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Mill on Main visual details endorsed

Sawdust District housing signs backed by commission

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's Plan Commission recommended some specifics for Common Council review at its latest meeting, including signage at the Mill on Main development on South Main Street.

T. Wall Enterprises project manager Jake Bunz approached commissioners with a proposal for distinctive signage, which includes a roof-mounted marker.

Other signage on the development, which was ultimately approved by the commission, include wall signage, a projecting sign and canopy signs.

The South Main development is featuring three five-story buildings and a clubhouse. Outdoor amenities include a pool, dog park and amphitheater. Furthermore, the build is slated to have 296 rental units and more than 22,000 square feet of commercial space.

The Mill on Main lies within the Sawdust District, "an area targeted for revitalization with a mix of new and rehabilitation projects to attract commercial and residential developments," according to a memo from city staff.

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Service to others

Cheri Duchrow, one of more than 1,000 volunteers at Lifest last week, helps girls signing an art board on the Sunnyview Expo festival grounds. She has volunteered at the Christian music event since 2002 in various capacities and has been a monthly supporter of Life Promotions ministry. She also works with Dignity Revolution, which focuses on bullying, suicide and raising mental health awareness. "People of all ages need to know they are loved and that their life matters," Duchrow said.

Families share personal loss stories from drug deaths

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

(This content may be sensitive to some readers. It includes mentions of death, substance use, overdosing, suicide and abuse. Discretion is advised.)

He was up in his loft bed, lying there. It looks like he had just fallen asleep. His arm was half purple, half red and cold, and his lips were blue.

On Feb. 14, 2021, at 8:37 p.m., Erin got a call from a friend telling her to contact police at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where her oldest, Logan, had been attending since fall.

After not being able to reach someone, Erin and her family decided to drive down

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Submitted photo

Erin is shown with her sons Logan (left) and Caden in this undated photo. Logan died of a drug overdose related to fentanyl in February 2021.

About the series

Through a partnership between the Oshkosh Herald and Breakwater, this six-part series aims to help reduce the reluctance of having difficult conversations and asking tough questions in the household surrounding alcohol and substance use.

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Drug deaths need community focus

Obituaries historically have been the sharing of one's long and storied life, an acknowledgment of lives touched and accomplishments made.

More recently we are seeing "passed away unexpectedly" more often with people much younger than those that usually fill obit pages.

It has been no secret that substance use and the fallout from it have been escalating in our communities for years. The opioid epidemic swept America. The CDC has reported the number of drug overdose deaths increased by nearly 30% from 2019-2020 and has quintupled since 1999. Nearly 75% of the 91,799 drug overdose deaths in 2020 involved an opioid.

Here in Winnebago County, the coroner's office has had to store bodies in cold storage trailers due to the increase of overdose deaths.

The gates have not just opened to see "those people" enter our town. These



Karen Schneider

Oshkosh Herald publisher

are "our people" – kids and young adults raised in the Oshkosh area from families that have been here for generations.

Unfortunately, many children and parents have no idea how to broach the subject of substance use. Parents don't know how to start the conversation, kids have questions but don't ask because they are concerned their parents will think they are asking because they are involved. Whether we talk to them or not, youth will seek out answers to their questions either by trying things out or by talking to people who don't have a personal interest in their future.

We know that substance use at an early age is an important predictor of development of a disorder later in life. We also know that 31% of Winnebago County youth report trying alcohol by age 14, and 16% report trying marijuana by the same age. Breakwater is working to change that.

Beginning in today's Oshkosh Herald is a "Be Courageous" series sponsored by Breakwater, a community coalition working to prevent and reduce substance use in Winnebago County. Over the next six weeks courageous people will share stories of personal tragedy, parents in recovery will tell how they share their story with their own children, kids will share stories of peer pressure and run-ins with drugs. The series will supply data and resources on where to learn more and get connected to resources.

Substance use is not an individual problem, it is a community issue.

Book explores career highlights of former newscaster

Oshkosh Herald Former WBAY-TV newscaster and Oshkosh resident Jerry Burke recently published a book, "That Doesn't Happen Here... Until it Did," which features significant news stories he has covered in north-east Wisconsin.



Burke

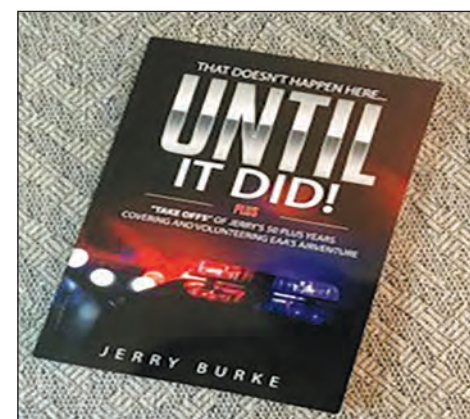
After his retirement in 2007, Burke compiled under one cover some of his most notable stories along with key times procuring conversations with aviators at EAA Air-

Venture. He discusses "how each impacted the innocent lifestyle residents had long been accustomed to, as reported by an award-winning journalist."

More specifically, Burke shares in his book experiences from more than 50 years of professional and volunteer involvement with AirVenture, considered the world's biggest aviation event.

Book signings will be from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Oshkosh Food Co-Op community room.

Those interested in purchasing the book can find it paperback on Amazon for \$5.99, or as an e-edition for \$1.99.



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Former WBAY-TV newscaster and Oshkosh resident Jerry Burke has written a book on his experiences as a longtime TV journalist.

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Off-road vehicles find community with dealers, trail groups

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

With off-road vehicles on the trails for summer rides across Winnebago County and statewide, ATV dealers point to local volunteer clubs as the backbone of that sporting hobby once the machines roll out of their doors.

Team Winnebago general manager Tom Van Zeeland credits the volunteer work of passionate local riders for getting the trails and roads accessible to off-road vehicles once his team makes sure riders know their vehicle and its navigation tools.

“Many machines now come with a navigation system to give the rider confidence to get around,” Van Zeeland said. “When purchasing a machine from Team Winnebago, we are sure to take time to review controls and functions of the machine. And the riding community is so welcoming that should issues arise on the trail, someone will be happy to help.”

Winnebago’s WORHEAD (Wisconsin Off-Road Headquarters) branch was formed last May dedicated to Midwest trail events and experiences as it serves the market for off-road apparel and accessories.

That overlap of rider support from groups such as the Poyganaires and Fox River Riders make for a smooth path into the popular outdoor hobby, which is projected to grow by a compound annual rate of almost 10 percent into the next decade, according to Next Move Strategy Consulting.

Some 700,000 ATVs and UTVs were sold last year worldwide, with most bought in North America.

“These clubs are the ones working to get area roads opened up for ORV use,” Van



Motor Sports NewsWire photo

Off-road vehicles continue to surge in popularity in the region and nationwide.

Zeeland said. “All clubs are strictly volunteers who have a passion for the industry and want to help others get to enjoy the outdoors as much as they do. It takes a lot of organization and dedication to do the small things to make sure everything is done safely and properly.”

Winnebago County expanded the use of some county roads for ATV access in linking to off-road trails in 2019, where rules may differ among municipalities. A listing and map of approved ATV/UTV routes can be found at co.winnebago.wi.us/sheriff/recreation/atvutv.

Another player in the off-road world is the state Department of Natural Resources, which puts out its annual reminder on best safety practices, noting that the lack of safety equipment is the leading cause of incidents.

DNR off-highway vehicle administrator Lt. Martin R. Stone said most ORVs are built differently than motorcycles or bicycles.

“These off-highway machines come with big tires,” Stone said. “These cannot turn on a dime and can roll over if that’s attempted. Knowing how to be a smart and safe operator is a necessary part of the fun to be had on the trails. Watch your speed, wear a helmet, share the trails and you’ll come home with fun stories about your ride.”

Van Zeeland said the main question new customers have when getting a new ORV is where to ride them.

Team Winnebago promotes and helps publicize scheduled rides that often start farther north in places like Marinette or Oconto counties where a day trip is

feasible and the terrain and openness are attractive.

“One of the reasons it appeals to the Fox Valley riders is that it is extremely close so you can make a day trip out of it with your family. And a lot of people have cottages in that area,” Van Zeeland said. “In Oconto County there is a major runway to use, a retired railroad grade, that you can make some time or get on one of the offshoots to explore the wilderness. And with the higher population there are a lot of places to stop and eat.”

Marinette County is larger and less populated than Oconto and subsequently considered a more traditional offroad experience, Van Zeeland noted.

“There is a 90-mile loop you can make in which you never ride on asphalt,” he said. “Everything is extremely well marked for navigation as well.”

All-terrain vehicles generally have a straddled seat that rides one person. If equipped for two, the passenger sits behind the driver. A utility task vehicle (UTV) is traditionally larger with side-by-side riding of two to six people with more of an automotive design – steering wheel, roll cage, seat belts and bucket seats – and designed with on-road features. A UTV also usually has storage behind the passengers.

A list of safety classes is on the DNR Safety Education webpage. Drivers who are at least 12 years old for an ATV and 16 for UTVs must complete a safety certification course to operate in Wisconsin outside of their family’s private property.

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The Grand Oshkosh unveils 2022-2023 season



Photos from The Grand

The Grand Oshkosh released its 2022-23 season schedule and includes (top left, clockwise) Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop in the Shari Lewis Legacy Show; MANIA: The ABBA Tribute; Cocktail Hour: The Show; and Jason Petty's Hank Williams Celebration. Event details can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

Oshkosh Herald

The Grand Oshkosh has announced its 2022-2023 season featuring childhood favorites, Midwest comedy, shows back by popular demand, tributes, dance and even dogs.

"In many ways, this season is a grand revival promising many returns like the Family Series and the ARTreach program. For the first time in two years, we have a full lineup of shows, including fan-favorite acts returning to The Grand and shows especially curated for Oshkosh," director Joseph Ferlo said with the announcement. "It was always promised that when the audience was ready, we would be too, and that time has come."

The full season begins Sept. 17 with the Shari Lewis Legacy Show starring Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop. This performance marks the return of the Family Series featuring shows ideal for young audiences.

The featured show this season is The Four Phantoms, who return for their only performances in Wisconsin Oct. 27-29. The three-day run will conclude with a two-act performance of material never performed before.

Adding to the lineup is the Amcor Student Discovery Series, to be announced fully in August, and special community events such as "Dark Nights" starting Aug. 2 and "Haunted Happenings" throughout October.

