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Municipalities, schools will see shared revenue

By Jonathan Richie

Oshkosh and other municipalities across Wisconsin will see an increase in state shared revenue after bipartisan votes in Madison and the governor's signature.

Last week Gov. Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 245, which is estimated to bring \$1.9 million into the city and bring the total state aid the city receives to more

than \$11 million in 2024.

Oshkosh annually receives \$9.6 million in state aid. Next year that number will rise by 20%, the minimum allowed under the bill for a city of over 30,000 people, and the city will receive \$11.5

million in total county and state aid.

Rohloff

The supplemental aid numbers were released last week in a memo from the state Legislative Fiscal Bureau director Bob Lang.

The bill states, "The supplemental county and municipal aid may be used only for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works, and transportation."

City Manager Mark Rohloff was in

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Going the distance

The Oshkosh YMCA's second Oshkosh Century Bike Ride drew 262 people who preregistered with more signing up on the day of the event Sunday. The 100-mile riders started between 7 and 7:30 a.m. and rode a route that included going around Green Lake. There were also 62-mile, 50-mile and 30-mile routes.

Public defender shortage can derail court cases

Statewide backlog impacts justice system

By Bethanie Gengler Oshkosh Herald

With a statewide backlog of an estimated 35,000 cases, Wisconsin's shortage of public defenders continues to be a challenge, and the issue is moving closer to home.

Last month, an appeals court ruled that child molestation charges against a Brown County man be dismissed because the county's inability to find a public defender to represent him violated his constitutional rights.

Christopher Butler is a registered sex offender from charges in 2000. The Green Bay man was arrested and charged in October 2019 with molesting two young girls. His initial appearance was held that same day but adjourned until counsel could be appointed.

Court documents say Butler was held in custody for 321 days before his initial appearance was completed and 342 days before his preliminary hearing.

Documents state that when Butler inquired with the court commissioner why the process of finding counsel took so long, the commissioner responded,

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District Attorney Eric Sparr (right) consults with court-appointed public defender Scott Ceman during a sentencing hearing in Winnebago County Circuit Court.



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New high school principals endorsed

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The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education is set to vote on two new high school principals at tonight's monthly school board

meeting.

The district is recommending Michelle Last to serve as the next principal at Oshkosh North and Lewis Malczewski has been endorsed as principal at Oshkosh West. If the board approves



Last and Malczewski they will begin their new roles July 1.

Last is the assistant principal at North, a position she has held for the past five years. Malczewski is the academy principal at Academies of Racine Gifford K8 School in Racine.

"Throughout the selection process, Michelle and Lewis stood out as dynamic and visionary leaders, committed to

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instructional excellence, student achievement, and continuous improvement," said Superintendent of Schools Bryan Davis. "I am confident they will make



Malczewski

our students' lives and lead our school communities to even greater accomplishments."

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Last first started with the district in 2004 as a math teacher at North, then worked for 14 years as a math teacher at Perry Tipler

Middle School.

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She has a bachelor of science degree in education, a master's in educational leadership and master's in principalship from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Malczewski has been an educator and administrator for 23 years. He has served as an athletics and activities director, assistant principal and principal at the elementary, middle school and high school levels.

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He has a bachelor of arts degree in exercise sports science from Carthage College and a master's in education administration and supervision from UW-Milwaukee. He recently completed coursework for a doctorate degree, which included a superintendent licensure at

North's previous principal, Jackie Kiffmeyer, was appointed to serve as the district's director of secondary school. West's former principal, Erin Kohl, was appointed to the director of elementary education.

Back in the Day



Cardinal Stritch.

by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

June 14, 1950

Judges Select 'Miss Oshkosh': Miss Sue Schoenberger was named Miss Oshkosh on Thursday evening at the Miss Oshkosh Pageant held at the Raulf Theater. Miss Schoenberger took the runway, acknowledging her honor, smiling in disbelief. First and second runners-up were Miss Kay Stry and Miss Barbara Schultz respectively. Sue was crowned by last year's runners-up, Miss Sharon Kerry and Miss Beverly Broehm. Miss Oshkosh 1959, Miss Barbara Brandt, was unable to attend but sent a congratulatory telegram from California. Miss Schoenberger, who presently works as a medical assistant to Drs. Graiewski and Leschke, said she intends to use her \$500 scholarship to enter nursing school. Sue is the daughter of Mrs. William Biebl and the late Robert Schoenberger.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern June 24, 1960

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Lifest celebrates 25 years of Christian music, activities

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One of the largest and longest-running Christian music festivals in the nation will celebrate its 25th year July 6-9 at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

Lifest activities began in 1990 as a 5-kilometer run, but it wasn't until 1999 that the organization launched a multiday music festival. Starting at about 5,000 attendees, the festival has had consistent growth to more than 30,000 people per day.

This year features more than 100 artists on six stages along with special events to celebrate the occasion.

"We have the top contemporary Christian artists at Lifest, and this year there will be another amazing lineup," said festival director John Dougherty. "To celebrate the milestone, we are looking forward to skydivers presenting the flag during our color guard presentation Thursday night and a fireworks show Saturday night to cap off the festival celebrations."

Lifest attendees come from all around the world.

"Lifest hitting this milestone doesn't surprise me: it's an amazing festival," said Alyssa Harris, a regular attendee. "So long as they keep bringing the artists in, there are going to be fans that come from across Wisconsin and the country."

Bob Lenz started the ministry in hopes of uniting Christians and bringing people to Christ through music.

"We need one-on-one discipleship, but we also need, especially in this culture, a place where it's safe, where we can get together and worship as one," Lenz said. "It



Lifest, one of the largest and longest running Christian music festivals, will celebrate its 25th year beginning July 6 at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

truly touches my heart in so many ways to see how the festival comes together each year and how it has grown."

A major appeal of Lifest is the family-friendly artists and speakers. This year features Matthew West, Casting Crowns, speaker Andrew Palau and Toby Mac.

Lifest also has a 5K run, warrior training, petting zoo, ArtZone and a Ferris

"People of all denominations come, and they bring their friends," Lenz said. "It's like a church without walls."

Tickets are available at www.Lifest.com and at the gate.

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Council debates size of its advisory committees

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council is discussing the size of some committees and boards going from nine members to five, which some say could diminish the work these bodies do.

At the last meeting, city staff was looking for direction from the council on whether the advisory panels in question – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Sustainability Advisory, Museum and Public Arts, Long Range Finance and Advisory Parks – should be five members or if some should remain nine or any be changed to seven members.

Margy Davey, who serves on the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB), spoke at the last council meeting against a new policy that could cut four of eight members from that group.

"Sustainability literally encompasses so much territory that we need input from a varied group," Davey said.

Before June 1, the board had three educators with knowledge in sustainability, a biology and chemistry expert, an analytics expert, and residents with sustainability backgrounds. It is responsible for advising the city manager and council on sustainable practices in the city. It was recently cut from eight to four members and Davey said the board lost two educators, the biology and chemistry expert and resident members.

"While the remaining members are knowledgeable and dedicated, four people plus a council liaison cannot accomplish in an effective and timely manner nearly what the previous team was capable of," Davey said. "This is a critical time for sustainability for Oshkosh and the world. This is not the time to hobble the board."

She added that reducing the board now is like "shooting yourself in the foot before running a race."

The council approved a report in May that ended operations of the Committee on Aging, Stormwater Utility Appeals Board and Rental Housing Advisory Board as part of a standard five-year review with department heads and chairs. The report also recommended reducing all optional boards, commissions and committees that are between seven and nine members down to five.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said the council gets final say on the committee numbers, but city staff was looking for guidance and what the ordinance should state.

"You still get final say on (the resolution) when we bring it to you," Rohloff

Deputy Mayor Lynnsey Erickson referenced a recommendations report approved by the council in May. The report outlines committees the city is required to have, such as the Board of Public Works and Plan Commission, and the roles of the optional boards and commissions.

The museum and public arts groups were combined earlier this year and went from seven members in each down to five total. A transportation committee was created this year that combined three separate committees into one. Mayor Matt Mugerauer said that took 20 volunteers



Photo from Oshkosh Media

Margy Davey of the Sustainability Advisory Board speaks to the Common Council about the importance of the board and the concerns she has if the board is cut from nine to five members.

down to five for its work.

Council member LaKeisha Haase was appointed to serve on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee in May and said she was startled by the process when members' terms expired.

"The process used to not renew those whose terms expired has left DEI nonexistent," Haase said, "which is similar to what the county's DEI experienced. The people who showed up consistently to do the work are the exact people who have been told their terms will not be recommended for extension."

Haase said she has not met members that remain on the committee, which is why it did not meet in May due to lack of a quorum.

"I didn't realize the process would be to not extend those who continue to have an interest and dedication to their committees without actually looking at who we can eliminate because they truly have not contributed since they were appointed," Haase said.

Mugerauer said it was the most efficient process to ensure an even application.

"This wasn't about people, it wasn't about personalities, it was about process," he said, while adding there is an attendance issue with some of the nominations.

Mugerauer said he will not put the council in a position where it is asked to fire a volunteer from a committee or board.

"The best process was to not renew those people," Mugerauer said.

City attorney Lynn Lorenson asked the council for direction when it came to the various committees when she drafts the ordinance. After it is drafted, the council will vote on it and members will then discuss if they want to make other changes to the number of people on the optional boards and commissions.

The council indicated the Long-Range Finance Committee, Museum and Public Arts Committee, DEI and Advisory Parks Board will all be down to five members made up of four residents, a council member and two residents as alternates. SAB is set to go from nine to seven members with six resident members, a council member and two alternates.





State funding

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Madison on the day a hearing was held on the bill. He is ecstatic about the bill being signed into law.

"This gets us back to the same amount of funding we were getting from the state in 1992. We're really just reversing a 30-year trend and restoring it," he said.

Rohloff isn't complaining because he sees the growth potential in sales tax.

"Now it's truly shared revenue. What's good for municipalities is we're the ones that are encouraging business growth."

Winnebago annually receives \$2.1 million in existing aid and in 2024 that figure will almost double as the county is slated to get \$1.7 million in supplemental aid. The county will receive an aid increase of 81% for a total of \$3.9 million next year.

The towns of Algoma and Oshkosh will also receive supplemental funds outlined in the bill.

The town of Oshkosh will see a 113% increase in aid going from \$62,810 in state aid to \$133,922 for next year and Algoma is set to receive a 300% increase in aid and will go from receiving around \$60,000 to \$243,624.

Evers said with shared revenue being stagnant for so long local municipalities across the state have had to make decisions about essential services to provide to residents having to "choose between paying for first responders, addressing PFAS, fixing the roads, and other critical priorities that affect the health, safety and well-being of Wisconsinites everywhere."

Every county and municipality are slated to receive at least a 20% increase in aid from the bill, except the cities of Madison and Milwaukee, which will receive an increase of at least 10%. In 2023, funds to counties and municipalities topped just

over \$753 million.

Next year is set to increase by 36.5% with the supplemental aid approved by the state Legislature raising it by almost \$275 million. AB 245 will result in the state allocating more than \$1 billion to counties and local municipalities in 2024.

"I believe the state should be doing its part to support our local partners and ensure our communities have the resources they need to meet basic and unique needs alike, period, and I've always believed that supporting our local communities is an area where we could work to find common ground and bipartisan support, and that's exactly what we did," Evers said.

He also signed Senate Bill 330 which will bring shared revenue to schools.

"I will never stop fighting to do the right thing for our kids because I believe, as I've often said, that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state," Evers said.

K-12 investments outlined in SB 330:

- Providing more than \$1 billion in spendable revenue for K-12 education while maintaining two-thirds funding, including a \$325 per pupil increase in each fiscal year on revenue limits.
- Setting aside \$50 million to improve reading and literacy outcomes for K-12 students (details for exact implementation of the funding have not yet been determined).
- Providing a per pupil aid increase for choice and independent charter schools.
- Investing \$30 million over the biennium to continue the governor's initiative to support school-based mental health services.
- Reaching 33.3 percent reimbursement for special education.
- Increasing the low revenue ceiling from \$10,000 to \$11,000 per student.

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Oshkosh administrators review success strategy

District continues work on literacy proficiency

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh schools are continuing to work on literacy across all grades. The new director of diversity, equity and inclusion could help raise the proficiency across groups such as minorities, economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities.

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education heard a presentation that stated grades 3-8 did not meet a target proficiency in literacy in 2023.

