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Young AirVenture visitors look to the sky on opening day Monday amid steady air traffic.

# AirVenture inspires future generations

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

As a child growing up near Oshkosh, I had the luxury of looking up to the skies in late July to early August and gaze at the planes buzzing over at low altitudes to land at or depart from EAA AirVenture.

This year is my first time attending the weeklong event – finally stepping inside Wittman Regional Airport to see what the festivities are all about. But this year had a new focus: children.

Will Hoss, a 16-year-old from Post 8 in Topeka, Kan., will take his first steps to getting a pilot's license once he returns home. He enjoys the warbird exhibits after taking a keen interest in history.

Paul Mackey and his 10-year-old grandson Michael have been to four AirVentures together now, and Michael will this year take on the homebuilding workshops after participating in three KidVentures.

"I certainly see a future hands-on aviator, like a technician," Mackey said of his grandson. "What I see is a hands-on guy." EAA chief executive Jack Pelton's group

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took an approach to create a highly interactive piece for children to get started in their aviation careers through AeroEducate.

As an add-on KidVenture, which attracts about 25,000 children each year, aviators as young as 5 can begin getting that experience to one day being able to fly large aircraft.

The program provides pathways for children interested in pursuing an aviation career through five career tracks. It also provides ways for parents to encourage and support that interest.

"We're truly excited about the endless possibilities of AeroEducate and its potential impact on tomorrow's youth," said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communications and programming. VOLUME 4, ISSUE 30

# Executive focuses on grassroots

# Winnebago County leader works past some misteps

By Jack Tierney Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel was a recognizable name in the community before getting elected in April.

An eighth-generation Oshkosh resident, he had operated two restaurants and served as a board director and member at multiple nonprofit organizations. He used his platform as an effective organizer to rally support around community efforts,

including donating to a family that was displaced with no possessions after an apartment fire in 2019.

Then the coronavirus hit. Doemel did what was instinctive by using his inventory at ZaRonis to offer meal kits to families in need,



and adapting to 2020 shelter-in-place orders rather than resisting them.

He became politically motivated at that point. He thought county government was not doing its part to help needy families in crisis, holding on to what he cited as a \$30 million reserve while others, like him, sacrificed their life's work to the community.

That was when he decided to make the run for public office. He wanted to prove that government could be effective at resolving needs, and that Winnebago County government could be a recognizable pillar of support in the community among the private and nonprofit sectors.

His platform was about communica-

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## Housing coalition steps up on connecting services

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebagoland Housing Coalition (WHC) provided insights and recommendations for the next 24 months on how to further service the county's homeless population through "continuum mapping."

This process reflects a continuous sequence of interconnected parts that work together to target services in a comprehensive system.

From the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Continuum of Care is "a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency."

The mapping will allow a visual represen-

tation of how people can "flow" through these services to self-sufficiency.

The WHC sits on a potential transformational period to "elevate the care and



support our communities deliver to individuals experiencing homelessness," its 2021-22 annual continuum report reads. In the beginning

of the year, a group of highly engaged and well-connected community leaders discussed homeless programming with a goal of identifying existing services. WHC was not mentioned for 115 of the 120-minute meeting.

"WHC as an organization has ineffec-

tively led the community conversation regarding homeless information and data," the report states.

Coalition officials identified their position to realistically fill major service gaps within the next two years.

According to U.S. Census data, 11 percent of county residents fall below the federal poverty level. Nearly 19,000 live in households that do not have the minimum income the government says is necessary to successfully meet basic needs without the support of anti-poverty programs.

A high area of concern was the failure to meet needs of individuals on the verge of crisis and the lack of services for unaccompanied minors experiencing homelessness. One of the recommendations to better serve unaccompanied minors is for assistance agency Advocap to lead a task force on the issue. Members at the early 2021 meeting cited multiple cases of youth homelessness among the Oshkosh Area School District this past year.

Comparatively, unaccompanied youths in the Fox Cities north of Oshkosh have a Boys & Girls Club youth center program based in Menasha but nothing comparable exists in the southern part of the county.

"A tragedy of a community's failure to serve this highly vulnerable population is the high probability that the minor comes in contact with the criminal justice system rather than the needed supportive care system," the report reads.

The WHC hopes to have this resource

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# U.S. metro area status holds for city

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh will not become a micropolitan statistical area, saving the city from possible cuts to federal allocations.

The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) withheld a proposal that would have reclassified cities with populations between 50,000 and 100,000 residents as micropolitan rather than metropolitan areas.

With more than 100,000 people in the Oshkosh-Neenah area, Oshkosh is currently classified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which was used recently in the determination of funding for the American Rescue Plan Act.

The new plan would have required a metropolitan area to have at least 100,000 people in its core city to count as an MSA, meaning Oshkosh would have needed 100,000 residents to meet MSA eligibility.

City Manager Mark Rohloff, at the time OMB proposed changing MSA eligibility, said he was worried the reclassification would result in cuts to shared revenue from the federal government, and would be something he kept a "very close eye on."

Mayor Lori Palmeri joined several other local officials in a letter urging the administration's OMB to reconsider its proposal, saying the changed eligibility requirements would hurt Oshkosh's ability to attract new businesses.

Oshkosh joined Janesville, Sheboygan and Wausau-Weston as metro areas that could have lost MSA status.

Oshkosh communications coordinator Andy Radig said the city is pleased the MSA designation will remain intact.

"Preserving the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA designation protects Oshkosh's access to essential federal funding for services in the community that goes towards housing, transportation, healt care, infrastructure, and other programs," he said.

Radig added that MSA status also helps a city's business retention and attraction efforts.

Celebration of Life for

OMB indicated the agency is still concerned about the metropolitan status keeping up with population growth, and stated it plans to work with its Standards Review Committee to conduct more research and continue reaching out to affected cities so they can revisit the issue in 2030.

The current policy was set in 1950, when about half of U.S. residents lived in metropolitan areas. Now, 86 percent of residents live in metro areas.

## Sturgeon biologist resigns from DNR

### Oshkosh Herald

The state Department of Natural Resources' sturgeon biologist resigned last week after being fined in Calumet County for obstructing a game warden during an investigation of illegal caviar processing from sturgeon eggs.

Ryan Koenigs, who pleaded guilty to a similar charge last month in Winnebago County, had his DNR privileges revoked for a year in addition to the \$500 fine imev Froehlich. been on ad-**NR** since Febsince 2012.

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# Summer learning program keeps kids climbing

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Kindergarten and first-grade teachers at Washington Elementary School are spending seven weeks of their summer with 38 students in an extended school year called the Summer Climb program.

After noticing a need for improvements in math and literacy scores in third-grade standardized testing, Washington Principal Kristi Levy sought a solution.

"Improving reading and math scores in third grade doesn't happen in third grade; it happens in kindergarten and first grade," Levy said, "so we started talking about what that could look like. To us, it looked like an extended school year."

Students are spending the summer get-



struction, enrichment and intervention in literacy, math and social-emotional skills to help them reach their potential before the start of first and second grade.

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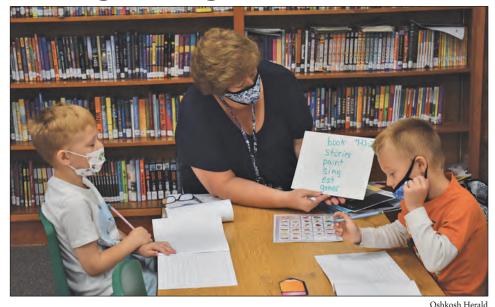
Levy

Kindergarten and first grade are crucial

years for building a foundation for academic success. Early intervention and enrichment in math and literacy change the long-term trajectory of a student's academic life through middle school, high school and beyond.

Students and teachers spend mornings Monday through Thursday fine-tuning math and literacy skills.

About 70 percent of Washington's students are on free and reduced lunches, according to Levy. With this, she also knows



Washington Elementary School teachers are keeping kids active in learning this summer with the Summer Climb program.

the challenges families face in getting their children into a pre-K program.

"Kids were frequently coming into kindergarten not where we would hope to see at a typical beginning of a school year," she said. "It wasn't that kids weren't growing in kindergarten, kids weren't getting enough time in kindergarten to end where we would like to see them getting ready for first grade."

Class sizes during the school year are about 18 at Washington. Even though there are 38 students there, most instruction is happening in groups of five or six.

And though they won't collect data until after the program is complete, teachers had already seen exponential growth in the first four weeks.

Kindergarten teacher Bailey Zeinert-Coe said their social and emotional skills have taken off along with their academic stamina.

"(Students) have taken off this summer because we're finally at a point where they're ready to learn and have been engaged with us long enough to continue learning," she said. "It's been extremely exciting to be part of the program."

Washington partnered with the Oshkosh Area United Way before the program's start. Every student who enrolled this year received a full \$1,950 scholarship.

Levy, who is now principal of Merrill Middle School and will lead the district's new middle school being built, said what's special about the program is having the teachers working with students they already know as people and learners.

"We have great summer school offerings in our district but the challenge of summer school is having a new teacher," she said. "We were able to shift that by keeping our own kindergarten and first-grade teachers.

"They already knew their students but they dug into the data and looked at what each one of the kids needed to pick up to keep growing their skills."

Specific learning disability teacher Julie Miller has also noticed the growth among the Summer Climb students.

"It's fantastic. The kids have grown so much in the time we've had so far," she said. "We knew where they were at the end of kindergarten or first grade so we can just continue from there and move on."

Levy said she has seen students moving up reading levels during the program and tackling harder books and math problems.