Other highlights are Jason Petty's Hank Williams Celebration on Sept. 30, MANIA: The ABBA Tribute on Oct. 11-12 and Wisconsin actor and writer John McGovern on Jan. 14.

Tickets are available on presale to Grand Donors. Discounted package options are available for select performances including the family four-pack ticket package to the Family Series' performances and a "Pick 3+" package to three or more subscription shows.

Event details are at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

The Grand lineup

Dark Nights in The Grand Lounge, Aug. 2 (free)

The Shari Lewis Legacy Show, 2 p.m. Sept. 17

Jason Petty's Hank Williams Celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30

Girls Night The Musical, 5 p.m. Oct. 9

MANIA: The ABBA Tribute, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11-12

The Four Phantoms in Concert, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27-28, 8 p.m. Oct. 29 (world premier)

An Evening with George Winston, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5

B2wins, Beyond Music, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12

Ted Vigil: A Rocky Mountain Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16

The Night Before The Night Before, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23

John McGovern- Wisconsin's Own, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14

The Piano Men starring Jim Witter, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4

Six Appeal- Vocal Band, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23

Harmonious Wail: Simon & Simon, 7:30 p.m. March 17

Mutts Gone Nuts! Canine Cabaret, 2 and 7 p.m. April 2

Cocktail Hour: The Show, 7:30 p.m. April 15

The Flyin Hawaiian- Sara Kunz, 2 p.m. April 22

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Future veterinarians get boost from canine friends

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Seeing a need to support future veterinarians, Oshkosh Kennel Club members have launched a scholarship fund at the University of Wisconsin Madison Veterinary School and invited six other statewide dog clubs that have joined the effort.

“We thought about what we can do to help,” said Kennel Club president Cindy Bohnert. “Obviously we couldn’t go to school to become a veterinarian. We thought: Be kind and understanding to the ones we have; they are all doing the best they can to help our pets.”

The seven kennel clubs and private donors have committed to five years supporting the scholarship program that will give it an endowment status, an investment portfolio that generates a permanent stream of capital.

Bohnert said the club and members have been getting the veterinary services

they need but “we’re hearing in some areas that they are not taking new patients and they’re looking for new vets.”

“We’re extremely happy that we got that started because there is a definite need.”

The kennel club’s relationship with the UW Veterinary School’s services and students made the scholarship effort a natural fit with its work with animals and owners.

“We’ve used the UW Madison Vet school and we’re extremely happy that they’re there when we have emergency or specialty cases that need treatment,” said Bohnert, a member of the kennel club for more than 35 years and serving her second term as president.

The school offers specialty departments such as oncology and MRI services for pets while providing the needed education experience.

“We hope this will help the future veterinary students who in turn will be helping our pets,” she said.

“Our animals get help by going there and it’s a learning experience for the students hands on.”

Other clubs on board include the Fond du Lac Kennel Club, Sheboygan Dog Training Club, Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Waukesha Kennel Club, Doberman Pinscher Club of Greater Milwaukee and German Shorthair Pointer Club of Wisconsin. Bohnert said additional clubs expressed interest and will be supporting the effort through donations.

What started as an individual scholarship program run by the club quickly expanded with other clubs quickly joining on to the five-year commitment and put into the hands of the UW Foundation.

“We have different scholarships established from similar individual groups, but I believe this is the first true group effort scholarship at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine where more than one or two entities have come together to create

a scholarship,” said Zac Wagner at the UW Foundation.

In 2021, the national average total student debt load upon graduation for veterinarians was \$169,742.

“The financial burden it takes to become a veterinarian can be a significant barrier to many who are considering this noble profession,” said Pat Bowdish, the school’s associate vice president and managing director

He said the inaugural scholarship will be awarded in 2022-23 to a doctor of veterinary medicine student who intends to practice small animal medicine in Wisconsin after graduation.

The club has flyers posted at various locations with information on how to directly donate at supportuw.org/giveto/svmDAWGS along with the UW Foundation (DAWGS Fund) mailing address: U.S. Bank Lockbox, Box 78807, Milwaukee WI 53278-0807.

Powerboat hits Loos paddleboat

Oshkosh Herald

Seven people on a commercial paddleboat were treated for minor injuries Saturday night after it collided with a powerboat on the Fox River between the Jackson-Oregon Street and Wisconsin Street bridges.

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office said the powerboat, with an unidentified driver and six passengers, left the scene.

The sheriff’s office received a call at 9:58 p.m. Saturday that the two-story On the Loos Cruises party boat with 43 passengers and a powerboat had collided on the Fox River in the city. The stern-wheel paddleboat sustained severe damage to the port side when it was struck by what po-

lice said was a private 45-foot powerboat.

One person was transported to a hospital by Oshkosh Fire Department ambulance and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Six others were treated and released at the scene. Firefighters and paramedics from the Oshkosh Fire Department, Oshkosh police and county deputies responded to the crash scene.

Deputies located the powerboat Sunday and made contact with the suspected owner/operator on Monday, as well as two of the occupants of the powerboat. Deputies are still looking to identify and speak to the remaining four occupants of the powerboat.



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The commercial paddleboat that was damaged Saturday night in a collision was moved to another location Monday afternoon.



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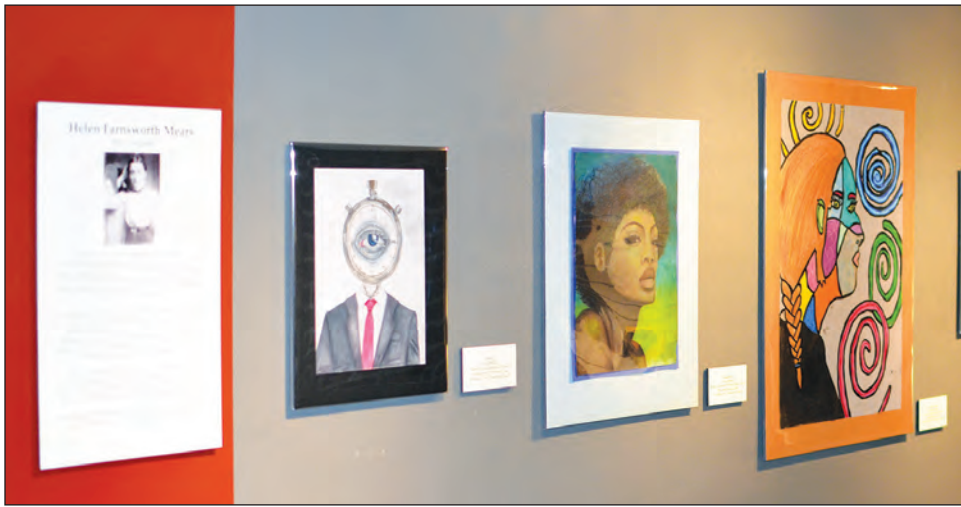
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Mears art contest winners on display



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Winning entries of the 95th anniversary Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest are on display at the Oshkosh Public Museum through Aug. 14.

The Oshkosh Public Museum is displaying the state winners of the 95th anniversary Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest through Aug. 14.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students have competed in the art contest, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Wisconsin, since 1927 in honor of the late Oshkosh artist.

"What's so exciting about this year's contest winners on display is that student artwork will be displayed in gallery space adjacent to the current 'Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin' exhibit in celebration of Helen's 150th birthday," said the museum's curator of exhibitions Emily Rock.

The exhibition showcases Mears' life and work and is on view through Aug. 14.



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Challenge quilts are displayed at the annual Lakeside Quilters Guild show during Air-Venture week.

EAA Quilt Show returns on July 28

After a two-year hiatus, the EAA Quilt Show sponsored by Oshkosh's Lakeside Quilters Guild will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 28 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South.

Bed-sized quilts, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings and table runners along with challenge quilts will be on display. A quilters' marketplace will include vendors and a boutique of handmade items.

A highlight of the show is bed turning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when guild members share stories of quilts and quilted items not hung in the show. There is also time during the bed turning for guests to show and share.

All show attendees receive a gift for taking time to view the show. Door prizes will be awarded and an affordable lunch available.

A raffle for a queen-size quilt also will be held. Admission and parking are free.

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Winner-takes-all politics carries certain dangers

Why is it so hard to simply disagree with someone about a policy issue? Why are we so quick to question one another's motives, intelligence, and ethics when we disagree?

One of my formative memories was hearing my parents debate the merits of Michael Dukakis versus George H.W. Bush for president. My mom was all aboard the Dukakis train, my dad was supporting Bush. They watched the televised debates, had vibrant discussions in front of their four children, and accepted the election results.

They disagreed on politics. It did not mean they had to disagree on everything else, and it certainly did not mean that they had to dislike each other.

Perhaps it was easier to gracefully disagree in 1988 when there was no social media echo chamber. Whatever the reason, we are currently awash in divisive rhetoric and action that presumes the existence of two Americas, not one America with a diversity of opinions. My personal pet peeve is reference to blue states and



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red states, or democratic cities.

What to make of Wisconsin, where we have a Democrat as governor and a Republican legislative branch? What to make of Oshkosh, a city with much ideological diversity?

I read about the ability of people to sort themselves into locales where they can live with like-minded people. But do we really want to live only among people who think and act like us? I personally think that would be boring, and more, it presumes nobody ever changes their mind.

I am asking a lot of questions in this column, so I suppose I should try to provide some answers. I think we are stuck in a collective political groupthink. When

groupthink occurs, people yield their individuality to a group dynamic.

In a state of groupthink, members of the group claim moral and intellectual superiority to the outgroup. In other words, political opponents are not viewed as people with different opinions, they are viewed as people of lesser intelligence and morals.

In a state of groupthink people serve as self-appointed gatekeepers to shut down alternative views. In a state of groupthink substance no longer matters in debates.

In political groupthink you are right because your party is the good party, and your opponents are wrong because they are the bad party. Political groupthink ensures permanent division, but also prevents good policies because good ideas are shunned if they are associated with the other side.

Moving past a state of political groupthink begins at the personal level. It is on each of us to reject winner-takes-all politics. In practice this means being amenable to compromise. Rigid absolutism, at best, creates wild swings in our public policies. At worst, it breeds paralysis where government seeks to function on behalf of residents.

Competing sides obstruct one another under the false belief that a permanent political victory is coming. However, per-

manent political victory is incompatible with a pluralistic democracy.

