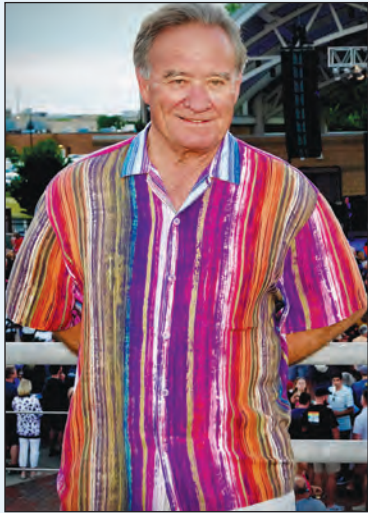


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## Reopening of bridge pushed back

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A temporary fix to the Jackson-Oregon Street bridge has been complicated with additional repair needs and has pushed back its reopening to Sept. 30, about a month after state Department of Transportation officials had originally expected.

A gear had broken in the lift structure in late May, spurring its closure and necessary repair to the affected gear. The lift bridge is scheduled to be entirely replaced in 2028.

Regal/Rexnord, the company manufacturing the new gears and refurbishing the gearbox, recently identified additional damage in the gearbox that extends the manufacturing process for additional parts.

The first gear fix was estimated to cost the DOT \$120,000 and take nine weeks for the full repair before the bridge reopens to vehicle traffic. But a recent release from the DOT states that the additional damage found will need to be dealt with, raising the price to \$136,000.

The bridge has been closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic since May 25 after a bridge inspector discovered damaged gear teeth in the gearbox on the south leaf span during a routine check.

Regal/Rexnord reviewed the excessive wear on the gears and believe a corrupt bearing caused instability in the gearbox. The DOT investigated components on similar bridges and found no issues with gear wear.



Photo from Master Sgt. Darla Tokarski  
Air Force Master Sgt. Darla Tokarski started her career in the military branch in 2010.

## Air Force history spans stories of special service

Past and current members reflect on their experiences

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the separation of the U.S. Air Force into its own branch of the military, and EAA AirVenture will be celebrating that landmark at this year's fly-in convention.

The signing of the National Security Act of 1947 by President Harry Truman established the Department of the Air Force.

Oshkosh resident and Air Force veteran Jerry Burke was named after the uncle he shared a birth-



Burke

## Overdose, alcohol abuse stats show the costs

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Drug and alcohol use is widely known as a concern in Wisconsin, and Winnebago County is no stranger to it.

In a 2021 report from the state Department of Health Services, fatal drug overdoses have been rising, "increasing by 40% from 2014 to 2019, and fatal deaths involving opi-

oids grew by 46% over the same period. Winnebago County saw 41 overdose deaths in 2021, 28 of which were laced with fentanyl.

According to Cheryl Brehmer, the county coroner, there have been 15 confirmed overdose deaths and 10 other suspected overdose deaths in 2022, ranging from 16

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day with who also was a USAF veteran. The World War II pilot died in 1943 when his B-24 plane was shot down.

An Air Force recruiter in the Fox Cities kept Burke in close contact so he could sign up before he was drafted and sent to Vietnam in 1963.

"I don't know what it was, but in the Air Force everything just clicked. I was at the top of my class," said Burke.

Though he wanted to be a pilot, he was ultimately assigned to help with missiles in California.

"I always joked that I protected the

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## Future plans for school spaces aired

Athletics, fine arts buildings proposed at board meeting

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education is reviewing four facilities projects for the latter half of the decade, totaling about \$154 million.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach and Clint Stelle from Bray Architects presented to the group last week what the Facilities Advisory Committee 2.0 had discussed over the past several months in comparison to other state schools with new athletics and fine arts facilities.

In 2017, a facilities study of the district noted about \$116 million in repairs that were needed on aging schools. During 2019 and 2020, FAC 1.0 met and discussed consolidation needs, which subsequently were approved by the community through a referendum on the November 2020 ballot.

With this, community members began the design of the brand new Vel Phillips Middle School, which is currently under construction along Jackson Street.

The Board of Education earlier this year approved the FAC 2.0 to review fine arts and athletic needs in the district that would align with the original consolidation plan.

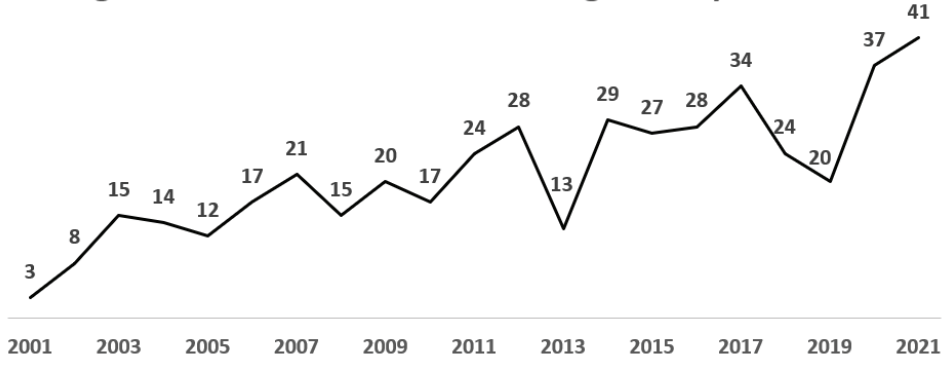
Common themes among FAC 2.0 discussions surrounded around having the facilities help make Oshkosh a destination city and school district for families. The proposed projects would not only benefit the school district but also residents, clubs and the local economy.

### Indoor multiuse facility

As it stands, North and West high schools cite some "headaches" of stu-

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In 2021, the number of overdose deaths increased to the highest it has ever been for Winnebago County, WI.



to 68 years old and with substances such as alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, cocaine and prescription medication, oftentimes a combination of several found in one's system.

And in this month alone, there have been at least seven suspected overdoses in

the county.

Each year, the county's Overdose Fatality Review team examines individual, organizational and system factors related to overdose deaths in Winnebago County.

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# County's ARPA group holds first meeting

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The Winnebago County's ARPA Commission met for the first time last week, taking the initial steps in what will lead to doling out more than \$33 million in funding over the next two years.

It was the start of a process for the seven-member group to begin laying the groundwork for what lies ahead with distributing the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) federal money.

"What I observed us talking about was a general discussion about the method of how to go about determining how these dollars would be used," said District 19 Supervisor Bob Poeschl. "We didn't name any specific areas but developed a general construct and direction to present to (Finance Director) Mr. Collard and County Executive (Jon) Doemel on how to proceed in creating target areas."

Poeschl is joined on the committee

by fellow supervisors Thomas Borchert, Morris Cox, along with residents Thomas Boelter and Mary Anne Dilling. County Board Chairman Thomas Egan leads the committee. Poeschl confirmed the committee is expected to have one more person to be appointed by Doemel.

The commission will have a wide latitude in determining how the funds are spread throughout the county in order to help local government cover lost revenue over the past two years due to the pandemic.

Poeschl believes the first step the commission needs to undertake is developing a strategic plan to help keep the commission and the Board of Supervisors – who will have the final say of approval on the commission's recommendations – on one path moving forward.

"The reason that this is exciting to me is that there are things in our county that we can be doing that help create a strategic direction. That's one of the roles of these dollars is to be strategic in how we use them," Poeschl said. "What we want is to say here is our shared vision and it creates a direction where we don't get strayed off that path."

Poeschl also said that the disbursement of funds isn't just to meet the county's operational needs but there is the potential to partner with different villages and townships throughout the county to make sure the funds are being well used.

"Not just that the money is being spread out, but it's being used in a way that is representative of the whole needs of the county," Poeschl said.

The commission is slated to meet again in August.

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**Don & Dona (Madaus) Boushele** recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with family and many friends.

Don & Dona were married on June 20th, 1952, and have 6 children: Vicki, Peggy (Doug), Sandy, Mark (Sherry), Jeff (Lori) and one in heaven. They also have 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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# Charges pending in hit-and-run Fox River boating incident

Oshkosh Herald

Charges of recklessly endangering safety and failure to render aid were still pending against the driver of a powerboat that struck a commercial paddleboat July 9, with the boat driver's attorney refuting claims of preferential treatment after cooperating with police the day after the incident.

Jason E. Lindemann, 52, reported to Winnebago County authorities July 12 after the crash that injured several of the 43 passengers aboard the On the Loos stern-wheel pleasure boat after it was struck on the Fox River near the Jackson-Oregon bridge by a 45-foot private boat.

Lindemann's attorney, Scott Ceman, said he was in regular contact with investigating officers the Sunday and Monday after the crash, assisting them in their execution of a search warrant of the boat and of one of Lindemann's businesses.

"Despite all the information made available to me that these allegations fit exactly the misdemeanor statute for Hit and Run Causing Bodily Harm statute, the detectives decided to book Jason in under a number of felony offenses," said Ceman, a former Winnebago County prosecutor.

Lindemann was referred to the district attorney's office for 12 felony counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and 11 counts of failure to render aid after a boating accident, which is a misdemeanor. A \$10,000 cash bond was set July 13 in Winnebago County Circuit Court and an initial appearance in the case was still pending as of Monday.

With the case declared an open investigation by the sheriff's office as it sought out more witnesses, Lindemann was granted a pre-charge bond hearing that gained his



Photo from Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

A powerboat involved in a collision July 9 with a commercial pleasure boat is shown with damage to the hull.

release pending an arraignment.

"There was no need for an arrest," Ceman said. "We were in contact with them and cooperating. Additionally, when there is an arrest made in these situations, the district attorney often orders the accused to be released pending a later charging decision after the investigation is completed. That's what we asked for and were denied."

Ceman said at bond hearings, when there are no charges and the accused has no prior criminal record or missed court appearances and is a longtime resident, a

## Motorcyclist killed in crash

A motorcyclist was pronounced dead after hitting a parked car last Wednesday in the 400 block of 12th Avenue.

Oshkosh police officers were dispatched to the scene at about 6:45 p.m. Nobody was inside the car at the time of the incident, and the driver of the motorcycle was alone.

The driver, whose age was not specified, died at the scene.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700.

signature bond is standard.