"It's really quite emotional (to see their growth). Their in-person learning opportunities were disrupted last year in kindergarten and 4K," she said. "We've seen some tremendous growth in our kindergarteners, especially those who didn't really have a traditional school year under their belt."

She said from the start, the program was intended for every student, not for remedial purposes.

"No matter where students started at the beginning of Summer Climb, they will grow and we will move them forward," Levy said.

Summer Climb student Elizabeth Koppa enjoys being at school to learn more.

"I like learning with my teachers and going up new (reading) levels," she said.

Another student, Jaylen Levy, said he specifically enjoys reading nonfiction and solving math problems.

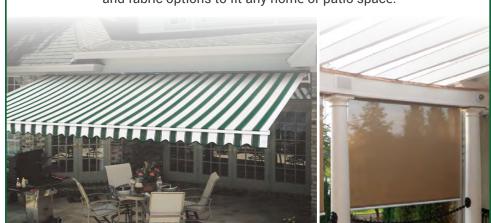
"Math is probably my favorite thing," he said. "I like equations and trying again."



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# Deadly shooting brings life term for Oshkosh man

#### Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man was sentenced to life in prison last week for fatally shooting one man and injuring two others on Minnesota Street last August.

Joshua Aide, 40, was sentenced to a life term for first-degree intentional homicide and an additional 80 years for two counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide.

Court records identified a disagreement about vehicle repairs and relationship issues at the time of the incident.

On Aug. 4, he shot his former girlfriend, Rebecca Borkowski, killed her father, James Gruettner, and shot another man, John Miller, who was at the home to repair the vehicle's radiator.

After he was arrested in Green County,

## State 21 project plans unveiled

The state Department of Transportation's Northeast Region has announced alternatives for improvements to State 21 in Winnebago County from south of the bridge in Omro to just west of the North Washburn Street roundabout in Oshkosh.

After reviewing public comments and completing a final evaluation, the DOT decided on intersection improvements to State 21 at County FF (single-lane roundabout), Sand Pit Road (single-lane roundabout), Oakwood Road (slotted left-turn lanes) and Westhaven Drive (slotted left-turn lanes).

Other improvements will include concrete pavement repairs, asphalt pavement overlay of existing concrete pavement along 21 and new pavement markings.

Design is underway with final plans expected in May 2025. Construction is scheduled for 2027 with possibility of 2026 if funding becomes available.

The project design website can be found at wisconsindot.gov.



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He was found guilty of all counts in early May and sentenced to life without parole and 40 years, each consecutively, for the two attempted homicides.

Several people spoke before the sentencing was read, including Borkowski's mother and James' wife, Julie Gruettner.

"I am asking you to sentence him for the rest of his life without parole," she said. "I don't get parole with my husband. They don't get parole with their father. He doesn't get to go to heaven and come back down in five or 10 years, so I don't feel he gets the right to get out at all."

Aide gave a short statement but did not

apologize.

"On the night of Oct. 4, 2020, I did not travel to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with the intentions to harm anyone, your honor," he said.

Judge Scott Woldt denounced Aide for his actions during sentencing, saying he was convinced that if Aide got out that he would seek retribution, and that his military service does little to counter the gravity of the offense.

Aide and Borkowski reportedly dated about five years before breaking up in March. In the days before the shooting, the two exchanged messages in which she declined his requests to get back together, the complaint states.



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## JULY 28, 2021 Herd shares in Milwaukee's championship effort

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

The NBA world champion Milwaukee Bucks have a direct connection to Oshkosh through its G League team based at Menominee Nation Arena.

For Dave Dean, the Herd and Bucks general manager of basketball operations, it's the continuity between the two teams that allowed the entire basketball operation to become champions.

"One thing that we've done in Milwaukee is that we want Oshkosh to be an extension of Milwaukee," Dean said. "That starts at the top. To have buy-in from the very top to give us all the resources to have success in Oshkosh in exactly the same

## Algoma summer roadwork scheduled closed for a period of time to spray and al-

low for dry time."

material availability.

Some roads throughout the Town of Algoma will undergo maintenance the next few weeks to patch and seal cracks.

"In most cases, the work will not limit or impede access to homes and businesses," the town's release reads. "When roads are scheduled to be sealed, those roads will be



way we do in Milwaukee – it's special."

He described the connection between Milwaukee and Oshkosh as a developmental opportunity for rising Bucks talent.



option to give players substantial minutes in a high-intensity game environment in Oshkosh is key to player development. He noted that the Bucks have been one of the most

dominate teams in the NBA the past three seasons, making ingame minutes in Milwaukee hard to come

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by for rookies and other young players.

"To be a world champion is special," Dean said, "and the G League plays a big role in that."

Brandon Jennings, selected 10th overall by the Bucks in 2009, coined the Bucks' battle cry before ending his career with the Bucks and Herd in 2018.

He responded "Bucks in 6" in a 2013 interview after his team fell behind 2-0 to the Miami Heat in the first round of the playoffs when asked how he thought the rest of the series would go.

The phrase lingered among fans in subsequent playoff seasons and became especially popular in this playoff run after being down 2-0 against both the Brooklyn Nets and Phoenix Suns, who had adopted their own chant of "Suns in 4" after sweeping the Denver Nuggets in their semifinals.

The Herd ended the 2019-20 season with the top G League record of 33-10,

## Responsible alcohol serving class offered

The Cheers Responsible Beverage Server Course is a free class offered by Breakwater and the Oshkosh Police Department, available to anyone who sells or serves alcohol such as bartenders, clerks and event volunteers.

The class from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 24 will explain the rules, regulations and expecta-

one of only two teams to win 30 or more games and clinching its first playoff berth before the pandemic shut down the league's season.

The Herd also had the G League's MVP in Frank Mason III along with G League first-team members Jaylen Adams and Mason. First-year coach Chase Buford, now in Australia with the Sydney Kings, secured a Coach of the Month award.

The Herd has already announced six guaranteed home dates for the 2021-22 regular season. They are so far slated to play at the arena on Friday, Nov. 19; Monday, Dec. 27; Wednesday, Jan. 19; Saturday, Jan. 29; Friday March 4; and Friday, March 25.

"We are already counting down the days to our fourth season in Oshkosh and can't wait to celebrate again with our amazing fans in person at Menominee Nation Arena," said Herd president Steve Brandes.

tions of alcohol sales and service, including how to avoid serving those under age 21 and overserving others. The class will be held at 112 Otter Ave. in Public Meet-

ing Room 120. Class dates will be added as they are scheduled. Call 920-232-3000 or email info@ breakwaterwi.org for more information.

## Wheelchair wash, inspection set Aug. 7

A free wheelchair wash and inspection will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7 at J&R Auto Service, 629 N. Main St. Appointments are encouraged.

The event, which will include food and music, is sponsored by the Winnebago

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# Police department gets accreditation review

The Oshkosh Police Department is getting a re-accreditation assessment Monday through Wednesday by a team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Room SB1 of the Oshkosh Police Department.

Oshkosh is the only municipal law enforcement agency in the state currently accredited by CALEA, which requires agencies to comply with standards in areas such as policy and procedure, administration, operations and support services.

The on-site assessment will re-examine

compliance to 459 standards of law enforcement to follow up its initial accreditation in 1994. Employees and the public can also offer comments by calling the assessment team between 1 and 3 p.m. Tuesday at 920-252-0210. Comments are limited to 10 minutes and must be about the Police Department's ability to comply with the standards.

The standards are available for viewing by contacting Professional Standards Lt. Matthew Harris at 920-236-5758 or mharris@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Written comments can be sent to CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320 Gainesville, VA 20155 or emailed to calea@calea.org.



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## History recognized

The Oshkosh Landmarks Commission presented a plaque June 28 to Jeffrey Behnke, owner of a house at 1321 Porter Ave. that was built in 1856 and moved to its present location in the 1950s to make way for U.S. 41 and State 21 highway construction. Behnke did extensive research on the history of the early Greek Revival home, finding that Albert Norton was a prominent attorney in Oshkosh who lived at the home early in its history. It was part of an early development in the Town of Algoma's west side, where some of those early homes remain.

# Cable show to spotlight nonprofits and volunteers

John Nieman, who previously produced and hosted the award-winning "Helping Hands" television series for 17 seasons, and Father Carr's Place 2B is gearing up for a community engagement initiative in partnership with the Oshkosh Herald.

The Place 2B, a new local cable access television show produced by Oshkosh Media and anchored by John Nieman, executive director of Father Carr's, will premiere in August to spotlight the work of nonprofit organizations and volunteers in the community.

"Oshkosh is an incredible community and there are countless individuals and organizations working together to support one another and those in need," Nieman said. "This new endeavor will allow us to bring attention to the critical work going on and to raise awareness of the needs and opportunities that exist right in our own community.

"At Father Carr's we know that only by working together can we truly support those in need and we are excited to join together to spotlight the good work and missions of our fellow nonprofits and dear volunteers."

The Place 2B will air on Oshkosh Media – Life TV, available on Spectrum Channel 2 in the city, or streaming live on OshkoshMedia.org and on the free Oshkosh Media channels on Roku, Amazon

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Each episode will be led by Nieman, with set design provided compliments of U Bloom, a new floral shop on Witzel Avenue.

"The Oshkosh Herald appreciates the partnership with John Nieman in providing information on events and resources in the Oshkosh community," Herald Publisher Karen Schneider said. "Our goal is to provide relevant, local news and this collaboration adds to that."

Nonprofit organizations or volunteers can be suggested for spotlights by emailing johnnieman@fathercarrs.org.