It has been disturbing to see a growing chorus of serious people calling for a national divorce, and/or a turn away from democratic principles. Such rhetoric suggests some are willing to forego democracy for a chance at a permanent political victory. That should scare all of us.

As I have said before on these pages, I think local government is our last best hope for demonstrating compromise and mutual respect between disagreeing parties is possible. Its nonpartisan structure, as well as the accountability that comes from serving among one's neighbors, enables disagreement without permanent division.

But it requires each of us to think twice before making broad assumptions about others' core beliefs on social media. It requires a willingness to engage with folks with whom you disagree. Mostly, it means exercising a basic humility when expressing political opinions.

It is OK to be wrong. It is OK to disagree. And most of all, there is strength in compromise.

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Photography group features Oshkosh history

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's August First Friday event at Copper Hall, in collaboration with HZL Aviation, plans to focus on the past and present of the city through photography.

Working with the Winnebago County Historical Society, "this joint gallery is the culmination of a vision shared by local photographers at HZL Aviation and event venue owners of Copper Hall to show the artistic history and present of Oshkosh," a release from the organiza-

tions reads.

The gallery will feature several historical works of German-American artists Gustav and Nile Behncke. Nile was the founding director of the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Photographers at HZL Aviation have spent the last several months researching and photographing local Oshkosh architecture and vintage aircrafts – with an artistic twist.

"We wanted to show not just the beauty of these buildings as they currently stand but also how we imagine them as we learn. One of the greatest strengths of modern photography is conveying not just how something looks today, but how it makes us feel," Cece Buehner, HZL's branding officer.

Working together with the local Historical Society, patrons of the gallery will have the opportunity to speak with someone with a strong foundation in Oshkosh and Winnebago County histories, as well as the artists and art lovers involved in the gallery's conception.

The event is from 4 to 9 p.m. Aug. 5 at Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.



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Oshkosh police announce staff hires

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Police cadet Jonathan Graminske was employed with Appleton Police as a community service officer. He earned his associate degree in applied science from Fox

Valley Technical College.

Report processor Tristan Clare has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He was a business analyst at Concentrix in Appleton.

Telecommunications clerk Charles Rollins is a graduate of Little Chute High School. He was previously employed as a rural route carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Community service officer Haleigh Gibson is a graduate of Oshkosh West High School. She is attending FVTC, enrolled in the criminal justice program.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

July 6, 1904

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Street. It was a young bird, just learning to fly. The bird is pure white with pink eyes and is considered rare. Mr. Spaulding gave the bird to Mr. Wickert but it died Monday. Wickert took the bird to Wenzel Spanbauer, a local taxidermist, who will stuff and mount it. The bird will then be presented to the museum at the Oshkosh Public Library if the directors so desire.

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Kindness repaid with lawn service project

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A family who was once the beneficiary of a community outpouring of support is now giving back by offering free lawn mowing services to those in need.

Amy Jape and her children Jacob, 17, William, 16, Nicholas, 14, Zachary, 12, and Josephine, 4, moved to Neenah from Omro in January. The four boys, who attend Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh, are participating in the Raising Men & Women Lawn Care Service 50 Yard Challenge.

The 50 Yard Challenge encourages kids ages 7-17 to mow 50 lawns for free for the elderly, disabled, veterans or anyone in need. Families who sign up three or more children for the challenge agree to mow 100 lawns.

As the kids reach different mowing milestones, they're rewarded with a new colored T-shirt. Once they complete the challenge, the nonprofit's founder, Rodney Smith Jr., personally delivers a brand-new lawn mower, weed eater and blower to each of the children.

Smith, 33, of Huntsville, Ala., said during his senior year in college in 2015 he was driving down the road when he saw an elderly man struggling to mow his lawn.

"I pulled over and helped him out and that night I just decided I would start mowing free lawns for the elderly, disabled, single parents and veterans in Huntsville, Alabama," he said. "At first my goal was to mow 40 lawns by the end of winter but I mowed 40 lawns so quick that I moved my goal to 100. A month and a half later I reached my hundredth lawn and that's how the idea of Raising Men and now Raising Women

Lawn Care came about."

The nonprofit was originally called Raising Men Lawn Care Service but was renamed Raising Men & Women Lawn Care Service to be more inclusive. Smith founded the nonprofit in 2016. In 2017, he mowed lawns in all 50 states.

Smith has gone on 13 U.S. tours to mow lawns and raise awareness for different causes including breast cancer, childhood cancer, autism and veterans. The custom-painted lawn mowers he mows with on the tours are then auctioned off to benefit related charities.

With the addition of the 50 Yard Challenge, Smith has now recruited an army of more than 4,000 young volunteers in the U.S. and eight other countries, helping those in need and giving back to local communities by mowing lawns.

Jape said several years ago her family was the recipient of an outpouring of support from Omro residents after they experienced a traumatic event. As a single mother of five, she doesn't have much extra income but she said she wanted to find a way to give back to her community. She signed up for the 50 Yard Challenge last year and her family was on a waitlist until October when a spot opened up.

"It was toward the end of the season so there wasn't a lot to do so we didn't really go gung-ho on it until we moved here this year," she said.

The boys encountered a small hiccup in their lawn mowing service when their mower kept breaking down. Smith had them covered. After delivering lawn mowers in Michigan, he made a quick stop in Neenah in mid-June and dropped off two



Photo by Bethanie Gengler

Zachary (from left), Jacob and William are three of five siblings who have been offering lawn care services to the community through a special program.

new mowers for the boys to use.

Once they complete the challenge, they'll pass on the lawn mowers to other children who want to participate in the challenge who are in need.

Smith said he was able to deliver the mowers thanks to a generous donor who purchased 50 lawn mowers to loan out to children who want to participate in the challenge but don't have access to a reliable mower. He's already given away 36 of them.

The nonprofit is funded entirely on public donations which are used to purchase the lawnmowers, weed eaters and blowers that are given out to children.

Jape recently made a Facebook post to offer the lawn mowing service to the community. In the six days since making the post, she said the boys have worked in pairs to mow about 10 lawns, averaging two per day.

During a really hot day in mid-June, Jape said Zachary, who has diabetes, was sweating so much while mowing that his insulin pump came off his arm and he needed new

insulin. William was able to drive Nicholas out to take Zachary's place, so that the kids could finish the lawn mowing service while Zachary got new insulin.

"They've always been really good about pitching in and doing things like that," Jape said. "It's really helping keep them busy and get them tired and really wear them out. It's teaching them responsibility, it's teaching them how to arrive at a place on time, how to schedule their time."

Jacob and William go to workouts in the morning at Lourdes to get prepped for football in the fall before William goes to his job at the Neenah library in-between lawn jobs.

Jacob said that participating in the 50 Yard Challenge has given him the experience of running his own lawn care business. He said residents have been receptive to the service.

"They've been really kind," he said. "Some of them have even been generous enough to leave a tip. It makes me feel good getting to do something out of my comfort zone."

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 12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Pepsi or Mtn Dew 2/\$9.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 When you buy 3 - LIMIT 3 - 12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or 8-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles 7UP, RC Cola or Dr. Pepper 3/\$13 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 12-Pack, Half-Liter Bottles Lipton Tea 2/\$11 <small>WITH CARD</small>
 8-Pack, 12-oz. Cans Bubly Sparkling Water 3/\$12 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 When you buy 4 - LIMIT 4 - 6-Pack, 7.5-oz. Cans Coke, Sprite or Diet Coke 4/\$11.25 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 18-oz. Bottle Bai 2/\$3.50 <small>WITH CARD</small>
 700 ML Bottle LIFEWTR 4/\$5 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 4-Pack Glass Bottles Frostie Soda \$2.99 <small>WITH CARD</small>	 2-Liter Bottles Faygo Soda 89¢ <small>WITH CARD</small>

52-oz. Food Club Orange Juice **\$3.29** WITH CARD

16 oz. Crystal Farms Chunk or Shredded Cheese **\$3.99** WITH CARD

64-oz. Silk Almond Milk **\$2.99** WITH CARD

16-oz. Food Club Dips **\$1.79** WITH CARD

24-oz. Food Club Cottage Cheese **\$2.89** WITH CARD

3-oz. Just Crack an Egg Scramblers **\$2.29** WITH CARD

5.3-oz. Ratio Keto **4/\$5** WITH CARD

10 to 12-oz. - Select Premium Food Club Steamin' Easy Frozen Vegetables **99¢** WITH CARD

12.76 to 21.71-oz. Bellatoria Ultra Thin Pizza **2/\$11** WITH CARD

8-oz. Country Delight Grated Parmesan Cheese **\$1.99** WITH CARD

10.66 to 12-oz. - Individually Wrapped Food Club 2% Sharp, Swiss, 2% or Fat Free American Singles **\$2.49** WITH CARD

13-oz. - Aerosol Can Food Club Whipped Topping **\$3.49** WITH CARD

16-oz. - Regular or Smoked Baker's String Cheese **\$4.69** WITH CARD

9.20-oz. Full Circle Fruit Gems **\$4.99** WITH CARD

8-Count Food Club Tortillas **\$1.69** WITH CARD

64-oz. Hashbrowns or 80-oz. Food Club Potatoes **\$5.99** WITH CARD

16-oz. Food Club French Toast Sticks **\$2.99** WITH CARD

ESCAPE THE SUMMER HEAT WITH THESE COOL TREATS!