Grades 3-8 were targeted to rise from 42% proficiency to 48% by the spring of 2023 but only saw it rise to 45% proficiency. School board member Kristopher Karns asked what the response is to missing these targets.

"It's not like we missed it by tenths of a percentage point," Karns said. "That's dozens of children."

"It's all hands-on deck," Superintendent Bryan Davis said. "It's been clearly communicated that literacy is our number one priority academically. This is the work that we're doing."

The district has a target to get grades 3-8 to 60% proficiency by spring 2025.

Herzog pointed out that this data includes students that may be three grade levels behind.

"We're here to educate all kids – all means all," Herzog said. She added that bringing a child up two grade levels will be incredibly important for that child, their family and the schools scores – even if they are a grade level behind.

"It opens the doors to access for different courses at the high school level. I see this all tying together," Herzog said. She said it's important, when thinking about standardized test scores, to focus on students that are behind.

"(Helping those students) benefits them and improves self-esteem and engagement in school," Herzog said.

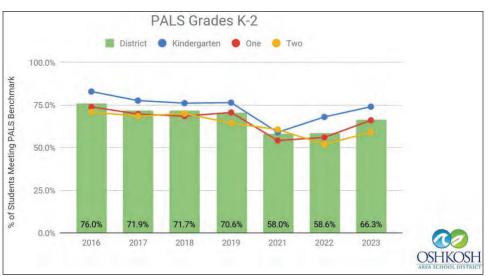
Karns added the new director of diversity, equity and inclusion will have a direct influence on literacy scores going up.

"There's evidence that a position like that will directly impact literacy," Karns reiterated something former board member Angie Lee said. "DEI's not just about skin color or race. It is about a multitude of areas."

Davis added that DEI director Anthony Miller will facilitate partnerships in the district to identify what students needs are for literacy proficiency.

Herzog is anticipating the gaps of certain groups close with the DEI director starting next school year.

Literacy in the district is measured by Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening or PALS for K-2, in grades three to eight proficiency is measured by iReady Reading. Davis said the district needs to be doing better overall at literacy learning



Oshkosh Area School District

This graph shows how literacy scores across Oshkosh schools dipped in 2020 but are now rising again. Superintendent Bryan Davis called it an "all hands on deck" situation.

and proficiency.

"We need to be far above where we have been historically," Davis said. The data presented showed the district had 76% of students meeting the PALS benchmark in 2016 and in 2021 that had dropped to 58% but had risen to 66.3% in 2023. The data from kindergarten, first and second grades mirror that trend of dropping around COVID and now starting to go back up.

The district has an action plan with many goals, including having teachers focus on phonics and shared reading in the classroom on a daily basis.

Oshkosh Director of Learning Kim Brown gave an overview and update on the achievement gap reduction schools in the district. These schools receive additional funding from the state to adjust class sizes, offer tutoring for students and offer coaching for teachers to help the school achieve the goals set by the board.

Brown said the district is using these achievement gap reduction strategies in four schools: Jefferson, Roosevelt and Washington elementary schools, along with Webster Stanley School.

One focus of the math and literacy for AGR is to have smaller class sizes with the goal being an 18:1 student-to-teacher ratio. In literacy, the district planned to have 80% of kindergarten through second-graders to reach the goals the board set for the school year and in math the goal is to have 85% of the students reaching the math scores.

Roosevelt Elementary Principal Kristen



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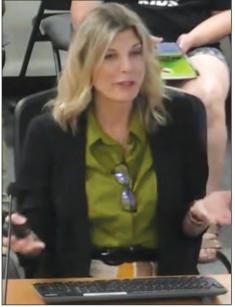
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Burgert said one component of the AGR strategy is to hold meetings with the literacy and math teams to discuss the curriculum and students. She said the discussions focus on what teachers can do to make those students succeed.

Jefferson Elementary Principal Amanda Patza said things outside the classroom can help reduce the achievement gap such as parent-teacher conferences held twice a year. She said family STEM night is a "fan favorite" for families.

"This year we were able to collaborate with the Winnebago Wildlife Society and they were able to have live owls there. Students were able to dissect some owl pellets," Patza said.

Board member Liz Szilagyi pointed out that two schools receiving funding will be closed next year and asked how that will affect the students and the district.



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Director of Learning Kim Brown explains how AGR schools are doing in literacy and math at a recent school board meeting.

Brown said Webster Stanley's AGR status will be transferred to Menominee Elementary School. She said this allows the same students currently in AGR to receive those benefits and more students will also benefit from the AGR funding.

Karns, who sits on the education committee, said a big part of AGR schools is the low class size.

"Low class sizes matter. It's really important," Karns said. "I'm sure the numbers we're seeing and the growth we're seeing is because of that."

Brown said part of the success has come from the low class size but the other part is the instruction the teachers are receiving.

Wright added the early literacy numbers are encouraging for the district.



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Oshkosh North High School

Honor rolls for the second semester at Oshkosh North High School were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average between 3-75 and 4.0; high honors went to GPAs of 3.5 to 3.749; honors went to GPAs of 3.00 to 3.499.

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Honors Isabella Adams

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Romey Harenburg Camden Herlihy Brianna Hershberger Brian Huo Tristan Johanknecht Sofia Kainz Erica Kedzierski Adam Ketter Anastasia Kloss Delaney Koch Sofia Koppa Elijah Kratz Kvle Krueger Sierra Kunde Myrah Lago Jade Laibly David Leatherwood Tooba Malik Justine Martin Max Maslowski Hank Meyer Lily Molash Caden Moon Lily Mott John Munson Olivia Navin Marina Neitzke Liliana Nieves Elise Palecek Oliver Panske Kieran Patrick Caius Paulick Sarah Pizon Caden Racine Morgan Reitz Drew Roesch Brayden Ruhl Kadence Saladin Isabella Salas Ella Schaefer Luke Schaefer Lily Spader Abigail Stevens Michael Tang Myles Vogel Tessa Whitcomb Kvle Wolf Rebecca Wolf Bryant Wright Annalee Wrolstad Ethan Yang Sheridan Yang

High honors Brianna Anklam Skyler Ault Marin Bell Christopher Benway Jennsen Berg Kathryn Bergi Kyla Birschbach Emily Blaskowski Clayton Bradley Landon Braun Megan Burrows Nathanael Charles Madalyn Choinski Matthew Davis Kyle Domke Madison Draves Jorden Drebus Emily Ebben **Emery Erickson**

Nathan Zander

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Kaden Polakowski

Juniors **Highest honors** Jeevan Ambati Alaina Anonich Catherine Baerwald Laura Baker Liam Balke Olivia Baus Kristi Binder Andrew Blair Preston Bokath Ethan Brayshaw Christian Brazeau

Elliot Casteel

Oshkosh West High School

Honor rolls for the second semester at Oshkosh West High School were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average between 3-75 and 4.0; high honors went to GPAs of 3.5 to 3.749; honors went to GPAs of 3.00 to 3.499.

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Keagan Potter

Benjamin Reitz

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Raegan Shaffer

Allison Simmons

Laurelann Smith

Alaina Sobojinski

Savannah Swanke

Shuachua Thor

Lily VanDeHey

Anthony Vang

Leon Vang

Angelina Vu

Joslyn Weber

Laney Wiebel

Kellyn Zehner

High honors

Jennifer Thor

Lydia Strasser

Cameron Rucinski

Kaitlin Block Anelize Bolton Keele Brewer Aryanna Cisneros Trevor Davis Mikayla Erickson Gianna Gleason Kassandra Herring Mason Klinger Anna Krupp Kendall Larson Jessica Lin Julia Lor Fahad Mian Paige Neubauer Jacob Oberkrieser Antoni Olszewski Avery Pakula Mischa Perry Jenzel Phillips Reid Polak Parker Reinert Collin Rice Antonio Rivera-Cristobal Olivia Rost Madison Rucinski Jersey Ruedinger Ella Schumacher William Shefchik

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Sophomores

Kyra Ahrens

Highest honors

Nickolas Abramovich

Austin Albrecht Iad Alzoubi Allison Augustine Sloan Averbeck Luke Berdelman **Iazmine Blustin** Payton Boening Sophia Borgen Allison Borgmann Stella Bowden Tia Brewer Mercedes Bruski Samantha Burns Sophie Carlin Collin Carns Caleb Christensen Hannah Dobish Brvce Dorn Sarah Draxler Lindsey Dutscheck Talan Dwyer Yosef Edsell Logan Egnoski Anika Flores Cristian Flores Kennedy Footit Nelson Fournier Jonah Geffers Ethan Hahneman Hailey Hammen Kate Horejs Brady Joel Sienna Johnson Henna Kaiser Patrick Kalka Charlee King Allison Kohfeldt Estir Koko Izabel Kotloski Violet Krautkramer Christian Kunde Benson Lin Madeline Lipke Madison Malecki Haniya Mecci Trent Messa Lily Moderson Madelyn Mueller Marjorie Mugerauer Lauren Nelson Ellianna Noe Miles O'Loughlin Samuel Oman Nicole Osborne Alayna Palubiak Evan Parfitt Gage Pinkall Jaxon Prill Madeline Rasmussen Bryce Reichenberger Emmy Reichenberger Ian Reichenberger Dalton Resop Dulcemaria Rivera Russell Robertson Holly Roe Helen Roth-Baybrook Grace Senkbeil Abigail Sorensen

High honors Sameer Ahmad Yeslit Arenas Kevin Bal Jacob Balog Jacob Braasch Jaidan Christian Celso Collins William Danahy Linda Duong Sullivan Ellis Owen Ervin Alexander Fenske Peyton Folske Ja'niyah Ford

Jacob Stinski

Ciera Striley

Edward Tornow

Iain Vettemoseley

Decorah Vienola

Alyssa Vigil

Cali Vroman

Nicole Wang

Danielle Weiland

Lyla Wesenberg

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Addison Vaughan Will Villeneuve Noel Wheel Luke Wickersham Josie Winkelman Elijah Winker Connor Wisneski John Xiong Adrin Yang Sakura Yang Samara Zeinert Zoey Zinsli

Freshmen

Highest honors

Nabeel Ahmad

William Amel

Mackenzie Anderson

Gabriel Balcom Lydia Barr Aria Boehler Henry Bongers Maxwell Bowden Kassandra Bowlus-Jasinski Makenzie Brandt Erik Bravo Elaina Butz MaKaelyn Clark Carter Crowe Kristin Curtis Kiara Deppiesse Hollie Dobyns Madelyn Ehlert Alexander Fanshaw Adele Faust Colleen Fitzpatrick Iozie Fuller Pierce Gauthier Jack Gonzalez Marnie Grey Jack Heidl Malakai Herlihy Michael Hotter Clark Howell Breece Hyler Samantha Jahnke Reeghan Jaschob Evan Johnson Hoe Jung Amara Kessler Kerrigan Kimball Hailey Knutson Linsey Koslowski Sydney Kuen Samuel Kuerschner Sarah Leatherwood Caleb Lee Layla Leinen Cilai Lo Aiden Luaders Abigail Mack Hailee Marchant Abigail Marquissee Camden Martin Adrianna Meszaros Noah Muehrer Nora Mueller Archer Mugerauer Elizabeth Neubauer Hunter Nguyen Mason Palecek Ava Pamer Emma Polishinski Phoebe Polster Emma Poquette Reid Potter Audin Racine Elliot Reed Brogan Renning Delaney Smith Caitlyn Smithson Michael Smithson Will Snyder Roman Stanuch Kole Stauffacher Gavin Steiner Rowen Stellpflug Kyle Stephany Nathaniel Stiefvater Drew Streeter Novally Thao Jack Uecker Benjamin Valero

Derek VanThiel

Claire Walsh

Maria Wilson

Camilla Yang

Jamal Zhang

Summer Zinsli

High honors

Parker Asen

Amelia Bell

Avah Bloch

Isabelle Berger

Bol Garang Bol

Piper Crawford

Alex Dedecker

Shannon Dresel

Lauren Ebben

Kate Elliott

Adalynne Elliott

Molly Erickson

Jazbia Farooq

Micah Finley

Megan Bruss

Jessica Graf Katherine Hardy Ioshua Hatfield Cole Heideman Lily-Rose Howard Lianhui Huang Lydia Johnson Mia Jordan Alvce Juedes Kaiden Kaufman Amani Khamasi Levi Kiefer Lucas Kohfeldt Brayden Kufel Katherine Kuhaupt Louisa Lang Gwen Liptow Kalia Lor Maddalvn Meartz Ibrehen Mejia- Gomez Aubrey Messerschmidt Nicholas Miller Avery Mosloski Sydnee Nelson Emily Pankau Hallie Potratz Isabella Prada Jakson Presser Gina Puthornsri Georgia Raybern Ivan Raymond Samuel Roblee Tenna Ruetten Sadie Schmidt Olivia Schmude Jordan Schroeder Macenzi Setzke Colin Smith Curtis Soda Lily Sowers Kymani Stephen Evan Stratton Jackson Taylor Kyoko Thao Caden Toennes Isabella Traster Gabriella Trinrud Fern Ulrich Nora Unger Joseph Ware Ariana Yoki