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Oshkosh's unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent in June, up from 3.7 percent the previous month, according to a Department of Workforce Development report last week.

The jobless rate compares with 8.1 percent the previous June, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates of unemployment and employment statistics.

Unemployment rates declined in all of Wisconsin's 34 largest cities over the year and increased in all of them over the month.

Unemployment in the Oshkosh-Neenah metro area rose from 3.4 percent to 3.9 percent from May to June. Jobless rates in all metro areas rose during that period. Last June's jobless rate for Oshkosh-Neenah was 7.6 percent. OUTBOARD MOTORS 2.5 HP to 25 HP Call for inventory & pricing

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## Downtown plaza concept endorsed

#### Oshkosh Herald

The city's Business Improvement District (BID) Board endorsed a new plaza for the downtown area after a presentation from a tourism assessor.

City staff submitted an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund recommendation to the city manager's office for review at the end of this month, for a total of \$5 million. The recommendation will create a new communal space aside from the Opera House Square downtown.

Locations are under consideration in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of North Main Street. With this, a special committee will be created for smooth development.

Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau executive director Amy Albright also brought forth several ideas from a presentation by tourism expert Roger Brooks, who surveyed the city in late May.



Photo from BIL Blade signs similar to this one on Main Street would be added to some Waugoo Avenue shops under a BID pilot program.

Two pilot programs will also be coming in the next year, including arranging flower pots along Main Street sidewalks and adding blade signs along Waugoo Avenue to make downtown more inviting to visitors and residents.



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# Miles Kimball housing project plan updated

#### By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval of a specific implementation plan (SIP) amendment at its July 20 meeting that will enable developers to convert the vacant former Miles Kimball building into multifamily residential housing with 28 units and a total of 44 bedrooms.

Planning staff had noted the vacant parcel is situated within the South Shore East redevelopment Area where multifamily residential developments are encouraged.

The proposal is consistent with the Sawdust District's goal of rehabilitating historic buildings and providing residential opportunities.

Redevelopment of the vacant building dates to 2008 when the Common Council approved a planned development featuring restaurant space on the ground floor with

## Back in the Day



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<u>July 29, 1926</u>

Rodents Wreak Havoc at Riverside – Patriotic Squirrels and Gophers the Culprits: A few days ago, it was discovered that squirrels were responsible for the mysterious disappearance of the retail space on the second and fourth floors. Those plans never materialized.

"We've come a long way since this project first came before us," commission chair John Hinz said.

The property is now owned by Miles Kimball LLC. Mach-4 Engineering and Surveying submitted the SIP amendment request with only minor revisions to the site design plans

In other action, the commission recommended approval of a rezoning request for Peace Lutheran Church at 240 W. 9th Ave. to allow for creation of a separate lot containing the former parsonage that Clarity Care intends to purchase for an assisted living facility. A planned development overlay to the Institutional District zoning at the overall 1.85-acre location will allow Peace Lutheran to better accommodate the land division.

American flags from the graves of the soldiers in Riverside Cemetery. Today, incriminating evidence was found involving inhabitants of the city burial ground. A number of gophers were caught red-handed, chewing off geranium plants in the cemetery flower beds. After breaking plants off near the root, the gophers abandoned the leaves and stems in the road. The discovery may account for the recent damage done to flower beds at the cemetery, it is believed.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, July 29, 1926





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# Calendar of events

#### Ongoing

Walk this Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection, Paine Art Center, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

"Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection," Oshkosh Public Museum

#### Wednesday, July 28

AirVenture 2021, Wittman Regional Airport

NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

#### Thursday, July 29

AirVenture 2021, Wittman Regional Airport

Verona Grove, 7 p.m., Barley & Hops

#### Friday, July 30

AirVenture 2021, Wittman Regional Airport

Main Street Music Festival, Barley & Hops and Fletch's Local Tap House

Free Family Movie Night, "A Dog's Journey," 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

"The Unseen Invasion," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Paul Flipowitz, 8 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Revs Summer Outdoor Music with Logan Kinsella, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

#### Saturday, July 31

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Main Street Music Festival, Barley & Hops and Fletch's Local Tap House "The Lego Batman Movie," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, Aug. 1

AirVenture 2021, Wittman Regional Airport

Drag Bunch, 10 a.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 3

Live at the Leach, Ask Your Mother, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

#### Wednesday, Aug. 4

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

## Thursday, Aug. 5

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Waterfest with America, David Paul Martin, Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

#### Friday, Aug. 6

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

#### Saturday, Aug. 7

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main

#### Sunday, Aug. 8

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Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Fairgrounds



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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Downtown for a decade

The Oshkosh Farmers Market is marking 10 years in the downtown district offering vendors and market-goers a place to do business and enjoy other outdoor activities. Market organizers are offering giveaways and promotions this Saturday at the Market Tent. The summer market runs Saturday mornings from June through October while the winter market operates on 18 selected Saturdays from November to April.



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## Winnebago County Fair welcomes community back

#### Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Fair's midway lights will be beaming again Aug. 4-8 at the county fairgrounds off County Y after a summer off, along with a full lineup of grandstand shows and exhibition activities at Sunnyview Expo Center.

The county fair tradition promotes local youth and their projects, along with plenty of Wisconsin-based entertainment, through support from county officials and community sponsors that helps keep prices reduced for attendees. Daily tickets are \$10 in advance by Aug. 3, \$15 at the gate and \$30 in advance (\$35 at gate). The daily passes cover carnival rides and all entertainment.

The grandstand features entertainment that starts with a rodeo on opening day,

followed by tractor pulls, a demolition derby and motocross races. The Music Village hosts regional band headliners that include Fire on High, Separate Ways, Tuba Dan Band, Bobby Evans & the Alimony Band, Bad Habitz, Eminence and Model Citizens.

Daily family entertainment ranges from magic shows to youth exhibits. The 4-H, FFA and Scout organizations organize youth exhibits related to traditional agriculture and livestock projects but also encompassing science, business and technology. Exhibits are presented by both young people and adults.

Go to winnebagocountyfaironline.com for schedules and other details. Camping options are available adjacent to the fairgrounds.

## Oshkosh B'gosh, celebrities promote schools' return

Oshkosh Herald

Once-local clothing maker Oshkosh B'gosh is celebrating the accomplishments of recent trailblazers in pop culture by having young people dress up as different times in the stars' careers, including Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon's daughter.

In this back-to-school campaign, "Today is Someday," stars like Carey, hip-hop duo Outkast and boxing legend Muhammad Ali are outlined. The purpose of the initiative is to "encourage children to dream big for the future, just as the icons represented in the campaign once did."

Carey's daughter, Monroe Cannon, was tasked with representing her mother in her first-ever brand campaign.

"As a little girl, I was determined to realize my dreams," Carey said of the campaign. "As a mother, it brings me so much joy to see my children visualize and develop the dreams they hold in their own hearts.

"We (Carey and Cannon) did the campaign because we love the message of empowering kids to dream boldly and blaze their own path."

"Today is Someday" debuted Friday on media platforms all over the internet and

## 4-H Spotlight Stage at Winnebago fair

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Submitted photo Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon's daughter Monroe models for the "Today is Someday" school campaign in Oshkosh B'Gosh.

TV, and the outlet Essence notes a "new, modern and timely direction" for B'gosh.

"While some of the pieces showcased in the ad are embracing some of the current trends for kids, as usual, Oshkosh B'gosh is still setting them with their timeless denim pieces," the outlet's article reads.

#### and comedy acts are some of the suggested 10-minute presentations that will take place on the outdoor stage in the Family Tent.

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## **County executive**

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tions, change and growth. He wore his status on his sleeve as someone without an advanced degree but who had dedicated his life to being financially independent. He cared deeply about the community and seeing it flourish.

"It's always been my drive to help other people," he said, "putting other people first.

"Sometimes, my family does not like it. My bookkeeper definitely does not like it. But it is what makes me feel good. It is what helps me sleep at night."

With his partnerships in the community, at local businesses and nonprofits, Doemel secured more than 13,000 votes to win the county executive post while remaining active in the community, helping donate through nonprofits thousands of pounds of food, toiletries and necessities to families in need from the economic hardship suffered during the pandemic.

## St. Francis Clinic coordinator named at Father Carr's

Father Carr's Place 2B has named Lindsey Vela as new coordinator of the St. Francis Community Free Walk-in Clinic on the Father Carr's campus.

Vela will oversee the organization's clinic, as well as community outreach and clinic promotion. She recently graduated from Marian University with a degree in social work and criminal science and is continuing her education at UW Oshkosh in the Healthcare Master Social Work program.

"Father Carr's is very excited to have Lindsey join our team," stated John Nieman, executive director. "In this role Lindsey will elevate our efforts to better serve the health care needs of our most vulnerable community members."

The St. Francis Free Clinic offers general medical care and some specialized medicine for the uninsured and underinsured. Led by volunteers, medical staff includes medical doctors, psychiatrists, nurses, nurse practitioners and other specialists. The clinic operates entirely by private donations and individuals giving of their time.

The clinic is available on a walk-in basis at 1000 N. Koeller St. For details go to fathercarrs.org/free-clinic or call 920-230-2273.



He believes it cemented his image in the community and the entrepreneurship he said he would bring to government.

It hasn't been perfect. When he made a hasty decision on the campaign trail by calling out his predecessor and other county individuals, sometimes attacking character over policy and making inaccurate statements, board supervisors were unhappy. They saw it as an attack on the work they had done for residents.