4-Quart Food Club Ice Cream **\$5.49** WITH CARD

12 to 24-Pack - Select Dean's Ice Cream Bars, Juice Sticks or Pops **\$2.99** WITH CARD

New! 4-Pack Cool Jack Ice Cream Sandwiches **\$7.99** WITH CARD

4-Pack Nestle Drumsticks **\$3.99** WITH CARD

12-Pack Dean's Ice Cream Cups **\$3.99** WITH CARD

6-Pack Lindy's Italian Ice **\$2.29** WITH CARD

11-oz. Fruity Pebbles, 11-oz. Cocoa Pebbles, 12.5-oz. Honeycomb or 14.75-oz. Golden Crisps Post Cereal **\$2.49** WITH CARD

11 to 13-oz. Select Special K or 12-oz. Corn Flakes Kellogg's Cereal **\$2.99** WITH CARD

6-count - Thomas' Bagels or English Muffins or 7 to 13.80-oz. Entenmann's Snack Cakes **2/\$7** WITH CARD

7 to 8-oz. Cape Cod Potato Chips **2/\$7** WITH CARD

9.5-oz. Old Dutch Chips **\$2.99** WITH CARD

20 to 24-oz. Squeeze Bottle Food Club Ketchup **99¢** WITH CARD

5-oz. - In Water Food Club Tuna **79¢** WITH CARD

2.5-oz. Chicken of the Sea Pink Salmon Pouch **99¢** WITH CARD

16 to 32-oz. - Select Food Club Pickles **\$1.99** WITH CARD

23.5 to 24-oz. - Red Sauces Only Rinaldi Pasta Sauce **\$1.99** WITH CARD

10 to 12-oz. Food Club Baking Chips **\$1.99** WITH CARD

4-Lb. Food Club Granulated Sugar **\$2.39** WITH CARD

2-Pack Gerber 2nd Foods **\$1.69** WITH CARD

64-oz. Mott's Tots Apple Juice **\$2.99** WITH CARD

7-oz. Famous Amos Cookies **\$3.99** WITH CARD

11 to 12-oz. or 12-Count - Select Eight O'Clock Coffee or K-Cups **\$5.49** WITH CARD

28 to 48-Count - Quart or Gallon Simply Done Zipper Freezer or Storage Bags **\$2.49** WITH CARD

6-Mega Rolls or 12-Double Roll Simply Done Bath Tissue **\$4.49** WITH CARD

118.1 to 150-oz. Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent **\$7.99** WITH CARD

100-Count Top Care Pain Relief Tablets **\$3.99** WITH CARD

18 to 24-Count Sudafed PE Congestion Tablets **\$6.49** WITH CARD

21 to 37-Count Tabs Cascade Dishwater Detergent **\$7.49** WITH CARD

18 to 22-oz. Dawn EZ-Squeeze Dish Soap **\$3.79** WITH CARD

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49¢ when you redeem 3000

1-Lb. Package California Strawberries **\$1.99** ea. pig points+

49¢ when you redeem 3000

8 to 11-oz. Spinach, Green & Crisp, Premium Romaine or Lettuce Trio Fresh Express Lettuce Blends **\$1.99** ea. pig points+

Crunchy Sweet Red Seedless Grapes **99¢** lb.

Extra Large Honeydew Melon or Jumbo Cantaloupe **\$1.99** ea.

2/\$5

6-oz. Raspberries, Blackberries or Blueberries

SUMMER PE California Nectarines or Peaches **\$1.99** lb.

Hass Large Avocados **79¢** ea.

Miller Lite, MGD or Miller 64
 18-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles
\$12.49 ea.
 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

Coors Banquet & Coors Light
 24-Pack, 12-oz. Cans
\$19.98
 3000 pig points Save 10¢ Per Gallon of Gas!

Blue Moon
 6-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles
\$7.29 ea.
 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

Miller Lite or Coors Light
 15-Pack, 16-oz. Aluminum Pints
\$11.99
 AFTER \$4 MAIL-IN REBATE

Miller High Life
 30-Pack, 12-oz. Cans
\$19.45
 1500 pig points Save 5¢ Per Gallon of Gas!

Topo Chico or Vizzy Hard Seltzer
 12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans
\$12.69
 AFTER \$5 MAIL-IN REBATE

Leinenkugel's
 12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles
\$11.89 ea.
 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

Miller High Life
 12-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles
\$7.49 ea.
 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

Coors Banquet & Coors Light
 12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles
\$8.69 ea.
 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO

YOUR DESTINATION FOR ALL SUMMERTIME GRILLING NEEDS!

PRAIRIE FRESH FAMILY PACK Pork Steak \$2.79 lb.	CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF Boneless English Cut Chuck Roast \$4.49 lb.
PRAIRIE FRESH GREAT FOR PULLED PORK! Semi-Boneless Pork Butt Roast \$2.69 lb.	ALL NATURAL Full Rack Pork Spareribs \$2.49 lb.
CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF Fresh Ground Chuck Patties \$4.99 lb.	CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF Flat Iron Steak \$8.99 lb.
PRAIRIE FRESH Fresh Ground Pork \$2.99 lb.	PRAIRIE FRESH Bulk Homemade Italian Sausage \$3.99 lb.
20-oz. - Just Bare Chicken Thighs or Drumsticks \$2.99 WITH CARD	Gold'n Pump GREAT FOR THE GRILL! Split Chickens \$2.49 lb.
3-oz. - Pre-Cooked Godshall's Turkey Bacon \$4.49 WITH CARD	12-16-oz. - Assorted Varieties Bob Evans Pork Sausage & Link Rolls \$4.29 WITH CARD
8-9-oz. Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Lunchmeat \$4.99 WITH CARD	16-oz. Bar-S Bologna or Jumbo Franks \$1.99 WITH CARD
12-oz. - Assorted Varieties Klement's Ground Italian Sausage or Pork Links \$3.49 WITH CARD	7.2-12-oz. Klement's Snack Sticks or Summer Sausage \$4.79 WITH CARD
12-16-oz. - Swaggerty Pork Sausage Patties, Rolls or Links \$3.99 WITH CARD	12-24-oz. - Assorted Varieties Bob Evans Mashed Potatoes or Mac & Cheese \$3.69 WITH CARD
8-oz. - Trans Ocean - Assorted Varieties Imitation Crab & Lobster \$2.29 WITH CARD	16-oz. - Supreme Pizza Burgers \$4.29 WITH CARD
26-30-Count - 16-oz. - Whole EZ Peel Raw Shrimp \$7.99 WITH CARD	16-oz. - Nathan's Bagel or Pretzel Dogs \$6.99 WITH CARD
16-oz. - Whole Cod Fillets \$9.99 WITH CARD	16-oz. - Whole Tuna Skewers \$9.49 WITH CARD

Deli	Homemade Taste	Some items may not be available at all locations.	
8-oz. - BelGioioso Ciliegine Fresh Mozzarella \$3.99 WITH CARD	Patrick Cudahy Virginia or Honey Ham \$5.99 lb.	Brick & Muenster Cheese \$5.49 lb.	Sour Cream & Onion Potato Salad \$2.99 lb.
8-oz. - Assorted Varieties Wood River Artisan Cheese \$4.99 WITH CARD	6-8-oz. - Assorted - Kretzmar Pre-Sliced Deli Meats \$4.99 WITH CARD	Garden Pasta Salad \$3.99 lb.	Zesty Pickle Pasta Salad \$3.99 lb.
Beef Brisket Macaroni & Cheese \$5.99 lb.	8-oz. - Assorted Varieties Imitation Crab & Lobster \$2.29 WITH CARD	Chicken Nuggets \$4.49 lb.	Potato Wedges... \$1.99 lb.

Bakery	Homemade Fresh	Some items may not be available at all locations.	
8-Count - Cheesecake Factory Dinner Rolls \$3.49 WITH CARD	14-oz. Italian Bread \$1.99	4-Count Sub Buns \$2.49	Grove Street - Chocolate or Carrot Picnic Cake \$5.99 WITH CARD
18-Count - Chocolate or Vanilla Glazed Donut Holes \$2.49	16-oz. - Assorted Rye Breads \$2.49	4-Count - Large Turnovers \$3.69	8-Inch Banana Cream Pie \$7.99 WITH CARD
6-Count - La Boulangerie Chocolate Croissants \$4.99 WITH CARD	6-Count - La Boulangerie Chocolate Croissants \$4.99 WITH CARD	24-Count - Our Very Own Mini Piggly Wiggly Cookies \$2.99	

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12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles Budweiser or Bud Light \$8.79	4-Pack, 16.9-oz. Cans Paulaner Beer \$6.99	6-Pack, 12-oz. Bottles Kona Craft \$6.29 ea.	12-Pack, 12-oz. Cans or Bottles Heineken \$14.59
1.75-Liter Bottle Calico Jack Rum \$13.99	1.75-Liter Bottle Smirnoff Vodka \$20.99	1.75-Liter Bottle Seagram's 7 Whiskey \$19.99	1.75-Liter Bottle Aristocrat Brandy \$12.99
750 ML Bottle Dark Horse Wine \$6.99	750 ML Bottle Roscato Wine \$10.99	750 ML Bottle Clos du Bois Wine \$8.99	1.5-Liter Bottle Sutter Home Wine \$10.99

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Be Courageous

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to talk with officers directly. But social media was already a step ahead: She saw on the way that her son had overdosed.

“They suspected he was already gone for 12 hours,” Erin said.

From what she found; the 19-year-old had been on FaceTime with his girlfriend when he took an unknown pill around 7:30 a.m.

“He started snoring, which is a sign of a drug overdose,” Erin said. “In this case, it was fentanyl poisoning.”

Toxicology reports came back with three kinds in his system.

Erin described her son as a kind and thoughtful child who had trouble socially. She and her husband had Logan in counseling from an early age.

“Logan was a sweet kid. He modeled for Kohl’s at a young age and I would always tell him he should be a model later in life,” Erin said. “We spent hours working with both him and his (younger) brother, Caden, on baseball and traveled to different states to play. We went to church, vacationed, played games and ate dinner together.”

Though she said their family was what they had always wanted, addiction took hold of Logan as early as seventh grade when a peer introduced him to pornography.

Being a licensed clinical therapist, Erin found herself worried about Logan’s behaviors. He began acting out, and as early as fourth grade she found letters in his room explaining he did not want to wake up in the morning.

“Some professionals diagnosed him with high-functioning autism,” she said. “He appeared so normal that many people – even family – didn’t believe what we were seeing at home.”

Shortly after this introduction to addictive content, he underwent knee surgery and was prescribed opiates to help with the pain. Days later, Erin and her husband noticed he was high, took away the medication and turned him to ibuprofen and Tylenol.

“That kid who wanted to fit in found drugs, and the addiction took over,” Erin said. “We didn’t suspect addiction until we started dealing with it.”

Any time he was approached about missing medications or alcohol around the house, he would deny it, which posed a distrustful relationship with his parents. They sought multiple programs and counselors to help their son.

Logan was eventually sent to a high-end out-of-state rehab facility. His family visited often for additional support. Once he returned, he got back into drugs shortly after, becoming emotionally abusive to his family. He left home and couch surfed un-



Photo submitted

Logan’s parents stand at their son’s graveside in 2021.

til he settled in at UW-Milwaukee.

“We tried everything. I feel like we overturned every stone; I don’t know what else we could have done,” Erin said. “It’s like Logan convinced himself he wasn’t doing anything wrong.”