"The commissioner granted the state's requested conditions and ordered a \$10,000 cash bond," he said. "So, there was no special treatment in favor of Jason

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

## July 27, 1938

**\$930,000 Courthouse:** The "new" Winnebago County Courthouse, was dedicated on this date in 1938 and was built at a cost of roughly \$930,000. Five thousand yards of concrete, 390 tons of reinforcing steel and 120,000 feet of electrical wire was used in its construction. A commemorative booklet issued July 27, 1938, at the dedication of the new Winnebago County Courthouse called the fifth-floor jail "a roof-top stronghold." And contrasted the

at that hearing. He's entitled to the same fair and impartial treatment under the law as anyone else."

All those aboard the paddleboat reporting minor injuries were treated at the scene except for one who was treated and released at a local hospital.

Sheriff's deputies said the powerboat fled the scene after the collision and made no attempt to render aid to the paddleboat or occupants. Several law enforcement agencies assisted in an unsuccessful search of landings and private residences for the boat, its owner and occupants.

Police have since identified the powerboat occupants and have been interviewing those of the paddleboat while asking those who haven't to contact the sheriff's office.

modern facilities to jail conditions here before 1900. One judge said, "The dungeons and dark holes in the old jail where men and women were confined for violations of the law were damp, unsanitary and unfit for a pig pen." The plans for the jail were devised in light of that day's notions of prisoner treatment. "Though designed for perfect sanitation and for common, humane comfort, there's nothing about this institution set so far beyond the public gaze that even suggests coddling the lawbreaker. Everything about the jail is as it should be, sternly severe."

Source: *The Sunday Times*, Dec. 17, 1967; *Winnebago County Commemorative Booklet*, 1938, July 6, 1904

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# Public vote on replacing special assessments discussed

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Local voters may be seeing an advisory referendum question on the fall ballot about a replacement for special assessments in the city, likely in the form of a transportation utility fee.

Though there was no official vote on this at the Common Council meeting last week, there was discussion about its specifics and possible legal action against the plan.

City Clerk Jessi Balcom said the deadline to submit an advisory referendum on the November ballot is the end of August. If this route is popular among a majority of council members, the latest they could vote on it is at their Aug. 23 meeting.

Jeff Mazanec, senior consultant for engineering project specialist raSmith, provided an introduction last October to the council about "transportation utilities," a way of equitably collecting costs for street infrastructure in a way similar to determining household utility charges.

By home rule authority, transportation utilities have been used around the nation and in a handful of Wisconsin communities over the last few decades, City Manager Mark Rohloff told the council in October. He said the most recent municipality to implement this transportation utility charge was the Village of Pewaukee.

Mazanec said the Wisconsin League of Municipalities identifies transportation utilities as "a process for allowing properties that demonstrate reduced (street) use ... qualify for a lower fee," recognizing the benefit of access and the impact of each trip on road conditions and longevity.

Transportation utilities would essentially charge properties for the amount of trips accumulated over time on that property. Trips are calculated by taking the average of every time a vehicle enters or leaves a property, regardless of who makes them, including trips to and from work, mail carriers making deliveries, sanitation collecting trash and recycling,

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and whenever guests visit.

Properties that are likely to generate more trips – schools, manufacturing plants and apartment complexes – are apt to be charged more. Properties that do not generate trips would be exempt, such as undeveloped parcels.

At last Tuesday's meeting, City Manager Rohloff showed the group some estimated annual costs should the transportation utility fee be implemented.

For an average single-family detached home, the average utility fee each year would be around \$55. On the other hand, gas stations and home improvement superstores would owe more than \$10,000 annually.

Rohloff said that using updated trip data, the estimated transportation utility

fees account for about 95% of what's being covered by special assessments. To cover what's left, he said, is contingent on ongoing developments.

He also noted that some other municipalities have been facing legal battles from organizations against the transportation utility and told council members the same may happen here.

"We feel we're well within our home rule rights to institute this fee, but certainly people disagree with that interpretation," Rohloff said. "I respectfully disagree with that but I would prefer we have a discussion in closed session."

Several council members expressed a desire to explore the transportation utility further, in addition to other possible routes of action.

## Riverwalk section at Lakeshore Park to close

A section of the Riverwalk at Lakeshore Park is closed to the public until further notice during a phase of construction of the park's four seasons building.

This trail section runs along the north side of Lakeshore Park adjacent to Lake Butte des Morts.

The closure began Monday at the trail entrance at the end of Punhoqua Street and extends to the connection to the Tribal Heritage Trail.

The city will provide updates on the length of the closure pending the construction timeline.

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A new Teriyaki Madness restaurant held its grand opening at 1834 Oshkosh Ave. last Thursday.

## Oshkosh native opens Asian teriyaki restaurant

Oshkosh native Nate Krohn opened a Teriyaki Madness restaurant franchise location last week at 1834 Oshkosh Ave. with grand event promotions.

Krohn spent eight years as a U.S. Marine before working in manufacturing positions in Oshkosh. "Growing up and living in the area, Krohn has always felt a strong connection to the community," said Gabrielle Gianino, associate media manager

for the company. "When he decided it was time to diversify his professional career, he began looking at what the community in Oshkosh would not only enjoy but what type of food the current restaurant landscape was missing."

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# Lake Winnebago stays strong, self-sustained fishery

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Whether it's summer on a boat or winter on the ice, Lake Winnebago is a destination for anglers from around the state.

More often than not, those putting their lines in the water are rewarded with a catch to put on the wall or cook up for a good meal.

With all the fishing traffic on the lake – numerous tournaments held off the west coast and a steady stream of casual fishermen – there always seems to be fish ready to be caught and, according to Winnebago Systems fisheries biologist Angelo Cozzola, the stocking of fish is something the lake does without a hand from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"It's definitely rare, I would say," Cozzola said. "Most lakes are not naturally reproducing populations and there are a lot of stocked walleye populations in the state of Wisconsin."

Cozzola said the DNR does extensive monitoring of the fish population, especially in the popular species such as walleye,

bass and panfish, to make sure numbers don't dip too low.

But the only fish the DNR has had to stock in the lake in recent history are musk- ie and it would be a mistake to tinker with what Mother Nature is already taking care of.

"If you are managing a fishery anywhere and you have a healthy, natural reproducing, self-sustaining fishery, you don't want to go in and artificially stock on top of that," Cozzola said. "If you have a good thing going, you don't have to come in and do anything on top of that."

Cozzola said what makes Winnebago unique and able to sustain its population is that it offers fish many options to spawn.

From the Wolf River, Fox River to the Upriver Lakes, as well as Lake Winnebago itself, fish can spawn in different areas. The spreading out of spawning helps combat environmental issues or large angler numbers

having a negative effect on the population.

"The fact they have different spawning grounds makes it very unique," Cozzola said. "One of the main driving factors for the year-class strength in walleye are water levels on the Wolf River, where many of the fish from the lake go to spawn. During high-water years, we often see a really good year in our trawl surveys. In low-water years we tend to see a little bit less."

Still, the populations remain strong no matter what type of water level the spring has and even if there is a dip in one species, Cozzola said that is usually attributed to some environmental factor and not overuse of the lake by anglers.

That keeps Lake Winnebago a popular location for fishing tournaments and something Cozzola believes will continue.

"The lake can handle it. It's been happening for a long time now," Cozzola said of regular array of tournaments. "As of now, I have not had to turn away any tournaments."

One aspect of hosting fish tournaments

that Cozzola is encouraged by is the increasing number of Catch, Record and Release tournaments. He said such events are on the rise and helps keep the fish population in the lake strong.

"There's definitely been a movement toward that and I am a fan of the Catch, Record and Release as opposed to bringing fish in a livewell and having them weighed on stage," Cozzola said. "Still hold the tournaments, but catch the fish, record them and release them – that obviously is going to be a little more favorable to fish health."

Cozzola said he has heard how good of a catch the lake produces but also understands when he also gets calls claiming a lack of fish.

"People aren't calling to tell me how many fish they caught. They are calling to tell me they are upset," he said. "When I'm putting the boat in the water, most people are happy to talk to us about their experiences and it just depends on who you talk to. We hear either none today or the fishing is great."



Cozzola

## Sturgeon spearing tag deadline nears

The deadline for sturgeon spears to apply for an Upriver Lakes spearing tag for the 2023 season is Aug. 1, which is limited to 500 license holders this year for lakes Poygan, Winneconne and Butte des Morts.

License holders must apply for a license or purchase a preference point to harvest a sturgeon from the Upriver Lakes. Spearing licenses are issued through a drawing where priority is granted to applications with the most preference points. Those not selected earn a preference point for future drawings.

Applicants will be notified by Oct. 1. An unlimited number of sturgeon spearing li-

censes are available for the Lake Winnebago spear fishery and can be purchased until Oct. 31. Applicants authorized for an Upriver Lakes license cannot purchase a license for Lake Winnebago.

Resident and nonresident licenses are available for purchase through the DNR's Go Wild license portal or at any license sales location. All license holders must be at least 12-years-old or turning 12 between Nov. 1 and the last day of the season.

The Winnebago System sturgeon spearing season will begin Feb. 11 and run for a maximum of 16 days or until any of the harvest caps are reached.

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# State's top community concert series rocks on

## Waterfest president credits diverse support

By Michael J. Cooney  
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Oshkosh's Waterfest has proclaimed itself as Wisconsin's best community concert series, a statement that organizing president Mike Dempsey describes as "aspirational but also something that the event delivers on in that the value proposition is significant."

Run by a nonprofit board under Dempsey's leadership, the event invests all proceeds into future programs so it can leverage that into significant discounts on admission prices for the public and offer free admissions to veterans and children under 12.

Bringing national acts to Oshkosh at affordable prices to play in one of the best boutique amphitheaters in the country based upon the setting and aesthetics and accessibility is something Dempsey is especially proud of.

Waterfest grew out of the early 1980s during a time that the Midwest was experiencing the Rust Belt days of industries moving elsewhere, resulting in high unemployment. The Oshkosh community, like many, was beaten down and had lost much of its self-esteem.

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and other local groups started the evolution of a Thursday night music series that would give the community something to be proud of and attract visitors, as well as help make the city appealing to people considering relocating here.

With the help of sponsors who underwrote early expenses, major national bands were booked. Dempsey recalls that it was incredible they were able to get several bands that were in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and that before the building of the Leach Amphitheater were performing on the bed of a trailer, or the Oshkosh show mobile.

