quin Ruark more than normal to try to help them heal minor injuries.

The Knights avoided a shutout with Isaak Rucinski's goal from the left side of the box in the final minute.

Kohler outshot the Knights 12-10, with nine of their shots coming in the second half. Knights goalkeeper Micah Humiston made five saves and Scheuller had three

The Knights earned the second seed in regionals and will host 15th-seeded St. Mary Catholic at 7:15 p.m. Thursday at

"Our greatest goal was to get that conference title," Gutierrez said. "Now it's a new chapter in the book."



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Jackson Buttke heads a ball during a win over Central Wisconsin Christian that clinched the Knights' Flyway Conference title.

session in the first half, most of their runs were stopped by the linesman's flag.

"Today we failed the mental part (of the













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Wildcats cap FVA season with sweep of Patriots

By Steve Clark
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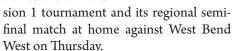
When Elaina Butz stepped to the service line with a chance to close out the match against Appleton East last Thursday, she had only one thing on her mind.

"I was going for the ace all of the way," Butz said with a big smile. "It definitely felt good"

Butz's final serve of the night capped

off a three-set sweep of the Patriots as the Wildcats closed out the Fox Valley Association slate with a 25-18, 25-23, 25-17 win.

The Wildcats finished 7-2 and in third place in the FVA and will turn their attention to the WIAA Divi-



Butz

"It was fun to finish in three and work all together as a team," Emma Liebergen said. "It was a great way to close out the conference (season)."

West head coach Will Brydon echoed that sentiment.

"It was super important for us," the coach said. "East is a good program and the FVA is a great conference and to finish on a win is never a bad thing. We are just looking to build momentum and keep playing better volleyball."

The key to the Wildcats earning the sweep came in the second set when West was able to keep the Patriots from evening the match.

Both teams led at different times in the set but the Wildcats seemed to gain control of things with a five-point run – that included kills by Liebergen, Sydnee Nelson and Olivia Warren – that gave West a 24-19 lead.



But after earning a sideout, East rattled off three straight points to pull within one before a Warren kill ended the set and boosted West to a 2-0 lead.

"That was absolutely huge," West head coach Will Brydon said. "Volleyball is a game of momentum and if you drop that set and then all of a sudden people are thinking different things. You never want to drop a set to a good team like that."



Liebergen

West could feel the momentum swing its way after Warren's set-sealing kill.

"Losing that second set would have definitely taken a toll on us so winning gave us that energy to be able to come together in hard times helped push us

through those tough moments," said. "It was a really big set to win."

The Wildcats scored the first three points of the third set and took the lead for good on back-to-back kills from Nelson – who led the team with 11 kills – and an ace from Liebergen.

MaKaelyn Clark, who totaled 24 assists in the match, broke the set open with a string of five straight serves, including an ace, that lifted West to a 21-12 lead.

East would pull to within five points before West finished things off. Nora Pakula's kill got the Wildcats to game point before Butz's ace delivered the victory.

"(Winning the second set) brings us a lot of momentum and energy because we are more positive," said Liebergen, who added nine kills in the match. "We knew we could play cleaner and we brought that out in the third set."

Another key to the Wildcats' win was West's ability to scramble for points and extend rallies when the Patriots appeared to have a point won.

It's an aspect of West's play that will be paramount with the tournament starting.

"It's being on your toes and being ready for every ball," Liebergen said. "When we win those big points, everyone goes crazy and it brings us a lot of energy."

Those type of points can also swing the momentum of a set as it boosts one side of the court, while deflating the other.

"It takes something from their pot of energy and adds it to ours and it just builds and builds," Brydon said. "It's the best feeling to see the girls do that. They have worked so hard to have moments like that."



Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Knights cap off perfect regular season

Lourdes Academy recorded its second-straight shutout in a 38-0 win over Parkview/Albany last Friday to finish off an unbeaten regular season.

The Knights bolted to a 21-point lead at the end of the first quarter and extended it to a 35-0 halftime advantage en route to

Brady Bauer ran for a team-high 82 yards and scored three touchdowns, while also connecting with Ryder Mullen on a touchdown pass. Brady Ridenour also scored a touchdown for the Knights and finished with 63 yards rushing.

Mat Yaggie's 32-yard field goal rounded out the scoring for the Knights.

Max Behnke finished with six tackles and Lucas Neuens added an interception to lead the Knights' defense.

Wildcats fall to Cardinals to end season

Oshkosh West allowed a 28-point second quarter as Fond du Lac built a 42-0 lead at halftime in handing the Wildcats a 48-14 loss in the season finale last Friday.

Zander Crook finished 7-of-9 passing for 65 yards and threw for both touchdowns for the Wildcats. Micah Finley and Carson Murphy had the touchdown receptions for West, which was held to 104 yards of offense in the game.

CROSS COUNTRY

Crowe, Moore make top 10 at FVA meet

Carter Crowe and Dominic Moore each finished in the top 10 as Oshkosh West finished sixth at the Fox Valley Association Meet held last week at Countryside Golf Course.

Crowe finished second to individual champion Zach Verhagen of Neenah, while Moore came in sixth place as the Wildcats were the only team at the meet with two finishers in the top six. Only boys champion Kimberly also had two runners in the top 10.

Arjen Karns was the next Wildcat runner to finish taking 24th in the race, while Alex Dedecker and Owen Moon rounded out the scoring runners for West in 46th and 47th place, respectively.

Jay Weber nearly grabbed a spot in the top 10, placing 11th overall to lead Oshkosh North. The Spartans finished ninth overall in the team standings.