When he decided early after election to hire a chief of staff, it added to their dissatisfaction.

"He has not gone through the proper channels of checks on power and has yet to build relationships with his department heads," Personnel and Finance Committee chairman Joel Rasmussen recently told the Oshkosh Herald after declining to discuss a request by Doemel to make his chief of staff selection a full-time position.

Doemel's predecessor, Mark Harris, served the county for 16 years, notably promoting the building of the 168-bed Park View Nursing Home, saying it allowed "our seniors to live with dignity while many counties were closing their



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Harris was also credited for eliminating waiting lists for services to the frail, elderly and developmentally disabled with a family care district in neighboring counties; and supporting veterans by funding the second largest Veterans Service Office in the state.

"I congratulate Jon and wish him the best," Harris said after the election.

Now in office, Doemel wants to develop a strategic plan, something the county does not have. He said it will allow all departments to work toward the same goals, connecting with community partners and making Winnebago County united in its values.

His mission is to make enough of a statement in his first term so that people can say decisively what the county executive has done for them. He wants to do that by having a strong community presence, showing up publicly to advocate for partnerships with nonprofits through projects such as expanding the city's Day By Day Warming Shelter.

While it's early, he wants people to at least give him a chance.

"We have given decades and decades and decades of people a chance to see what they can do," Doemel said. "Currently, I do not feel like I have been given a chance. I feel like I have been underestimated from the get-go. I have been a fighter against people's opinions of me forever. But at least give me a chance. See what I can do within a year. If it makes sense, people might be surprised what comes out of it."



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## Housing report

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implemented by November 2022.

Another high-priority goal is to have the Oshkosh Kids Foundation build a transitional housing village for families with children. The 20- to 30-unit development would have room for a recreation area and a community center to provide services such as tenant training.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services and Father Carr's Place 2B are limited to their capacity, staffing and setup. At Father Carr's, for example, families with two parents can't be together as fathers cannot shelter with their children.

Along with the housing village, the WHC reported hopes to see the shelter create a

year-round facility by September 2022. With help from members and supporters, the WHC also plans to create a homeless continuum "decision tree" by April to provide "if-then" statements to help services point those in need in the right direc-

tion.

"Many agencies are left guessing, potentially pointing people in the wrong direction due to a lack of guidance," the report states.

The organization said it is "keenly aware" of gaps in the county's homeless programming, along with COVID-19 challenges such as material inflation and the absence of in-person contact.

"Winnebago County would benefit greatly from developing housing options that serve families and individuals yearround," the report concluded.

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# Sturgeon licenses for Upriver Lakes available

The deadline for sturgeon spearers to apply for an Upriver Lakes spearing tag is Monday.

The state Department of Natural Resources said only 500 license holders will be selected to spear a sturgeon from lakes Poygan, Winneconne or Butte des Morts due to a higher success rate on those lakes.

There is a 62 percent average success rate on Upriver Lakes compared with a 9 percent average on Lake Winnebago.

## Toro cites Kitz & Pfeil

Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware stores have earned the Summit Club Award for 2020 from Toro Co., presented to Toro dealers in recognition of outstanding sales of residential lawn equipment.

"Their sales performance is a reflection of their overall commitment to delivering the best possible customer experience," stated Scott Wozniak, director of dealer sales for Toro's residential and landscape contractor businesses. License holders must apply for a license or purchase a preference point for the Upriver Lakes spear fishery. Spearing licenses are then issued through a drawing where priority is granted to applicants with the most preference points.

Those not selected earn a preference point toward future drawings.

Sturgeon spearing on Lake Winnebago, Lake Poygan, Lake Winneconne and Lake Butte des Morts will begin Feb. 12 and run for 16 days or until any of the predetermined harvest caps are reached.

The public can purchase licenses online using the DNR's Go Wild license portal or at any license sales location.

An unlimited number of licenses are available for the Lake Winnebago spear fishery and can be purchased until Oct. 31. Applicants authorized for an Upriver Lakes license cannot purchase one for Winnebago. The 2021 sturgeon spearing season ended with a total of 1,831 fish harvested.



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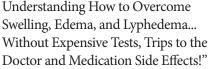
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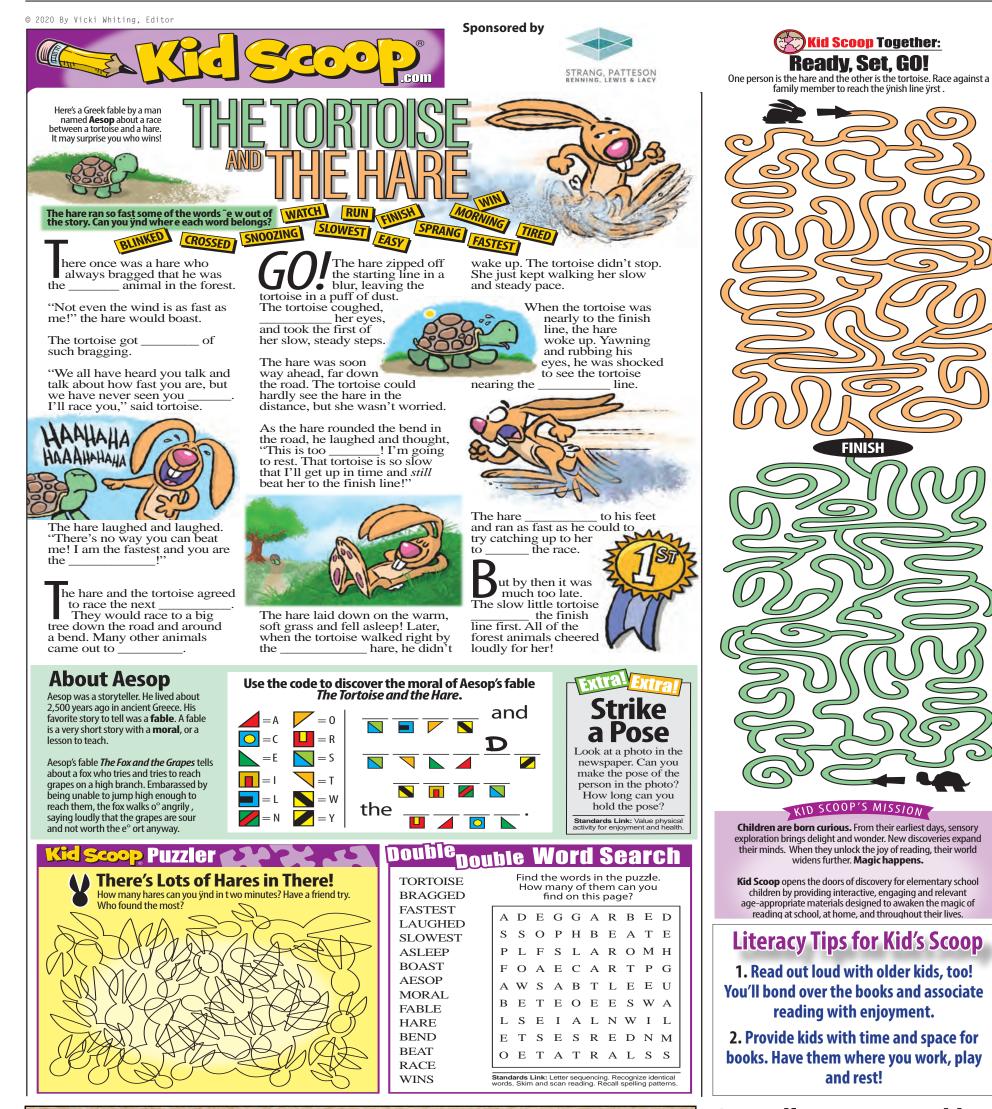
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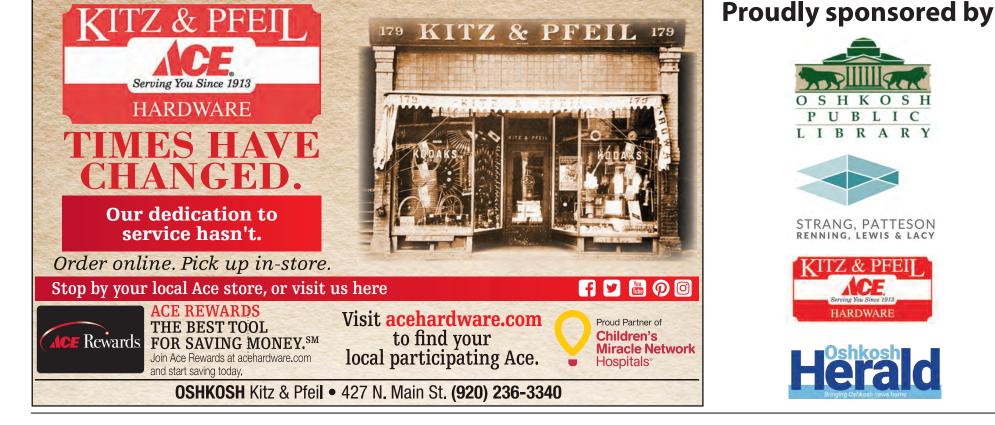
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# Berndt sends Legion to state in grand fashion

## Catcher delivers walk-off slam against Bay Port

#### By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It isn't easy winning a state title and becomes that much harder to stay on top once you achieve it. That is what the Oshkosh Legion team is finding out this season as the 2019 state champions ran into a buzzsaw in Bay Port during the regional tournament at Appleton.