Among the early bands were The Guess Who, Cheap Trick, Eric Burdon and the Animals, and Three Dog Night. Looking back, Dempsey is amused they were charging just \$2 for a beer wristband and

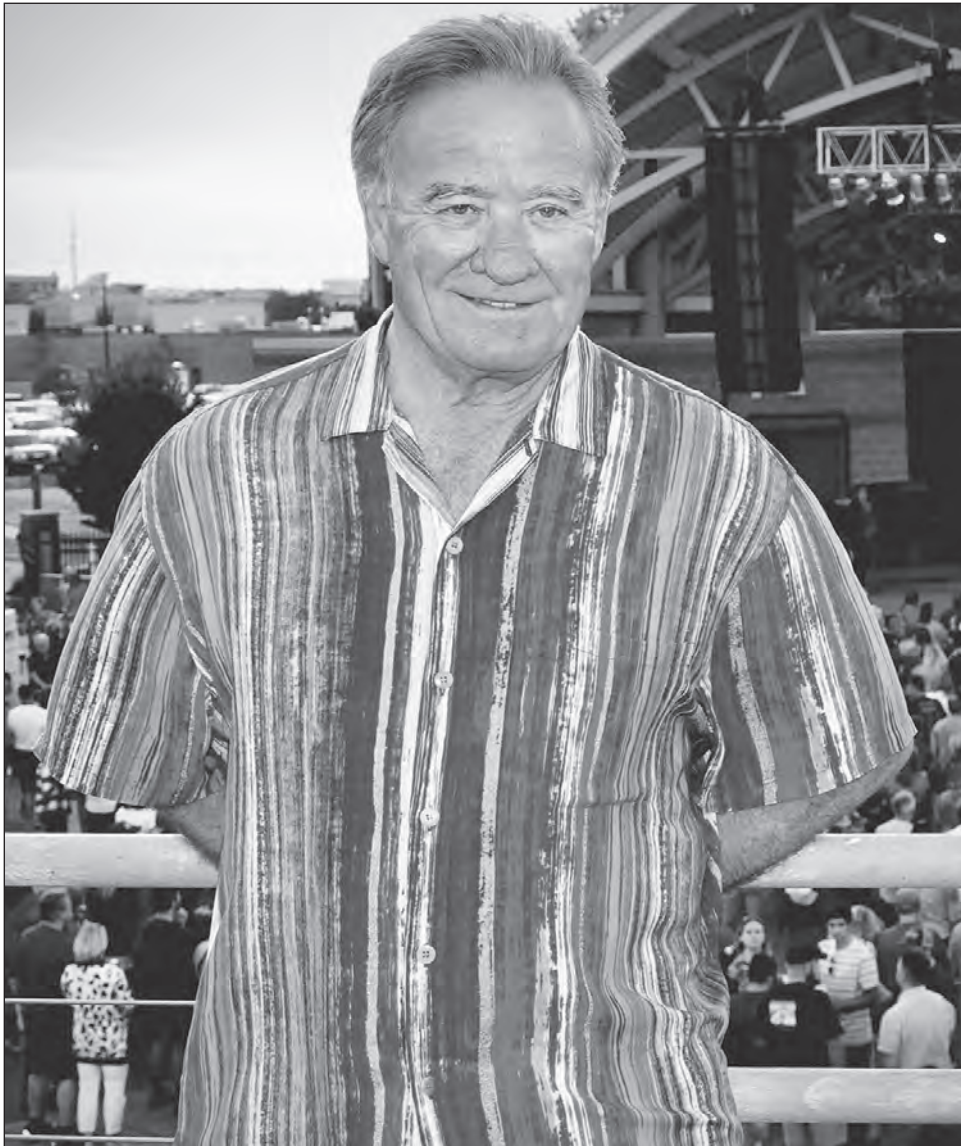


Photo by Michael Cooney

Mike Dempsey has been the leading force behind Waterfest since its launch in 1986.

made enough money to stay in business and build up a nest egg, so they were ready when the amphitheater was available.

Dempsey said that moving to the Leach was a higher-budget proposition because of the occupancy and production costs, drastically changing the scale of the operation. Because of the discount ticket prices, sponsors are a vital part of making the event possible. Concession sales are also part of the formula and provide a way for nonprofits to earn funds they can reinvest in the community and introduce their members to Waterfest.

Dempsey, who recently retired from a long career in banking, has an ongoing passion for the music.

"I just enjoy music and I enjoy musicians and I enjoy original music and I enjoy just about every genre there is possible," he said. "I go to festivals to kind of poke around and see where the energy is and to keep informed about what the possibilities are that we might be able to bring into our venue."

"Part of our mission is book bands that pay the bills, bands who our market is familiar with."

Dempsey said that includes groups that have classic hits or offer popular genres that audiences are familiar with.

"The second part of our mission is to introduce music that the audience might not be so familiar with and introduce them into our market and have our market introduced to them," he said. "The third part is to give a boost to and support the local artists that do original music as well as covers."

A working formula for Waterfest is to bring back at least a quarter of the bands from other years that had great crowd response.

"We have some bands that we've had on

our wish list for a long time, like the Beach Boys. We have tried to book them for 10 years, but we couldn't get past the radius clauses from the Wisconsin State Fair or Milwaukee Summer Fest," Dempsey said. "This year it worked out just right. Their agents called and said this is the year we can make it happen."

The Beach Boys, who are celebrating their 60th year and continue to have great crowd appeal, will start at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 11 with two 75-minute sets and a 30-minute break. Dempsey recently attended a Beach Boys concert and said "they are impeccable, they sound great; this is going to be fantastic for the community."

Ever optimistic, while Dempsey is doubtful we are going to see Adele at Waterfest, he adds "she might want to come" and he is really hoping for Paul McCartney, who has collaborated with the Beach Boys once. "And we have them booked, so anything is possible," he said.

Dempsey, like any good banker, is a numbers guy who Karlene Grabner, who assists him booking bands and making arrangements, said he used to call at 4:30 a.m. on a Friday morning to tell her the estimated number of guests the previous night and was usually off by only about 100 people.

"Thankfully, now he texts those estimates out the night of the show," Grabner said.

The high level of community ownership and engagement is something Dempsey didn't expect when he joined what the Chamber of Commerce started.

"The city of Oshkosh, the Chamber of Commerce, all the community organizations, vendors – especially the fans – all want Waterfest to work," Dempsey said. "They all feel an obligation and an honor to be involved in it. That's the thing I'm most proud of that they think it's worthwhile and has a positive impact on the community."

For tickets to any of the remaining Waterfest shows, go to [waterfest.org](http://waterfest.org).



Photo from Sleepy Hollow Farm

## Water launch

Sleepy Hollow Farm Campground's pond is open to the public this summer with hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, weather permitting. The pond was created in 2020 and this year features inflatables as part of the water experience. A beach pass includes access to the pond and shallow water, while a \$20 pond pass adds access to the deep end, including the inflatables and life jackets.

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# AirVenture features an Air Force birthday party

Oshkosh Herald

The U.S. Air Force's 75th anniversary will be celebrated as one of the highlights of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh's 69th edition, which will be welcoming back some of its international members and visitors that faced pandemic-related travel restrictions last year.

"It is great that our international EAA members and visitors are returning this year, as last year many of them could not leave their home countries or, if they did, faced long quarantines when they went back home," said Dick Knapinski, EAA director of communications. "We've heard from those in South Africa, South America, Europe and elsewhere that they're excited to be coming back to AirVenture this year."

Knapinski said they expect attendance to be similar to that of 2019 and 2021 with more than 600,000 people taking part over the course of the week.

The annual fly-in convention opens Monday and runs through July 31 at Wittman Regional Airport.

Young people ages 18 and under will again get in free all week, supported in part by the Boeing Co. to introduce more youth to the world of flight. Longstanding youth activities and programs include the hands-on KidVenture display and program area; technology, innovation and education options; and a large slate of forums, workshops and seminars.

"At Oshkosh in 2022, we aim to showcase the memorable history of the Air Force, from its initial post-World War II era to the



EAA photo

Air Force fighter jets will be just one of many aircraft from the USAF on display and flying at AirVenture next week.

impressive personnel, aircraft, and technology of today," said Rick Larsen, vice president of communities and member programming. "The Air Force's presence at AirVenture also helps spark inspiration among today's youth toward the innovations and possibilities available to them through aviation."

Specific activities and aircraft will include fly-bys, ground displays and presentations, including evening programs at Theater in

the Woods. Some of the aircraft will take part in air shows.

The U.S. Air Force was created Sept. 18, 1947, as part of the National Security Act, which established a separate military air branch and put all of them under a new Department of Defense. The Air Force now has more than 325,000 personnel and 5,000 aircraft.

Other notable aircraft also will be cele-

brating significant anniversaries and planning gatherings at the fly-in.

Daily and nighttime air shows continue to be a major highlight with some of the world's top aerobatic pilots. Each afternoon the flightline will be the stage for performers that include precision aerobatics, innovations, rare flying examples, and historical warbird and vintage showcases. Night air shows are from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Go to [eaa.org/airventure](http://eaa.org/airventure) for the show schedules.

Starting Sunday, volunteers will start building an airplane – a Sonex Waix featuring a Rotax 912iS engine – as the One Week Wonder project returns. The goal is to taxi the completed airplane during the final day's air show.

The Rotax 912iS was also the choice for One Week Wonder projects in 2014 and 2018. The fuel-injected engine boasts durability and fuel economy for kit aircraft.

"Rotax's involvement in the One Week Wonder project will help our volunteers and those participating in the project at Oshkosh next summer create a superb aircraft and show how aircraft construction is within the abilities of most people," said Charlie Becker, EAA's homebuilt community manager.

Aircraft ride opportunities at AirVenture include a Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B, B-17 Yankee Lady, B-25 Berlin Express and a Bell 47 helicopter.

The Fly-in Theater, adjacent to Camp Scholler, has free film showings at 8:30 p.m. daily, including the recent release of "Top Gun: Maverick" set for Friday.

## Air show schedule

EAA AirVenture's daily air shows start at 2:30 p.m. and feature precision aerobatics, military big iron, and rare and unique flying examples. The schedule is subject to change with details and updates available at [EAA.org/AirVenture](http://EAA.org/AirVenture). Wednesday and Saturday nighttime air shows begin about 8 p.m.