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Chase Watkins Felicia Wilkens Kelsey Williamson Josslyn Xiong Delia Yang Honors Andrew Anfinson Logan Auxier Caleb Bergin Ayden Binder Sullivan Boening Kora Boese Elise Boettcher Elizabeth Clark Violet Clark Wilson Clark Nora Clements Juan Collins Alexander Crook Samantha Dante Geneva Dodge Emma Donahue Ava Doty Samuel Englund Isla Fisher Aurora Framnes Hadley Frank

Kalia Furtick

Cain Gelhar

Corbin Gilles

Conner Galligan

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Lourdes Academy

Lourdes Academy has released its high school honor roll based on the students' fourth term grade point average. The cumulative grade point average is not considered in the calculation. Highest honors are for a GPA of 3.75 to 4.0; high honors are 3.5 to 3.75; honors are

Seniors **Highest honors** Brett Behnke Addyson Hafemeister Mary Husman Kathryn Johnsen William Kim Owen Konop Rylee Kuklinski Garrett LaMore Lilv Mever Molly Moore Oliva Nielsen Mackenzie Stelter Chloe Studinski

High honors Jacob Bowman Kaitlyn Dietschweiler Ian Johnson Eli Kettner Lucas Schettle

Honors Hongxuan Fanzhang Parker Kilde Brayden Mecklenburg Kyle Ralofsky James Vajgrt Ryann Williams Wesley Yaggie

Highest honors Ji Hye Choi Emma Dillenberg

Alexandra Doemel Avery Halla Kyle Hipple Riley Jerger Ailish Mains Cooper McLaughlin Charley Mullen Matous Novacek Siya Pharma Joshua Rucinski Kacper Salamon Ella Slusarski Mitchell Wing Riley Zernzach

High honors Emily Cater Isabelle Dietzler Lucy Foss Jaden McKellips Riley Schneider Calvin Tollard

Honors William Bowman Maggie Peterson

Sophomores **Highest honors** Caden Anderson Hailee Bauer Grace Cater Remington Force Vincent Force Ava Geffers

Donovan Hemminghaus Katelyn Hughes Allison Huizenga Heidi Husman Bree Kane Ntasha Konop Katherine Lynn Taylin Mecklenburg Erin Moore Elena Mueller Kathleen O'Connor Delaney Ruedinger

High honors Darya Averkamp Anthony Behnke Summer Burke Hannah McDowell Grace Meyers

Megan Slagter

Trista Starshak

Anika Wellens

Honors Olivia Gelhar Reagan Jaber Sabur Machiros Bennett Pecore Duong Nguyen Michaela Schneidewend

Highest honors Cameron Crandall Adam Dinegan

Samantha Duehring

Zoey Hilbrand

Brady Patterson

Lillian Doemel Cydney Foster Henry Geck Elizabeth Guerrero Anika Leitch Claire Lowe Aoife Mains Brett Maki Ryder Mullen Braeden Ridenour Quinlan Ruark Isaak Rucinski Jasmine Saiyed

John Santiago Lucia Schade Aubrey Schettle Parker Slusarski Claire Trofka Franki Lee Tuttle Mathias Yaggie

High honors Benjamin Byczek Tristan Gomez Karsyn Havlik Rayne Laufer Kaden Okon Kylie Rietz Allie Schaeferr

Andrew Syson

Valley Christian School

Valley Christian School has announced its spring semester honor roll. High honors were given for a grade point average of 3.67 to 4. Honors: went to a GPA of 3 to 3.66.

High honors Grace Canlas Hava Zodrow Josie Matiash Sam Knitt

Ruby Long Madeline Moran Leah Patterson Grace Rolston Ella Kuhlow Lily Golackson Caleb Stertz

Renna Haydin Elayna Walker

Juniors High honors Evan Lutz Cade Golackson Rinah Peterson Jackson Martin Rebekah Freund Chloe Mueller Olivia Beardsley

Allison Duehring

Eli Humiston Claudia Stertz Christian Canlas Jadon Ney

Honors Stella Wright Summer Rose Alexondra Zielicke Bethany Schilder Ezekiel Malliett Kyla Huff John-David Miller Keliah Klessig Silvie Weiss Ezra Oetken Marley Stelter AI Richardson Anna Giannopoulos Dennis Thur Josiah Lehman

Sophomores Mikaylah Osinga Jordan Gehrke

Susannah Johns

Norah O'Brien

Josie Weiss Maliha Demler Hannah Johnson Christopher Jepson Ethan Millar Elizabeth Brechlin Rebekah Neuman Aiden Ziegler Quinn Nelsen Madyson Clark Lilly King Honors

Kayliah Humiston Gage Hasse Lily Wise Maddy Eckes Halle Weyenberg

Freshmen **High honors** Anna Giannopoulos Danny Kunde McKenzie Murphy

Kendra Sandahl Maddy Weiss Sam Vilski Brynn Weinaug Lexi Maldonado Dawson Miller Mason Lutz Isaiah Hyvonen Rylan Koller Derek Wallace Bostyn Clark Olive Long Susannah Breiwo Tessa Weinaug Aubryn Lehman Olga Swanstrom Paige Boevers Jonah Menet

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Nature, time outdoors can benefit mental health

ThedaCare communications

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in five adult Americans experience some form of mental illness each year. There are more than 200 diagnoses identified as mental illness. In recent years, spending time in nature has been identified as one significant way to improve mental health.

"What's important for everyone to understand is that experiencing a struggle with mental health is not uncommon," said Ashley Bartha, LPC, a counselor at ThedaCare Behavioral Health Walk-In Care-Neenah. "When we're living with a mental health concern, it's easy to feel alone and think that no one understands what we're going through. That's not true, many others have had similar experiences and will understand."

Bartha defined mental health concerns as conditions involving changes in emotion, thinking or behavior (or a combination of these). Mental health can be associated with distress and/or problems functioning in social, work or family activ-

"When thoughts or feelings prevent you from coping with everyday life, then it's time to seek some professional assistance," said Bartha. "And we want our communities to know our care teams are here to help."

She noted that major life events such as job changes, the ending of a relationship or the serious illness or death of a family member or friend can cause someone to experience a change in their mental health.

"Depression, lack of support and anxiety with the unknown are common mental health concerns that anyone can experience at difficult times," said Bartha. "Then, there are other mental health concerns that follow us throughout our whole life, and most are treatable. This is a medical issue, just like heart disease or

Bartha added that being in an unpleasant environment can cause us to feel anxious, sad or depressed.

"Those are the kind of feelings that could trigger some type of mental health distress," said Bartha. "On the flip side, being in a pleasant environment can positively impact mental health and physical well-being by reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and the production of stress hormones."

Research suggests that being in nature can provide various benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of psychiatric disorders and even upticks in empathy and cooperation. International studies have specifically pinpointed the amount of time a person needs to spend in touch with nature during a normal week, and those studies recommend 120 minutes.

"What's key is the connection to nature, the experience of feeling part of something greater than ourselves and the tactile experience of touching things," said Bartha. "Humans are curious. Being out in nature allows us to focus on things outside of ourselves and be more mindful and present in the moment. It provides respite for an overactive mind, which we all experience at times in today's hustle and bustle

Bartha noted that research also indicates that simply being exposed to elements of nature, such as having plants or images of nature in our homes or offices, watching nature programs or videos, gardening or raising plants in pots on our balcony or windowsill can create that healthy nature connection and produce similar calming

"For those who might not have convenient access to the outdoors, there are alternative ways to experience that connection, to stimulate the right receptors to release the serotonin that makes us happy," she said. "We would encourage them to explore other options that might provide the opportunity to bring nature to them."

Bartha continued to support the benefits of nature to help with mental health

"The ability for nature experiences to lower mental, emotional and physical distress in people of all ages - kids, adults, older folks - is well proven," said Bartha. "With spring arriving, and May being mental health awareness month, it's an ideal time for all of us to seek out ways to include more connections with nature in our lives."

Psychiatric mental health nurse program starts

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is offering new programs in response to shortages of mental health care professionals nationwide.

In September, UW Oshkosh's College of Nursing will launch an inaugural class of the new bachelor of science in nursing to doctor of nursing practice (BSN-DNP) psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) emphasis. In addition, a post-graduate PMHNP certificate was created for current family nurse practitioners.

"The number of PMHNP programs throughout the state is limited, with most centered around the Madison and Milwaukee areas, leaving northern Wisconsin lacking in educational options for psychiatric health providers. UWO is well-positioned to help fill the need throughout the Fox Valley, northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan," said Bonnie Nickasch, director of the BSN to DNP-PMHNP program at UWO.

Many Wisconsin residents are unable to access care due to severe shortages of providers. Rural areas are hit hardest as both the general population and providers are spread out and the number of providers is particularly sparse.

Nickasch noted in 2022, more than 60 percent of psychiatric providers were age 55 or older. During the next 10 years, the number of psychiatric providers is expected to drop significantly because of retirements.

Nickasch is a dual certified family and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with extensive experience working with patients who struggle with substance abuse. Shelley Strojny, a senior lecturer with the program, is a certified psychiatric nurse practitioner with extensive experience working with veterans. She specializes in working with children and adolescents.

The College of Nursing is accepting applications for its 74-credit (three years fulltime or four years part-time) BSN to DNP-PMHNP emphasis. The program is geared to current registered nurses who wish to pursue doctorates to work as nurse practitioners in inpatient or outpatient behavioral

The PMHNP certificate program is designed for current family nurse practitioners seeking to expand their practice through dual certification.

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Lakeshore pavilion, other 2023 projects discussed

Continued work on the new Lakeshore Park, including completion of the four-seasons pavilion that will be the center of public events activity there, is one of the Parks Department priorities around the city this year.

Parks director Ray Maurer reviewed the five-year Capital Improvement Program with the Advisory Parks Board at its June 12 meeting for planned projects that include roads and parking lots, playground replacements, ballfield and court improvements, restroom and shelter overhauls, trails and lighting updates among Oshkosh's outdoor public spaces.

Maurer said he is hopeful the Lakeshore pavilion is in the "home stretch" for completion in the fall after challenges with procuring materials, equipment and contractors that have been common with similar public projects in recent years.

"I am holding off taking reservations on it until I am very comfortable on when it is going to be completed, but my hope is we could start getting late fall, winter, into 2024 when we will be able to start to take some reservations," he told the board.

"It's going to be a very cool building when it's done."

The city approved a rental fee structure as recommended by the board. The five-year CIP proposes \$500,000 toward continued Lakeshore work that is adjustable and able to be used with any available matching state grants.

This year the Common Council approved \$250,000 toward Lakeshore work that focused on an improved connection with the adjacent Tribal Heritage Crossing.

Another building project near completion is the new Parks Administration building. Maurer told the board that administrative offices are ready to move into the new facility at 805 Witzel Ave. in July, followed by field operations that will move in middle to late August.

Full transfer of the Parks Department to its expanded 37,450-square-foot space is expected by Labor Day. The building that it replaces dates to the mid-1960s where it had been a workshop for a technical college before the city purchased it in the mid-1980s.

Other park projects expected to be either completed or get underway this year:

- · Quarry Park restroom, shelter and parking lot will be removed this summer and replaced or restored by fall.
- Roe Park's play equipment area has been replaced adjacent to the downtown
- Tennis courts at Westhaven Circle and Teichmiller parks will be resurfaced in late summer and finished by fall with one of two at each park being replaced with a pickleball court.
- Rusch Park development's trail link from Carl Traeger Elementary School to the Sawyer Creek preserve is awaiting DNR permitting and early bids for the

Ongoing park trail improvements will include additional access pathways identified for ADA compliance.

Review of the 2024-28 CIP showed a range of Menominee Park projects getting more focus. The parking lot and ballfields are high on the list of priorities in the next two years to replace the multiuse parking areas and Reetz ballfield complex, estimated to cost more than \$5 million. Park road reconstruction and a new bathhouse are also on the two-year list at \$2.5 million and \$3 million, respectively, if approved.