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July 31, 2003. February 29, 2012. October 31, 2012

Cindy lost all three of her sons to overdoses. Two to heroin, one to antidepressants.

“My world crashed,” she said. “I wanted to be the best mom ever, and here I’ve got two failed marriages and three children who have passed.”

She was heavily involved in each of her son’s lives, in teaching and nurturing them.

“I would spend as much time as I could with them, get them involved in sports, help them with schoolwork and plan fun activities,” Cindy said. “We were kind of like the Brady Bunch household.”

“I always thought I was good at making myself available to talk with my kids about anything, but it didn’t feel like enough because there was always something about all of them I didn’t know. I do have that regret and I’m hoping someday when we meet again we can catch up.”

Jeremy was the oldest, living in California a short drive away from his wife and 1-year-old child. They were planning to visit the next week. He enjoyed playing chess and was highly intellectual.

Cindy was in the restroom when her youngest called her for the phone, explaining that Jeremy’s wife was on the other end, crying.

“She told me Jeremy died. I just couldn’t believe it,” she said. “I didn’t know he was on antidepressants. I don’t even know what he was depressed about.”

Aaron, her second child, was a jock – popular, athletic and empathetic. Often-times he would comfort those sitting alone at school in the cafeteria during lunch.

He began harming himself after breaking up with his girlfriend. Cindy still isn’t sure if that was why he began using drugs, but said he was likely feeling a lot of pain from the breakup and continued abuse from his stepfather.

Cindy said Aaron had been arrested, been through rehab and on a monitoring bracelet since Jeremy’s passing. He had survived a couple of overdoses before succumbing to a third.

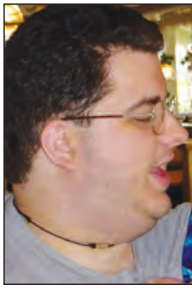
The night of his death, Aaron had been using with some friends. When he overdosed, they had dragged his body from Cindy’s house next door to the one he was renting from her and called 911. Police got hold of Cindy and said something happened to Aaron and was in the hospital.

Shortly after arriving at the hospital, an officer brought them to a private room and told them that Aaron had passed away.

Mario was Cindy’s third child, the first of her second marriage. He was athletic and had a four-year football scholarship at the University of Minnesota.

But drinking cost him that scholarship his senior year and he became devastated, as he was planning on a career in the sport.

He and Aaron did everything together. Eventually, Mario told Cindy that Aaron was the person who got him into using.



Jeremy



Aaron



Mario

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FVTC May graduates

Fox Valley Technical College's May graduates from Neenah have been announced:

- Janetta Breister, Quality Technician
- Nicole Bresnayan, Early Childhood Assistant Teacher
- Mitchell Broeske, Fire Protection Technician
- Angela Buksyk, Practical Nursing
- Jacob Clausing, Fire Protection Technician
- Harley Cochenet, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- Sara Custer, Administrative Professional and Office Assistant
- Andrew Czechanski, Nursing - Paramedic to ADN Pathway
- Ndeye Ganyla Sow Diop, Legal Studies/Paralegal
- Zachary Dorschner, IT - Software Developer
- Hailey Esslinger, Process Technician
- Amber Evers, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
- Zachary Fenner, Business Operations
- Yudelka Garcia Zorrilla, Practical Nursing
- Lukasz Glowacki, Electronic Engineer-

- ing Technology
- Leah Grundman, Agribusiness Science and Technology - Agronomy
- Rachel Gwitt, Accounting and Accounting Assistant
- Allison Herlache, Veterinary Technician
- Madelyn Himes, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Trisha Hurm, Human Resources
- Jeremy Jansen, Construction Management Technology
- Makynna Johnson, Dental Hygienist
- Elizabeth Kempfert, Veterinary Technician
- Caden Klatt, Criminal Justice Studies
- Samuel Knott, Mechanical CAD Drafting
- Tristen Knuijt, Aircraft Electronics
- Davis Knutzen, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Don Kortbein, Metal Fabrication/Welding
- Nora Kowalkowski, Food Service Production
- Korey Krause, Electronic Engineering Technology
- Ian Langenhahn, Automated Manufac-

- turing Systems Technology
- Mercedes Lexvold, Criminal Justice Studies
- Emily Manteufel, Medical Laboratory Technician
- Joshua Mattfeld, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics
- Jayson Mayo, Electro-Mechanical Technology and Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- Jacob Miller, GM Express Service Technician
- Jacquelyn Mucha, Practical Nursing
- Samuel Mucyo, Aircraft Electronics
- Tyler Mussatti, Metal Fabrication/Welding
- Manuel Nunez Estrella, Construction Management Technology
- Julia Paiser, Practical Nursing
- Jakob Presser, Banking and Financial Services
- Adria Ramos, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
- Josh Rankin, Web Design
- Clarissa Rowe, Esthetician - Basic
- Kevin Schoner, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics
- Emily Schultz, Horticulture Technician

- Erica Sewall, Practical Nursing
- Alicia Smith, Nursing - Associate Degree pathway
- Caleb Stern, Technical Studies-Journeyworker
- Kyle Tennie, Criminal Justice Studies
- Mike Tietje, Business Operations
- Brittney Tunnell, Interior Design
- Isaac Vandenlangenberg, Diesel Engine Service Technician (FABTECH)
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- Noah Weyenberg, Marketing
- George Whitney, Electro-Mechanical Technology
- Rebekah Willoughby, Early Childhood Education
- Mariah Wood, Wildland Fire Crew and Wildland Firefighter

Plan Commission

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The Sawdust District plan was established in 2018 after a Downtown Action Plan was put together by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce going back to 2000.

Commissioners asked Bunz about some of the amenities and what may be available to the public.

"We haven't had any issues with dogs, people, residents or the railroad tracks yet," Bunz said. "But it's something we can keep an eye on and take a look at moving forward."

The Mill on Main will be constructed in three phases, according to Bunz starting

along South Main. The first phase is set to begin in October and be open around spring 2024. From there and how fast T. Wall can lease units, the other two phases will come a year or two after each addition.

The council was to review project details at its Tuesday meeting this week. If approved, the rooftop signs would be the first seen in decades in the city.

Coffee shop on Oregon

Commissioners also approved the addition of a coffee shop at the northwest corner of Oregon Street and West 17th Avenue, specifically 1675 Oregon.

The current property holds an art studio and gallery, which plans to continue operations mornings and afternoons while the coffee shop is proposed to be open from 7 to 11 a.m.

The space that applicant Nilla Oehlke is hoping to occupy was previously a barber shop. She said she hopes to be a "friendly neighborhood coffee shop" to nearby residents and visitors.

Oehlke also said the addition will be beneficial to the Sawdust District as developments continue in the corridor.

The Howard outdoors

Commissioners recommended local venue The Howard to have outdoor entertainment adjacent to its property, at 309 and 313 Washington Ave.

The applicant, Carol Velasco, told commissioners she hopes to combine the vacant lots with the building "to allow for open green space for outdoor events held by the Howard."

Velasco told the group she is hoping the space will make the neighborhood more cohesive with the surrounding area. Landscaping efforts, she said, are already underway.

"You'll see the space improving quite rapidly," Velasco said.

Block grant review

City staff asked the group to review and accept allocations for its 2022 community development block grant (CDBG) funds.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates CDBG dollars to municipalities to encourage community development, and the city is required to submit an action

plan to demonstrate how the federal funds will be spent.

This year, the city was granted just over \$812,000, with more than 70% of 2022's allocations going to low- to moderate-income households.

Planning Services director Mark Lyons said the altered fund allocations will help stay in line with the city's comprehensive plan and establish funds to begin implementing the recently released housing study.

The proposed CDBG activities were ultimately approved by commissioners and will be reviewed by the council.

Koeller Street zoning

The group also approved recommendation of a zone change at 350 to 600 S. Koeller St., known to most as where the chain buffet restaurant Golden Corral is situated, adjacent to Red Robin.

Earlier this year, the commission approved a general site plan for the lots. Golden Corral closed its doors in October 2020 due to restaurant capacity issues and the building has since been unused.

The zone change recommendation ultimately approved will help keep it consistent across the lots acquired for the project.

Applicants in January said the space will have room for two drive-thru restaurants but did not confirm what will go alongside the Panda Express planned at that location.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

“Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin,” Oshkosh Public Museum, through Aug. 14

Wednesday, July 13

Comedy Benefit Show, 7 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Oshkosh Area Community Band summer concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

LEGO Wall Open Build, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Free Lunch Off the Grill, 11 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, July 14

Waterfest with Tommy DeCarlo, Rudy Cardenas, Copper Box, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Masterpiece Morgan Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

Friday, July 15

MPK Christian Celtic Band, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church St.

Adam Gundlach Memorial Swim Meet, 8:30 a.m., Oshkosh West High School

Masterpiece Morgan Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

Polar Alchemy, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Wayne Neuman, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Saturday, July 16

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Square Fare, 8 a.m., downtown

Masterpiece Morgan Horse Show, Sunnyview Expo Center

Behind the Exhibition: Iridescence, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

Fifth Ward Vintage Market, noon, 1009 S. Main St.

ToonFest, 10 a.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Bandits Unscripted, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

OYSC Soccer Saturday tournament,

Winnebago County Community Park Pigfest 10s Rugby Tournament, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Sunday, July 17

Ice Cream Social, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp & Cafe, 200 City Center

TJ and Lynn, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Mike Sullivan, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Cody James, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Wisconsin GLO (Green vs. Blue teams), 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Monday, July 18

Oshkosh Yacht Club Xtreme Regatta, 8 a.m., 1951 Bowen St.

Tuesday, July 19

Janet Planet, 11 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Brewing Futures Mobile Cafe, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Oshkosh Yacht Club Xtreme Regatta, 8 a.m., 1951 Bowen St.

Backstage Pass, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Wednesday, July 20

Gardening for Hummingbirds & Butterflies, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

Thursday, July 21

Waterfest featuring Mike Campbell & the Dirty Knobs, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Ardy & Ed’s Summer Cruise Night, 5 p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

Chris Okkerse, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Jim & Nancy, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Friday, July 22

Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Outdoor Family Movie Night: “The War with Grandpa,” 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Bandits Unscripted, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Kenny James, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Lost Orange Cat, 6 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Soul Revival, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Saturday, July 23

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Square Fare, 8 a.m., downtown

Winnebago County 4H Horse and Pony Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Hope Highway Summer Fundraiser, 10 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Hannah Rose Trio, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Sunday, July 24

Winnebago County 4H Horse and Pony Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

4North Acoustic, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Fire on High Duo, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Justin Levanetz, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

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Home cooking helps Legion return to winning ways

By Dustin Riese
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Getting back home helped the Oshkosh Legion return to its winning ways.