Scheduled highlights:

**Monday:** Van's 50th Anniversary/AF Special Operations Command Day: Van's 50th Anniversary (50 various RVs); War Bird Arrival show

**Tuesday:** Innovations/Air Education and Training Command Day: Innovations – Gamebird 1; Innovations Airbus (Perlan II); Innovations – Lift Aircraft (Hexa)

**Wednesday:** WomenVenture/Air Combat Command Day: Patty Wagstaff (Extra 300LX); Vicky Benzing (Stearman); Jessy Panzer (Pitts); Flight of the Cats (various cats)

**Thursday:** Air Mobility Command/Young Eagles Day: Young Eagles flight celebration; USAF C-17 Demo Team (C-17); USAF Heritage Flight (F-35A, P-51)

**Friday:** Salute to Veterans Day/AF Global Strike Command: Flight of the Cats (various cats); USN E-2D Hawkeye Demo Team (E-2D Hawkeye); Doc (B-29); American Airlines/Old Glory Honor Flight Arrival (A321 Flagship Valor)

**Saturday:** USAF 75th Anniversary: USAF C-17 Demo Team (C-17); USAF Heritage Flight (F-35A, P-51)

**Sunday:** The Big Finish: USAF C-17 Demo Team (C-17); USN E-2D Hawkeye Demo Team (E-2D Hawkeye); USMC MV-22 Demo Team (MV-22 Osprey); USAF Heritage Flight (F-35A, P-51); USN Legacy Flight (F-35C, EA-18G, Corsair)

## Air Force

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coast of California from the Viet Cong, and I did a hell of a job," Burke said.

Shortly after his discharge in 1967, Burke was contacted by Steve Wittman about attending EAA once it moved to Oshkosh in 1970.

"I went out there and fell in love almost instantly. It's become like family," said Burke, a former WBAY-TV news reporter.

In 2008, he began doing "Plane Talk" with pilots and other AirVenture attendees. Since its debut, it's become popular.

But this year will be Burke's final time as host.

Former Oshkosh resident and enlisted Master Sgt. Darla Tokarski will also be attending this year's Fly-In, marking her first AirVenture representing the Milwaukee Air

Force Base Logistics Readiness Squadron at the Elite Airmen tent July 27.

In 2006, a Merrill native serving in Iraq lost his life, which encouraged Tokarski – a radio broadcaster at the time – to enlist.

"I was surprised to see how much of an impact it had on everyone," she said. "I had reported on the town fixing up the truck he planned to work on after his deployment, and I passed it on my way into work for months. I wanted to do more than report on those who served – I wanted to serve."

After moving to Oshkosh to work at Cumulus Broadcasting, Tokarski enlisted in 2009 and was officially in the military part-time by 2010. And after two tours, she realized she loved the work.

Both her father and grandfather were Marines, so "I was used to getting yelled at," she said. "When I went through basic training, there was no difference for me; I thrived in that environment."



Tokarski



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Oshkosh native Jerry Burke (bottom row, middle) is pictured with other Air Force pilots.

Tokarski's first deployment was to Qatar in 2013. After returning later that year, she was deployed again to Afghanistan in 2014 to help with deployment of about 10,000 troops. During that year she was re-missioned to Iraq and finished her tour there, returning home in early 2015.

One of her main duties during the deployments was to bring human remains transfer cases back to the U.S. after individuals pass away overseas.

"My first deployment I did 18, and I lost count of how many I did in Afghanistan. Every single one takes a toll on you," she said. "I look at the flag differently now, differently as I think other people do. Every time I see it I see a transportation case underneath it. I see a person – an American – that went home not the way they had

planned."

Tokarski continued serving part time until 2021, when she went full-time active duty in Milwaukee as an aerial porter. Over the years, she and Burke have reflected on the Air Force and how the branch has evolved with the world over the past 75 years.

"As we're seeing now with the progression of the militaries of the world and the way we fight wars, I believe (forming the Air Force) was necessary," Tokarski said. "I'm happy to see how it's branched out over the years and I look forward to seeing what they do for the future of our ability to win and to fight wars. I'm proud to be part of it."

And while the Air Force is what Burke describes as a deterrent, he said "every year there's a reason to celebrate."



## EAA unveils its new Education Center

The Experimental Aircraft Association opened its Education Center, originally known as Project 21, with a ribbon cutting last week. The museum addition is a two-story, 30,000-square-foot facility to further develop aviation education and training.

“The education center was built to enhance aviation education for kids and pilots unlike any other facility,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA chief executive. “Part of EAA’s mission is to grow aviation participation by promoting the spirit of aviation and I think we are doing just that with the educational and technological advancements that we now have available in this new facility. Thank you to the donors that believed in our vision and made it a reality.”

The \$6.2 million project, funded via a capital campaign separate from EAA member dues, now features an innovative Pilot Proficiency Center, a hands-on

Youth Education Center, and the EAA Conference Center.

These facilities are adjacent to the museum’s Eagle Hangar.

The Pilot Proficiency Center features a skill building and training center for general aviation pilots.

The 16 Redbird flight simulators in the Pilot Proficiency center combine relevant safety forums with challenging simulator training sessions that deal with key flight safety issues.

The 15,000-square-foot Youth Education Center provides youth, parents and their teachers access to interactive activities that can inspire the next generation of aviators.

The facility has five tech labs and four modifiable classrooms.

Primary support of the education center expansion is from the Ray Foundation Inc., David C. Lau Estate and an anonymous donor.

## Defense gets added order for Stryker vehicle

Oshkosh Defense received a contract order last week valued at \$130 million from the U.S. Army Contracting Command to upgrade 95 additional Stryker infantry carrier vehicles with a weapons system.

In June 2021, the U.S. Army selected the Oshkosh Corp. subsidiary and partners Pratt Miller Defense and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems to integrate a 30 mm medium caliber weapon system (MCWS) onto the Stryker ICVVA1. The five-year requirements contract includes production and logistics support of the MCWS for up to six Stryker brigade combat teams.

The Army has now ordered 269 upgraded vehicles valued at \$356 million to outfit three combat teams and 20 other vehicles for product verification testing, follow-up operational testing and evaluation, and logistics development.

“For the MCWS program, our team listened to customer feedback to provide a soldier-centric lethality solution in a lightweight package that’s easy to integrate while maintaining the survivability and mobility performance of the Stryker,” said Pat Williams, Oshkosh Defense vice president and general manager of Army and Marine Corps programs.

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# Beauty of aviation captured with precision

## Local photographer's EAA exposure endures

By Dan Roherty  
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Jim Koepnick began to earn his wings in the aviation photography world when the Experimental Aircraft Association moved its headquarters to Oshkosh in 1983 and needed a chief photographer.

Already on the Oshkosh Northwestern newspaper staff at the time, Koepnick brought a more photojournalistic approach to aircraft images, first on the ground and later in the air.



**Koepnick**

"Local photographer Carl Schuppel was hired as staff photographer, so he was the first to shoot air-to-air photos for assignments," Koepnick recalled.

"As our workload increased, I started getting my turn at flying in the photo plane."

Koepnick has continued as an independent journalist since his 28 years with EAA, specializing in aviation, sports and documentary photography. Some of his clients include Sigma Corp. of America, Flying Magazine, Plane and Pilot Magazine, Ripon College, Old Glory Honor Flight and the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.

He still works with EAA on magazine photos while his business relationship with Sigma America has expanded in the past five years. He has praise for EAA's current lead photographer Connor Mad-



Photo from Jim Koepnick

Jim Koepnick shoots a video for Sigma Corp. of America aboard a Piper Cub.

ison while Koepnick blends his Sigma work with some local fly-ins.

"EAA has, and always will be, family to anyone who has worked there, so that never ends," he said.

EAA director of communications Dick Knapinski has had a longtime association with Koepnick and returns the appreciation for that relationship.

"Jim is simply one of the best in the world at what he does with aviation photography. He has created a signature style and ways of taking aircraft photos that have been adopted by many people in the community who see him as a mentor," Knapinski said. "What always amazes me about Jim is the way that he sees an image that most of us never see. He has that natural eye for a photo-ready moment that is

a gift, and I'm happy he has shared it with us for so many years."

EAA Sport Aviation magazine editor Jack Cox and EAA Vintage magazine editor Gene Chase mentored Koepnick and Schuppel early on about the details of aviation imagery.

Koepnick's first shots from the EAA photo plane were not impressive by his standards and has since turned them into a learning opportunity for other photographers.

"I still have a copy and use it when giving presentations," he said. "Little by little we evolved through the years with better photographic techniques."

There was no formal training for that expertise in the 1980s, leaving Koepnick to research what other aviation photogra-

phers were publishing while learning on the fly about proper lenses and lighting preferences. Hand signals were the communication standard among planes before radio contact became standard, and individual pilot meetings turned into group sessions with more efficient plans mapped out.

"Little things like showing all of an aircraft tail, showing as many different angles as possible, and that the images had to be tack sharp," Koepnick said. "We would shoot to follow the rules before trying to go outside the box with other ideas."

Koepnick said the world of aviation photography expanded when Jay Miller started the International Symposium

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Jim Koepnick shoots one of his many air-to-air assignments.

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for Aviation Photographers in the 1990s, which evolved into the International Society of Aviation Photographers. With a Lifetime Achievement Award under his belt from the group, Koepnick continues to share ideas for improving techniques and safety.

With more than 1,000 air-to-air photo missions and 550 magazine covers during those 28 years with EAA – 80 cover photos alone in the last decade – Koepnick expanded that expertise to business relationships with several manufacturers.

Cirrus Aircraft, Viper, American Champion and a mix of aviation publications have become business connections outside of his EAA relationship. His current ties with Sigma as an ambassador for the camera and lens manufacturer started through an EAA enthusiast in its marketing department.

But he points to the camaraderie at EAA – the organization, the people it works with and the volunteer staff at AirVenture

– for making his experience well rounded.

Koepnick describes meeting and collaborating with pilot and photographer Bruce Moore in his Cessna 210 as a perfect air-to-air platform that has worked for 32 years.

“It was Bruce that was the first to take me up over the clouds into beautiful light and smooth air when I first started experimenting with a slow shutter speed (1/60th second) to get a full propeller blur,” he said. “After that flight, it was a standard I always tried to get.”