Maurer noted that these projects are reviewed and adjusted by the council, then updated for future years in the CIP while his department seeks to at least get parts of the work done such as lighting upgrades and ballpark fence work.









Parade prepares to roll

Oshkosh's Fourth of July Parade gets underway at 9 a.m. Tuesday downtown at Otter and North Main streets. Hosted since 1991 by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 437, the parade will follow its traditional route down North Main, turning right on East Irving Avenue and ending at Hazel and East Irving near Menominee Park. The Parks Department has arranged for a Food Truck Rally with 16 food trucks throughout the park from 3 to 10 p.m. The Festival Foods Fireworks Show will start at the park at dusk.



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Oshkosh Public Museum's second floor will take on a whole new look this year that this illustration envisions.

Museum in midst of second-floor update

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Museum's second floor closed to the public last week for ongoing construction of the new Waldwic Gallery set to open next year.

Deinstallation and renovation of the new, flexible temporary exhibition spaces – under the theme This Is Winnebagoland – continue on schedule, museum officials announced, adding that staff are working to ensure the closure is as brief as possible. The first floor and lower level will remain open.

Project planning began in 2018 when it was decided to close the Paine Lumber Model in 2019 and as the Menominee Clans Story was being created before it opened in 2021.

Longstanding spaces Grandma's Attic, the Pioneer Log Cabin, and the Civil War and labor history exhibition sections closed in April, along with the temporary exhibition space Memories & Dreams, with those artifacts put into safe storage.

Museum programming and events continue this year, including the second annual Dia de los Muertos Celebration on Oct. 28, and the ongoing Family Discovery Days held every second Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Now is the time to celebrate the thousands of lives touched by these longstanding spaces, but also to welcome the countless possibilities a new space will bring," museum director Sarah Phillips said when the project was announced.







Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra returns with new focus

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra (OSO) is returning to live music this fall with a reimagined and reinvigorated community engagement model for its 82nd season.

The group will bring in adult community musicians to perform with area professionals, including a new partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh that will allow OSO to emphasize its educational mission and prepare UWO students for success.

Dylan T. Chmura-Moore has been appointed new music director.

"Community makes us strong. It makes for better music. OSO will, once again, lean into this ideal and I couldn't be more excited," Chmura-Moore said in a press release. "People make music, and it rings more true when your neighbor, whom you trust and love, is the one who is making it for you or with you. That is the beauty of what OSO will be.

"The return to this model should help our community listen to each other better and show each other more support and empathy. And the music's going to be phenomenal."

Concerts are held in Music Hall on the UW Oshkosh campus and seating is general admission.

Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 14, considered one of the most outstanding and virtuosic pieces in the repertoire. It will be performed by internationally recognized artist Eli Kalman, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, and calls Oshkosh home.

The holiday tradition returns Dec. 2 with seasonal favorites by Tchaikovsky, Leroy Anderson, Henry Mancini and Irving Berlin, and featuring Erin Boehme in song with the orchestra.

The season concludes April 20 in collaboration with Oshkosh Chamber Singers and choirs from UW Oshkosh. Performed will be Dvorak's sixth symphony and a mass by the Romantic composer Jose Mauricio Nunes Garcia.

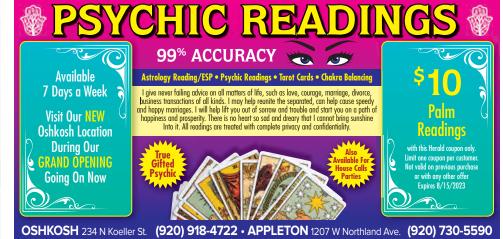
Annual volleyball tourney returns to Brighton Acres

The 39th annual Waupaca Boatride volleyball tournament returns to Brighton Acres in Oshkosh on July 5-7 with multiple levels of pro tour competition that had a total prize purse of \$50,000 last year.

The men's and women's grass triples tournament has grown into a four-day event that includes a juniors clinic and other adult and juniors tournaments before and after the main tournament.

The Open Sand Division was upgraded to an Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) Pro Tour event last year. There is a 48-team, single-elimination qualifier followed by a 24-team double-elimination main draw tournament.

Visit AVP America to register or to view more information.



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Photo from Miss Wisconsin Organization

Lila Szyryj of Madison was named Miss Wisconsin 2023 on Saturday in Oshkosh.

Madison woman is Miss Wisconsin 2023

Oshkosh Herald

Lila Szyryj, a 21-year-old woman from Madison, swept the title of Miss Wisconsin 2023 among a field of 25 candidates representing their communities Saturday night in Oshkosh.

Competing as Miss South Central, Szyryj receives \$12,500 in scholarships along with other gifts and awards, and the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss America 2024. She also won preliminary talent and evening wear award honors, earning an additional \$750 in scholarships.

For the talent phase of competition at Alberta Kimball Auditorium, Szyryj performed a classical piano solo "Revolutionary Etude" by Chopin. Her community service initiative is called Breaking Down Breaking News, working toward educating and interacting with the public on media literacy.

A 2022 graduate of UW-Madison, Szyryj has a degree in journalism and mass communication.

"We are delighted to welcome Lila into the Miss Wisconsin family as we celebrate our 60th year in Oshkosh," said Brenda Baudo, executive director of the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization. "Her energy and enthusiasm for the organization is apparent and we look forward to her serving as Miss Wisconsin 2023."

First runner-up was Miss Rock River Valley, Mandi Genord, Montello; second runner-up, Miss Madison, Paige Eide, La Crosse; third runner-up, Miss West Allis, Jasmine Peck, St. Francis; fourth runner-up, and Miss Great Lakes, Jenna Zeihen, Kenosha.

Established in 1936, the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Organization is a state affiliate of the Miss America Organization. Each contestant dedicates her year of service to promoting a service initiative, or personal cause, she champions to make a positive difference in her community.

Trinity Horstman, a 17-year-old from Onalaska, won the title of Miss Wisconsin's Teen 2023 among a field of 19 delegates. Competing as Miss Crossing Rivers' Teen, Horstman receives \$2,600 in scholarships along with other gifts and awards, including the opportunity to compete for Miss America's Teen 2023.

Horstman tap danced to "The Devil Went Down to Georgia". She follows in her sister's footsteps as Savannah Horstman served as Miss Wisconsin's Teen in 2019 and 2020.

More than sawdust has held Oshkosh industry together

By Steve Cummings
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

In the later part of the 19th century Oshkosh became known as "Sawdust City" due to the large number of sawmills that once lined both shores of the Fox River.

At one time more than 75 mills and lumber yards lined the north and south shores of the Fox, which was becoming the industrial heart of Oshkosh. Over time the mills consolidated and other industries eventually took their place.

By the onset of the 1900s, only three mills, Morgan Company, Radford Company and Paine Lumber Company remained and continued to be major employers until the last quarter of the

OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

century.

These companies once provided thousands of jobs. Their numbers began to decline with the Great Depression and World War II. New construction materials and methods used for residential and commercial construction further impacted the need for traditional building materials.

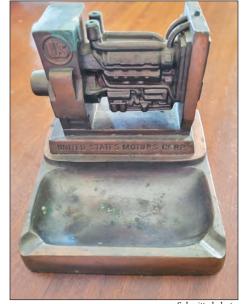
Oshkosh has always been a resilient city, which is evidenced by how quickly it rebuilt after each of its four devastating fires in the 1870s. Ironically, those fires were caused by the very businesses that provided jobs for the people whose homes were leveled by the blazes.

Many of the businesses rebuilt quickly and flourished well into the 20th century.

From marine propellers to generators, candles to back bars and other retail fixtures, they became market leaders in the industries they served and participated internationally. Products whose name included "Oshkosh" were considered to be of the highest quality and craftsmanship. Other products from Oshkosh earned the same reputation.

In 1912 many Oshkosh steamer trunks went to their watery grave with the sinking of the Titanic. Almost three decades later, generators manufactured by US Motors Corp. went to war. And in 1943 an ex-priest and the owner of Paragon Products formed Victrylite Candle Co. to make Vigil candles for Catholic churches in Oshkosh initially.

In little over a decade Victrylite became



Submitted photo

This diecast ashtray featured a U.S. Motors emergency standby power source. These were for large commercial properties such as hospitals, not homeowners.

the third largest candle manufacturer in the United States.

Many of us had parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents that worked in one of the many companies lining the Fox River that have vanished. A list of Oshkosh companies that once called the Fox home or were situated a few blocks away follows.

The list is in no way complete and I have used names most often used locally.

- Robert Brand and Son
- Leach Company
- US Motors Corporation
- Morgan Company
- Radford Company
- Universal Foundry
- Bell MachineCook and Brown
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Oshkosh Garden Walk to showcase plant passions

By Rob Zimmer
Herald Contributor

The Oshkosh Garden Walk is quickly approaching and passionate gardeners throughout the city are ready to share their love for plants.

On July 9, six private gardens throughout the city will be available for tours and exploration during the Oshkosh Garden Walk.

A highly anticipated annual event hosted by the Oshkosh Garden Club, this year's walk promises beauty, creativity and educational elements for gardeners and garden lovers of all ages.

Club member Kelly Radandt said, "We've been doing the walk for 10 years now and we will have six private gardens that people can tour. All the money raised during the garden walk helps us to do other things in the Oshkosh community."

Spotlighting the passions of gardeners throughout the area, exploring the wondrous creations of plants, garden art and more serves as an inspiration for many gardeners who attend the annual walk.

"With like-minded people, you make friends and get great ideas," Radandt said.

The Garden Walk features something for everyone. The chosen gardeners display a variety of different gardening styles, different plants, as well as different ways to grow them.

"I'm really impressed with the passion I've seen. And I'm very impressed with the amount of education," Radandt said.

With each garden on the tour, you're going to experience something special. At one garden, for example, you'll wonder at a sandstone waterfall and garden elements that incorporates vintage automo-



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Flowers like the ones above and at right will be on display during the Oshkosh Garden Walk on July 9.

bile memorabilia.

Another of the featured gardens is literally a paradise for birds. You'll enjoy the layout and set up featuring 30 bird feeders as well as many of the plants that attract birds of different types to the yard and garden.

If you are looking for inspirational ways to grow edible plants and food, you'll love the spectacular garden beds and layout of another featured garden dedicated mostly to growing edible plants.

Yet another garden features a selection of breathtaking garden rooms or vignettes that each stand out on their own, as well as being part of the whole.

Still another garden is a perennial lovers dream come true. The passions of this gardener are showcased in over 500 perennial plants, including more than 200





hostas. You will marvel at the arrangements and combinations created here.

Tickets for the Oshkosh Garden Walk, as well as featured gardens and addresses, are available in advance at www.oshkoshgardenclub.org.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults; children under 18 years are free. Tickets are

available for \$10 on the day of the event at any garden location.

Advance \$8 tickets are also available at uBloom, 930 Witzel Ave., or House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma Blvd.

Enjoy the beauty and passion of this year's Oshkosh Garden Walk and all of the featured gardens.







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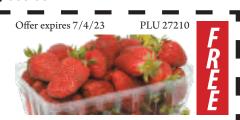
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Invasive plants spread can be curbed by taking simple precautions

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive, nonnative plants and animals in the woods, waters and land.

Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if introduced and established.

The state's invasive species rule makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are restricted or prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology or the economy.

The DNR offers these tips:

- Hikers and campers should clean mud and dirt off their shoes and remove seeds and burs from their clothing before visiting other places. This can prevent moving invasive plants to new areas via seeds that may be on clothing or in the mud or dirt.
 - Firewood is a significant pathway for

the movement of many invasive insects and pathogens such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease. To help protect the state's trees where you live, play or camp, use local firewood to avoid moving pests to new places.

• Anglers and boaters can help protect vulnerable areas from aquatic invasives such as quagga and zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, New Zealand mudsnails and Asian clams by cleaning recreational equipment and gear after every use. Inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris and remove as much as possible.

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap

Festival Foods Fireworks event, 3 p.m.,

Oshkosh Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m.,

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall,

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo

Live at Lunch: Jazz for '90s Kids, noon,

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organisms. • Gardeners are encouraged to plant and promote beautiful native plants that can benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife or traditional gardening plants that are noninvasive.

• Drain all water from gear before leav-

ing a site and wash it with 140-degree wa-

ter or steam to remove invasives too small

to see. Drying gear for five or more days between use also helps destroy invasive

• Report invasive species. Early reports help the DNR respond quickly and control invasives before they spread.