And for the foreseeable future, the Legion will see nothing but the dirt and grass of E.J. Schneider Field.

Oshkosh picked up a pair of wins to open up a 10-game, regular-season ending homestand, beating Green Bay Southwest 9-1 on Thursday before a 6-4 victory over Appleton Post No. 38 on Saturday to keep the Legion unbeaten in the familiar home surroundings. Oshkosh will also host the Class AAA regional tournament slated to begin on July 19.

"We just play better at home for whatever reason," head coach Brian Burgert said following the win against Appleton Post No. 38. "It feels so good to be back home, and now we don't have to leave for the rest of the season. I schedule it this way for a reason. We go on the road to play in tough environments which only helps us when we come home. Now it is time to put a nice run together and see what we can do."

Saturday's win was anchored by starting pitcher Alex Stini, who overcame a rough first inning where he allowed three runs to pitch five frames and earn the win on the mound.

Stini didn't pitch during the spring high school season because of an injury and has gradually been building up his arm strength this summer. Burgert has been impressed with how Stini has performed.

"Alex had some difficulty finding his location during that first inning, but once again he hasn't had a ton of time on the mound this season," said Burgert, who had Ryan Williamson pitch the final two frames to earn the save. "He has been gradually getting better. He threw 90 plus pitches in his outing today and, take away his first inning, he was very good for us."

The offense also backed Stini, rallying from a 4-0 deficit by getting an RBI double from Ben Buehring and a run-scoring

single from Cormac Sammons in the third to cut the deficit in half.

Then, in the fourth, the Legion erupted for four runs to take the lead for good getting an RBI-single from Carson Krumrei – who had a pair of hits in the game – and a two-run triple from Sammons.

"I was looking for a fastball considering what the pitcher was throwing, and that is what I got," Sammons said. "I had a couple of good pitches to hit in that sequence and waited back to put a good swing on it."

It has been those types of at bats that has gotten Sammons moved up in the lineup as he was in the bottom third of the lineup to start the season, but now sits in the middle part of the order.

"I am always looking to attack fastballs," Sammons said. "I was hitting in the seventh hole earlier in the season and was playing around with different approaches. Since then, I have moved up in the order and I have continued to focus on driving fastballs."

Sammons would come around to score later in that inning on a Jeremiah Housworth single for the final margin before closing out the win.

"This is a good win for us today," Burgert said. "We didn't compete well against these guys earlier this week. That is a very good team over there who we are going to see in about two weeks again here so we need to be ready. The recent losing streak has taught us a lot about ourselves. We faced some great competition and we learned that we need to be a cleaner team if we want to win. We were not clean here early, but we were when it mattered."

Oshkosh 9, Green Bay Southwest 1

Xavier Gauthier allowed just one unearned run while striking out three in five innings to key the win over Green Bay Southwest.

"It feels really good to get a win like this tonight especially when you look at the



Photo by Dustin Riese

Oshkosh Legion's Alex Stini fires a pitch to the plate during Saturday's win over Appleton Post No. 38 at E.J. Schneider Field.

way we have played recently," Gauthier said. "Hopefully this win can help kick start a hot streak for us as we have been very cold offensively. If we can continue to pitch better and play solid defense the hitting will come around and that appears to be happening right now."

The offense broke the game open in the second inning for Oshkosh.

With the score tied at 1, the Legion put together a two-out, five-run rally that put Oshkosh ahead to stay.

Dominic Kane and Buehring each had

two-run singles in the outburst, while Oshkosh scored another run on a Green Bay Southwest error to take the 6-1 lead.

Oshkosh added two runs in the fourth inning, with Kane picking up an RBI with a groundout, while Krumrei added an RBI-single in the fifth for the final margin.

Williamson pitched two scoreless innings to close out the victory.

Oshkosh closes out the week against Kaukauna tonight before Waupun, Wisconsin Rapids, Marinette and New London round out the regular season.

Bucks sign Northern Iowa star to two-way contract

The Milwaukee Bucks have signed AJ Green from Northern Iowa University to a two-way contract and he will appear next season with the Bucks and Wisconsin Herd.

The 6-4, 190-pound guard was named the 2022 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year after averaging 18.8 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game in his final season with the Panthers. He also led the MVC in threes (93) and free throws (140) made last season while shooting 41% from the field, 38.8% from

three and a conference-high 91.5% from the free-throw line.

Green averaged 17.8 points per game during his four seasons at Northern Iowa and left as the school's fourth-highest scorer with 1,769 points. With the Panthers, the 22-year-old Cedar Falls native was a two-time First Team All-MVC selection (2022, 2020), the 2019 MVC Freshman of the Year and a finalist for the 2022 Lou Henson National Player of the Year Award, given annually to the top mid-major player in Division I.



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Johnson steps down as head coach of West boys basketball program

Oshkosh Herald

Michael Johnson, who had been with the Oshkosh West basketball program since 2010, has stepped down as its varsity head coach.

Johnson spent the last seven seasons leading the Wildcats after taking over for Jason Fahrney before the 2015-16 season. Prior to that, he had served as junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant after joining the program as the head freshman coach in 2010.

Johnson, who also played at Oshkosh West, finished his tenure with a 61-107 record, including a 44-82 record in the rugged Fox Valley Association. The best finish in the league in the Johnson era came in the 2019-20 season when the Wildcats posted a 10-8 record to place fifth.

"I've enjoyed coaching at my alma mater and working with the kids during my time at West," Johnson wrote in a message to the Oshkosh Herald. "I also love competing in the FVA, one of the top conferences in the state. I am proud of the academic and behavioral standards I held my players to on and off the court and proud of how we have competed over the years relative to our talent level and our competition."

Johnson thanked Superintendent Bryan Davis, Principal Erin Kohl and Athletic Director Brad Jodarski in his message and credited them with providing "unwavering support and always being in my corner."

Johnson, who graduated from UW Oshkosh, had stepped down from his position as a special education teacher in 2021, to be a stay-at-home dad, but remained on as the head basketball coach.

In his comments to the Herald, Johnson – who is a writer/contributor at the daily fantasy sports website One Week Season as well as a successful fantasy sports participant – said that interactions with a portion of parents of kids in the program was a factor in him stepping down.

"Unfortunately, some parents in the pro-

gram have done some things that make it difficult to have trust that we are all working toward a common goal and impossible to justify the time/energy commitment and the sacrifices me and my family make for the good of other people's children," Johnson wrote. "I also want to be clear that the issue was not among all parents, as there are many great parents who 'get it' and handle things the right way and are very supportive of all parties. Unfortunately, a select few who clearly have ill intentions and handled things in the worst possible ways made me decide it was time to leave. I believe this was a small group of people but do believe many others were at least aware of what was going on.

"Our family is very blessed and at the end of the day, I realized that the only source of negativity and toxicity in our lives was coming from my association with the program. It just wasn't worth it anymore."

Johnson said in the day after his announcement, he received responses from coaches, officials and the basketball community at large showing support for his decision.

"I don't think that I am perfect or without fault by any means," Johnson wrote. "... I've given my life to this program for a decade and deserved better."

Although Johnson is stepping away from Oshkosh West, he won't be staying away from basketball courts in the FVA.

Johnson has joined the coaching staff of Lee Rabas at Neenah High School, the reigning WIAA Division 1 state champion and is looking forward to the new opportunity. Johnson and Rabas coached together during the 2017 Wisconsin Basketball Coaches All-Star Game.

"I am excited for my next journey as an assistant to Coach Rabas at Neenah," Johnson wrote. "I look forward to working with him and continuing in my passion of helping build balanced, successful student-athletes on and off the court."



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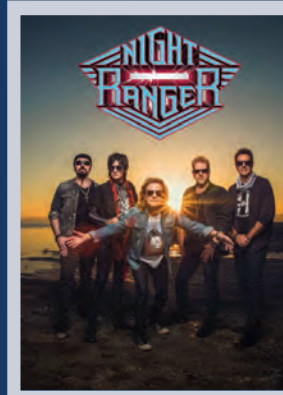
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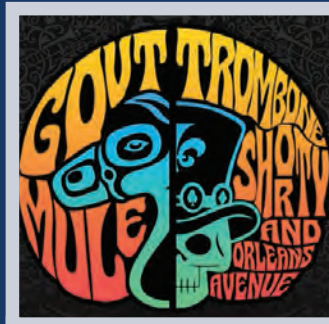
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Obituaries

John E. Swanson

Sadly we announce that John E Swanson passed away on July 8th at Bethel



Home after having a large stroke this past fall. He was born on Jan 30, 1956 to Alvin and Violet Swanson in Marinette, WI.

He joined the National Guard in 1976 and was part of the 32nd Infantry Division/Brigade of Army National Guard, 127th Infantry Regiment and was a medic with them retiring in 1997 with 21 years of service as a SSG E6. He was awarded Medic of the Year in 1978 and he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for saving the life of the Battalions Sgt Major when he had a heart attack. He was very proud of his military career.

He loved the emergency medical field which developed when he became a basic

EMT and volunteered with the Emergency Rescue Squad in Marinette. He came down to Oshkosh to further his career and worked for Oshkosh Ambulance Co. and Metro Ambulance. He went back to school to get his paramedic license. He then proudly worked for Gold Cross Ambulance for 25yrs and was very proud of them and his career there. He made many friendships that became like a 2nd family. While doing all of this he also worked at Mercy Medical Center for 32 years working in the Emergency Room and the last 5 years working as a telemetry monitor. He thoroughly enjoyed his co-workers and it was like a 2nd family as well. He loved to be able to help people and use his knowledge to do so. He was always particular and thorough in doing the best job possible for good outcome.

He married Linda Spanbauer in September 1985 and they enjoyed a long marriage filled with many fun moments. Enjoying cruises and going to Door County

each year brought us much joy. We never tired of going and he became a fan of lighthouses.

John's hobbies included fly fishing, hunting, lighthouses and spending time at the family cabin. Family and friends were important to him.

He was a member of First United Methodist church in Oshkosh and cared very much for the church family and helping out on projects when he could. He had many friends there that meant so much to him.