Mason Gumz added a 37th-place finish, followed by Reid Anderson in 53rd, Blake Ludwig in 57th and Rijko Urban in 63rd.

In the girls race, Oshkosh West's Abby Tercha topped all area finishers by placing ninth overall.

Hayllie Hullar was the second West runner to finish coming in 19th, followed by Coraline Strebelinski in 25th, Mila Crowe in 29th and Gwen Liptow in 30th.

Oshkosh North's top finisher was Ti-

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anna Hayes in 23rd place with Adri Clark adding a 38th place. The rest of the scoring runners for the Spartans were Allison Cummings in 55th place, Gabi Pereira da Silva in 62nd place and Nahla Whitley in 64th place.

The West girls finished fifth in the team standings with North taking ninth. Defending state champion Neenah easily won the title.

Moran, Spanbauer win **Trailways North titles**

Valley Christian's Mya Moran and Lourdes Academy's Henry Spanbauer won the girls and boys individual Trailways North titles at the Trailways Conference meet at Winagamie Golf Course last

The Lourdes Academy girls also claimed a title, putting its five scoring runners in the top nine to easily outdistance Pardeeville for the crown. Valley Christian finished a close third.

Moran finished nearly 30 seconds ahead of the field in winning the girls race. McKenzie Murphy added an 11th place for the Warriors followed by Kendra Sandahl in 18th place, Merian Getz in 20th place and Madaline Weiss in 28th place.

The Knights' scoring contingent finished a little more than a minute apart with Khloe Bunton and Annie Moore spearheading the charge in second and third place, respectively. Ana Schneidewend and Evelyn Heinzen finished close behind in sixth and seventh place, respectively, with Allison Stromske picking up a ninth-place finish.

On the boys side, it was Spanbauer leading the way as he claimed the individual title by about 45 seconds over the second-place runner.

The Knights' Mason Piechowski in seventh and Zach Foster in 10th along with Valley Christian's Jonah Menet in fifth and Jack O'Brien in eighth also finished in the top 10 at the race.

The Warriors finished second to Pardeeville in the team standings with Silas Johnson in 12th place, Simone Menet in 13th place and Zachary Werner in 16th place rounding out the scoring runners for Valley Christian.

Kody Neitzel in 19th place and Cameron Kapral in 24th completed the lineup for the Knights, who finished third in the boys team standings.

SOCCER

Lourdes/Valley claims first Flyway title

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian co-op soccer team wrapped up its first Flyway Conference title last week as the Knights beat Central Wisconsin Christian, 2-0, to finish 8-0-1 in league play.

Isaak Rucinski and Hudson Depue picked up the goals for Lourdes/Valley, which picked up its 13th shutout in 17 games this season.

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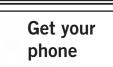
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Spartans post pair of shutout wins

Oshkosh North outscored Beaver Dam and Menasha by a combined 12-0 margin in collecting a pair of wins to wrap up the regular season.

Seven different players scored in an 8-0 triumph over Beaver Dam, with Cooper Snell leading the way with a pair of goals.

Wapole Misembo chipped in a goal and two assists, while Alex Asende, Gerome Mtabi, Wilondja M'Munga, Ali Rezai and Karl Ruehmkorf also scored in the game for the Spartans.

Against the Blue Jays, M'Munga paced the Spartans with a pair of goals, while Ruehmkorf and Daudi Makechi also scored in the 4-0 win.

Espoire Amisi finished with six saves in the two matches combined for the two

West tops Homestead in regular-season finale

Oshkosh West topped Homestead, 3-1, in its final game of the regular season last week to finish the year 6-8-1.

The Wildcats won three of their last five matches of the season.

VOLLEYBALL

Valley Christian breezes past Berlin

The Warriors dominated the visiting Indians in three sets, posting a 25-15, 25-18, 25-21 in the nonconference match.

Wopat said it's a different postseason grouping than the Knights have had in past years.

"With the exception of Hilbert and

Anna Giannopoulos posted 13 kills to lead the Valley Christian hitters, while Laila Gostas-Sims added nine kills and Lizzie Fink finished with six. Lydia Hardy totaled 15 assists in the match, while Bella Birr finished with 13.

Giannopoulos and Ellie Demler each finished with 12 digs to lead the Warriors, while Gostas-Sims had eight and Birr finished with seven.

Valley Christian finished with 11 aces in the match as Gostas-Sims and Fink each had three to lead the way.

Wildcats take fourth at Arrowhead invite

Oshkosh West posted a 2-2 record to finish fourth among 12 teams at the Arrowhead Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats beat Greenfield and Muskego in pool play before falling to host Arrowhead and Oak Creek in the gold

Sydnee Nelson finished with 33 kills and six aces to lead the Wildcats, while Emma Liebergen added 26 kills and Kayana Turner had 10.

MaKaelyn Clark totaled 67 assists on the day and added 23 digs and four aces. Elaina Butz led the team with 50 digs with Halle Stern chipping in 16.

Addie Benesh led the team with two

North drops FVA finale to Kaukauna

Oshkosh North was dealt a three-set loss by Kaukauna in the regular-season finale for the Spartans.

The Ghosts won by set scores of 25-12, 25-12, 26-24.

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the calling card of our team."

The Knights' offense is led by the versatile Brady Bauer, who has thrown for nearly 1,100 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also rushing for 736 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Ridenour has added 561 yards on the ground, while Neuens is the team's top receiver with 34 catches for 528 yards and six touchdowns.

The Knights are averaging about 41 points over its last three games and have scored at least 22 points in every game in putting together the unbeaten regular season - something Wopat hopes the team has enjoyed.