Until Dawn, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar and Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

Saturday, July 8

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Jambalaya Arts: Art in the Alley, 8 a.m., 413 N. Main St.

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo

Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Osh-

kosh Public Museum Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tourna-

ment, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Shlock the Block, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, July 9

Faire on the Green, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh Garden Club's Garden Walk, 11 a.m., six locations

Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

"Rodin: Contemplation and Dreams" exhibit, Paine Art Center & Gardens

Wednesday, June 28

American Patriotic summer concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Plastic Knives, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

Thursday, June 29

Live at Lunch: Hannah Rose, noon, Opera House Square

Taylor Jacobson, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Waterfest: 38 Special, Mt. Olive and Bound for Branson, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, June 30

Kids' Field Day, 8:30 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church

The Westsiders, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar and Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

"History of the World (Part 1)," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main

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

Saturday, July 1

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Chris Okkerse, 5 p.m., Fox River Brew-

Fourth of July weekend, 6 p.m., Jerry's Bar, 1210 Ceape Ave.

Sunday, July 2

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

Noah James Hittner, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Steve & Mark Band, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor



Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo Center

ment, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Park Dance, 6:30 p.m., South Park Pa-

Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

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Alley Art market

Jambalaya Arts Inc. is presenting a community art space and gallery outside of its North Main Street location on the second Saturday of each month through the summer and fall. Dan Weber, one of the Jambalaya artists who organized the events, said that they have been working on converting the alley into a market space for the last two years and it finally came together. Weber's vision was to create a space like he has seen in Europe where artists fill alleyways and use otherwise unused spaces.

Fish kills increase due to warming waters

As water temperatures are heating up, anglers may notice more dead fish than usual on their favorite waterbodies, the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notes.

Underlying causes include pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites, and environmental issues like low dissolved oxygen levels and thermal stress. The DNR reminds anglers and boaters to report fish kill events to a local fish biologist.

Fish kills need to be investigated through coordinated efforts between biologists and fish health staff to confirm the underlying cause. Because dead fish decay quickly in warm temperatures and water conditions can change rapidly, it won't always be possible to definitively determine the reason.

Those who catch a diseased or dying



fish or observe a fish kill should take these steps:

- •Wear gloves or wash hands after handling dead or dying fish.
- · Anglers should not actively collect fish samples from a fish kill event. If you accidentally catch a diseased or dying fish, retain the fish as a part of a daily bag limit and place the fish in a plastic bag on ice in a cooler. Do not transport the fish to a DNR office or hatchery.
- Note the waterbody, date, fish species and number of dead or dying fish and report it immediately to your local fisheries biologist or the DNR.

•If possible, take clear images of the af-

DNR staff will not be able to visit every potentially diseased caught fish or occurrence of dead fish.



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Research team builds app to help students with impaired vision

By Laurie Schlosser UW Oshkosh Today

Using technology to improve accessibility for people with visual disabilities is the focus of a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh research project underway this

Warren Vaz, associate professor in the

engineering and engineering technology department, recently learned his WiSys Ignite grant application for applied research will be fully funded for 2023-24, in the amount of \$50,000.

His proposal, In-Wayfinding Smartphone App for Blind Users, was selected on technical merit and research design as well as its potential impact on Wisconsin's economy.

"We aim to make UW Oshkosh a more destinaaccessible

tion for students with visual disabilities through the use of technology and provide them with a quality, affordable education," Vaz said.

Funding will be used to create the smartphone app that somebody with a visual impairment can use to navigate to a point of interest in university building where requisite sensors will be installed to

support the app.

Vaz said he intends to create a custom solution to transform the entire Oshkosh

The project has three components: outdoor mapping, which will enable a blind person to navigate around the campus; indoor mapping, which will allow them to find a classroom or point of interest within a building; and curriculum development and modification, which involves creating a curriculum with students with visual disabilities in mind - either for new courses or by modifying existing ones.

The project will commence July 1, with completion by Aug. 31, 2024. Students will be hired to help professors working on the project. Part of their work will be to interview students with visual impairments to get their input on how an app would fit their needs. Vaz, the principal investigator overseeing research activities, will be joined by professors Don Heath, Michael Rogers and Stacey Skoning, plus Jakob Iversen, associate dean of the College of Business, who put the initiative together last fall.

Vaz said Heath has years of experience working with individuals with visual impairments and their employers to address employment challenges and employer perceptions of workers with visual disabilities.

WiSys was established in 2000 and is an independent nonprofit supporting organization for the UW System. It advances scientific research throughout the state by patenting technologies developed out of the universities and licensing the inventions to companies.



ATV/UTV riders urged to focus on safety

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds ATV/UTV riders to ride safe and always wear a helmet and seatbelt while out on trails and ATV routes.

So far this year, there have been 11 fatalities due to ATV/UTV crashes. Most of the people involved were not wearing seat belts or helmets.

DNR officials said one of the best things

ATV and UTV operators can do to operate safely is to take a safety course. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR Safety Education webpage. Operators born after Jan. 1, 1988, are legally required to take the course.

For information on ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's ATV/UTV riding in Wisconsin webpage.

Business news roundup

U-Haul Co. of Wisconsin announced that Fox Cities Errand and Property Maintenance signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Oshkosh community. Fox Cities Errand and Property Maintenance at 2345 Bowen St., Suite B, will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, support rental items and in-store pickup for boxes.

Wisconsin Paper Council in partnership with Ahlstrom, a fiber-based materials manufacturer, launched the "Women in Forest Products" scholarship program at its annual meeting June 20. The Women in Forest Products Scholarship has been established with an initial gift of \$20,000 from Ahlstrom. The scholarship fund is housed with the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region.





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Public defenders

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"Shortage of attorneys willing to take public defender cases. That's the only explanation I can give you."

The appeals court wrote that the circuit court lost personal jurisdiction over Butler by not completing his initial appearance within a reasonable time. The case was dismissed on appeal without prejudice; and three weeks later prosecutors refiled it.

Butler's case illustrates a growing issue across the state: Stagnant wages for public defenders and private sector attorneys are leading to a shortage of lawyers willing to take the cases and potentially violating defendants' constitutional rights.

Under the state and federal constitution, citizens have a right to legal counsel. If a defendant cannot afford an attorney, a state public defender (SPD) is appointed to represent them. The SPD may either be a staff attorney or a private sector attorney who is certified to take public defender appointments.

Public defender positions in Wisconsin start at \$27.24 per hour, which is about \$56,659 per year. SPD legislative liaison Adam Plotkin told Neenah News last year that turnover for public defenders has nearly doubled compared with pre-pandemic levels, leaving 20% of positions vacant in Wisconsin.

When counties are unable to find public defenders to represent defendants, private attorneys are hired, at a cost of \$70 per hour, which Plotkin said is far below the market rate. In comparison, the federal office pays private bar attorneys about \$150 per hour, and court-appointed attorneys get \$100 per hour.

This week, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution requesting that the state review and revise the compensation rate for SPDs and requesting the state reimburse the county the hourly rate it pays to private bar attorneys in criminal cases requiring representation.

The resolution comes as Gov. Tony Evers' 2023-25 budget recommendations include a \$7 per hour increase for prosecutors and public defenders. The Legislature's Finance Committee approved an even greater pay increase for SPDs last month; to \$36 an hour, or about \$75,000 a year.

Wages for private attorneys would also increase under the plan, to \$100 per hour for case work and \$25 to \$50 per hour for travel. Evers is expected to approve the budget in July.

District Attorney Eric Sparr told the County Board's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee earlier this month that prosecutors and public defenders were concerned the pay increase would only apply to starting wages but said it will apply to new and existing employees.

Sparr said the lack of public defenders and private attorneys willing to take SPD appointments has been an issue in the county, and has been an even greater issue in the northern and western parts of the state.

"I think one of the issues is that they didn't have as many lawyers there and one of the side effects of that is it was causing some people to remain in jail longer without being able to do anything with their case," he said, "so that should make it a little bit easier to get lawyers on cases."

Sparr is hopeful that when Evers approves the budget, the pay increase will be in there to make it easier to recruit and retain employees in both offices.

"Very good news in the budget for prosecutors and public defenders," he said.















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Law permits disability discrimination in voucher schools

DPI has no authority to force accommodation

By Phoebe Petrovic

As an advocacy specialist at Disability Rights Wisconsin, Joanne Juhnke regularly finds herself on the phone with parents concerned about their children's treatment at school.

Most complaints concern public



Swetz



DPI is far less helpful in disputes with private schools, which under state law can legally discriminate against students who need

certain disability accommodations — or even kick them out. This applies even to private schools that receive taxpayer-funded tuition vouchers to educate students.

The calls Juhnke receives from voucher families often contain the same story. A family has enrolled a child with disabilities in a private school. Administrators



Fond du Lac Christian School has about 63% of its students on vouchers. Its 2017-18 handbook said it "reserves the right to expel any student diagnosed with behavioral disorders ... or significant learning disabilities" whom the school cannot "adequately facilitate."

have begun pressuring the student to leave or have kicked them out, something public schools cannot do. The parents are shocked. They're sure the schools can't do

Many times, Juhnke has to tell them: Yes, they can.

"You went into this school choice program thinking that you were the one, as the parents, who have the choice," she said. "Really, on the other end, the school holds more choice cards than you do."

Private schools participating in any of the four state voucher programs — the

Milwaukee, Racine and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs and the Special Needs Scholarship Program — may legally expel students with disabilities if staff determines they cannot accommodate their needs with minor adjustments or deem their behavior too disruptive.

And as upsetting as this may feel to parents, Juhnke said it's even worse for the students themselves.

"It's very disruptive," she said, adding that "stability for a student with disabilities is often even more important" than for those without disabilities.

Reviewing public materials for about one-third of the state's 373 voucher schools, Wisconsin Watch found that about 15% had policies or statements appearing to discriminate against students with disabilities, often citing limited capacity to meet their needs. This figure omits schools that make no mention of disability accommodation.

"We know not all schools in these programs employ such practices, but the fact that the law allows it is unacceptable," said DPI communications director Abigail Swetz. "We owe it to our learners and their families to make the necessary changes to ensure these schools provide access to all children, regardless of their ability."

Between 2013 and 2020, DPI received several complaints alleging disability discrimination at voucher schools — but it determined it had jurisdiction to act in just one of them. Wisconsin Watch has learned the agency quietly suspended its

complaint process in 2020 when it comes to students with disabilities attending voucher schools.

Nicholas Kelly, the president of the state's leading education privatization advocacy group School Choice Wisconsin, did not answer specific questions but disagreed that private schools discriminate. He shared a statement that read, in part: "Fundamentally, parental choice and educational freedom provide accountability. If parents or students are not satisfied with the education they receive they can choose another school."

Juhnke and her organization argue that legal discrimination is a "fundamental issue" of the voucher program: "Discrimination is, on some level, baked into the cake."

"The requirements on choice schools have been different for students with disabilities from the very inception of the voucher program," she said. "We have two parallel school systems: one of which is oriented toward serving students with disabilities and the other which never has been."

State law does not prohibit discrimination against students with disabilities at voucher schools. Federal law only requires minimal accommodations, far less than what it requires of public schools, and only applies to recipients of federal funds, such as subsidies to run a lunch program.

The fact that students with disabilities

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Voucher program

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waive legal protections when taking a voucher is one reason families have little recourse. Disability Rights Wisconsin is "deeply concerned" about the state's voucher programs, even the Special Needs Scholarship Program.

That program requires families receive a document detailing the rights their child will lose, but Juhnke said "that doesn't sink in" until it's too late. And overall, while the program facilitates private schools in serving more students with disabilities, she said "it also means that more public funding is going to schools that don't have to follow the same rules."

As with LGBTQ+ discrimination, state law requires private schools to restrict admissions considerations of voucher students to statutorily described characteristics, such as residence and income. The statewide program always includes a random lottery, and the Milwaukee and Racine programs include that if the number of applicants exceeds the seats available.

Yet in practice, the line appears blurred. Said DPI's Swetz: "The scenario of a student enrolling as a (voucher) student in a private school one minute and being expelled the next is, in fact, possible."

Although 17 of the 19 voucher schools with policies discriminating against students with disabilities are Christian, none appeared to root their exclusion in theology. (The two secular schools identified are both Waldorf schools, a nondenominational private school prioritizing arts and nature curricula.) Instead, disability discrimination is often phrased in practical, if regretful, terms.