EAA and AirVenture also opened up Koepnick’s exposure to celebrities. He talked cameras and space shuttles with John Denver, teased Harrison Ford about attending Ripon College and trying to get him to go back, sat in the back of a car with X-15 pilot Scott Crossfield while towing a Wright Flyer glider replica, photographed Richard Branson’s son at AirVenture at his request, and met acclaimed writer Richard Bach.

“One of the greatest benefits of working at an organization like EAA was that through the years I got to meet so many of my heroes, idols and interesting people,” he said.

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## Green Tier Program marks anniversaries

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating anniversaries of 13 Green Tier participants, including Sadoff Iron & Metal Co. in Oshkosh, for their commitment to the environment.

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Participating companies and organizations work toward reducing their environmental impacts and show improvement over time.

They also have initiatives that go beyond their compliance requirements.

Green Tier is a voluntary program for businesses, organizations and local governments throughout the state. Most participants use a systematic approach to minimize environmental risks and align their business objectives with conservation stewardship.

Green Tier anniversaries included Sadoff along with Kimberly-Clark Kimtech, Neenah, with five years of participation.

A complete list of Green Tier participants and more information about their continual environmental improvement can be found at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/GreenTier](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/GreenTier).



Photo from Firehouse Subs

Milo uses his new wagon to make his rounds collecting litter in his neighborhood.

## Boy's cleanup efforts get a mobile boost

Oshkosh Herald

When a local restaurant owner saw a mother post about her 7-year-old son seeking a wagon to collect litter in, he knew just how to help.

On the "You Know You're from Oshkosh When..." Facebook group, Michelle Cruz posted about how her 7-year-old son, Milo, hates to see trash on the ground and walks miles a day picking up litter. She ended her post asking if anyone had recommendations for a wagon that Milo could carry trash bags in.

"I was just looking for something that could be gifted to him, something super cheap that I could fix up," Michelle said. "I didn't expect the brand new, customized

swag. I was pretty shocked."

Milo began picking up trash near the end of this past school year when he didn't have friends to play with at recess. While he was looking for something to do, he noticed how much trash there was outside and decided to pick up what he could.

"He's been taking one recess a day where he doesn't play with anyone and just picks up trash," Michelle said.

This post caught the eye of local Firehouse Subs Oshkosh restaurant owner Steve Ahrens, who messaged Michelle asking for her to call him the next day to learn more about their story. Michelle and Milo ended up meeting Steve at his restaurant and unveiled that he was going to have a custom-made wagon created just for Milo.

Michelle, a single mother and caretaker at a local nursing home, was overcome by the kind gesture. She never expected to get a free wagon, but rather was hoping that a fellow Facebook user had either a recommendation for an inexpensive or used one that she'd be able to spruce up for her son.

During their meeting, Steve asked Milo what he wanted written on the side of the wagon, to which he said, "Please don't litter, save our earth! I want a future."

About a week and a half later, the specially designed wagon arrived and Milo and his mom picked it up along with a red Firehouse Subs pickle bucket for trash.

"It was nice to know that other people cared," Michelle said, "that they're trying to help someone they don't even know."

Michelle has already noticed a significant difference in how clean the area near her house has been since they started going out.

"Don't throw your trash on the ground. It's not only making our town look dirty but it puts a description of what type of people live here," Michelle said. "If you have trash, hold it in your hand or put it in your pocket until you find a place to throw it away."

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# Calendar of events

## Ongoing

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

## 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

Cowboy Church, 6 p.m., Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

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.

Paper City Trio, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1782 W. Waukau Ave.

## Monday, July 25

Ask Your Mother, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1780 W. Waukau Ave.

Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., The Hangar Bar and Grill, 1485 W. 20th Ave.

## Tuesday, July 26

Sonic Circus, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1782 W. Waukau Ave.

## Wednesday, July 27

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park, 576 Pratt Trail

Slow Roll 2022, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park

Children's Summer Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Wayne Neumann, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Bobby Evans, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1782 W. Waukau Ave.

## Thursday, July 28

EAA Quilt Show, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center South

Michael Sullivan, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Boom Boxx, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1782 W. Waukau Ave.

## Friday, July 29

Main Street Music Festival (various venues)

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

Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Seth James, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Happy Hour Heroes, 7 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

"The Great Outdoors," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Star Six Nine, 8 p.m., SOS Brothers Beer Tent, 1782 W. Waukau Ave.

## Saturday, July 30

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

Main Street Music Festival (various venues)

Soul Revival, 6 p.m., Game Time Sports Bar, 2836 Fond du Lac Road

Kitty Corona, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

## Sunday, July 31

Main Street Music Festival (various venues)

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," 2 p.m., Time Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Seth James Duo, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Chris Okkerse, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Rob Anthony, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

# Illuminated sculpture exhibition makes debut at Paine Art Center and Gardens

The Paine Art Center and Gardens will host "The Nature of Light: An Exploration After Dark" – its largest exhibition to date – from Aug. 8 to Oct. 30.

The exhibit will feature dozens of illuminated art settings, thousands of changing lights and more than 50 geometric sculptures, created exclusively for the Paine through a collaboration between two studios renowned for crafting art experiences.

The Nature of Light will not travel to any other locations and will only be available for viewing during its limited run here.

The Nature of Light is a collaboration between Hybycozo, a duo of international artists who create large and intricate illuminated sculptures, and Lightswitch, an international lighting design firm. Hybycozo's work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian and Burning Man festival,

and Lightswitch has created lighting experiences for artists like Elton John and Imagine Dragons, and theme parks including Disney and Universal Studios.

Reservations are required with admission to the exhibit at \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth (ages 5-17; kids under 5 are free). Due to daylight constraints in August and early September, the Paine will host a preview from Aug. 8 through Sept. 8. During

this time, guests can view the exhibition at a discounted rate.

The Paine will offer other experiences and activities during the Premier Presentation run, including specialty concessions, a gift shop with light-up novelty items, and Hybycozo sculptures and jewelry.

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# Be Courageous

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ty, according to the county website.

The reviews focus on systemic change to prevent future deaths and not on identifying fault in organizations or individuals.

“Our community is struggling through an epidemic within a pandemic with many people relapsing after years of sobriety, trying to cope with substances in a world of unknown housing, employment and childcare, exacerbated by the stress of being alone, not having support and not being able to get help,” the 2020-2021 OFR report reads.

Among the trends noted in the latest OFR, many people who knew a person who had died due to an overdose were not aware of the person’s substance use, and the decedents were introduced to substances at an early age, around 10 to 15 years.

“We know this is a risk factor for disordered use in the future and can be attributed to childhood trauma, family history and ease of access to drugs and alcohol,” the OFR report reads.

## About the series

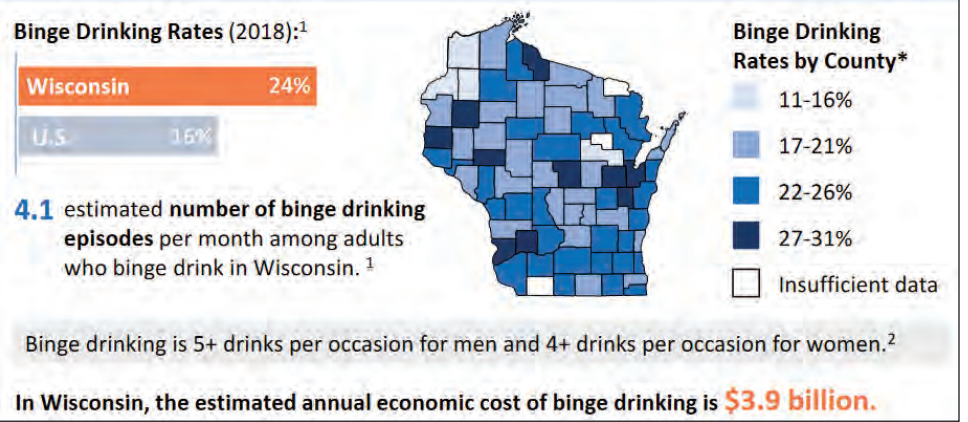
Through a partnership between the Oshkosh Herald and Breakwater, this six-part series aims to help reduce the reluctance of having difficult conversations and asking tough questions in the household surrounding alcohol and substance use.

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According to the state DHS, in the past year 3.2% of young people misused pain medications and 3.5% misused opioids.

Specific to alcohol abuse, the University of Wisconsin Madison Population Health Institute estimates binge drinking in the state costs taxpayers almost \$4 billion per year,



equivalent to just under \$700 per resident.

In Winnebago County, binge drinking – consuming five or more beverages per occasion for men and over four for women – rates fall between 22% and 26%, per this UW-Madison study.

There have been, on average, 66 alcohol-related deaths, 1,675 alcohol-related hospitalizations, 156 alcohol-related crashes and 141 people in an alcohol-related treatment service per year in the county.

“Binge drinking in Wisconsin contributes to negative social, health and economic consequences,” a 2019 UW-Madison study notes. “The impact of binge drinking affects everyone through increased spending on health care, lost productivity, crime and other costs.”

UW Oshkosh Police Department acting chief Chris Tarmann has noticed the evolution of substance use on campus since the mid-2000s.

Early in Tarmann’s tenure at UWO, alcohol was among the largest concerns on campus. But over the past several years, he’s seen an increase in marijuana, and in more recent times, high-profile substance use.

“When you work on a college campus, there’s going to be some level of use,” he said. “People are experimenting and sometimes it’s the first time someone’s been in a place without parental guidance – they can make decisions without being immediately yelled at or disciplined.”

Tarmann said he’s helped train campus safety officers to recognize substances along with signs and symptoms of an overdose.

“There are so many things out there,” he said. “It’s about being informed and having access to resources that you can make the best decision that keeps you safe.”

Last November, UWO police installed several Narcan kits throughout residence halls to give students the opportunity to be saved in case of an overdose.

“I’m really nervous about the fentanyl increase,” Tarmann said, “the way it’s come out in drugs people experiment with. I’m scared for my students. Somebody is going to accidentally stumble into using a substance and I don’t want them to die just by that one choice.”

“Now if a student overdoses, they have access to the things that would save their life. It would allow them access to something that would give them a second chance to understand that was a bad decision.”

Katie Talken-Huether, Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh director of development and strategic initiatives, said club staff are able to recognize signs of substance use in a young person’s family.