"It feels great," Wopat said. "It doesn't happen often so you need to appreciate

the chance to do something special like this. The kids have earned it and it's been fun to be a part of."

If top-seeded Lourdes Academy can earn a win on Friday, it would host the winner of Blair-Taylor and Eleva-Strum in a Level 2 game. The second seed in the Knights' grouping is Hilbert, while Wauzeka-Steuben is the No. 3 seed.

Shiocton four years ago, we've never played any of these schools," Wopat said. "It will be unique, if we can take care of business, to play schools in different part of the state.

"Most Division 7 schools would want to be in our pod but at the end of the day, you just have to go play who is in front of you. But for us right now, it's all about trying to beat Shiocton."

North football

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"That is a good football team that we have played tough," Bryce Ott said. "Learning from adversity and making adjustments on the go is something we can take from this week and put into next week's plan. We're going to stick together. We are family. The sun comes out tomorrow and we just have

In facing Marshfield on Friday, the Spartans will be hosting a Tigers' team that enters the playoffs on a four-game winning streak after starting the season 1-5.

Marshfield beat Stevens Point, 32-30, on Friday and has scored at least 24 points in each of the last four games.

The Tigers are led by junior running back Haiden Carlson who has racked up 1,525 and 16 touchdowns so far this season, while averaging 8.7 yards per carry. Marshfield has also used three different quarterbacks who have thrown for nearly

"They do run the ball a lot and are not a crazy throwing team," Luke Ott said. "It looks like they are solid, they do their job up front on both sides of the ball and they have some athletes in the backfield."

The Spartans were knocked out of last year's playoffs by a 60-34 loss to West De Pere, and will be looking for the program's first playoff win since finishing as state runner-ups in 2013.

Luke Ott believes that last year's experience will help the team this year.

"Last year, we felt like we could get in and we did and it was a great feeling after eight years being out of it," the coach said. "The atmosphere around the kids this season is now that we got into the playoffs, we have

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Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 25CV889

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: First - Eric

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Middle – Rizzo Last - Hainstock

Birth Certificate: First - Eric

Middle - Jordan Last - Hainstock

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

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

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

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BY THE COURT DATE SIGNED: September 16, 2025

/s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6 Runs: October 8, 2025, October 15, 2025 and October 22, 2025.

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

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-

TATE OF Karen A. Hunter

- PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informational administration was
- filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/04/1943 and date of death 08/11/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 905 Powers Street., Oshkosh, WI
- 3. All interested persons waived notice.

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- 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 6, 2026.
- A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

DATE SIGNED: September 30,

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

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Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to Ron Harmeyer Law Office LLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 330 E. Kilbourn Ave., Suite 1070, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

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Mullen develops into ballhawk in Knights' secondary

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Opposing quarterbacks have learned that throwing in Ryder Mullen's direction is risky business.

The ballhawking Lourdes Academy defender is a pick machine.

Mullen finished the regular season ranked among the 2025 state leaders in interceptions with four. He had two as a junior for a total of six the past two seasons.

What's even more impressive about his picks is that Mullen has delivered them at crucial moments.

"Ryder has done everything the coaches have asked of him and made some game-clinching plays on the defensive side of the ball," said Lourdes coach Kevin Wopat. "He had a pick to end our game against Westfield that started our second-half run last season (a 6-1 finish). He had a game-sealing pick in our Level 2 game against Hilbert last fall and two huge picks in our win over Johnson Creek (on Sept.

A two-way starter who also contributes on offense as a wide receiver, Mullen considers himself to be more of a defensive player than a receiver. He would rather hit people than get hit and revels in his role as a takeaway artist.

"I've always loved defense more," said Mullen, who received all-conference honorable mention in 2024 as a defensive back. "A pick is such a game-changing play. To take it away from them, I just love it."

Pinning down Mullen's position on defense is even tougher than throwing against him. Mullen is listed as a defensive back, but plays a safety position at times, outside linebacker on other occasions and like a cornerback in certain situations. Regardless of where he lines up, Mullen has a nose for the football and always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

So what enables Mullen to be such an onfield thief? He will be the first to tell you that film study is a prominent part of it, but instincts and football IQ are just as important along with his sticky hands.

"You need all those things to put yourself in the right position and then you have to secure the catch," he said. "Confidence has been a big thing with me this season. I know I can go up against top receivers and make a big play."

Mullen's favorite NFL defensive player is Patrick Surtain, Denver's perennial Pro Bowler and a lock-down cornerback.

"He's the best," said Mullen. "He matches up against top-tier receivers every week and finds a way to shut them down every single time. His coverage is perfect."

Blocking is Mullen's primary role on offense as a receiver - and he's a good one.

"He's been our best blocking perimeter player," Wopat said. "Ryder is the definition



Lourdes Academy's Ryder Mullen is an all-conference defensive back who leads the Knights in interceptions this season.

of a team player. He's helped spark numerous big plays with first and second-level blocking. It's an extremely unselfish type of play, but one that is paramount to our team's success. Our team has taken on the personality of Ryder and our seniors. He's been a great role model for our program."

Every receiver loves snagging passes and scoring touchdowns, but Mullen has no complaints launching his pads into a defender to open a running lane with his strong blocking skills.

"It (blocking) is something I had to work on," he said. "But the more you do it, the better you get at it. And it gets easier as you get stronger. I'm happy to do it. I like hitting people."