Fond du Lac Christian School, for example, which has about 63% of its students on vouchers, stated in its 2017-18 handbook that it "desires to serve the needs of students who would be considered at a level of need for which we are equipped to accommodate." It also stated it "reserves the right to expel any student diagnosed with behavioral disorders ... or significant learning disabilities" whom the school cannot "adequately facilitate," calling it a matter of "recognizing (their) limitations."

Fond du Lac Christian blocked a reporter from contacting the school via email and hung up on the phone, so Wisconsin Watch has been unable to obtain a current handbook.

Some schools claimed they did not discriminate on the basis of disability, only to detail policies that exclude students on that basis.

Milwaukee's Tamarack Waldorf School, with 85% of its students on vouchers, acknowledges in its current handbook the school may expel students whose "special needs are greater than the school's ability to meet them."

DPI received two complaints alleging disability-based discrimination at the school in 2018 and 2019.

Tamarack staff did not respond to emails and a phone message. The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America, which accredits the school, declined to comment on specifics but said it supports diversity, equity and inclusion as "a

journey of both moral and educational importance."

DPI says it may intervene only to stop discrimination against voucher students with disabilities in the admissions process, not after enrollment. In 2011, Disability Rights Wisconsin, along with the American Civil Liberties Union and others, filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice seeking to change

Calling on the DOJ to investigate Milwaukee's voucher program, the ACLU alleged that "many families of students with disabilities are unaware of their rights to use vouchers for private schools, the schools receiving vouchers are not monitored for compliance with the ADA, and students with minor disabilities have been routinely suspended and expelled from the private schools," according to its website.

The result, they claimed, was "systematically excluding students with disabilities from participating in the voucher program and segregating them in public schools in disproportionate numbers."

Communications between the DOI and DPI show that federal attorneys instructed the state agency to take several actions to monitor the voucher programs and enforce compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Our position," they wrote, "is that DPI must do more to enforce the federal statutory and regulatory requirements that govern the treatment of students with disabilities who participate in the school choice program," including private and religious schools.

DPI responded that although it was "fully committed to ensuring" nondiscrimination of students with disabilities, it believed that it lacked authority - under state and federal law, as well as court precedent — to fulfill the federal government's demands.

"DPI has significant concerns about the DPI's authority to ensure that Choice schools do not discriminate against students with disabilities," the agency's chief legal counsel wrote in a letter.

Years later, Jeffrey Spitzer-Resnick, a civil rights attorney and education advocate who filed the original complaint for Disability Rights Wisconsin, finds the conclusion "highly unfortunate and reprehensible." He believes the state agency does not need explicit state authority to uphold federal law.

"If the U.S. DOJ says, 'Hey, your state program violates federal law, but we're going to look to your DPI to assure us, because you're the one who runs the program, that it stops violating the law,' DPI should have done it. But they didn't," he

But DPI's Swetz challenged that premise, saying by email: "DOJ has not concluded the private school choice program violates federal law. In many ways, the DPI wishes it would — then perhaps we would have leverage to make changes. That leverage would help kids because the current situation does not."

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Man arrested for his fifth OWI after fleeing scene

A man allegedly fled a traffic stop in Oshkosh and was later arrested for fifth-offense drunken driving. The driver was found in the backyard of a home on Bismarck Street.

A release from Oshkosh police states the traffic stop was made near South Park Avenue and Knapp Steet around 10:32 p.m. Sunday evening. The stop was for operator license violation.

While the officer was speaking to the male driver, who was the only person in

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the car, the man drove away. The Oshkosh officer did not pursue the vehicle.

A report was made shortly after the traffic stop by a person saying a vehicle had struck the side of their home, causing damage to the house's siding. After allegedly driving into the home, the man fled on foot and was later located in the 1200 block of Bismarck Street.

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Peregrine falcons named

Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) officially named and banded the three peregrine falcon chicks born at its Weston Power Plant this spring after three state universities' mascots, including the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. More than 6,500 votes were cast in this spring's naming contest. The chicks (from left) are Stryker, in honor of Stryker the Eagle at UW-La Crosse; Clash, in honor of Clash the Titan at UW Oshkosh; and Norby in honor of Norby the Green Knight at St. Norbert College. A total of 444 chicks have been born at WPS and We Energies power plants in Wisconsin and Michigan since the companies' peregrine falcon recovery programs began in 1992.

Jobless rate shows increase for May

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw an increase in its unemployment rate from 1.8 percent to 2.4 percent between April and May, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Devel-

Last May's jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and for Winnebago County was at 2.5 percent. Oshkosh as a city showed a jobless rate increase from 2 percent to 2.6 percent for the month.

The non-seasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas rose in 11 of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas from the previous month while increasing compared with a year ago.

Unemployment rates rose in all of Wisconsin's 34 largest cities in May while 64 of those 72 counties had jobless rates decrease or stay the same compared with a

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WO grads help Herd earn franchise of year award

By Shane Nyman UW OSHKOSH TODAY

The Wisconsin Herd earned the prestigious Franchise of the Year honor this spring. The top award in the NBA's G League is something the organization has been striving for since it was first announced Oshkosh had landed a franchise in early 2017.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumni have been helping the Herd rise to the top of the G League not just as a basketball team but as an entire organi-

When the team was named Franchise of the Year in May, Herd president Steve Brandes called it "a testament to the hard work our entire team put into make our fifth season our best season yet." That team includes three key players educated at UW Oshkosh: Mallory Knight '22, Trevor Kroll '19, and Jesse Smith '15.

"It's the equivalent of if a basketball team holds up the championship trophy on the court," said Kroll, who now is group sales manager with the Herd. "For us, it's on the business side so what goes into that is not just myself with ticket sales, but our marketing team creating awesome content to engage with the community, it's our public relations team helping get us coverage, being involved in the community and giving back to so many organizations and our partnerships team working with companies in a way to share their message and give back.

"It's awesome because without one department excelling, we wouldn't have won this award. For us to win it, we all had to be the best in our different departments."

Kroll, who earned a degree in marketing with a sales emphasis, got his start with the team working part-time during his junior year. His first position was in the team store, something he did while also working part time for the university athletic department. He later interned with the Herd as a senior.

A sports marketing class at Oshkosh West High School got him interested in that career path, so he gained experience as a student to set up for success after graduation.

It worked. The Herd hired him first as an account executive, then bumped him up to senior group account executive. About a year ago he was promoted to group sales manager.

Like the franchise as a whole, Kroll's been excelling. For two straight years he has been the No. 1 sales person in the G League – tops in total group tickets sold, group ticket revenue and total overall

"It's been super rewarding," he said. "It's taken a lot of hard work, but I couldn't have done it without the support of the community and those around me."

Smith, who also majored in marketing with a sales emphasis, is director of ticket sales for the Herd. He, too, was turned on to sports marketing while at Oshkosh West, and while studying in Oshkosh became embedded in the Titans football program. Under then-head coach Pat Cerroni, Smith had a variety of roles working with the program, at times handling travel and logistics for road games and recruiting and organizing orientation sessions for first-year players. He even served as an intern to fulfill his requirement in the College of Business.

He saw the news of Oshkosh landing an NBA developmental league franchise back in 2017 as an opportunity, and left a retail job he'd had since college to be a senior account executive with the Herd.

"I thought, wow, what a great opportunity to follow my dream," he said. "Everything I built up to this point was for a moment like this. I took a leap of faith and left a career and a job I had been in for so long and dove in head first to this new opportunity with the Wisconsin Herd. I'm so glad I did."

As director of ticket sales, Smith leads a department of five full-time sales executives and a sales intern.

"The College of Business definitely set me up for a lot of success," he said. "What I always tell people is if you're looking to study business, you need to go to UW Oshkosh because they're going to set you up with experiences in and out of the classroom that are going to be beneficial in your field. ... One of the best things I did was the sales emphasis because it prepared me for the real world and what it would be like in the workplace."

Knight is now a year into her career as a graphic designer with the Herd – a fulltime job she landed after having an internship with the team her senior year. A graphic design major, the Hartford native grew up playing "every sport" and spent five seasons on the Titans soccer team.

For her, joining the Herd full time was a perfect opportunity.

"I was really excited to combine my two passions," she said. "I'm obviously super into sports - as an athlete, sports were always a major part of my life - and my other passion was being an artist, being a creative."

Knight is the only graphic designer, so her work can be found everywhere on the Herd's social media channels, around the Oshkosh Arena and out in the community. She's also a photographer, so it's



Jesse Smith (from left), Mallory Knight and Trevor Kroll, all graduates of UW Oshkosh, helped power the Wisconsin Herd to a Franchise of the Year award for the 2022-23 season.

her own images she's often incorporating into designs.

"This season was pretty challenging because two of my fellow creatives, they got other opportunities to work in the NBA, so it was kind of left up to me to handle the creative side of everything," she said. "Winning the Franchise of the Year award was great knowing that the work and hours I put into the season, it made it all worth it."

Whether it's creating eye-catching artwork for Instagram or selling all-ages entertainment experiences to businesses, organizations or even individual families, all three Titans played a role in helping the Herd stand out among the G League's 30 franchises. Among the points of pride for the team this past season was a 17%

increase in sponsorship sales, a 17% jump in its social media following and an average of 87% capacity - including 11 sellouts - for the 24 home games.

"It was incredibly surreal," Smith said of the honor. "It was an amazing culmination of five seasons and six years of work built up around one moment, to get that award. . . . It was pretty cool to see it come together because we've talked about it since our first season, which is crazy to think about. We've talked about winning franchise of the year and pushed that every single year.

"People come and go and have come and gone that have played a big role, but we've kept that culture where we want to be the best of the best and provide the top entertainment in the Fox Valley."





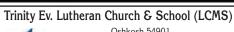


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Spring sports all-conference roundup

SOFTBALL

Wildcats, Spartans collect all-FVA honors

Three members of the state-qualifying Oshkosh West softball team earned top honors on the all-Fox Valley Association squads.

Junior Braelee Jodarski was a repeat selection on the first team, while seniors Kathryn Bergin and Brianna Bougie along with Oshkosh North sophomore Emma Niemczyk landed on the 19-member top squad.

Jodarski, one of six infielders named to the first team, batted .398 this season and led the Wildcats with six home runs and 36 RBIs. She also led West with 37 runs scored and 12 stolen bases.

Bougie was West's top hurler and one of three pitchers named to the first team. She finished the season with an 11-4 record and minuscule 1.45 earned run average, while racking up 88 strikeouts and just 15 walks in 91 2/3 innings. Bougie, who as a second-team honoree last season, also led West with a .402 batting average and hit three home runs.

Bergin, an outfielder who was an honorable mention selection last season, batted .391 this season with the Wildcats and finished second on the team with four home runs and 28 RBIs. She also led the team with nine doubles.

Niemczyk, one of four sophomores named to the first team, was a second-team all-conference selection last season. She batted a whopping .532 this season with 13 doubles, two home runs and 25 RBIs – all team-highs.

West had four players and North had two players named to the all-conference second-team.

Earning the honors for the Wildcats were senior outfielder Kadence Saladin, junior infielder Chloe Tritt, junior pitcher Alayna Sadowska and junior utility player Laina Hammen. Saladin batted .371, Hammen posted a .360 average, while Tritt finished with a .322 average at the plate. Sadowska posted a 2.26 earned run average in 65 innings in the circle.

For North, sophomore catcher Anna Borst and freshman infielder Olivia Borowitz were named to the second team. Borowitz finished second on the team with a .380 batting average, while Borst posted a .355 average. Both players finished with 18 RBIs on the season.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Spartans were junior utility player Ava Hanson, junior infielder Lauren Geer, sophomore infielder Sophia Housworth and freshman pitcher Kara Cummings.

Freshman outfielder Colleen Fitzpatrick was an honorable mention selection for the Wildcats.

Kaukauna sophomore Karly Meredith was named Player of the Year in the conference for the second straight season.

Proud, Kuklinski named to first team

Lourdes Academy senior Rylee Kuklinski and junior Reagon Proud were named to the all-Trailways North first team.

Kuklinski was one of the top pitchers in the conference, striking out 86 batters in 86 innings while finishing with a 2.36 earned run average. She was a second-team selection a year ago.

Proud was a repeat selection to the all-conference first team after finishing the season as the Knights' leading hitter. Proud batted a robust .559, while leading the team in doubles (10), triples (5), home runs (5), runs (33) and RBIs (25).

The Knights did not have any second-team selections but did boast a pair of players on the honorable mention list in sophomore infielder Reagan Jabor and freshman catcher Aubrey Schettle.