The Boys & Girls Club services about 1,400 young people each year, though Talken-Huether said there is no solid count on how many may be coming from a household in which addictive substances are present.

“Usually (staff) can smell it or notice erratic behavior. Sometimes they will hear kids describe different things they’ve seen in their households,” she said. “In some of our littles, they’ll ask questions like, ‘What’s this?’ or ‘Why does somebody

smell like that?’”

In cases such as these, staff would try to get more information from the child to gauge what may be going on in the household. With that, they’ll be able to make a judgment call for what to do next.

Programs in place for students attending the club who come from these households include HOPE Group – Hold On, Pain Ends – created in 2019 to provide an outlet for teens to connect with each other and their shared experiences. The young people in this group are given the opportunity to pour their hearts out about how they’ve been affected by addiction, mental health issues, criminal activity and incarceration.

“We’ve also talked to our teens a lot about making good choices and trying to lead them on a better path to recreation that isn’t (substance use),” Talken-Huether said.

Administrators at the club are continuously working with other organizations to educate parents and the public about signs and jargon connected with the drug culture.

“We also help with basic needs here at the club, whether it’s with clothing, food or helping families through emergencies,” she said. “Though it isn’t directly related to substance use, we can help families stay on the right track through that extra support.”

A December report by the Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, named “Moving Forward: Policies and strategies to prevent and reduce excessive alcohol use in Wisconsin,” notes recommendations “relating to identifying and addressing alcohol misuse before alcohol use disorders come into play or before behavioral and/or medical interventions are needed.”

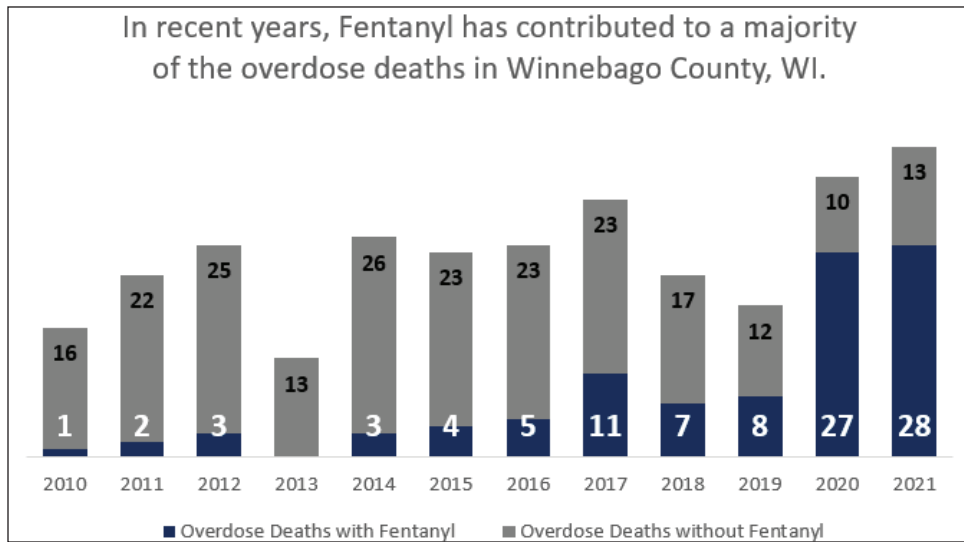
Recommendations include raising the price of alcohol to reduce youth consumption and binge drinking; alcohol compliance checks to ensure outlets aren’t selling to children; and screenings or interventions to help reduce those binge drinking and those who should be referred to treatment.

Locally, the group suggested that municipalities work with colleges and universities to restrict the number of alcohol outlets near campuses and fund a greater effort on alcohol compliance checks.

The study also suggests removing alcohol-related advertisements from municipal properties such as recreation centers, athletic facilities, parks or publicly owned buildings, and mass transit vehicles and properties. The group also suggests considering tougher rules on availability such as prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages at gas stations and vehicle charging stations.

“We have an environment in our state that promotes the harmful use of alcohol, but there are many opportunities laid out to continue to make population-level improvements in the alcohol environment in Wisconsin,” the study reads. “Enacting policies to prevent excessive use of alcohol is a cost-effective strategy and has many benefits to the community.”

More information about local statistics connected to drug and alcohol use is at [breakwaterwi.org/be-courageous](http://breakwaterwi.org/be-courageous).






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# PreCollege Programs give teens taste of classes, dorms

By Laurie Schlosser  
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

The majority of students taking advantage of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Pre-College Programs are the first in their families to explore college as an option.

Besides taking courses in mathematics and English, high school students in a recent UWO program completed classes in 3D printing and mechatronics, environmental engineering and water science, and “The Internet of Things.”

“Qualifying students in grades 6-12 are granted scholarships through the Department of Public Instruction—the state agency that advances public education and libraries in Wisconsin. The scholarships allow for students to stay in UW Oshkosh dorms, eat in our dining halls and partake in classes as well as after-school activities at no cost to them or their families,” said Mary Soto, advising specialist with PreCollege Programs at UWO. “The majority are first generation students, so it’s a way for families to start thinking about college as an option after high school.”

Breakfast, lunch and dinner took place at Blackhawk Commons and students were housed in Fletcher Hall, where it was “lights out” at 10 p.m. after several hours of structured free time.

High school students took part in a recent PreCollege program at UWO that explored science, technology and engineering education majors.

Most of the students for the high school program (grades 10, 11 and 12) were from Milwaukee, with several from Oshkosh and Green Bay and others areas of the state.

“We offer 11 PreCollege Programs at UW Oshkosh funded by a grant from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Our

fall and spring programs include ACT Prep programs and campus visits. In the summer we offer seven different residential programs to students in grades 6-12,” said Lisa Arguello, PreCollege coordinator.

PreCollege organizers work with all four colleges on campus to provide instructors, classroom and lab spaces for young students to receive a simulated college experience.

“Students gain an understanding and foundation in the various majors that UW Oshkosh has to offer,” Arguello noted. “This year, we added a new program, ESTEEM, for high school students and collaborated with the UWO engineering department to provide STEM classes for our students.”

Vijay Hira was among those who worked with high school students on courses that explored STEM fields, but there also are business, nursing and teaching programs that students could investigate. Hira said 19 of the PreCollege students participated in three engineering department classes.

Brad Brooks was instructor of the Internet of Things—focused on physical objects with sensors, processing ability, software and other technologies that connect and exchange data with other devices and systems over the internet or other communications networks. Students assembled simple circuits and studied beginning programming topics.

A fun project took place in Bill Quandt’s class providing hands-on experience: students created Yoda-like figures using 3D printers. Students in his class drew a part at 1/2 scale, showing front, top, side views and an isometric of the part as well as having to show dimensions. In mechatronics instruction, students were shown various sensors, motors, programmable logic controls, control cabinets, robot and conveyor systems.



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Deisy Mendoza (left) and Raigen Dawson created figures using 3D printers during a UW Oshkosh PreCollege ESTEEM program.

The PreCollege week included field trips to Fondy Aqua Park, a Timber Rattlers baseball game and Badger Sports Park.

The final day of the schedule included a special graduation event in Reeve Ballroom.

Next month, a group of students entering grades 7-9 will descend on UWO for Pre-College programming. Just like the older students, it’s possible they’ll be inspired to become future Titans.

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# Suicide hotline simplifies to 988

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline has made its transition to an easier point of access for those seeking help through its new three-digit number 988, reachable by call, text or chat message.

This suicide and crisis lifeline service began Saturday. After requiring phone users to dial the full, 10-digit number when calling another last October, the Federal Communications Commission changed the hotline service then to be put in effect this month.

While 988 is now in service, the old hotline – 800-273-TALK (8255) – will still be available.

Gov. Tony Evers issued a statement on the transition to the three-digit number, noting its easy access to those seeking help.

“Talking about mental and behavioral health is an important part of reducing stigma and making sure folks know they can get the support they need when they need it. In our state, nobody carries their worries alone, and it’s important for Wisconsinites to know that help and hope are only a phone call away,” Evers said.



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# Invasive species efforts cited by DNR

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance volunteer and member coordinator Chris Acy was granted the 2022 Invader Crusader award from the state Department of Natural Resources for his efforts in controlling invasive species in the area.

The award goes to a handful of individuals as part of Invasive Species Action Month in June who are selected by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council.

“Each year, the council honors Invader Crusaders: Individuals, groups or organizations who have made significant contributions to prevent, monitor or control invasive species that can harm Wisconsin’s

ecosystems, economy and in some cases, public health,” a DNR release reads.

Acy was granted his award under the professional individuals category, for which he “helped prevent aquatic invasive species through multiple programs including Adopt-a-Launch, Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol and kayaking trips to remove invasives. He supports the aquatic invasive species program through continued public education and outreach in classrooms and at events.”

More information about how to control invasive species in Wisconsin is at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives).

# Pedal Out Hunger Ride set to roll in August

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh announces the return of the Pedal Out Hunger Ride fundraiser set for Aug. 27. Proceeds from the annual community bike ride support the Salvation Army’s food pantry and hot meal program.

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# School board

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dents having to run track in hallways and practice football, soccer and other spring sports in parking lots.

With the limited space at both schools, the FAC 2.0 proposed an indoor multipurpose facility to accommodate for the lack of space to practice and ability to compete without weather delays or cancellations.

The facility itself was presented to have a four-court fieldhouse and a 120-yard indoor turf field, a fitness and training area and locker rooms, situated at a central location near the high schools.

“It’s been 25 years since I played sports at Oshkosh West,” board member Kristopher Karns said, “and not a lot has changed.”

This facility is also estimated to hold about 1,125 occupants and have the highest cost among the four proposed projects, estimated between \$58 million and \$61 million.

## Performing arts center

The panel also proposed a brand-new performing arts center for the city’s north side, noting what is currently in place is no longer sufficient for district and community needs.

The suggestion detailed a 1,050-seat auditorium attached to Oshkosh North with all appropriate support features for plays, concerts, presentations and community events.

Other amenities for this proposal include a balcony within the auditorium, an orchestra pit, lobby and dressing rooms.

Board president Bob Poeschl commented on his approval of a new performing arts facility, citing that it can be overlooked compared with other extracurricular needs.

This part of the four-unit facilities proposal is estimated to cost between \$26 million and \$27 million.