Mullen has been playing tackle football since the eighth grade when he joined the Lourdes middle school program. Athleticism runs in the Mullen's family. His father, Robert, was a soccer player in his high school days at Marquette High School, while his uncle, Jared Reichenberger, was a standout football player at Lourdes. So was his grandfather, Bob Reichenberger.

"I've played soccer all my life and football just kind of came out of the blue," said Mullen. "All my friends were doing it, so I gave

Mullen's only sibling, his older sister, Charley, is also a top athlete. Charley was a three-sport athlete at Lourdes, who is now playing Division 3 women's college basketball at St. Norbert College.

"I've always been close to my sister," Mullen said. "We never had any rough patches or anything like that. She's always congratulating me for a good game and she gets to our games when she can. I try and get to her games, too."

Ryder and Charley had their share of competitive games as kids, often competing against one another in one-on-one basketball games.

"She motivates me a lot," said Ryder. "We still work together to make each other better, especially in basketball. We'll go to the gym and get up shots - or play some one on one. We've done that for a long time."

So who usually wins those one-on-one

Senior Spotlight

"I'd say that in the past it was about 50-50," Ryder said. "She's always been taller than me, so she takes it down low. It's pretty competitive, but a fun thing."

Mullen is a point guard in basketball who played in all 25 Lourdes games last season, averaging 2.1 points, 1.3 rebounds and 0.6 assists. Predictably, defense is his niche.

"I'm definitely a big defensive guy in basketball," Mullen said. "Put me on one of their better ballhandlers and I'll give him a hard time."

Mullen is also a second baseman on the diamond, who occasionally catches. Football, though, is his preferred sport and he takes his team captain's role seriously.

"Probably my main role is to be a leader," he said. "I do what I can to hold the team together. I hold everyone accountable and make sure everyone is working hard. It's definitely not easy all the time, but I accept that responsibility. With this group of guys, I feel like everyone knows what needs to be done and they're all willing to listen."

Like Charlie, Ryder is also an elite student. He carries a 4.013 grade point average and plans to major in physical therapy in college. Mullen's interest in the field was sparked his freshman year of football when he had to undergo physical therapy to recover from a torn ACL in his left

"It definitely wasn't easy and I was pretty down about it initially," Mullen said. "But then I realized I could come back as a better athlete. I worked closely with the PTs (physical therapists) and it just seemed like something that I wanted to do. I want to help people."

Mullen isn't currently planning to play college football and is considering the University of Wisconsin, UW-Stevens Point and UW-La Crosse as potential schools.

But first Mullen has football matters to deal with. He's focused on leading the Knights to a deep playoff run when the WIAA playoffs open next week. Lourdes reached Level 3 last season before falling to Edgar (29-6), the eventual Division 7 state champion. The Knights advanced to Level 2 in Mullen's sophomore season. This year, Mullen sees no limits for the high-powered Knights.

"I think this team is definitely capable of going to state and winning," Mullen said. 'The mindset has to be one game at a time. We can't get ahead of ourselves. We have a lot of talent and the chemistry is awesome. We're all willing to work for one another."





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Titans topple Blugolds for Homecoming triumph

UWO Sports Information

UW-Oshkosh wrapped up its 100th homecoming celebration on Saturday, when the Titan football team defeated UW-Eau Claire, 28-21, on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The win was UW-Oshkosh's fifth straight over the Blugolds, the 13th straight homecoming victory, and the fifth in a row over Eau Claire on homecoming. In 10 homecoming meetings, the Titans are 8-2 against the Blugolds, last losing 24-21 on October 13, 1979.

Since the first homecoming game in 1921, UW-Oshkosh is 48-43-9 all time. The 1942-45 celebrations were canceled due to World War II, and the entirety of the 2020 season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

UW-Oshkosh (4-2, 2-1 WIAC), ranked 18th in NCAA Division III by D3football. com and 24th in the American Football Coaches Association coaches' poll, totaled a season best 479 yards of offense, acquiring 400 passing yards on 33 attempts and 79 rushing yards on a matching 33 rushes. With 21 first downs, the Titans averaged 7.3 yards per play, converted seven of 13 third downs, and had possession of the ball for nearly 10 more minutes than the Blugolds with a total time of 34:50.

Quentin Keene completed 23 of 30



Photo by Jim Koepnick

The Titans' Jackson Brush breaks through the tackle attempt of a pair of UW-Eau Claire players to gain yardage on Saturday.

passing attempts, including nine straight to open the game and 13 of his first 14 for a career best 362 yards and a touchdown. AJ Korth added three completions on three attempts for 38 yards.

Hunter Gibson added a career day with 122 receiving yards and a touchdown on four receptions while Jackson Brush and Jon Mathieu each reached 50 receiving yards with 85 and 52, respectively.

After UW-Eau Claire received the opening kickoff, the teams traded three punts before UW-Oshkosh took possession on their 37-yard line with 8:41 left in the first

quarter. Hunter Gibson registered his first double-digit yard catch on third-and-10, going 23 yards before being tackled at Eau Claire's 40. The Titans grinded their way downfield, entering the red zone on a 14-yard catch by Jackson Brush, scoring with 1:38 to go on a 1-yard carry by Keene.

UW-Oshkosh recovered a Blugold fumble at their 17 but turned the ball back over on downs at the Blugolds 18.

The Blugolds got on the board with less than five minutes to go in the first half

on an interception that was run back for a score, but Oshkosh responded with an eight-play, 69-yard drive that Kellan Mella finished off with a 1-yard push through the line of his own, putting Oshkosh up, 14-7, at the half.