Oakfield junior Aly Lamonska was named Player of the Year in the confer-

BASEBALL

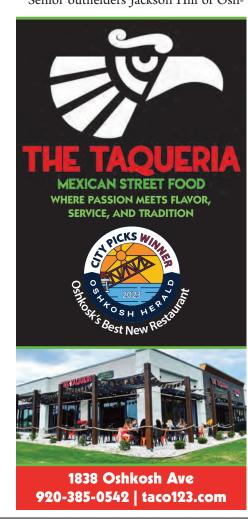
North's Housworth earns all-FVA first team nod

Oshkosh North senior Jeramiah Housworth garnered a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Housworth was one of two designated hitters named to the 21-member first team and was the Spartans' lone member named to the top team. He was an honorable mention selection last year.

Housworth led the Spartans with a team-leading .397 batting average, which included one home run and 12 RBIs.

Senior outfielders Jackson Hill of Osh-



kosh North and Erik Grey of Oshkosh West were named to the second team. Hill finished the season with a .346 batting average, while Grey racked up a .300 batting average while leading the Wildcats with 21 hits and 14 runs.

Oshkosh West had a pair of players named to the honorable mention list in sophomore second baseman Landon Ubrig and sophomore utility player Eddy Schroeder, while Oshkosh North senior outfielder Keegan Schlichting was also an honorable mention selection.

Hortonville players swept the top honors in the league with Camden Kuhnke being named Player of the Year and Thomas Burns and Nate Vela sharing Pitcher of the Year honors.

Roberts lone Trailways honoree from Knights

Junior Michael Roberts was the lone player from the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian team to earn recognition on the all-Trailways North teams.

The outfielder was selected to the honorable mention team as one of eight players named to the list. He led the Knights with a .300 batting average and 17 runs scored this season.

Markesan senior pitcher Chayce Osterhaus was named Player of the Year in the conference.

SOCCER

West's Wiebel earns spot on all-FVA first team

Oshkosh West junior Lainey Weibel was the Wildcats lone representative on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Weibel, who was a second-team selection a year ago, led the Wildcats with 18 goals this season, while also picking up a pair of assists. She was one of six forwards named to the 15-member first team.

Earning second-team honors for the Wildcats were seniors Maddi Choinski at defender/midfield and Eleisha Schimmel at forward as well as junior goalkeeper Hannah Wolf.

Oshkosh North senior Gabby Kempf, one of the leading scorers for the Spartans, was also named to the second team.

Both North and West had two honorable mention selections with senior Hannah Gregory and sophomore Hailie Trochinski selected from the Spartans and senior Jenna Brewer and sophomore Taylin Heiman from the Wildcats.

Junior forward Emily McCarthy of Kimberly was named Player of the Year in the conference, while the Papermakers' Andrew Sutton was named Coach of Year.

Hafemeister, Mullen lead Lourdes/Valley selections

Senior Addy Hafemeister and junior Charley Mullen of Flyway Conference co-champions Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian were unanimous selections to



the all-league first team. Only four of the 12-first-team selections were unanimous choices.

Hafemeister led the Knights with 23 goals, while also picking up 10 assists on the season. Mullen helped anchor the Lourdes/Valley defense from midfield position, while also picking up six goals on the season. Both players were second-team selections a year ago.

The Knights had three players named to the second-team in senior Mary Husman, junior Alish Mains and sophomore Delaney Ruedinger. Husman and Ruedinger finished with 14 and 13 goals, respectively, while Ruedinger also led the Knights with 11 assists.

A trio of sophomores garnered honorable mention honors for the Knights in defenders Hannah McDowell and Natalie Edwards along with goalkeeper Hailee Bauer.

GOLF

McLaughlin earns top honor in Trailways North

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian junior Cooper McLaughlin earned top honors on the Trailways North all-conference teams.

McLaughlin was the Player of the Year in the Trailways North after finishing the league season with the lowest stroke average. McLaughlin, who finished eighth in the Division 3 state meet, was the only Trailways player – in either division – to finished with a stroke average below 40 and was nearly four strokes better than any other Northern Division player.

McLaughlin was one of four golfers on the Northern Division all-conference team from the Knights.

Seniors Chas Muhlbauer, Garrett La-More and Lucas Schettle were also honored, finishing third, fifth and seventh in the Trailways North in stroke average respectively.

North's Geffers collects FVA recognition

Oshkosh North junior Christian Geffers earned all-Fox Valley Conference accolades by earning a spot on the all-conference honorable mention.

Geffers finished 11th in conference points, finishing a half-point short of making the second team.

Kimberly junior Aiden Cudney finished with the most conference points with 90.

TRACK AND FIELD

West's Blaskowski leads all-FVA honorees

Oshkosh West senior Emily Blaskowski highlighted the Wildcats all-Fox Valley Association track and field honorees by earning recognition in three different events.

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Blaskowski earned second-team honors in both the 200 meters and long jump, while joining fellow seniors Maggie Kriege and Olivia Navin and junior Kyana Williams in garnering first-team honors in the 400-meter relay.

Navin also earned first-team all-FVA honors in the 100-meter hurdles, while freshman Sydnee Nelson was first team in the 300-meter hurdles and second team in the 100 meters.

Oshkosh North did not have any hon-

For the boys, North sophomores Devon Williams earned first-team honors in the 400 meters and Logan Schettle collected honorable mention honors.

The Spartans also had two relays garner recognition as the 400-meter relay team of seniors Hunter Carlson and Quintin Fisher, junior Jelani Hernandez and Schettle and the 1,600-meter relay team of Hernandez, Williams, senior Caston Frank and sophomore Josh Zietlow were each second-team honorees.

For Oshkosh West, juniors Jarrett Alger in the 300-meter hurdles and Jeevan Ambati in the long jump were each second team, while junior Ethan Pinkerton earned honorable mention honors in the pole vault.

All-conference honors are based on finishes at the FVA meet.

Moore honored by Trailways North coaches

Lourdes Academy sophomore Erin Moore was named the Trailways North Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year by the conference's coaches.

The Knights also posted a number of top finishes at the full Trailways Conference meet.

Three Lourdes Academy relays took first to earn top honors in the conference: the 800-meter foursome consisted of senior Olivia Nielsen, sophomores Natasha Konop and Sabur Machiros and



freshman Kylie Rietz; the 1,600-meter relay quartet of Konop, Nielsen, senior Mackenzie Stelter and sophomore Dasha Averkamp; and the 3,200-meter relay team of Averkamp, Stelter, senior Molly Moore and Erin Moore.

The Knights' 400-meter relay team of Machiros, Rietz, Nielsen and sophomore Bree Kane finished third at the meet.

Other girls to receive recognition were Stelter in the 400 meters, Erin Moore in the 800 meters and Konop in the 300-meter hurdles, who were all second.

For the boys, the 400-meter relay team of seniors Kyle Ralofsky and Brayden Mecklenburg and juniors Gavin Ostrowski and Jok Machiros finished third.

TENNIS

West lands seven flights on all-FVA teams

All seven flights on the Oshkosh West tennis team received some level of recognition on the all-Fox Valley Association teams.

Sophomore Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and senior Cohen McConnell at No. 4 singles earned second-team honors along with the No. 2 doubles team of seniors Jack Rasmussen and Nyle Dar and the No. 3 pairing of senior Michael Tang and freshman Reid Potter.

Earning honorable mention honors were sophomore Yosef Edsell at No. 2 singles and freshman Kole Stauffacher at No. 3 singles as well as the No. 1 doubles team of senior Hans Larson and junior Ryan Jorgensen.

Valley Christian has three flights honored

The Valley Christian tennis team had three flights earn honorable mention honors in the Wisconsin Combined Tennis

Singles players Danny Kunde at the No. 1 flight and Ethan Millar at the No. 2 flight along with the No. 3 doubles team of Derek Wallace and Kikri Kallio all took third at the conference tournament.





UWO's Coppernoll to coach youth squad at Donasti Cup

Erin Coppernoll, head coach of UW Oshkosh's women's soccer program, will head to San Sebastian, Spain, between July 2 and 11 to coach the U14 Wisconsin International Soccer team at the Donosti Cup.

The Donosti Cup is an annual international soccer tournament, held in San Sebastian since 1992, attracting hundreds of teams for 21 tournaments. Growing from 32 teams in its first year of play, this year's edition will showcase



Coppernoll

878 teams from 27 countries, including 78 from the United States.

"I'm excited to experience coaching a youth soccer team abroad," said Coppernoll, the winningest head coach in program history who most recently completed her 19th year as head coach of the Titans. "Having three foreign trips to Europe with my

collegiate soccer teams, I know how soccer brings the world together. I am looking forward to experiencing it with my team through their eyes."

She has had athletes and former assistant coaches compete and coach in the Cup, who have said many wonderful things about the experience. "I am excited I get a chance to represent Wisconsin internationally in Spain."

Five countries are sending 49 teams to the U14 tournament, held between July 3

Nine other teams from the United States will be in the tournament. Wisconsin International had their best finish in the Cup in 2016, making it to the championship match before falling to Spain's Rayo Vallecano, 2-0.

Current UW Oshkosh women's soccer player Maddie Young, a junior defensive player from Larsen, played for Wisconsin at the Donosti Cup in 2016 and 2017.





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Obituaries

Gilbert C. Check

Gilbert Charles Check passed away on June 22, 2023, at 81.



Gib/Gibby was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 23, 1942, the oldest of three children to Gilbert and Marjorie (Frankland) Check. Gib grew up in Gages Lake, Ill., and spent

time swimming, and boating on the lake with his sister, Diane, and brother Jim.

After high school in Grayslake, Gib attended college in Illinois, where he met and married Sue, and they were blessed with two children, Chris and SueAnn.

They moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where the family loved hiking the mountains which was always an adventure because Gib was navigationally challenged.

After this marriage ended Gib moved back to Illinois and cared for his mother, Margie. Some of his occupations included factory line supervisor, metallurgist, construction company owner, site engineer, and painter.

He and Ruth had attended elementary and high school together, but their love didn't blossom until 1997 when they met at a high school class reunion and went on "outings". They married in 1999 and settled on the lake in Adams Friendship, WI.

In Adams-Friendship he became a valued house painter, creative candle maker,

avid gardener, and at 62 earned his Bachelor of Science degree at UW Stevens Point.

Of all the jobs he had during his lifetime, the ones he valued most were being a parent and an author. Gib published two books and many articles for the Adams-Times Reporter and the Wisconsin Rapids newspaper.

He loved telling stories about his travels and life. Gib's most famous question to anyone he met was, "What is your name?" He talked to everyone and wanted to know their stories. He loved his family and friends.

Importantly, Gib was a member of AA and sober for the past 44 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, son Chris, daughter SueAnn(Joe) Sullivan, stepsons Kevin (Lisa) Crawford, and Craig (Kristen) Crawford, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, brother Jim, sister Diane, and many nieces and nephews.

Gib's advice would be to enjoy each day by finding the humor and joy around you. Don't be stoic....laugh, cry, scream, and find the asparagus!

There will be a memorial service for Gib at Trinity Luthern Church, in Arkdale, WI on July 6th starting with a visitation at 2 p.m. followed by a service at 3 p.m. Donations can be made in honor of Gib to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude. org).

FISS & BILLS - POKLASNY

Franklin H. Forrest

Franklin H. Forrest, 80 years old, of Oshkosh WI passed away at St. Eliza-



beth Hospital June 10, 2023, with his children at his side.

Franklin was born on March 23, 1943, in Elkhorn, WI, to Leland and Mabel (Snell) Forrest. They moved from Elkhorn to Appleton, WI. Le-

land passed away when Franklin was 9 years of age and Mabel passed away when he was 13 years of age. Diane came home to stay with Franklin before he moved to San Antonio, TX with Ken's family for 3 years. When Ken was stationed in Europe, Franklin moved to Horicon, WI to live with Donna's family. Franklin was especially close to his nephew, David who was more like a brother. Franklin graduated from Horicon High School in 1961. He and Barbara moved to Oshkosh where Franklin graduated from the Wisconsin State University of Oshkosh.

Franklin is survived by his former wife, Barbara L. Forrest; their children Matthew Forrest and AmySue Hartman (Tom Korn); along with grandsons, Jesse and Jacob Hartman. Franklin is further survived by his sister-in-law, Joan Forrest; his favorite nieces and nephews, and many very special friends.