After winning their first 17 games of the season, Bay Port handed Oshkosh its first loss Thursday, 10-3. That forced Oshkosh to win later in the day against Appleton and come right back around to beat Bay Port twice Friday, including a come-from-behind victory sealed with a walk-off grand slam.

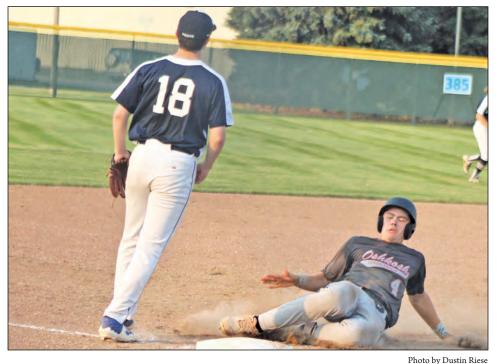
"This was just an incredible game to end an incredible week," head coach Brian Burgert said. "I am just so happy for all of these kids. Not only did they show great poise all weekend, but they showed toughness and battled through adversity. This was just an all-out team effort and for us to get back to state to defend our state title is awesome."

Oshkosh 10 - Kimberly 0: Oshkosh opened up regional weekend with a dominating 10-0 showing against Kimberly, its fourth win of the season against the Cougars. Max Bittner delivered perhaps what was his best outing of the season, going the distance on the mound allowing just three hits to go with seven strikeouts.

Oshkosh needed just two innings of offense with three of their runs coming in the first. With the bases loaded and one out, Ben Buehring ripped a line drive to right field and cleared the bases with a triple.

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Ben Buehring legs out a triple to set Oshkosh up with a key run against Bay Port.

That score would hold up until the sixth when Oshkosh erupted for seven more runs. Singles by Collin Ryan and Dominic Kane pushed the lead to 6-0 before an error made it 7-0. Carson Krumrei and Noah Berndt added singles to cap off a 10-0 win.

Bay Port 10 - Oshkosh 3: It took 18 games, but Oshkosh was finally defeated as Charlie Stenson surrendered nine runs with eight of them earned in two innings. It was his first loss as a starter in three years.

Trailing by nine in the second, the Oshkosh offense started to get to Bay Port starter Gavin Rusch to pull a bit closer. Oshkosh had the bases loaded and a fielder's choice put them on the board. Dane Kutnink then picked up an RBI single before another fielder's choice made things 9-3. That would be as close as Oshkosh would get and they were forced to take on Appleton Post 38 in an elimination game.

Oshkosh 3 - Appleton 1: With their backs against the wall, Oshkosh's Owen Weber got the start against Payton Wright and for the most part matched him pitch for pitch. Much like the last time Weber faced Oshkosh, hits were hard to come by as both teams were held scoreless through three innings.

A Kutnink single in the fourth put Oshkosh on the board before coming home later in the inning to extend the lead to 2-0. One inning later saw Jack McKellips come through with an RBI as Oshkosh built a 3-0 lead.



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Blake Roach made his first appearance of the season after recovering from Tommy John surgery. He provided Oshkosh with three innings of relief, only allowing a Nick Lavigne sixth-inning double. The Oshkosh defense was able to strand 14 Appleton runners to advance to the championship game.

Oshkosh 7 - Bay Port 3: Oshkosh turned to Kayden Wright, making his first start in two years, who tossed 5 and twothirds scoreless innings with an impressive fastball and nine strikeouts.

Early on, offense was hard to come by. Coby Gibson put an end to that with an RBI single in the third to put Oshkosh on top. A Berndt double in the fourth extended the lead to 2-0 before a Kane double and an error had Oshkosh in front 4-0 after five.

A Payton Wright single, Buehring triple and Berndt single extended the lead to 7-0. Bay Port made things interesting by pushing across three runs off Stenson in the seventh but Oshkosh held on for the win.

Oshkosh 14 - Bay Port 10: Already with two hard-fought games against each other, Oshkosh and Bay Port turned right back around for the regional title and a trip to state. Oshkosh relied on Stenson to start and across his four innings allowed only two runs.

A Payton Wright triple tied the game 1-1 in the first before singles by Ryan and Mc-Kellips had Oshkosh in front 3-1 after two. Up 3-2 in the fourth, Ryan came through with an RBI double that had Oshkosh leading 5-2.

In the top of the fifth Colton Tirpe was tagged with the task of keeping Bay Port in check. He had a rough go of things before yielding to Andrew McCoy. Just like Tirpe, McCoy had trouble getting through the fifth inning as Bay Port pushed across seven runs to take a 9-5 lead.

Charlie Zimmer entered the game as the new Bay Port pitcher. He had to deal with his own command issues, not only loading the bases in the fifth but hitting McKellips to bring home a run. A Kane single a few pitches later had Oshkosh in business as they now trailed 9-8.

Zimmer was able to settle in to keep Oshkosh off the board in the sixth.

Jeremiah Hausworth started to find his rhythm on the mound and held Bay Port to one run the final two innings to give his team a chance. That included working out a jam in the top of the seventh to keep things 10-8.

With one down in the seventh, Oshkosh began to rally as a Kane single gave them a base runner before a pair of walks to Payton Wright and Gibson had the bases loaded.

A Buehring single to right brought home Kane to make things 10-9 before a Carson Krumrei sacrifice fly tied things at 10. Kutnink kept the line moving with a walk to load the bases for Berndt. After Berndt let the first pitch go for a ball, Bay Port was gifted with a borderline call as the count went to 1-1. Berndt then got a pitch to his liking and punished it over the left center field fence for a grand fashion victory, sending Oshkosh back to state.

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Burgert described the fight his team showed in that second game.

"The kids on this team are simply winners," he said. "We have several players on this team that went to Nationals two years ago and they are eager to get back again this season. The way they fought not only today, but all season is imperative to the kind of men these boys are. They are winners on the field, and they will be successful in life after baseball is over. I am so proud to have witnessed what we accomplished today against an amazing Bay Port squad."

July 2021

## FVTC choses its new board lineup

Fox Valley Technical College's District Board Appointment Committee selected three new board of trustee members and reappointed a current member from a field of five applicants to fill openings.

Erik Lampe, vice president of strategy and integration at Oshkosh Corp., was appointed to fill the Employer category.

## **Obituaries**

#### Jane B. Krause

Jane B. Krause, age 104, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Evergreen Manor



in Oshkosh. Jane was born on October 29, 1916, the daughter of Arthur P. and Elsie A. (Donner) Krause. In 1938, she married Herbert R. Krause in Oshkosh. They were married for 66 years until his death in 2004.

She attended Washington School and graduated from Oshkosh High School in January of 1935. She attended Oshkosh Business College and

graduated as a secretary.

She worked in Madison for the DMV and also the Social Security Department as a secretary. She also worked part-time at Miles Kimball Company.

Herb and Jane built their first home in 1950. When they went to the City Hall for permits for water amongst other things, they were told, "No one is ever going to build out there." It took 7 months to get the permits. Jane always said, "If I knew about the lake flies, we would have never built here." She loved flower gardening, feeding the birds, and was an avid animal lover.

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School District administrator, was reap-

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Javad Ahmad, president of Smart IS In-

ternational; and Margaret Kastner with

Community Care were appointed in the

Employee category.

School District Administrator category.

Jane is survived by her sons: Dennis [Carol] Krause and Terry [Cindy] Krause, grandchildren: Scott [Ida] Krause, Melissa [Ken] Hawley, Neo [Elissa] Skywalker, Dan Briggs, Jennifer [Eric] Winchell, and Angela Fisher, and great-grandchildren: Cory [fiancé Kaitlyn Maratik] Hawley, Adam [Annie] Hawley, Luna Skywalker, Taylor Krause, Ashley Krause, Grace, and Nick Bentley. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many good friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Arthur and Elsie Laabs, her husband: Herbert Krause, her sister: Virginia Harig, her brother: Roger A. Laabs, her brother-in-law: George Harig Sr., and her sister-in-law: Pauline Laabs.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Lake View Memorial Park -Chapel. Visitation will take place starting at 12:30 PM until the time of service at 2 PM.

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# Learn to Fly program takes off with training fun

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

After a year off AirVenture, the Experimental Aircraft Association is back with more ways to encourage aviators young and old to pursue a career in the field.

The Learn to Fly Center, a tent situated at the Four Corners, is a first-year rendition of networking to new aviation enthusiasts to provide realistic ways to get involved.

EAA membership development manager and lifelong member David Leiting Jr. outlined the Learn to Fly Center's goals with AirVenture's youth-centric approach to inspiring others.

"The goal of the facility is to create a place for people to come get their questions answered, learn more and be a place to get started," Leiting said. "When they leave Oshkosh and they head home, they have information and motivation."

He said they'll have volunteers ranging from flight instructors with decades of experience all the way to those just going through the flight training process right now who can share what to expect when someone goes to the airport for their first lesson or how to find a flight school in their area.

And though youth aged 18 and under have free admission, Leiting said anyone of



Photo from EAA David Leiting Jr. is EAA's membership development manager.

all ages with any inkling to learn to fly can get started down a path they desire.

"We're open to anyone that has an interest in learning to fly but we anticipate it will probably be a significant number of younger individuals, potentially those just graduating high school and getting into college that might want to pursue an aviation career," he said.

"We'll probably see a lot of families and kids coming out. And if they're too young to start flight training, we can highlight some of the other ways they can get engaged in aviation."

Though Leiting understands that not everyone can drop everything and start learning to fly, he still hopes to bring awareness to these other ways folks can get involved in the aviation community, such as signing up for their local EAA chapter.