He is survived by his wife Linda, sister Linda Peterson (Marinette), brother Vern (Vivian) Swanson (Cadott), father in law Clyde Spanbauer and loved nephew and nieces along with other extended family including Linda's family, best friends Bill and Don and many other friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Elaine Spanbauer and brother-in-law Dale Peterson Sr along with aunts and uncles and great nephew

Chance.

His funeral will be at First United Methodist Church in Oshkosh on Wednesday July 13, (Linwood St.) Visitation is from 9:00 AM with service to follow at 11:30 AM. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers a couple of memorials are being planned in his name.

Thank you to the staff at Eden Meadows, Bethel Home and Compassus Hospice for the excellent care you gave him while he tried to recover from the stroke. Your kindness and wonderful care will not be forgotten. Special thank you to Chaplain Cathie for the Healing Touches and to Connie for the namaste massages. You both brighten his week when you'd come. Thank you to all for kind words, prayers, cards and visits to him. It all meant so much.

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Roger L. Stewart

Roger L. Stewart, age 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, July 7,



2022, at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh, WI. He was born in New London, WI on May 6, 1942, to the late Leroy and Louise (Sheel) Stewart.

Roger grew up in Clintonville, WI where he learned the value of hard work. This trait stuck with him his entire life. He constantly strove to be the best he

could be whether employee, husband, or father.

After high school he became a master welder at Four Wheel Drive. He had a deep love for this country and proudly served in the National Guard. He was recognized as a Sharpshooter in the Guard, and became an ace trapshooter in his free time. After moving to Oshkosh in 1969, Roger worked for the Wisconsin DMV as a driver's license examiner for 32 years.

One highlight from Roger's post-retirement employment was driving bus for Kobussen, especially the van for smaller pick ups of students with special needs.

He did this up until just a few weeks before his passing. He loved "his kids," and they shared many special memories and laughs.

Roger loved his family. He never missed a Sunday call with his dear sister Sandra, his wife has not pumped her own gas in 31 years, and his grandkids knew a free ride and ice cream was just a phone call away. Roger enjoyed the friendship of his Perkin's coffee clutch crew for decades. He enjoyed traveling and seeing new places, especially when his special niece Kandy did all the planning.

Roger is lovingly survived by his wife of 31 years, Lynnda Stewart; three

daughters: Jodi (Mark) Budde, April (Mikel) Buckarma, Leah (Gary) Luke; and son, Jon (Bryce Lord) Stewart; five grandchildren: Tyler Budde, Ethan Budde, Ellie Luke, Lauryn Luke, and John Luke; great grandchild, Millie Graveen; and sister, Sandra (Willie) Eulrich.

A memorial service for Roger will be held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh with military honors. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:00 am until the time of service.

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Gary R. Marks

Gary Raymond Marks passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022, from complications after recent heart surgery. Gary was born in Borth to Raymond and Esther (Kratz) Marks on February 19, 1946. Gary graduated from Omro High school in 1964 and then shortly after entered the Army and served in Vietnam.

On July 14, 1973, he married Paula Schimelpfenig at Grace Lutheran Church in Omro. Gary was an active member at Grace and shared his talents in various roles. Gary spent most of his career working with the Omro community as Public

Works Director.

When not working, he enjoyed the challenge of projects, like restoring vehicles, including his MG Midget and his F100 and building his dream house. Gary and Paula loved camping at Boot Lake and traveling across the country. One of his favorite trips was Route 66 with their close friends Bob and Mickie Rohan. He also enjoyed many trips with family to Arizona, Florida, Yellowstone, and Tennessee. On May 29, 2019, Gary was honored to be on the Mission 50 Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington D.C. with his friend Bob Rohan.

Gary will be remembered most for the love and pride he had for his family. He truly cherished the time spent together. Gary is survived by his children, Jenny (Danny) Hunkin, Phoenix, Arizona; Ted (Gillian) King, Oshkosh; Candy (Dan) Cook, Oshkosh; and Matthew Marks, Oshkosh; grandchildren, Kendall and Jacob Hunkin, Braden and Declan King, Carissa Coats (Sean Royer), Angela and

Branden Brzozowski, Sean and Drew Cook; great-grandson, Lucas Brzozowski; sisters, Eileen (Joe) Bonnett, Joan (Scott) Johnson; brother, Dale Marks; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Sally Thomas, Chris (Tom) Fearson, Debbie (Neil) Schmude, Jane (Rick) Christl, Joan Domske and Edgar Newell; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his loving wife Paula of 48 years; his parents Ray and Esther Marks; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herbert and Wilma Schimelpfenig.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home,

904 E. Main St. Winneconne. Visitation continued on Monday, July 11 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church 720 Jackson Ave. Omro. A funeral service was held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Mark Wenzel officiating. Burial with military honors was held in the Borth Cemetery.

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Paul E. Saray

Paul Evan Saray, age 71, of Oshkosh, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Paul passed peacefully in Milwaukee following complications from a recent surgery. He was born on January 15, 1951 in Oshkosh a son of the late Nick and Betty (Rand) Saray. Paul was a graduate of Oshkosh High School in 1969 and married Susan Schiefelbein in 1972.

Paul worked 26 years at Neenah Foundry Company as a pattern maker, followed by 14 years at Bemis/Amcort in the Snack Plant. He also worked several part-time jobs throughout his life.

During Paul's life he also enjoyed playing baseball, camping at CUSA, bowling, fishing, cooking, hanging out at Evil Roy Slades with his friends for a few Hamm's beers and putzing around outside in a garden, his garage or just lying in the sun in his "daisy dukes." Paul's life was too short, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His gentle smile, kind heart, quick wit (even if wildy inappropriate at times), brought joy and touched the lives not only of his family but so many friends.

Paul took his fashion cue from no one. His signature everyday look, spring thru winter, were all his: plaid flannel shirt, (sometimes with the sleeves cut off), carpenter jeans, cowboy hat and a pair of high-topped work boots (which he even

played baseball in). He was a rare combination of someone who had a love of life and a firm understanding of what was important -- the simplicity of living life with those you love.

Paul is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife of 50 years, Susan; a daughter, Melissa (Scott) Wesenberg; his son, Matthew Saray; his grandson, Andrew Saray of Oshkosh; his brother, Dan (Teri) Saray of Oconto; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Janet (Hugo) Paulik of Oshkosh, Charles (Deb) Schiefelbein of Oshkosh; nieces and nephews, Marty (Julie) Paulik, of Oshkosh, Ben (Karen) Paulik of West Virginia, Jessica Kortbein of Oshkosh, Aaron Saray of Milwaukee, Leigha (Andrew Minster) Saray of New London, Jordan Saray, Alana (Christopher Beekman) Saray of Oconto, Julie Jan-

sen of Oshkosh, Michael (Chris) Paulik of Winneconne, Tim Paulik of New London, Dan (Kathy) Paulik of Menasha. He is further survived by his beloved companion Buddy. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Saray; parents Nick Saray and Betty DeBoth; step-father, Robert DeBoth, father/mother-in-law, Lloyd and Lorraine Schiefelbein and close uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services for Paul were held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm in the Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park Ave. in Oshkosh. Burial followed in Ellenwood Cemetery. The family received family and friends at the funeral home from 11:00 am until the time of service. A memorial fund will be established.



Ryne Andrez Cadena

Ryne Andrez Cadena, 21, passed away very unexpectedly on Saturday June 25th, 2022. He was born in Oshkosh, WI to Simon and Rebecca (Joubert) Cadena on October 11th, 2000. He was the younger one of their two children. He attended Merrill Middle School and Oshkosh North High School where he competed in Skills USA in Extemporaneous Speaking.

He also participated in Cub scouts, Boy Scouts, basketball, track, wrestling, football, softball and bowling. He obtained his High School Equivalence Diploma in October of 2019 thru the GED-to-work program offered at Pierce Manufacturing with his Father. He volunteered and worked for Total Security and Safety since 2015. Most recently he was employed by VT Industries-Eggers Division in Neenah, WI as a Maintenance Technician.

Ryne's passions included driving, cleaning and repairing his Ram Truck or his Ford Focus ST Turbo. He would attend numerous car shows-cruises to show off

his vehicles and socialize with people with similar interests, many of whom became like family to him.

Ryne also enjoyed camping, hiking, listening to music, watching the Chicago Cubs play, skateboarding and making those around him laugh. Of late, he took pleasure in beer tasting at different breweries or bringing home a variety box to share.

Ryne is loved and missed dearly by his parents, his sister; Cera Cadena, his niece; Elia Byars-Cadena, his girlfriend; Anna Leeman and his Golden-Doodle; Turbo, all of Oshkosh, WI.

Ryne will be remembered for always

being there for his family & friends when they needed him. He has continued helping people by being a registered organ donor.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at Winnebago County Park (625 E County Road Y Oshkosh, WI 54901) shelter number one on July 17th, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, starting with lunch and ending with a car cruise.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established at a later date.



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Obituaries

Alfred R. "Fritz" Ganther, Jr.

Corrected: Alfred Ray "Fritz" Ganther, Jr., age 89, of Oshkosh, passed into eternal life



on Friday evening, June 17, 2022, at The Courtyard of Oshkosh. He was born on May 31, 1933, the son of Alfred R. and Marjorie (Scofield) Ganther, Sr., in Oshkosh, WI.

Fritz graduated from Oshkosh High School at age 16 in 1950. He earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1955. He studied for a year at the Salzburg School of Architecture, Salzburg, Austria under the auspices of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA, and earned his Master of Architecture degree at Catholic University in Washington, DC in 1956.

Fritz was hired in 1956 by Mills, Petticord & Mills – Architects & Engineers as a project architect. He was proud of his work as the on-site project architect for the Smithsonian Museum of American History, which became known as "Uncle Fritz's Building" to his nieces and nephews in the Washington, DC area. During his time working in DC, he met Elizabeth Marian "Betsy" Reynolds; they were married on November 29, 1958, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

In 1961 Fritz, Betsy and the first two of their four children, moved to Oshkosh where Fritz joined the family construction business, Ben B. Ganther, Co., where he worked until 1992. Between his time in Washington, DC and Oshkosh, he served as an officer in the Army Reserves/Corps of Engineers.

Fritz was a Registered Architect in Wisconsin, Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia. He devoted much time in support of the construction industry and its people, both management and labor. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Wisconsin State Carpenters Pension Fund and its Health & Welfare Fund. He was President of the Fox River Valley Contractors Association, and served as President & Director of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, as well as

the President & Director of the Fox River Valley Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute.