Oshkosh and Eau Claire opened the second half with another pair of turnovers. The Titans passed into Eau Claire territory when Keene connected with Brush for a 39-yard reception, then Ben Vallafskey took the ball in three consecutive plays – four yards, eight yards, and 19 yards. He took the ball to the end zone on his third carry, making the score 21-7 with 4:43 left on the third quarter clock.

UW-Eau Claire scored in back-to-back possessions to tie the score at 8:52 in the fourth quarter, but it took one play for the Titans to reclaim the edge. Keene threw a deep ball to Gibson at the Eau Claire 41-yard line and he took it the rest of the way for an 80-yard score.

The Blugolds reached the red zone in the following drive, running 16 plays and moving 62 yards before an incomplete pass turned the ball over for the final time. Korth threw a 31-yard pass to Mella for a first down and Keene kneeled out the clock to seal the win.

UWO trapshooting team heads to nationals

Oshkosh Herald

Members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Trapshooting Team will be competing in an upcoming national championship event.

The competition will be Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Britany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, Ill. The UWO team will be competing against other college trapshooters from around the country.

UWO's season started Sept. 21.

Team members include RJ Gropp of Berlin, Linsey Dutscheck of Oshkosh, Maggie Dobyns of Oshkosh, Kalista Liepert of Mayville and Ethan Young of Ozaukee along with coach Amber Evans.

Gropp, a sophomore, is ranked fourth in the league, breaking 98.66% of clay targets

shot at so far this season.

UWO is participating in America's largest non-profit clay target shooting sports organization, the USA College Clay Target League, which has over 53,000 registered athletes on more than 1,800 high school, college and home-schooled teams in over 36 states.

At least five Wisconsin colleges and universities have a trapshooting program.

The UWO team uses the Fox Valley Trap Club in Omro. The league's priorities are safety, fun and marksmanship. The league emphasizes safety, with no injuries reported since its inception in 2007. Each athlete must complete firearms safety certification before participating in the activities.



Photo from UWO Athleti

Over a century of homecomings

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh celebrated its 100th Homecoming with activities for fans before, during and after Saturday's football game against UW-Eau Claire at Titan Stadium. Activities included tailgating, a parade and a celebration with free food, giveaways, games and more. The school's tradition of inviting alumni back to campus dates back to 1921.



Gravunder was presented the Producer of the Year award by Jerre McNeill, Regional Vice President of Erie Insurance Company and Angela Dix, Wisconsin Branch Manager.



Ryan Gravunder, a licensed producer with Insurance Services by Karen, was awarded the 2025 Producer of the Year Award by Erie Insurance Company at their recent Annual Business Meeting held at Lambeau Field in August.

Insurance Services by Karen services the Oshkosh and Berlin area. The agency was also recognized as a Branch Elite Agency in Personal Lines, Commercial Lines, and Life in 2024.



Valley football

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chunks because they like the big play and we didn't want to give up the big play," Birr said. "Its kind of our strategy against this type of team and the guys did that."

Still, despite not allowing a point until there was 7:16 remaining and giving up a second score with just 11 seconds left in the game, Behling believes the defense can play better.

"I don't think we played great defense. I think we played good enough to win the game and beat our opponent," Behling said. "The worst thing would be if we felt we played our best and there was nothing we could improve on. Then we would feel like we are at our stuck point. I think it's truly a blessing that we didn't



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play our best and were still blessed with a victory. Knowing we can still improve and be a better team next game than we were

Highfill and Tyler Anderson each finished with nine tackles to lead the Warrior defense, while Gloudemans and Ian Kramer each had eight.

With the defense keeping the Resorters in check, the Warriors unleashed the ground game in the second half.

Wallace, who finished with 95 yards on 12 carries, added a second touchdown run, while Belville also found the end

Then, on the last of his 11 carries, Gloudemans broke free around the right side for a 56-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter for a 40-6 lead.

"I think we came out flat at first but then we got things running," Gloudemans said. "We were just trying to support our line and get as (many yards) as we could."

The last time Gloudemans faced the Resorters, he was injured in the game and had to be taken to the hospital.

He was not severely injured in the game, but the medical personnel did have to cut off his favored No. 33 jersey. Since then, he has donned No. 75 – a non-traditional number for a running back.

"The hospital cut my jersey off so that's why I'm rocking No. 75," Gloudemans said. "I'm hoping I will make it a number everybody will want to use now."

Obituaries

Dorothy J. Paschke

Dorothy J. Paschke, age 90, of Oshkosh, died on October 13, 2025, at Edenbrook



Nursing Home. She was born on November 30th, 1934, in Winchester, WI, the daughter of Wego and Ida Peterson.

She grew up on a farm in Winchester, without indoor plumbing and electricity. As a little girl, she got very attached to the barn cats on the farm, and cats have been in her life ever since. She often said, "kittens are cuter than babies."

After graduating from Winneconne High in 1952, she married James L. Paschke on February 6, 1954. She went on to have eight children.

In June of 1971, when she was 36 years old, her husband Jim drowned in Lake Butte Des Morts, leaving her a widow to raise their eight children. She did her best to make it through that challenging time.

She loved her work as a cook at the Chalice and at the Nova Treatment Center. She always said the young people that she worked with were so much fun and that they made her feel youthful. She never wanted to be old.

Dorothy loved the color purple, made the best beef barley soup and her brownies were excellent too. She was very generous, she gave whatever she had to whoever needed it. Dorothy loved going to the casinos, except when she lost. She would feed and try to tame feral cats in the neighborhood wherever she lived. She especially loved kittens.