## Aquatics center

The current pools at North and West are aging and determined to be in need of replacement, and with limited space at either of those schools it is proposed to build a centralized, shared aquatic center for the district.

This facility would include a 50-meter competition pool, diving well, warm-water therapy pool, splash pad and hospitality area with concessions, locker rooms, weight rooms and gathering areas to support invitational events.

Stelle described it to be “first class in the northern part of the state,” noting that the competition pool would be one of four in Wisconsin.

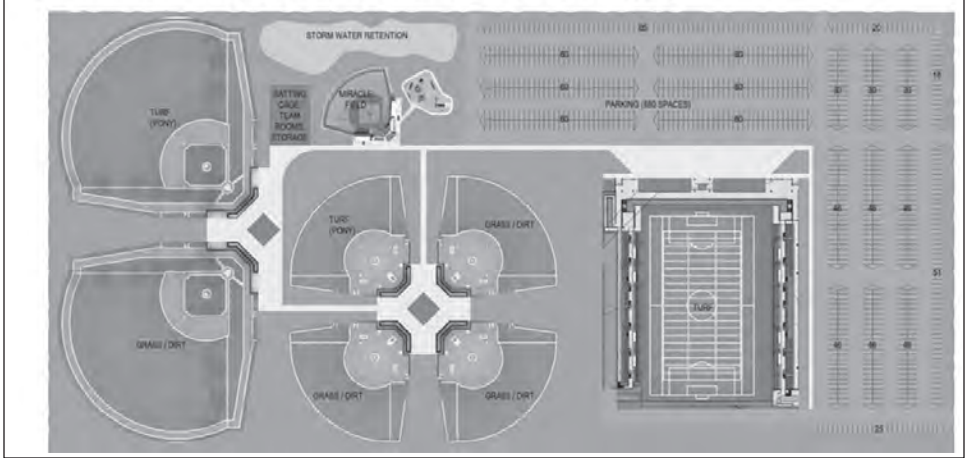
With a seating capacity of 1,200 and a lane pool capacity of 100, the estimated cost for the center is estimated between \$40 million and \$42 million.

## Outdoor facility

With school consolidation efforts underway, it leaves little room for expansion of existing outdoor athletic amenities at either high school.

What has been proposed is a shared outdoor competition and practice facility, including two baseball fields, four softball and youth baseball fields, a shared football

## Outdoor Competition & Practice Facility



and soccer field, and a disabled-accessible play field.

Presenters said for this development they were looking particularly for a high-visibility area with sufficient, accessible land – about 40 acres – with roughly 4,000 seats.

Board member Stephanie Carlin said the district spends about \$100,000 per year to use Titan Stadium from UW Oshkosh.

“That money can be used to invest in our own facility,” she said.

The estimated cost of this part of the plan would be between \$21 million and \$22 million.

The next time the board would review this information would be at its Oct. 12 meeting, with intentions to help align the amenities with school consolidation efforts.

However, a \$154 million price tag – which accounts for projected inflation trends – may also require additional support from community partnerships, spon-

sors and fundraising, which are to be reviewed.

District voters may see a referendum for this with a tentative 2027 start date after initial funding has been secured, according to administrators.

Several board members expressed support for the proposals in front of them, noting what the additions may do for the district and city. Presenters also assured the board that, depending on the locations, transportation among schools and the new builds would be made available through the district.

FAC 1.0 member Kim Nguyen said he has had personal experience with his children using the district’s extracurricular amenities and commented on what the upgrades could do for future generations.

“We hope this will give Oshkosh residents – current and future – a roadmap for what we would like to see happen for this community,” Nguyen said.

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UW Oshkosh Today

A multidisciplinary team at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has been awarded a nearly \$1 million, three-year National Science Foundation grant aimed at increasing and retaining women in academic STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) departments.

Associate chemistry professor Jennifer Schuttlefield Christus will lead the project as the principal investigator to consider intersectional gender equity concerns at UWO identified by previous strategic planning work, a work-life balance study and a recent STEM work climate survey.

Samantha Larson, assistant public administration professor and Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Re-

search deputy director, and Alicia Johnson, interim university diversity officer and Women's Center director, will serve as co-principal investigators. Christus also serves as the program director of the UW System Alliance for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Advancement in STEM.

"I congratulate and applaud the efforts of these fine scholars. I know their work will make a difference at UWO and beyond," Chancellor Andy Leavitt said.

The UWO researchers plan to use the grant to take up and resolve equity concerns across UWO's three campuses that were the byproduct of UW System restructuring in 2018. They noted that the grant project is "especially urgent work given the estimation that 25% of tenured STEM faculty will likely retire

from UWO within 10 to 15 years."

The work of UWO's NSF Advance grant team will involve creating a web-based dashboard to build awareness and transparency and track progress related to gender inequities among faculty and instructional staff in the STEM disciplines across the campuses.

The project also will involve creating trainings on work climate issues;

conducting an equity review of STEM department tenure, renewal and promotion policies; and assisting departments in creating and revising equitable policies and procedures.

In addition, the team expects that the results of the work could have broader implications across the nation and at other university systems seeking to restructure or consolidate campuses.

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# Legion sweeps doubleheader from Marinette

By Dustin Riese  
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The Oshkosh Legion got a good post-season tournament tune-up with a doubleheader sweep of Marinette at E.J. Schneider Field on Saturday.

Jeremiah Housworth smacked a walk-off single in the ninth inning for a 2-1 win in the opener, before Oshkosh rallied from a pair of late-game deficits to score an 11-9 win in the nightcap.

“Nice bounce back game from Thursday where we had a poor effort,” head coach Brian Burgert said. “I have been here 19 years and Thursday was the first time we were ever run ruled at home. Our frontline pitching was very good as Marinette is a good team.”

Pitching dominated the first of the two games with Jack Kese and Alex Stini shouldering the load for Oshkosh.

Kese pitched five scoreless innings in his best start of the season, scattering five hits and a walk, while striking out five. Stini came on in relief and allowed one run on three hits over the final four frames.

Marinette scored in the sixth inning to tie the game at 1 and the score stayed knotted until the ninth inning.

Ben Buehring opened the bottom of the ninth inning and following a sacrifice bunt and a groundout, Oshkosh had a runner at third base with two outs. Housworth then capped off an eight-pitch at bat with a single to left field to deliver the game-winner.

“It was great to see Housworth get the game winner for us today,” Burgert said. “Things have been a rough go of things for him lately, so to see him come through with a clutch hit against a solid program could do wonders for him heading into regionals.”

Oshkosh’s first run came in the second inning when Housworth singled and later scored on Mason Freund’s sacrifice fly.

In the nightcap, Oshkosh trailed 7-4 in the sixth inning and was then down 9-8 in the seventh, but rallied each time.

In the bottom of the fifth, Freund and Carson Krumrei started the rally before

a double by Dominic Kane brought in a run to narrow the deficit to two. Buehring then crushed a three-run home run to push the Legion back in front.

Marinette responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to move back in front but the Legion had another answer.

Walks to Brady Block and Freund started the rally, with Evan Kriz tying the score with a run-scoring single. Oshkosh then took the lead and added an insurance run on Marinette errors.

“I give our kids credit in this one,” Burgert said. “Not only did we come back, but we came back on two separate occasions to win this game. That is not an easy feat against a quality opponent like this.”

Ryan Williamson then came on with one out and the tying runs on base in the bottom of the seventh inning to close out the win for Oshkosh. It was an impressive finish for Williamson, who wasn’t expected to pitch on Saturday.

“I wasn’t going to use Williamson,” Burgert said. “He has been dealing with a blister and we didn’t want to make things worse. As things were getting tight late, he told me he could go in so I told him to warm up. He then came into the game with runners on second and third and did what he has done all year to secure the save. For such a young kid being put in a closer role, he has been great for us all season.”

The sweep left Oshkosh with a 15-8 record this season, with the Legion turning its attention to the Class AAA regional tournament, which will be played at E.J. Schneider Field. Oshkosh will face

the Appleton Doubledays on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. to open the double-elimination tournament, with Fond du Lac and Appleton Post No. 38 also in the field.

## Oshkosh 6, New London 2

The Legion was held to just one hit in the first four innings but rallied for six runs over the final two frames to collect the win in the regular-season finale.

Oshkosh scored two runs on just one hit in the sixth inning with Mason Freund picking up the base hit in the inning and Dominic Kane driving in a run with a fielder’s choice.

The Legion then took the lead for good with four-run sixth inning that started with a walk to Cormac Sammons, a sacrifice bunt by Max Bittner and Jeremiah Housworth reaching on a hit by pitch. The rally ended with consecutive RBI singles by Freund, Evan Kriz and Carson Krumrei.

Ben Buehring also picked up a hit in the game, while Kriz scored a pair of runs.

Bradley Block got the win on the mound for Oshkosh.

## Waupun 12, Oshkosh 0

The Legion was held to just three hits in suffering their first home loss of the season against powerhouse Waupun.

Krumrei, Kane and Bittner all had singles for Oshkosh, who left seven runners on base in five innings, including five in scoring position.

Waupun led just 2-0 after three innings, but scored four in the fourth inning and tacked on six in the fifth to break the game open.

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## Heading to nationals

The Oshkosh Extreme softball club is sending two teams to the North American Fast-pitch Association (NAFA) Nationals next week in Minnesota. Both the 10U and 12U qualified by taking first place in a NAFA qualifier earlier this summer. There will be 86 teams represented in the 10U division and 118 teams in 12U. Pool play begins Thursday. Teams are made up of players from Oshkosh and the surrounding area with Eric Lund coaching the 10U squad and Jim Johnson coaching the 12U team.