The Learn to Fly Center will also be equipped with four flight simulators for attendees to learn basic takeoff, landing and air traffic procedures. Leiting said families and friends will oftentimes compete at them for high scores.

"Although it's not a perfect substitute for actually (flying), studies have shown that just getting behind a simulator and what to expect in the airplane can help drastically reduce the time you actually spend in a real one," he said.

In addition to the four simulators, the center will also have an FAA-approved flight training device sophisticated enough for legal training. Leiting said attendees who are performing well on the regular simulators can walk away with their first logbook entry.

"They can walk away feeling as though they've already accomplished the first step in learning to fly."

And with this, Leiting said he and the rest

of EAA hope to shed light on the opportunities that lie within the organization, such as \$1.5 million in scholarships each year.

"I think getting some of these younger adults to hear these stories is going to be beneficial for pushing them forward," Leiting said. "We want our families and kids that come into this facility to understand the magnitude of opportunities that exist and get them involved.

"As much as it's about getting people into an airplane and learning to fly, getting them involved in EAA at the local level is just as successful in our minds."

Leiting hopes to get folks walking out of the Learn to Fly Center with student pilot certificates – just another step in the direction of acquiring one's pilot's license.

"You're giving someone a tangible piece of progress and clearing another hurdle along the way," he said.

And though the Learn to Fly Center is just one aspect of AirVenture, Leiting said he's excited to be back out and engaging with like-minded individuals all week.

"The feeling of excitement and camaraderie in the air that's felt around the grounds makes me excited to have it back in Oshkosh. The sounds and smells of airplanes again is something that's always special."

# U.S. aviation's private sector sees growing demand

# Commercial crowds, remote working cited

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

After most flights ceased to take off in 2020, an aviation expert has high hopes for the future of general aviation, but more importantly, the private sector.

National Air Transportation Association (NATA) senior vice president Ryan Waguespack has been in the general aviation industry for 20 years and has been in his current position since 2018. He keeps a close eye on emerging trends to help advocate for aviators across the country.

In May, June and July last year, the private aviation sector saw major growth. For safety's sake during COVID, some were resorting to this to avoid overcrowded commercial airlines.

Waguespack said private aviation is no longer a luxury but an essential method of travel.

"There's been a flat growth for the past number of years and now we're seeing a tremendous uptick in piston-driven aircraft; there's a resurgence and desire to buy those planes and get trained to fly," he said. "People still want to go out but in a more controlled manner.

"It's been fantastic because that is also filling the backlog for those that are going to see the positive effects of the private aviation scene and, of course, future growth into larger aircraft."



Waguespack attributes the influence of remote working to the increase in interest for private piloting – some families may want to move out of large cities and metro areas because of this newfound freedom and start fresh in a rural spot.

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"We're still pulling in companies – moving people, creating jobs and opportunities for these regions," he continued, "but you're in control. You're not going through a terminal with thousands of people and flying with hundreds. Why not spend that 50 grand and move your family around?"

With the surge in interest from private aviators comes supply, pilot and technician shortages.

"Today, we are still at record-breaking charter numbers, record-breaking flight activity and historical lows of inventory. There's no aircraft even if you wanted to buy aircraft," Waguespack said.

With high sales and low inventory, he sees a struggle with demand on the manufacturing side of aviation as well.

"That's definitely going to be a continued issue. A lot of the fractional (shared) ownership models have stopped selling because they've run out of aircraft," he said. "Prior to 2020, there were plenty of quality aircraft and not the number of buyers that were needed."

Before COVID, the aviation industry was already experiencing a pilot shortage.

"When it hit, the activity stopped and airlines retired thousands of seasoned pilots for large aircraft," Waguespack said. "Then activity came back quicker than they anticipated. The only saving grace we have right now is that international (flight) is yet to return."

General aviation has historically been a stepping stone but it takes time for those pilots to get trained and get them the flight time required to operate for the on-demand business aviation world, he added.

With automated aviation on the horizon too – including the reduction from two pilots to one – is the much more necessary side of maintenance. Fewer pilots doesn't mean fewer mechanics.

"You may not need a pilot to fly it but no matter what, you're going to need someone to fix them," Waguespack said. "That's an area that a lot of groups have been working on, trying to figure out what the best methods are for getting the next generation interested in becoming a technician."

But he also thinks, regardless of these shortages, the aviation industry has already recovered from the pandemic and is moving forward.

"It's surging, from general aviation to buying and training. I think what's yet to fall out is the economic data and how to grow companies in areas that may not have had or seen the opportunities before. Our main goal is to highlight what our industry is capable of doing."

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# Air permit engagement webinar offered by DNR, EPA

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is holding a public engagement webinar Sept. 14 and 15 on how to participate in the air permit approval process.

Zoom webinar participants will learn about opportunities to engage in environmental issues in their neighborhood, permit applications and renewals, stages of rule development and how to play a role in air permits issued.

The information provided will assist residents in making effective comments at future public input stages and highlight opportunities for input for DNR rules and permits.

"Air pollution regulations can seem intimidating," said Kristin Hart, DNR air permitting section chief. "The drafters of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments

viewed public participation as a central part of the permitting process. The goal of this webinar is to demystify the permitting process and help citizens and neighborhood groups understand their role in it."

Instructors and speakers will lead participants through the process of finding, reviewing and responding to real permit documents. Some topics will provide opportunities for small group discussions, while others will focus on community organizing and forming relationships.

"The opportunity to provide public comments is a vital part of the air permitting process," said John Mooney, Region 5 Air and Radiation Division director. "EPA encourages people to use this training to gain a better understanding of how public comments and air permits work, and we appreciate the DNR's efforts to promote community engagement."

Details on joining the webinar are at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/AirQuality/

Input.html. Registration is limited to the first 250 participants.

JULY 28, 2021

## Waterfowl survey shows population increasing

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported an increase in the waterfowl population across most of the state despite dry winter and spring weather.

The DNR's 2021 spring waterfowl population surveys show stable to increased numbers of breeding waterfowl, despite below-average wetland conditions. Surveys showed an increase in the number of total birds compared with 2019 estimates. There were increases reported in wood duck, blue-winged teal and Canada goose numbers with a slight dip in mallard numbers.

Wisconsin experienced a relatively mild and dry winter followed by below-average precipitation in April and May. As a result, wetland conditions are drier throughout the state. Some areas of the state experienced considerable rainfall in May and June, while other areas experienced drier conditions following the survey.

The DNR estimates the state's breeding duck population for 2021 to be 522,546

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birds, a 7 percent increase compared with the previous year and 19 percent above the long-term (47-year) average. Species-specific population estimates indicate Wisconsin's top three breeding ducks varied.

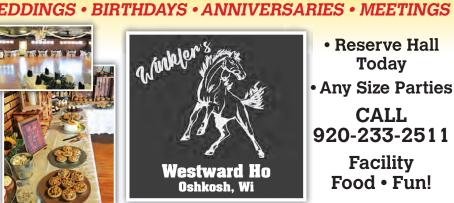
The Wisconsin breeding estimate for Canada geese is slightly up compared with 2019. The 2021 model estimates 181,430 birds, a result consistent with a stable to increasing population over the past 10-15 years.

In most years, the DNR's survey results complement surveys conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ontario Canada Goose Survey. These additional surveys were suspended this year due to COVID-19. In August, Wisconsin will join 13 states and three Canadian provinces at the Mississippi Flyway Council to find the best fit models based on state-level survey data since continental estimates have not been available due to COVID-19.



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Night (8 p.m.): National Anthem/ SOCOM Parachute Team; USAF Heritage Flight (F-16 & TBD); Red Bull Air Force (Edge, helo, jumpers); Aeroshell Aerobatic Team (T-6s); Goodyear Blimp (Wingfoot 3); Bob Carlton (Sonex Jet); Matt Younkin (Twin Beech 18); Redline Airshows (RV-8); Nate Hammond (de Havilland Chipmunk); DTG Pyro/Tora Bomb Squad (Fireworks)

#### Thursday

Day (2:30 p.m.): National Anthem/ SOCOM Parachute Team; AFSOC Air Power Demo (various AFSOC aircraft); AFSOC Recovery (various AFSOC aircraft); 122nd FW ING ANG CSAR Demo (A-10s); 128th ARW WI ANG Flyby (KC-135R); USAF Heritage Flight (F-16C, P-38, P-40, P-51); US Navy Legacy Flight (TBD); Jeff Boerboon (Yak 110); Dell Coller (Jet Waco); Warbirds of America (various warbirds); Jim Peitz (F-33C Bonanza); Melanie Astles (Edge 540); Adventures of Aviore (various); Goodyear Blimp (Wingfoot 3); Red Bull Air Force (Edge 540, helo, jumper); Rob Holland – North (Edge 540); Bill Stein – South (Edge 540); GEICO Skytypers (SNJs)

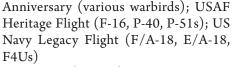
Evening (8 p.m.): Twilight Flight Fest at the Fun Fly Zone - EAA STOL Invitational (various STOL aircraft); Hang Gliders (Dragonfly Tow Glider); Airythmia (paramotors); Possible jumpers (Parachute demo team); 3D RC Flying (RC aircraft)

8:45 p.m.: Hot Air Balloon Glow (Papa Taxiway, south of P4)