She is survived by her children, Gail (Rick) Sandbeck, Chuck (Kathy), Phil (Diane), Todd, Sandra (George Hagen) Brown and Rodney (Sue Scherer); grandchildren, Deanna (Daniel) Paulsen, Nicholas (Ellisa Heidke) Brown, Ryan (Kara) Kiefer, Casey Lea Wells and bonus grandchild, Kristy Lynn Herzig; great-grandchildren, Andrew Paulsen, Arin Paulsen, Nikki Paulsen, Issac Paulsen, Aria Kiefer, Jasmine Brown, Cinnamon Brown, Noah Brown, Elijah Brown and Lily Brown. She is further survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, long-time friend Betty Haber and high school friend Carolyn Rhoden.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, James; sons, Dennis and Casey; sisters, Ruth Schonscheck and Ethel Johnson; brother, Arden Peterson; cousin, Bob Haber; and her parents, Wego and Ida Pe-

As per Dorothy's wishes, there will be a private celebration of life with no formal



Judith Hall Loper

Judith Hall Loper passed away peacefully in her sleep (like she always wanted)



on October 11, 2025, at Edenbrook of Oshkosh, after a brief battle with infections and dementia.

Judy was born on October 9, 1945, in Chicago, IL, to Woodward and Virginia (Ricketts) Hall,

their only child. Her family moved to Oshkosh in the 1950s, where her father ran a well-known men's clothing store called Woody's. Judy graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1963 and married Michael Loper on February 25, 1967, in

Upon their marriage, Judy and Mike lived in Göppingen, Germany for several years where Mike served at Cooke Barracks, a U.S. Army Base and they enjoyed

weekend trips to parts of Europe.

Judy and Mike were blessed with two sons, Adam and Justin, and Judy worked as a media aide in the Oshkosh Area School District for many years, retiring in the 2010s.

Judy enjoyed stamping and scrapbooking, home decorating, movies, and had a lifelong love of animals. Her dog, Stella, is now living with Adam's in-laws, John and Kris Selk, and enjoying many walks.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Mike. She is survived by her two sons, Adam (Emily) and Justin (Shelley). Per her wishes, no service will be held but there will be a celebration of life on Saturday, November 1, at Oblio's, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please join us if you can. The family would like to thank the staff at Edenbrook and Compassus Hospice for their diligent care.



Lyndia Staggs

Lyndia Staggs, 81, passed away on October 14, 2025. She was born in Milwau-



kee, Wisconsin to parents, Harry and Sylvia Stippick. She is survived

by her daughters, Donna (Dan) Koch and Deb Williston; grandchildren, cole (Brian) Henry,

Colton (Katie) Vollmer, Shelby Schmitz, Noelle (Kyle) Spanbauer, Dalton (Amie) Vollmer, Jac (Bella) Williston and Vaughn Williston; great-grandchildren, Aliya, Hallie, Lucy, Brigham, Kollins, Kennedy, Hadleigh, Beckham, Camdan, Maddon, Broden and Ariana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Sylivia Stippick; and Bobbie Williston. her son-in-law, Per her request, no formal services will be

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Obituaries

Donald Wayne Gudmanson

Donald Wayne Gudmanson entered into his Heavenly home with his family



home with his family by his side on September 23, 2025, at the age of 91. He was born at home on July 14, 1934, in Cadott, Wisconsin, to Victor and Betsy (née Arneson) Gudmanson. He always felt blessed by

his humble roots, which instilled in him countless lessons that he shared with everyone he met.

During Don's youth, particularly through interactions with his high school English teacher, Mrs. Anderson, that he was inspired to become a teacher. His pursuit of higher education and football career at UW-Eau Claire were interrupted by active duty with the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He served honorably and returned home to complete his studies and rejoin the Bluegold football team. In 1986 he was inducted into the Bluegold Athletic Hall of Fame. He furthered his education by completing a Master's degree in Vocational Education-Guidance.

Although he began his career as a high

Mary J. Thomas

fully at her home, on October 11, 2025,

Mary J. Thomas, 83, passed away peace-

doing what she loved,

tending to her flow-

ers, and anxiously

waiting for two of her

favorite sports teams

to play, the Badgers

in Chippewa Falls,

WI, on October 29,

born

and Brewers.

Mary was

school teacher and football/baseball coach, his call shifted towards a distinguished career with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Starting at Fox Lake Correctional Institution, he then served at Kettle Moraine Boys School and Correctional Institution, finishing his career as the Warden of both Oshkosh and Jackson Correctional Institutions, retiring in 1999. Don recognized the opportunity his position afforded him, laying the foundation for innovative educational and habilitation programs that became national and international models, earning him speaking invitations worldwide. In 1999, he received the Sanger B. Powers Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice. Don remained committed to his belief that every person deserved to be treated with dignity and given the opportunity for a second chance.

Though his educational, athletic, and vocational pursuits are noteworthy, the accomplishment of which Don was proudest was his family. He was married to Marlis Gudmanson (née Keiner) and they had 4 beautiful children together. He found true love again with Betty Jane Killick (née Kind), he adored his wife of 45 years, raising their family and building a life together. He was happiest when everyone was gathered at home for holidays

"up north" at their cottage. Mary enjoyed working as a hairdresser for 30 years, and many of her clients became lifelong friends.

Mary was an avid sports fan, gardener, and birder. As those of you know, she cherished her family, loved ones, friends, and neighbors. She will be deeply missed.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Lisa Thomas; and is preceded by her parents; and her husband, Roger Thomas.

In keeping with Mary's wishes, there will be no service. If you wish, please consider honoring Mary by making a donation in her name to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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Ron Bennett

1941. She was adopted at birth to Alois

and Margaret (Trueblood) Mc Gillivray.