His involvement in the Oshkosh business community included serving as a Director of First Wisconsin National Bank, Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Foundation. He was a Director of the Oshkosh Area Association of Manufacturers & Commerce as well as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mercy Medical Center Foundation.

The importance of education was a bedrock value for Fritz, and one he strove to instill in his children. He served as President of Educare – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the College of Education Support Group, and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lourdes Academy, which all four of his children attended. He also served as a Trustee of Marian College Foundation – Fond du Lac, WI, and Chairman of the Marion College Board of Trustees. He also was a Trustee of the Green Bay Catholic Diocese Foundation.

Fritz enjoyed golfing, duck hunting, ice boating, woodworking, and wood carving. He was an avid birdwatcher, keeping binoculars always at the ready near the glass walls behind his desk. Until late in his life he was an enthusiastic landscape gardener (and bitter enemy of the rabbits that would eat his saplings).

Fritz's legacy includes commitment to family, the Oshkosh community, education, and the Catholic Church (including devotion to Our Lady and Our Lady's school – go Irish!). Daily Mass was part of his schedule from an early age and he always carried – and used – his rosary.

Fritz is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Ganther; his children, Ben Ganther of Oshkosh, WI; Margaret "Peggy" (Gary) Gaworski of West St. Paul, MN; Jim (Melissa) Ganther of Tampa, FL; Mike Ganther of Oshkosh, WI; 18 grandchildren, Lauren (Dany) Zapata, John (Marilyn) Ganther, Ben B. (Jessica) Ganther, Tim Ganther, Jonathan (Helen) Gaworski, Molly Ganther, Maddie (Sam) Howard, Anna (Joshua) Taubel, Meaghan Ganther, Jacob Ganther, Maggie Ganther, Jane (Adam) Trofka, Teresa Gaworski, Bridget

his family and friends on their toes.

Cory is survived by his father, Todd Kalbus; brothers: Alex (Brandy) Kalbus and Robert D. Kalbus; nephews: Wyatt and Jarek Kalbus; grandparents: Robert A. and Donna Kalbus, and Marie Baerwald; aunts and uncles: Tamie (John) Wallschlaeger, Renee (Mark) Marhefke, Brian Baerwald, Bradley (Sueann) Baerwald, and Michelle Baerwald. He is further survived by many cousins.

Cory was preceded in death by his mother, Denise Kalbus and grandfather, Dennis Baerwald.

A private service was held.

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Cory L. Kalbus

Cory L. Kalbus, age 29 of Oshkosh, passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022. He



was born on October 27, 1992 to Todd and Denise Kalbus in Oshkosh. Cory graduated from Oshkosh North High School and went on to work construction.

In his younger years, wrestling was a big part of Cory's life, in more recent years, he enjoyed working out. He had a love for the outdoors, especially fishing and four wheeling. Cory will be remembered for his wild sense of humor that always kept

William M. Holicky

William "Bill" M. Holicky, age 92, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, December 27th, 2021, at Evergreen Retirement Community.

A service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Evergreen Retirement Home. Visitation will be held from 10:30 AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be created in Bill's honor.

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Ganther, Evan Ganther, Mikaela Gaworski, Katie Ganther, Erin Ganther; and three great-grandchildren, Isabella Taubel, Cam Ganther, and Philomena Taubel; sisters Mary Ising and Jane (Jim) Fennell, both of St. Paul, MN; and brother, Tom Ganther of Oshkosh, WI.

Fritz was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred & Marjorie Ganther, Sr. and his sister, Marjorie Kircher.

A visitation for family and friends was held Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from 10:00 – 11:30

AM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh. A funeral Mass was held following the visitation at 11:30 AM with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, 1901 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Lourdes Academy, Oshkosh.

The family wishes to thank the staff at The Courtyard of Oshkosh; Shannon W., RN, and the staff of St. Croix Hospice for the end-of-life care provided to Fritz.

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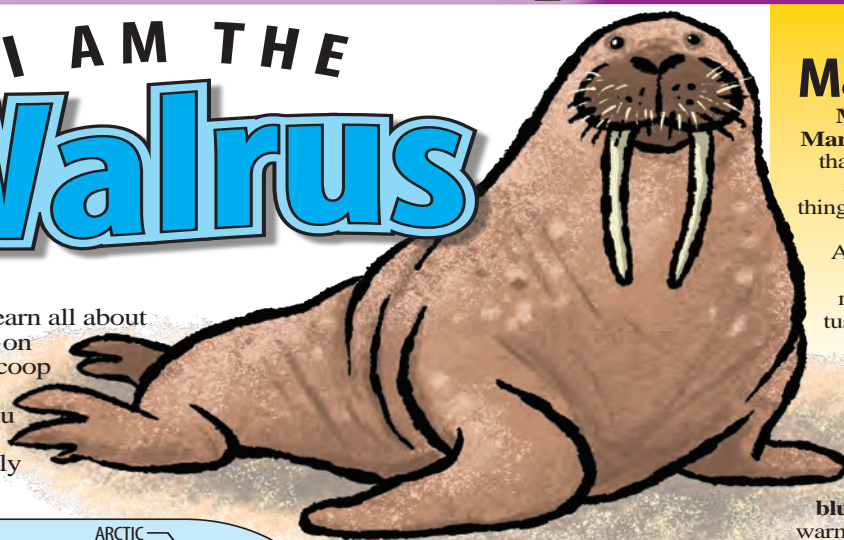


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Brilliant Blubber

Beneath their skin are thick layers of fat called blubber which keeps a walrus warm and protected from the cold. They can withstand temperatures as low as -31°F (-35°C)!

Read and learn all about walrus on today's Kid Scoop page. Then share what you learn with a friend or family member.

Where do walrus live?

Walrus live in the Arctic. Is that true?

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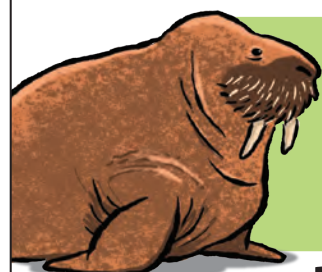


Write the letter that comes before each letter to reveal the answer.

How big are they?

about the size of an adult human.
 6 to 10 feet long and weigh 4,000
 An adult walrus can grow to be
 pounds. A newborn calf is 130 pounds.

Put these sentences in order!



Mighty Mustaches

Walrus have mustaches made of super-sensitive whiskers. They use these to find food at the bottom of the ocean. Walrus have between 400 and 700 whiskers, which can grow to 12 inches long.

TRUE OR FALSE: Both male and female walrus have mustaches. Circle every third letter to find out!

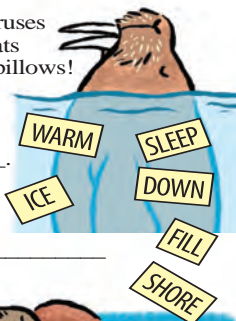
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Fill in the missing words!

When far from _____ or land, walrus have special pouches on their throats that they can _____ with air like pillows! Once their pouches are full of air, walrus can _____ with their heads on the surface of the water and their bodies hanging _____.

Walrus live in herds that can have thousands of members. They pile up on the _____ to keep _____ and sleep in the sunshine.



Tremendous Tusks

Wow! Here are some wild statements about walrus tusks. Are they true? Each one that adds up to an even number is true!

Walrus have long, large tusks that are actually teeth. These can be over 90cm long! That's nearly 3 feet!

TRUE FALSE
 13 + 13 + 6 =

Both male and female walrus grow long tusks, which help them live the Arctic life.

TRUE FALSE
 9 + 4 + 3 =

Walrus use their tusks like poles, digging them into sand, snow and ice to help them pull their enormous bodies out of the ocean!

TRUE FALSE
 8 + 15 + 9 =

Tusks help the walrus chop through ice from under the water to create breathing holes so they can catch a breath while swimming and hunting.

TRUE FALSE
 7 + 2 + 6 + 9 =

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Look through the newspaper for something that is big. Cut it out, paste it on a piece of paper and write the word **BIG** next to it. Next find something bigger, cut it out, paste it on your paper and label it **LARGE**. Then find something even bigger, cut it out and paste it on your paper and label it **MASSIVE**.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use comparative synonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What does a walrus eat?

Walrus find and eat shellfish like clams from the sea floor. They also enjoy sea cucumbers and mussels. Adults will sometimes hunt fish. How many clams do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

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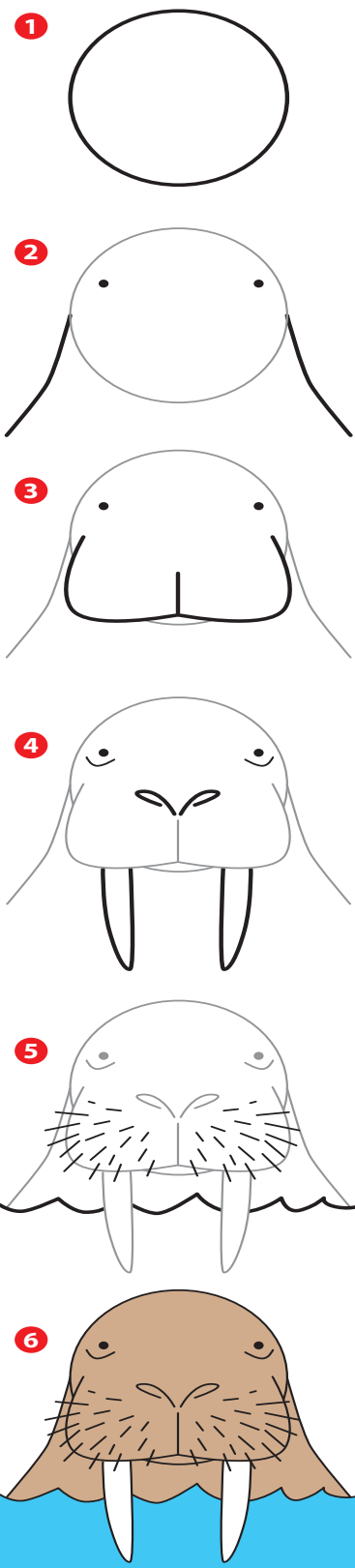
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

Draw a Walrus

Follow the steps to learn how to draw a walrus.



Hold this page up to a mirror to discover another walrus fact!

It's true: Walrus can live to be about 40 years old.

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