#### Friday

Day (2:30 p.m.): National Anthem/ SOCOM Parachute Team; AFSOC Gunship Legacy Flight (AC-47 & AC-130J); AFSOC TAAR & STS Demo (MC-130J & CV-22s); Matt Younkin (Twin Beech 18); Skip Stewart – North (Prometheus 2); Kevin Coleman – South (Edge 540); David Martin (Beech Baron); Two Buck Chuck (various); Patty Wagstaff – South (Extra 300LX); Vicky Benzing – North (Stearman); Aeroshell Aerobatic Team (T-6s); World War II 75th (Plus One)





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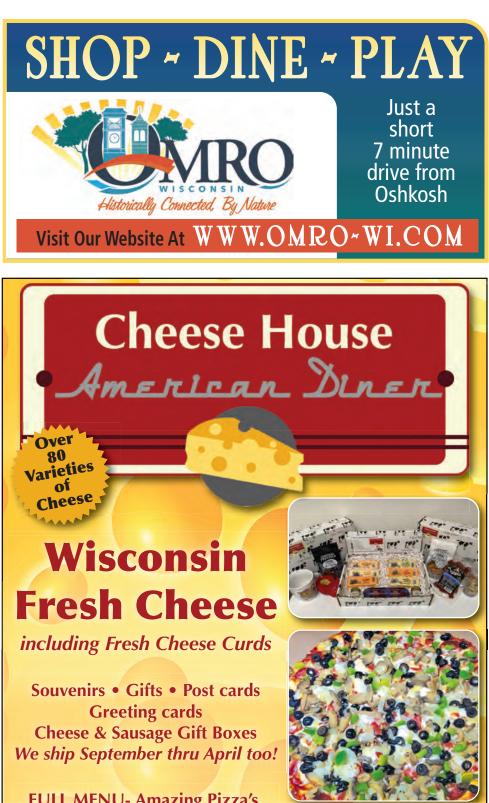
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#### (F-16, P-51)

Night (8 p.m.): National Anthem/ SOCOM; AFSOC Dusk Air Power Demo (various AFSOC aircraft); US Navy (TBD); Aeroshell Aerobatic Team (T-6s); Bob Carlton (SubSonex JSX-2); Matt Younkin (Twin Beech 18); Redline Airshows (RV-8s); Nate Hammond (de Havilland Chipmunk); DTG Pyro/ Tora Bomb Squad (fireworks)

#### Sunday

Day (1 p.m.): National Anthem/SO-COM Parachute Team; AFSOC TAAR & STS Demo (MC-130J & CV-22s); USAF Heritage Flight (F-16, AD-1, P-51s); US Navy Legacy Flight (F/A-18F, TBD); Skip Stewart (Prometheus 2); Kyle Fowler (Long-EZ); Patty Wagstaff (Extra 300LX); Eric Tucker (Cub); Kevin Coleman (Edge 540); Eric Edgren (Taylorcraft); Melanie Astles (Edge 540); Redline Airshows (RV & Extra); Vicky Benzing (Stearman); Adventures of Aviore (various)







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# Local aviator was early pioneer of flying feats

# Clyde Lee joined Larson brothers' adventure

By Randy Domer Herald contributor

In the 1920s, aviation was still in its infancy and planes of early design were unproven in many ways. Pioneers like Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, along with local flyers Steve Wittman, Paul Poberezny, brothers Leonard and Ray Larson, and Clyde Lee pushed aviation to the edge, sometimes with great risk and cost.

Clyde was a first cousin to the Larson brothers, noted flying enthusiasts and aviation pioneers. Like the Larson boys, he developed an interest in flying at an early age.

In 1923, the 15-year-old lived on a farm across the road from the Larsons near Winchester. Lee would beg Roy Larson for a ride in that wonderful Larson Flying Machine, and in an effort to discourage the boy Roy explained that rides cost





Clyde Lee is shown in this circa 1930 photo when he was flying with the Larson brothers.

This is an excerpt from Randy Domer's book, "Oshkosh: Land of Lakeflies, Bubblers and Squeaky Cheese."

\$5. Clyde said he could come up with the money somehow and promised to return.

Return he did. In the spring after the new hangar was completed, Roy Larson taught Clyde how to fly. He was now 16 and flying had become his dream. After only five lessons, Roy told him he was ready to solo.

As the pair had just finished a lesson, the plane was still warmed up. Clyde eagerly jumped into the cockpit, started the engine and was off. Flying over farmlands and the houses of friends and neighbors gave Clyde a thrill that soon wore thin.

"What else can I do?" he immediately thought. Just then the engine started to sputter and cough. When the engine died, Clyde quickly thought to himself how thankful he was that Roy made him practice a dead-stick landing. He also felt remorse that he had forgotten one of Roy's hard fast rules: Always check your fuel tank before taking off.

Clyde quickly scanned the area and spotted a field that looked relatively flat and had no trees. He brought the plane down safely in the hayfield of a neighbor who was not, needless to say, pleased at the damage done to his crops. But all Clyde could think about was how pleased he was, having just completed his first solo flight. Nothing would stop him now.

As Clyde worked to hone his flying skills, he was always looking for something new and exciting. He decided he wanted to learn to be a "wing walker." He perfected his technique first on the ground, then once he had mastered each step, he started performing in the air.

It was about this same time in the 1920s that parachutes were invented. Of course, the thrill of jumping out of an airplane appealed to young Clyde like you couldn't imagine. His first attempt at parachuting came in 1924 when the 16-year-old accompanied the experienced flyer and stuntman Speed Holman to an event in Manitowoc.

The crowd watched in amazement as Clyde climbed out on the wing and performed his wing walking feat. Holman sat at the controls and added to the excitement by throwing in a few loops and barrel rolls. Then Clyde climbed down to the lower wing and slipped on his parachute. At an altitude of 2.500 feet, he jumped with a euphoric rush he later described as "a feeling that words cannot express." He landed safely on the hood of an automobile in the parking lot while the crowd cheered his feat.

Clyde's acrobatic feats continued, bringing fame and recognition to the young daredevil. One day, he received an invitation to meet with noted Chicago mobster Al Capone. Capone was aware of his skills and wanted him to be his private pilot.

Clyde refused Capone's offer, which paid the handsome sum of \$250 a month.

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## Clyde Lee

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After hearing of Clyde's decision to decline the mobsters offer, friends were amazed and commented that "no one turns down Al Capone and lives to talk about it!"

By 1932, the young aviator's aspirations grew to epic proportions. Clyde was determined to be the first American son of Norway to return to the homeland by air. An Oslo newspaper was offering a \$10,000 prize to the first person to accomplish the feat of flying nonstop from North America to Norway.

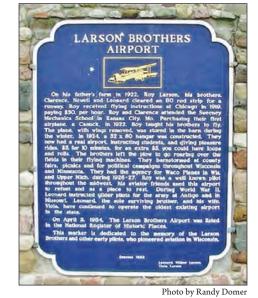
Clyde acquired a Stinson cabin plane to make the journey and selected fellow aviator Julius "Speed" Robertson of Negaunee, Mich., as his co-pilot and navigator.

Clyde wrangled the financial backing to cover the cost of rebuilding the motor in the Stinson and redesigning the fuselage by adding fuel tanks, one 100-gallon tank in the cabin and a 50-gallon tank on each wing. He also planned to have 50 five-gallon gas cans stacked inside the aircraft. This equaled 450 gallons of fuel, which Clyde estimated could take him 37-40 hours over the ocean.

This arrangement posed quite a danger as a single spark inside the plane could blow up the entire plane. Considering this danger, Clyde decided against installing a radio on board lest a spark from it would mean the end.

At 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5, 1932, Clyde Lee and Julius Robertson boarded the Stinson now named the Green Mountain Boy. The plane, showing No. NR7576 on the upper and lower part of the wings as well as both sides of the rudder, landed in Vermont the next day after spending the night in Erie, Pa.

There, Clyde met a man named John Bochkon, who was a former pilot from the

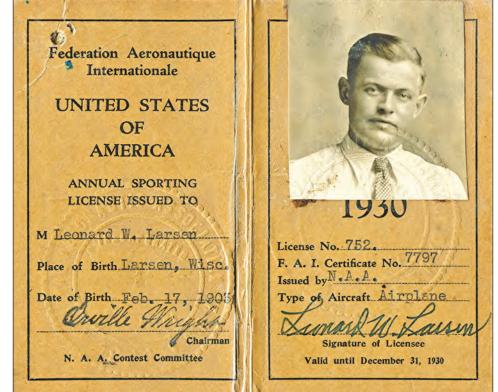


Larson Brothers Airport is commemorated with a historic plaque at the location.

Norwegian navy. Bochkon told Clyde he wished to accompany him on this flight and was willing to pay his passage. Still needing money, the cash-strapped pilot met with his co-pilot Robertson to discuss Bochkon's proposal. Bochkon had six years of flying experience, so he was well qualified. Robertson agreed to step back and allow Bochkon to take his place.

Clyde encountered severe weather as they raced toward Harbor Grace. The planes were pelted with rain, hail, snow and strong winds as the experienced aviators fought to make their way toward their destination. Toward evening, the airport at Harbor Grace was reporting heavy fog. Emergency lighting was put into place to assist the planes in spotting the landing strip. Anxious moments passed as ground personnel awaited their arrival. But as the evening went on, no planes arrived.

It turns out that Clyde decided to put his plane down on a beach at Burgeo Bay, about 400 kilometers short of their original



Leonard Larson had his 1930 pilot's license signed by Orville Wright.

destination, to wait out the storm. With no radio on board, the two were left to weather the storm providing no communication to those tracking their journey.

The Green Mountain Boy reached Harbor Grace on Aug. 24, more than 22 hours after their departure in Vermont. Now fully loaded with fuel and supplies, the Green Mountain Boy weighed 5,400 pounds. In an effort to reduce weight, Lee decided to not take an inflatable raft and paddles.