She married Roger Thomas on October

28, 1961. They spent many years together,

enjoying sports, snowmobiling, and being

Ron Bennett aka Benotsch, 82 of Oshkosh, passed away Saturday, October 11th.



Ron was born October 17, 1942, the son of Walter and Lois Benotsch of Oshkosh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Kay Monday of Oshkosh; his second wife, Sue

Wright; stepdaughter, Leslie Wright; and step grandson, Hank Harris of CA.

He is survived by his son, Alan (Mary) Benotsch; daughters, Rhonda (Joe) Schrage and Shelly (Peter) Hintze and their children and grandchild. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Cheri (Mark) Harris; stepson, Jay Wright and their children and grandchildren; and several other family members and friends.

Per his request, there will be no funeral. May he rest in peace.



or making memories together up at the cottage. He was never too busy to lend a listening ear, tell a good joke, or give some words of wisdom, especially if he could do it while drinking a cold Leinie's. A phone call with him included a report on his gardens, as well as commentary on his beloved Wisconsin sports teams. He was a proud member of the American Legion where he served in leadership positions including the Last Man's Club. While we will deeply miss him, we will always carry him and all that he taught us in our hearts.

Those left to cherish his memory include children: Kayla Ericksen, Mary Beth Resimius (Randy), Donald L. Gudmanson (Lynn), Susan Gudmanson; Steven Killick (Charisma), Stacy Malison, and

Gayanne Stanley; thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Friday, October 24th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The visitation will be from 9:00am to 11:30am with the service at 11:45am. Full military honors at the church. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Plymouth, WI.

In lieu of flowers or plants the family would welcome donations towards a memorial that is being established to honor Don's legacy.

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Roy Hinn Jr.

Roy Hinn Jr., age 84, of Wautoma (previously of Oshkosh), passed away peace-



fully at Aurora Medical Center on October 12, 2025, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Roy was born on November 9, 1940 in Oshkosh, WI, son of the late Roy and Letha

(Hildebrand) Hinn.

Roy was married to his beloved wife, Karen, for 63 years. They were married on October 13, 1962, at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Roy and Karen were lifelong members of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, where they were in Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and confirmed together on April 11, 1954.

Roy was known to many as Roy, Roy Boy, Jim, Jimmy, Roymond, Dad, Pa, Gpa, GGpa, Pops, Teddy Bear, and Bumpy. Roy enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved his family more than anything in the world, especially all the gatherings during holidays, birthdays, and weddings.

Roy graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1958. He worked at Sunlite Dairy during his high school years, always giving the love of his life, Karen, all the free ice cream cones she wanted.

Throughout the years Roy was employed at Morgan Door, Mercury Marine, with his final years at Rockwell International, retiring in 2000 and enjoying 25 great retirement years. Roy, Karen, and family moved to California for a short time and returned to Oshkosh. After retirement, Roy and Karen moved to their cottage/home in Wautoma. Together they enjoyed many years of snowmobiling, summer days on the water "on the

pontoon", card club gatherings up north, and NASCAR races, especially the Daytrona 500. Roy cherished time outdoors and hunting with his family and friends. He was also an avid Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewers Fan. He and Karen spent their winters at their condo in Daytona Beach, FL where they have many special friends who have grown to be family.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife, Karen; daughter, Vicki (Mick) Bruehl; son, Jeff (Lisa) Hinn; grandchildren, Lindsey (Dean Baumann) Pelky, Michelle (Chris) Ebertz, Cody (Lauren) Hinn, Bryce Hinn, and Noah Bruehl; great granddaughter, Adriana Pelky; sister, Nancy Berger; sisters-in-law, Robin Hinn and Jane Rawson; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Arlene "Babe" Helstrom; father-in-law, Vic Helstrom; sister, Shirley LaMore; brothers, Richard "Dick" Hinn and Gary Hinn; brothers-in-law, Steve Berger and Roger LaMore; nieces, Shelly Grunske and Robin Soles; and nephew, Michael Berger.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Aurora Medical Center 2 West, especially Jessie, Morgan, Carly, Brittney, Gwyn, and many others who took fantastic care of Roy.

A funeral service for Roy will be held on Thursday, October 23, at 11:00 am, at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held beginning at 9:00 am and continue until the start of the service. Interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers please consider donation to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Association.

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Obituaries

Gloria Jean Davis

Gloria Jean (Morrison) Davis, 80, Omro, WI, passed away at home, on Au-



gust 23, 2025, holding the hand of her best friend and husband of 44 years.

Gloria, was born in Berlin, WI on November 13, 1944, to Roy and Gladys Mor-

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Rick; and stepson, Ron.

Gloria is survived by her sister, Rhonda (Paul) Nichols; and her brothers, Doug (Diana), Roger (Jean), Kent (Mary), and Brad (Dave).

She graduated from Wautoma High

Dorn officiating. Inurnment will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery #1, Town of Win-

School in 1962. Gloria worked many,

many jobs, sometimes all at once to take

care of her family. Later she returned to

school and got her degree as a Techni-

cian of Chiropractic at Palmer University,

while her husband Ed studied to become

She had two children during her first

Mom married Ed in April of 1981, and

Bryce was born much, much, much later

that year. Also joining them were Ed's chil-

dren, Ronald "Ron" and Yvonne "Vonnie"

(Dave). Spoiler you two, there is no Santa!