## Rec softball results

### TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Trails End def. Jirschele Insurance 22-6  
 Jerry's def. Houge's 22-9  
 Terry's def. Players 10-3

**Standings:** Jerry's 9-0, Trails End 7-2, Terry's 5-4, Houge's 3-6, Jirschele Insurance 3-6, Players 0-9

### WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Terry's def. SNC Manufacturing 20-10  
 Assoc. App. Consultants def. Fifth Ward Brewing 29-12  
 The Fountain def. Players 20-0  
 Oblio's def. Evil Roy Slades 16-13  
 The Hill def. Turtle Suits 15-8

**Standings:** The Fountain 8-0, The Hill 7-1, Oblio's 7-1, Associated Appraisal Consultants 5-3, Evil Roy Slades 4-4, Terry's 4-4, Turtle Suits 3-5, SNC Manufacturing 1-7, Fifth Ward Brewing 1-7, Players 0-8

### WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Houge's def. Winkler's Westward Ho 18-9  
 Camera Casino def. Retros 9-3  
 Fletch's def. Terry's 11-9

Wally Schmid Exc def. Pioneer 19-18  
**Standings:** Camera Casino 8-0, Houge's 8-0, Fletch's 4-4, Wally Schmid Exc 4-4, Winkler's Westward Ho 3-5, Terry's 3-5, Pioneer 2-6, Retros 0-8

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Dublin's def. Big Daddy's 9-7  
 Oblio's def. Fifth Ward 8-2  
 Fletch's def. Houge's 9-4

Game Time def. Winners 10-0  
**Standings:** Game Time 11-0, Fletch's 8-2, Dublin's 6-4, Oblio's 6-5, Houge's 4-6, Big Daddy's 3-7, Fifth Ward 3-8, Winners 1-10



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# How rules, market dominance fueled baby formula shortage

By Hope Karnopp  
WISCONSIN WATCH

On a mid-June weekend, Raquel Urbina made seven trips to Milwaukee-area grocery stores in search of the hypoallergenic baby formula she needs to feed her 10-month-old daughter.

She had little time to spare. Her monthly supplemental nutrition benefits through the state's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program were set to expire in a few days.

On that Sunday, she finally succeeded in what felt like a "treasure hunt." She found four cans of Reckitt Mead Johnson's Enfamil Nutramigen formula at a Walmart in Greenfield, about 10 miles from her home.

Stressful hunts for baby formula have dominated life for months for millions of parents and caregivers who rely on it to feed their children.

The formula shortage resulted from pandemic-related supply chain issues and two shutdowns of an Abbott Nutrition plant in Sturgis, Mich. — first amid an investigation into reports of bacterial infections and more recently due to flooding. Federal rules require WIC programs to choose one vendor to provide formula, and Abbott is the sole supplier in most states.

The shortage affects parents of all backgrounds, but Urbina and others who navigate formula purchases through WIC face particular challenges. Not all retailers accept WIC, and before parents try to find formula in stores, they must first confirm which products the state allows them to buy with their benefits.

Under Wisconsin's contract with Abbott that began in 2021, WIC participants



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Raquel Urbina feeds her daughter Adaliz Angeles at their home in Milwaukee. Urbina is an administrator of the Milwaukee Formula Parents Facebook group, which allows its 3,000-plus members to swap tips about how to obtain baby formula during a national shortage in recent months.

can normally spend their benefits only on five Abbott-manufactured Similac formulas unless they request a special medical formula.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which administers WIC, allowed parents to purchase other brands and sizes of formula soon after Abbott's recall, but even locating scarce substitutes has proved difficult.

Some parents have formed online communities to help, including the Milwaukee Formula Parents Facebook group, of which Urbina is an administrator. She helps approve posts in the group, where more than 3,000 members swap tips, offer up extra cans and post photos of grocery store aisles to alert parents about what is in stock.

Activity in the group suggests that Nutramigen remains especially hard to find. That complicates life for Urbina, who switched brands at her doctor's suggestion following Abbott's recall of certain cans of Similac Alimentum, which she previously used.

But the only state-approved alternatives for Nutramigen are larger sized containers, not different brands — which Urbina didn't learn until weeks after the substitutes were announced. Had she remained on the Abbott brand, she would have more options.

"It was discouraging, because as much as I understand that Similac parents were affected, I was a Similac parent at one point and so I had to switch to Nutramigen. And now I'm affected as well," Urbina said. "I'm not given options, I'm not given alternatives."

How could one plant's troubles so severely crimp the nation's infant formula supply? The challenges are rooted in the market's consolidation, WIC officials and experts say.

"With one manufacturing plant being closed for a few weeks, it should not have this scale of a threat to the supply that our parents are facing right now," said Camen Haessig, who chairs the Wisconsin WIC Association and directs the Wood County Health Department's WIC program.

States began signing exclusive contracts with formula providers decades ago to secure large rebates — a trend that began amid worries about rising formula costs. Three companies hold the contracts across all states to provide formula through WIC, which accounts for about half of all infant formula purchases in the country.

Abbott, which did not respond to requests for comment, exclusively provides formula to WIC programs in two-thirds of the states. Reckitt Mead Johnson and Gerber serve the remaining states.

While consolidation in the formula market existed before the contract system, smaller companies have found it difficult to compete.

The ripple effects from Abbott's disruption illustrate the market's vulnerabilities, prompting policymakers to consider how to prevent a future crisis.

Since 1989, the federal government has required states to pick one formula provider for WIC — or find an alternative way to save equally on costs. States continue to choose a single provider, thus limiting choices for enrollees. They award contracts to the manufacturer who bids the lowest net price: the wholesale formula price minus rebates for each container of standard formula that WIC families purchase.

The rebates enable Wisconsin to serve all eligible enrolled participants without a waiting list.

"For more than 20 years WIC has not turned away eligible applicants or put them on a waiting list due to lack of funds," according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a progressive-leaning think tank.

In Wisconsin, about 84,000 people participated in WIC in April. Nutritional risk, household size and income level help determine eligibility: a Wisconsin family of two making up to \$33,874 annually can qualify, under DHS' most recent standards.

In 2021, the state saved \$20.3 million in rebates through the contract with Abbott. Nationwide, yearly savings from rebates are around \$1.6 billion, supporting one in four participants each month, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Even manufacturers who offer the most generous rebates benefit from the state contracts, which increase their brand's visibility, reputation and availability — giving products more shelf space and even increasing sales to parents not enrolled in WIC.

Abbott offers Wisconsin a range of rebates, up to 134% of the wholesale price for the powdered form of Similac Advance, a basic formula. The company is also giving discounts — some as high as 186% — on substitutes through August 31.

But alongside the economic benefits of rebates, the current shortage illustrates that exclusive contracts have "posed a lot of challenges," Haessig said.

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# Obituaries

## Hannah Miller

Hannah Jemima Miller, age 99, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2022, at Country Villa Assisted Living in Omro, WI.



She was born in the Town of Nekimi on July 26, 1922, to the late John and Bertha Williams. She attended the Red School and Oshkosh High School. Hannah was united in marriage to Claude Frederick Miller on June 30, 1943, in Oshkosh.

Hannah and Claude worked together building a successful dairy farm. They moved to the home farm in 1959 where Hannah lived until March 2022.

She worked at Diamond Match Company and was a waitress at the Hi-K club. Hannah found meaning in serving and helping others. She was the youngest of four children. She cared for her brother and mother in their later years of life.

Hannah contributed to the Town of Algoma Fire Department, serving in the fire department's Women's Auxiliary. Prior to the paging systems of today, when a fire call was received, Hannah had a list of firefighters to call to alert them of the incident. Sometimes that meant getting others to hang up on the "party line" phone.

Hannah was a member of the Winnebago County Holstein Association. For many years she worked in the Holstein Association lunch stand at the Winnebago County Fair. Hannah was a lifetime member of the Kroweldeen club, which is needlework spelled backwards. She also belonged to a Homemaker's club, and Winnebago County Farm Bureau.

Hannah and Claude enjoyed spending time with other couples playing sheephead and attending dances. Stories were told that if one couple stayed home from a dance, sometimes the other couples would play a prank on them in the middle of the night. Hannah and Claude travelled

to Florida and Hawaii and numerous other smaller trips.

In later years she enjoyed spending time with friends, and family. Hannah made numerous trips over the years to Manitowoc to visit her daughter Darlene and her family. She enjoyed camping with family. Hannah looked forward to visitors stopping by the house. She always had a smile for you when you walked in her kitchen door and made everyone feel welcome. She also attended Red School lunches once a month with other school attendees.

Hannah remained active later in life. She walked at the YMCA and enjoyed having breakfast with friends. On the farm, she unloaded ear corn from the gravity boxes into the elevator and cut grass with the riding lawnmower until she was 93 years old.

Hannah is survived by her three children, Darlene Blodgett, Ron (Karen) Miller, and Jeff (Cindy) Miller; grandchildren Rhonda Miller, Eric (Jayme) Miller, Amy (John) Hoffman, Sarah (Kevin) Bradway, Michael Blodgett, Lisa Blodgett, Laura Blodgett, Ann Blodgett, Danna (Travis) Scherer, Jonathon (Emily) Miller; great-grandchildren Jenna, Brennan, Jacob, Ian, Lindsey, Allison, Natalie, Liam; step-great-grandson Kyler; and her friend Kathy Cartwright.

In addition to her parents, Hannah was preceded in death by her husband Claude; siblings John, Mildred, and Edward Williams; infant granddaughter, Ann; and son-in-law John Blodgett.

A service for Hannah will be held at Konrad-Behlman funeral homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive) on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6 PM. A visitation will take place from 4 PM until the time of service.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staffs at Country Villa and Aurora Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, a Memorial has been established with the Town of Algoma Fire Department and Calvary Lutheran Church.



## Veterans grants available to nonprofits

Applications are being accepted for two grants to Wisconsin organizations that serve veterans and their families, it was announced by Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary Mary Kolar.

The WDVA Nonprofit Grant and WDVA Entrepreneurship Grant applications will be accepted through Aug. 12.

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Go to [dva.wi.gov](http://dva.wi.gov) to find more information and grant application material.

## Lillian Miller

Lillian E. Miller, age 92, passed away at The Courtyard of Oshkosh on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Lil was born to the late Mauno and Lempi (Muhonen) Niemi on May 15, 1930 in Ogema, WI. She married James Miller on May 18, 1957 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Ogema. They were together until James' passing in April of 1977.

Lil was a member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Her faith and her church were very important to her throughout her life. Lil also loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. Lil spent her career as an office worker at Miles

Kimball.

Lil is survived by her son, Randy (Sue Ellen) Miller, of Oshkosh and her sister, Kathleen (John) Kloehn of Minoqua, WI

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred, and her husband Bill Rudolph.

A service for Lil will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1206 Ontario St) on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 11AM. Rev Paul Lidtke will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will be held at Riverside Cemetery.



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