On Aug. 25, 1932, at 6:02 a.m. Harbor Grace time, Clyde and Bochkon waved to the crowd that had assembled and headed down the runway to begin the final leg of their historic journey.

From that point on, history can only speculate the details on what happened next. The scheduled time of arrival had now passed and as dawn broke the next day, there still was no sign of the courageous aviators. The anticipated time for fuel capacity had long passed, so hope and speculation circulated that they landed somewhere safely but didn't have the means to communicate their whereabouts.

Photo from Ben Joas

By Aug. 31, hopes had diminished and the reality began to sink in. Clyde A. Lee and John Bochton had been lost at sea. Their fate remains unsure and left for the ages to speculate.

In the end, the former Oshkosh High School graduate left us at the early age of 24. During those 24 years, Clyde lived and experienced more than most people do in a lifetime.









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# East-side saloon history marked with disruption

# Corner location went through challenges

#### By Lee Reiherzer Herald contributor

Prohibition amounted to a cruel farce in places like Oshkosh. Drinking was too much a part of the culture here for it to end with the introduction of a mere law. Yet Prohibition was the law. And like other unjust laws, it led to absurd outcomes. Things went uniquely cockeyed at the southeast corner of Boyd and Merritt.

Long before Prohibition, there had been a saloon at that corner. The first of them was run by a German immigrant named John Dresch. He and his wife Lizzie had come to Oshkosh in the late 1860s. They lived in a wood-framed house at Boyd and Merritt. Around 1882, Dresch converted his home into a grocery store and saloon.

The combination of beer joint and grocery was a popular one in Oshkosh in the 1880s. Especially on the east side in the old Fourth Ward. It was a typical Wisconsin arrangement. A small saloon in the shadow of a big German Catholic church.

The Dresch saloon lasted just a couple of years. John and Lizzie moved on and a bakery moved in. That didn't last either. In 1890 the bakery failed and the building was left vacant.

Around the corner on Boyd Street lived a cigar maker named August Klawun. He too was an immigrant from Germany. Klawun was 14 when he came to America. He went to Milwaukee



The 19th-century building at 701 Merritt, home to Boot's Saloon since 2015, carries a long city tavern history that included being caught up in the Prohibition era.

where he started rolling cigars. He was 28 when he married Katherina Mohr in West Bend. The next year, the couple moved to Oshkosh and started having kids. Klawun got a job making cigars at Herman Derksen's shop on Main Street.

In 1891, Klawun quit the cigar business. He moved his family into the former bakery/grocery/saloon at Boyd and Merritt. Klawun was 33 when he swapped careers and began slinging beer. He had found his calling. And that didn't sit well with his neighbor.

The big church next door to Klawun was getting bigger every day. By 1886 St. Mary's had outgrown its old church on the north side of Merritt Avenue and had laid the cornerstone for an imposing, gothic temple on the south side of the street. The ambitious man behind that ambitious project was Roman Scholter.

Scholter had been bouncing around small-town Wisconsin churches before reaching Oshkosh in 1881. The ultraconservative reverend was not charmed by the Oshkosh habit of putting up a saloon on every corner – especially those corners surrounding his new church.

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## Saloon history

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Scholter had tried at least twice before to banish saloons on the corners adjacent to St. Mary's. Now here came Klawun. Scholter went to the city council and tried again. And he once again got snubbed. Klawun got his liquor license and proceeded to do a booming business.

Things went so well that in 1900 he tore down the old, wood-framed home and saloon that Dresch had opened and replaced it with the brick, Queen-Anne style building that stands there today. It was an altogether up-to-date kind of place. Klawun served fresh, lager beer made in Oshkosh at the Rahr Brewing Co., and the Oshkosh Brewing Co.

Klawun later joined with a group of other Oshkosh saloon keepers attempting to launch a brewery of their own. Their scheme was realized in the summer of 1913. Klawun's saloon was one of the first to serve beer from the Peoples Brewing Co.

The immigrant cigar maker had come a long way. In 1918, Klawun turned 60. His son Albert was now part of the business and was poised to take over when his father retired. That never came to pass. The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect Jan. 17, 1920. Prohibition had come to Oshkosh. It was all over for Klawun. The business he had been building for almost 30 years had been made illegal.

Most saloon keepers in Oshkosh revolted. They took out "soft drink" permits and sold wildcat beer and bootleg booze on the sly. Klawun didn't go that route. He converted his saloon into a confectionery. His son Albert was in charge. They sold Bonita Bars and Log Cabin Rolls. That



The tavern at Boyd and Merritt has changed hands nine times since Pep Steinhilber moved out.

didn't cut it. In 1922, the Klawun family left their corner at Boyd and Merritt. That's when things went weird.

In 1923 Mueller-Potter Drug Stores put its third Oshkosh location into Klawun's old stand. This was unusual. Drug stores in Oshkosh didn't slip in where saloons had slipped out.

There were drug stores in Oshkosh that used Prohibition as an opportunity to traffic in booze disguised as medicine. But that appears not to have been the case at the Mueller-Potter store on Merritt. Instead, they sold jazz records, cheap cameras, trusses, paints, pills, powders. The lack of liquor may explain why the Mueller-Potter store on Merritt was closed a couple of years after it opened. The guy who moved in next wouldn't make that mistake. He wasted no time getting the place boozed-up again.

Sylvester Charles Stack was born in Menasha in 1887. He'd been working odd jobs in Appleton before he wandered down to Oshkosh around 1911. His path was set after he landed a job as a clerk at the Weeden Drug Store on Main Street.

 ${\it Stack\,worked\,his\,way\,into\,the\,pharmacy}$ 

at Weeden and then into a job down the street as an assistant pharmacist at the Coe Drug store. While working at Coe, he took the pharmacist's exam. Stack hadn't been through pharmacy school. Instead, he was going on experience. He eked out a passing score on his exam and in 1916 became a registered pharmacist. That certificate became a cash cow when Prohibition hit.

Stack left Coe and went solo. In 1926, he took over the former saloon at the corner of Boyd and Merritt. He began doling out patent medicines. The only thing they cured was sobriety. The Beef, Iron, and Wine tonic on Stack's shelf was 16 percent alcohol. He sold pints of it for a buck.

Better yet, Stack was also licensed to sell whiskey. It was legal during Prohibition for a pharmacist to sell "medicinal liquors" so long as they had the proper permit. Stack had such a permit. It allowed him to bring up Kentucky whiskey from the Frankfort Distillery in Louisville. He sold it to folks who had talked their doctors into writing them a prescription for liquor.

It wasn't cheap. A pint of stock whiskey from Stack went for about \$50 in today's money. Druggists of his ilk were referred to as bootleggers for the rich. Yet, he didn't lack customers. During a single month in 1930 Stack filled more than 30 prescriptions for "medicinal" whiskey. He was on his way to accumulating a small fortune.

Stack closed up his shop in the old saloon on Merritt in 1935. Prohibition had ended. The price of Beef, Iron, and Wine tonic had dropped by 25 percent. Stack moved his business to Main Street and changed his approach. He got a Class A liquor license and filled his shelves with booze. And now you didn't need a prescription to buy it from him.

Klawun's old saloon sat vacant for a few years before it became a bar again. It was reopened in 1940 as Pep's Tavern by longtime Oshkosh barman Clarence "Pep" Steinhilber. After Steinhilber sold the saloon in 1950 he went to work as a bartender at Trail's End; just up the street on Merritt. He stayed there for more than 40 years. The late Oshkosh historian Larry Spanbauer once told me that Pep was the guy who came up with the sauce for the Trail's End Chili Dog.

The bar at Boyd and Merritt has changed hands nine times since Pep Steinhilber moved out of there.

These days, it's called Boot's Saloon, which opened in 2015. This is the first time since August Kluwan was there that the bar has had the word saloon attached to it.

John Dresch, who had the first saloon on that corner, died in 1908. His funeral was held at St. Mary's Church. The service was officiated by the Rev. Roman Scholter, who wanted none of those saloons in his neighborhood.

Scholter died in 1914. He left all his worldly possessions to his live-in housekeeper, Amalia Wehling, with whom he had adopted and raised six children.

Sylvester Stack died in Oshkosh in 1955. He was selling booze on Main Street right up to the end. After his death, the Northwestern ran an article mentioning that Stack had left an unusually large estate.

Prohibition was repealed in 1933. That was too late for August Klawun. By then, he was already four years in the ground. Klawun had been betrayed by his adopted country. He didn't live to see the correction of that cruel mistake.

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."

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Merryn Jerger takes part in Space Camp activities recently in Huntsville, Ala.

# Oshkosh family shares space program activities

Merryn Jerger of Oshkosh recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., while brother Riley attended Aviation Challenge Mach III at the center.

The weeklong educational programs promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

Space Camp is designed for trainees who have a passion for space exploration. Merryn, a seventh-grader at Lourdes Academy, spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station, the moon or Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity or spacewalk.

The Aviation Challenge is designed for students who have an interest in military aviation and the mechanics of flight. Students learn principles of aviation and put their knowledge to the test in a variety of flight simulators.

Taking the role of fighter pilots, Riley and his team ran control systems and scenario-based missions as well as being trained in water and land survival. The Lourdes sophomore was chosen as Top Gun for the week.

Their parents are Matthew and Molly Jerger.

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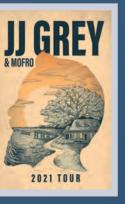
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