"Matt" 1985, Katherine "Katy" (Teddy)

Osborne 1988, Caitlyn "Caty" 1992, Court-

lyn "Charlie" 1995, Jacob "Jake" 2001, Han-

na and Robert "RJ" (Aeries) 2002. Her

Her grandchildren include Matthew

marriage, Robert (Stacy) Wagner in 1966,

and Wende Wagner in 1970.

a chiropractor.

Carla's wishes for her obituary were no fuss, just the facts.

Carla's family would like to give a heartfelt thank you for the compassion and care of the Moments Hospice staff, especially Lexie, Michelle, Jamie, and Ali.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

She is survived by her daughter, Eloise

of Allenton, WI; brother, Ryan (Jamie)

Neabling of Winneconne; niece, Lauren

Neabling of Neenah; aunt, Ruth Schlap-

man of Huntsville: AL and father, Rollie

After graduating from Lourdes Acade-

my in Oshkosh, Robyn attended Palmer

School of Chiropractic and graduated

After cremation, a private celebration

Magna Cum Laude from UWO.

Neabling of Larsen.

Carla J. Linstedt

Carla J. Linstedt, 82, of Oshkosh, died Thursday, October 16, 2025, at her home.



24, 1943, to the late Oscar and Ruth (Zeinert) Linstedt. A visitation for fam-

ily and friends will be on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Living Water Lutheran

Church 1585 S. Oakwood Rd. Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor John

Robyn Lynn Neabling

After many years of pain and suffering, Robyn Lynn Neabling passed away on April 28, 2025. She was born on October 14, 1977, in Oshkosh, WI to Susan and Roland Neabling of Winneconne.

Robyn was preceded in death by her mother Susan just 11 months earlier, also her grandparents Erna and Louis Neabling of rural Oshkosh, and Eleanor and Willam (Bill) Schlapman of Winneconne; and an uncle, William Schlapman Jr. of Huntsville, AL.

Sheryl A. Scott

7/23/1958 – 10/4/2025



Sheryl is survived by her sons, Jim Sawyer and Randy Sawyer; brother, Brian Lyngen; sister, Marylynn (Chris) Stumpf William; 4 grandkids; 3 nieces; and 1 nephew. She is also survived by her stepbrother, Jason;

her stepmother, Jenny; dear friends, Chris-

close friends. tine Monroe and Rose Rivera; and her faithful companion dog, Heidi.

of life was held in her honor by family and

She is preceded by father, Marvin Lyngen Sr.; mother, Charlotte Stumpf; and brother, Marvin Lyngen Jr.

God received another Angel Sheryl Scott. She had the biggest heart. She was kind, caring and generous. She touched many hearts. She was loved by so many and will be truly missed by many.



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Our mom had an amazing sense of humor, ESPECIALLY if the joke was on her! She also rarely sat down.

She enjoyed biking, especially to work which was sometimes 20 miles or more away, gardening, and hauling her children and grandchildren to church camp for more years than we can count.

Mom was an avid skier, water and snow, and could still get out of the water on one ski at 79. We can all still hear her scream as she gets into a lake somewhere.

She loved waterfall hikes, camping on the Wisconsin River, and RVing around the country to visit friends and family.

Gloria was semi famous, locally, as she was once on a cooking show where she made Wisconsin chili with [grabs elbow on live tv] elbow macaroni. Then there's the time she drove off with a gas hose in Omro. Twice. In one week. From the same

gas station.

She loved her birds, especially orioles, and her bird feeders, her family, border collies (Shout out to Gypsy and Rebel!) and green olive pizza from Pizza Ranch. No, more olives than that. Nope, still more. GIVE ME ALL THE GREEN OL-**IVES YOU HAVE!**

She was our mom. She was our Nana. She was so much more to all of us.

A celebration to honor her life will be held at Poplar Creek Barn, 4541 Cty Rd K in Oshkosh on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. with fireworks at 5:30.

Take the slack out. Hit it.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences to muellerfh.net.



Eileen Janice Felix

Eileen Janice (Schultz) Felix, 82 of Stanley, died Sunday, October 12, 2025



at the Wausau Hospital from natural causes. She was born on November 29, 1942 in Manitowoc the daughter of the late Alvin and Myrtle (Perry) Schultz. Eileen grew up in Osh-

kosh, WI. She went on to the Fox Valley Technical School and received a GED and later a degree in Hospitality Management. Eileen married Harland Vogt, SR on August 5, 1960. They later divorced.

Eileen worked in numerous hospitality jobs in various cities. She loved to travel the Western states most of all. Eileen enjoyed genealogy, painting, writing and spending time with her family.

Eileen married Truman Felix on December 3, 2023; He survives.

She was the proud Mother of Suzanne (Roger) Schaetzl, Lynda (Michael Riedi) Vogt, Harland (Charma) Vogt, JR, William Vogt, Daniel Vogt and Naomi (Deb) Soda and her son by another mother: Paul (JoAnn) Soda, 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 6 great-greats, her sisters, Marvel Carpenter, Mary (Ken) Bostwic and Anita Wagner and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Eileen is preceded in death by her parents, her son, David James Vogt, her favorite grandparents, Charles and Naomi Perry, 3 sisters, Suzetta, Terrie and Kathy and her brother, Chris.

Per Eileen's wishes no service will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2026. Inurnment will take place then in the Wolf River Cemetery.



Betty Jeanne Angelo

Betty Jeanne Angelo, age 100, of Os-



hkosh, formerly of Redgranite, died Monday, October 13, 2025, at Bethel Home, Oshkosh.

Inurnment in St. Mark Catholic Cemetery, Redgranite at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Barbola-Hempel Funeral Chapel, Poy Sippi.





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