Donald R. Cavanaugh

Donald R. Cavanaugh, age 73, passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Crossroads Care Center in Weyauwega. He was born on October 5, 1949, in Oshkosh to the late Donald and Marian (Frey) Cavanaugh.

Donald is survived by his siblings: Rick (Susan) Cavanaugh, Kevin Cavanaugh, and Marcia (Daryl) Hoppe; Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Mabel (Snell) Forrest; siblings, Kenyon Forrest, Donna (Warren) Johnston, and Diane (Don) Misener; and close friend, Ellen Decent.

Franklin held many careers but the one he cherished the most was having his broker's license and working with Real Marketing.

Franklin loved to play poker and had a great group of friends he played with for the past 40+ years. Anyone who knew Frank knew he liked to play by his rules. Franklin thoroughly loved hunting, camping and riding Dusty Trails in Oconto County.

All family and friends are invited to Franklin's celebration of life will be held on August 19, at Fox Cities Funeral & Cremation Services, 3026 Jackson Street, Oshkosh WI 54901. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a short service at 1:00 p.m.

Please come and share stories of how Franklin made an impact upon your life.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Franklin H. Forrest to your favorite organization.

Extra special thanks to David Hochtritt, who visited Dad consistently each week if not several times per week since December 11, 2022 as he went in/out of the hospitals, nursing facilities, etc.

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sisters-in-law: Susie and Paulette Cavanaugh; and close friend and cousin, Jerry Frey. He was further preceded in death by his life partner, Carla Sawall; and brothers: James, Dennis, and Larry Cavanagh.

Private family services will be held.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN

James A. Westphal

James A. Westphal, age 88, passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Hospice in



Home of Hope, Fond Du Lac. He was born to the late Elmer and Elda (Nelson) Westphal on June 14, 1935 in Shawano, WI. Jim married his beloved wife Julia Kirch on July 19, 1958, in Appleton.

After graduating from high school, Jim served in the U.S army. Stationed in Germany from 1954 – 1956. He received an Honorable Discharge from Army Reserves in 1962.

Jim graduated from Stout University with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later went on to achieve certification as an auto motive engineer and was lead in the engineering department as Chief Engineer - Senior at Oshkosh Truck, until his retirement in 1992.

Jim and Judy loved to travel extensively in the USA and the world. In his younger years, Jim loved to hunt, fish and camp. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Jim is survived by his four children, Jeffrey, Brenda and Kirk, Westphal, Deanne (James) Schaub; grandchildren, Bria (Caleb), T.J., Richard, David, and Megan (Eric); and great-grandchildren, Sophie, Cory, Ella, and Owen.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Julia; parents, as well as his six siblings.

A service for Jim will be held at St. Jude-St. Vincent site (1225 Oregon St, Oshkosh WI) on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Nepeuskun Cemetery.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN

Linda J. Mathe

Linda J. Mathe, age 69 of Oshkosh, passed away at Ascension Mercy Hos-



pital-Oshkosh on Thursday, June 22, 2023. She was born on May 27, 1954 to the late Carlton and LaVerne (Dreyer) Paulus in Oshkosh. Linda married Michael "Mickey" Mathe on September

16, 1995, he preceded her in death in 2001.

Some of Linda's greatest joys in life came from spending time with family, gardening, and watching the birds.

She is survived by her brother, David

Paulus; nephew, Mike Matuszczak; niece, Jodi (Robert) McGrath; great-niece, Hannah Matuszczak; great-nephew, Kevin McGrath.

In addition to her parents and husband, Linda was preceded in death by her sister, Sandy (Lynn) Matuszczak; mother-inlaw, Delores Mathe.

A memorial service for Linda will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

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Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Outskirts Press in soft and hardcover,

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Planned audio version soon.

A psychological thriller which KIRKUS Reviews describes as 'engrossing tale of deception with a worthy payoff.'

Set in an opulent background of the privileged few, it shows humanity at its lowest and at its most human element. Unlike books of the same genre, readers know who the serpent is from the beginning. The crux is how each of the three protagonists - a famous writer, his personal chauffeur and the unwitting biracial sex worker - manipulate each other. Like a game of chess, a charade, a cat and mouse game. A cliff hanger to the very last page, it keeps the readers guessing what happens next: who wins, who lives, and who dies.

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Obituaries

Arthur E. Stelzner Jr.

Arthur "Art" Eugene Stelzner Jr. was guided home from this life into the next



on June 13, 2023, which would have been his wife's 92nd birthday. He was 94 years old. He was born on March 8, 1929, to the late Arthur Sr. and Katherine (Suess) Stelzner, he lived in Oshkosh

all his life. From humble beginnings, living in a three-room house with his parents, grandparents, and four siblings, Arthur learned early the value of a dollar and how to work hard to get ahead in life. Art, along

with his father Art Sr and younger brother, Donald, owned and operated Stelzner's Mfg. Co until the passing of Art Sr. in 1987 and the death of Donald the following year. The decision was then made to sell the business and retire. During those early years of growing a business, Art learned many valuable skills that would serve him well throughout his life.

Art attended a four-room schoolhouse in "Nordheim" where he met the love of his life, Betty Wegner. He was 15 ... she just 13. After graduation, the couple married, and Art began to build a house, a family, and a life which he enjoyed with Betty for over 71 years.

Arthur was a gentle man of many talents. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, square danc-

ing, building model RC airplanes, cards, woodworking, and playing his harmonica. He was an honest businessman, a good friend and a loving father and husband.

Art is survived by his three children, Devin (Katherine) Stelzner of Mesa, AZ, Tamara (Nee Stelzner) Schuster, of Oshkosh, WI and Aaron (Jennifer) Stelzner, of Princeton, WI; grandchildren, Derek (Teresa) Schuster, of Oshkosh, WI, Joshua (Debra) Schuster, of Green Bay, WI, Brittany (Greg) Seidling, of Princeton, WI, Zachary Stelzner, of Princeton, WI, and Shannon (Damian) of Beaver Dam, WI; one great-grandchild, Avyen and one Rowan Arthur expected in September.

In addition to his parents, Art was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; siblings,

Donald (Phyllis), Roger, and Jerome Stelzner, and Barbara "Betty Lou" Jiricka.

To honor the memory and life of Arthur, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the hospice caregivers of Aurora at Home. A special heartfelt thank you to Dr. Robert Devermann for the many years of excellent care, acts of kindness and special rapport our father shared while in your care.

Dad, your legacy lives on through your children, the many memories you have given us and the many acts of kindness you have given others.



Lawrence L. Lowther

It is with much sadness our family mourns the loss but celebrates the life of



Lawrence "Larry"
Lyle Lowther. Larry
passed away peacefully June 22, 2023,
at Aurora Medical
Center in Oshkosh,
WI. Larry was born
July 7, 1937, on a farm
in Bevent, WI in Mar-

athon County to John Lowther and Clara Oprzendek.

In 1956 Larry enlisted in the US Army. Following training Larry was dispatched to the Seneca Army Depot Arms and Ammunition Base in Seneca, NY. Larry was a PFC MP guard at the base. Larry was asked to walk the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; he became lifelong friends with several men in service with him.

Upon returning to Oshkosh from New York, Larry met the love of his life, June Ann (Stieben). Larry and June married on September 10, 1960, and have been together ever since, over 62 years. Larry worked at Washington Street Plant in Menasha, WI (originally American Can) 42 years as a pressman (printer).

Larry enjoyed musky fishing "up north" at his family cottage in northern Wiscon-

sin and traveling.

Larry is survived by his wife, June; his two sons, Mark Lowther (Nicole Frank), and Matthew (Audry) Lowther, both of Oshkosh; and his grandchildren, Jacob Lowther, Kaelyn Lowther, Konner Lowther, and Luke Lowther. His survivors include brother, Paul Lowther and sister-in-law, Sue Lowther as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Clara; son, Fred Lowther; brothers, Raymond Lowther, John Lowther II, and Leo Lowther as well as his sister, Elizabeth Lowther.

A service for Larry will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 1PM. A time of visitation will be held from noon until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park at a later date.

Larry's family would like to thank 3rd floor staff at Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh as well as Aurora at Home visiting nurses and hospice staff for the special care he received.



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Harold Hoeppner

Harold Hoeppner, also fondly known as Budd, passed away at his home in Osh-



kosh, Wisconsin, on June 13, 2023, at the age of 78 after a difficult battle with dementia and COPD.

He will be remembered for his acts of service to his country and the church.

Harold served as a specialist in Morse code and communications in the Army from May 7, 1967, to Jan 18th, 1971, and retired at the rank of specialist 5th class. He also served as an elder at Good Shepard Lutheran Church. His family and the

community are grateful for his hard work and dedication.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Hoeppner and Wanda Sheeks, and is survived by his siblings Dick Hoeppner and Sandy Schliesman. As well as his wife Sharon Hoeppner, his three daughters, Chris Siebers, Amy Hoeppner and Sara Hoeppner, and granddaughter Alanna Siebers.

There will be a small service and celebration of life for Bud at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday the 24th. The service will start at 12 pm with the reception to follow at 1 pm.

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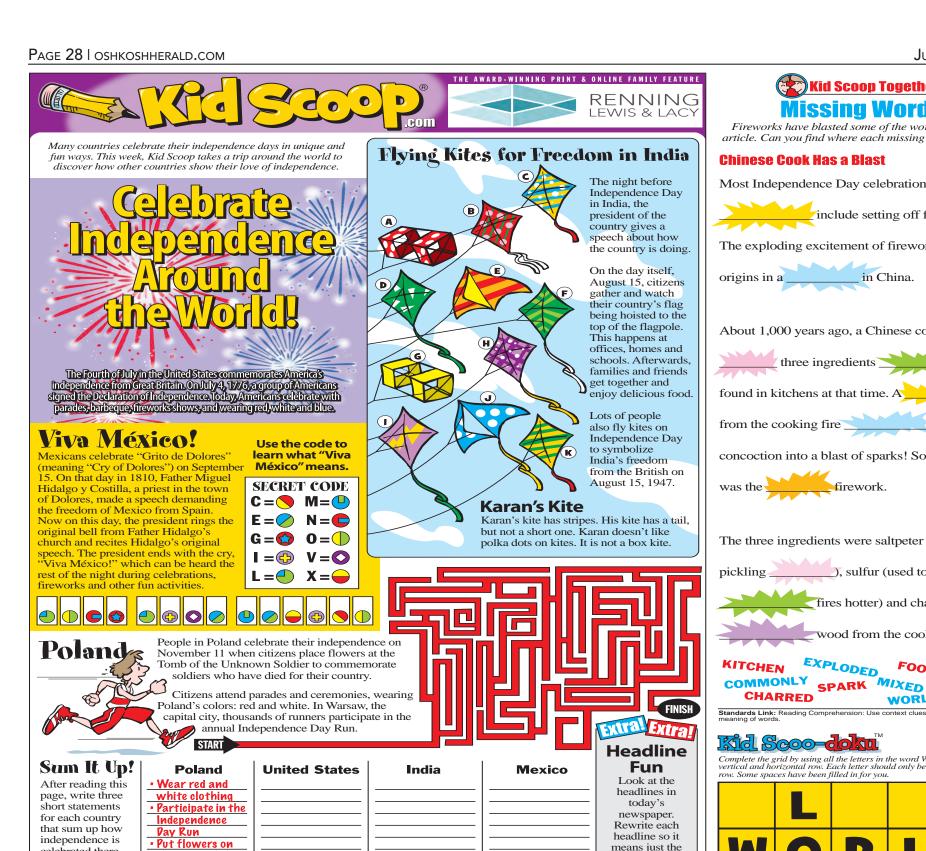
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the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier

means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of formats.

🚾 Scoop Puzzier 🥟 Loud fireworks can scare pets. Be sure to keep your pets indoors on Independence Day. Dash through today's newspaper to find the letters that spell the words on these firecrackers. Spelling an entire word "defuses" the firecracker. Can you spell them all in five minutes?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

Double Word Search Find the words in the puzzle. CELEBRATE

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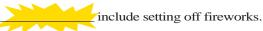
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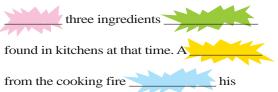
Chinese Cook Has a Blast

Most Independence Day celebrations



The exploding excitement of fireworks had its in China.

About 1,000 years ago, a Chinese cook



concoction into a blast of sparks! Some say this

The three ingredients were saltpeter (used for pickling ______), sulfur (used to make fires hotter) and charcoal (the

wood from the cooking fire). EXPLODED FOODS

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