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Free student bus rides extended

Council approves pact for district ridership

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh students will be able to ride the city bus for free for the next three years after an agreement with the city and school district.

The Common Council voted unani-

mously to approve a bus contract with the Oshkosh Area School District that will provide free rides on GO Transit buses. The three-year contract begins Sept. 1 and runs through Aug. 31, 2026.

This contract is built on the pilot agreement the city and district agreed to in 2020 that is set to expire next month. The entities will split the cost with the district paying \$70,000 for this upcoming school year, \$72,500 for 2024-2025 and \$75,000

for 2025-2026 school years.

During the first three years the city estimates it lost about \$156,000 annually in farebox revenues.

Deputy Mayor Lynnsey Erickson sits on the transportation committee and said students account for an average of 10,000 and 15,000 rides each month.

“It has a huge impact on families, stu-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Controlled inflation

Volunteer crew members hold the crown line while hot air balloons were expanded as part of the festivities at the Brighton Barbeque Bash last weekend at Brighton Acres. Barbeque lovers enjoyed food and entertainment while cooks competed for prize money in the Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned event. Some of the event proceeds went to support the Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department.

Honor Flight to nation's capital gets AirVenture salute

Oshkosh Herald

A group of 100 Vietnam War era veterans attending this year's EAA AirVenture have another visit on their schedule that day when they take off for the nation's capital to tour war memorials.

The annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., is set for July 28 as part of EAA's annual salute to veterans who travel there free of charge under the sponsorship of Old Glory Honor Flight based in Appleton.

The veterans will return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show where thousands will welcome them back home.

Among those taking the trip from Osh-

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kosh are Paul Groskreutz Sr., Dale Ahrens, Barry Brehmer and Frank Metko.

Groskreutz has been familiar with Old Glory Honor Flights over the years, with his brother-in-law taking a previous D.C. trip a few years ago. He is ready to return to the nation's capital more than two decades after his last visit before the World War II and Korean War monuments were established.

Groskreutz served in the mid-1960s

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

The Old Glory Honor Flight returns to an AirVenture welcome last year.



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DA's office clears officer in shooting

Use of force found justified on man with loaded rifle

By Jonathan Richie
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An Oshkosh police officer was found to have been justified for shooting a man on Mill Street in June.

The district attorney's office determined the officer's use of force was justified after the man did not respond to officer's commands or less-lethal rounds during the incident.

Benson Thao, Oshkosh, 34, has been charged with first degree recklessly endangering safety.

He was allegedly intoxicated and carrying a loaded rifle on Mill Street near the boat launch June 29.

One officer shot twice at Thao with one round striking him after Thao pointed his rifle at officers.

The Police Department requested the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office conduct the investigation of the shooting.

"Due to victim rights obligations, the name of the officer involved is not being released at this time," Public Affairs officer Kate Mann said.

District Attorney Eric Sparr said Thao presented a significant risk to the life and safety of the officer on the scene. The shooting was a reasonable act because Thao was armed.

Sparr added the officers handled this situation in a manner consistent with law enforcement training, and with what residents would expect, after being put in a difficult situation by an individual.

According to the criminal complaint,

police were dispatched after a member of Thao's family reported he had a rifle, was intoxicated and paranoid. Officers arrived on the scene shortly after 6:15 a.m. and located Thao facing the Fox River, holding a rifle.

A man, identified as V1, was in the process of launching his boat and thought Thao was just holding a fishing rod. The man was told by officers to move his car as they began to speak with Thao.

The officers on the scene told Thao he wasn't in trouble but wanted to talk to him. He was asked to put down the rifle multiple times by an officer identified as V2. Thao allegedly responded "no" to these requests.

Thao began walking backward toward the officers while occasionally looking back at them, some of which were armed with their duty rifles and shields. One officer, identified as V3 in the complaint, was concerned about the situation because of the high-density area with a nursing home, business and residences nearby.

Thao allegedly got down on one knee about 15 to 20 yards from officers facing the business. This is when the decision was made by the shift commander, V4, to use less-lethal rounds from what is known as the deuce. It fires foam impact munitions.

V3 fired two foam munitions that appeared to impact Thao but did not seem to have any effect on him. This

suggested to V3 that Thao was either "very committed to some unknown goal or possibly in an altered state of mental awareness."

The officer, V2, reported Thao then turned and allegedly pointed his rifle directly at V2 holding it in a firing position. The shift commander, V4, reported less-lethal rounds "were no longer appropriate" and took cover behind a vehicle.

V2 fired his duty rifle twice at Thao, striking him once. Officers then provided aid to Thao and he was taken to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The complaint alleges Thao's rifle was loaded and an officer found a double-edged knife in his coat.

A family member of Thao, who made the initial call, told officers that his paranoia has gotten worse recently. They said he hasn't been taking his medication and drinking intensifies his mental illness.

Thao spoke with a sheriff's deputy at the hospital, saying he has been depressed since COVID began and his mother and brother died. He allegedly told the officer he attempted to drown himself near the boat launch the night before.

The complaint says Thao told authorities he had not consumed alcohol June 29. Thao allegedly said he did not plan on shooting the officers but said he had been walking toward officers to get them to shoot him.

Witnesses at the business near the incident said they saw Thao point his rifle at the officers. They also reported Thao said, "Not happening" when officers told him to drop his rifle.



Thao

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Mobile morgue proposed to add county capacity

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County may soon have its own mobile morgue unit for temporarily storing bodies in response to the opioid epidemic and the possibility of a mass casualty event.

A proposal to accept a donated unit was advanced by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee at its July 10 meeting.

Bodies that require autopsies are transported to Fond du Lac County, which no longer has the capacity to store bodies from other locations and means Winnebago County is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

At one point the county was storing bodies at various funeral homes in the area. From December 2021 until mid-July 2022, Winnebago County borrowed a mobile morgue trailer unit from Clark County to have a place to store decedents before release or autopsy.

"The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the opioid epidemic have shown us that there is a large gap in mortuary

storage in Winnebago County and throughout the region," according to a memo to the County Board's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

A permanent morgue and sheriff's office evidence storage is currently being built at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million, which will help with the capacity for storing bodies.

Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition recently offered to donate a mobile morgue unit to the county with a value of \$31,560.

Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen discussed the mobile morgue unit at a committee meeting July 10. He said the permanent morgue will be for day-to-day usage, while the mobile morgue unit will be another tool the county can use in the event of a mass casualty incident.

Mass casualty incidents are increasing in frequency and severity, according to the NPS Center for Homeland Security and Defense, noting that the incidents have risen about 5%

each year since 1900.

Rasmussen said the mobile morgue is an additional tool that can be used regionally.

"This mobile unit is not designed for day-to-day or long-term use," he said. "This will be (for) when we have one of those incidents, at one of our special events or anywhere in the community where we have a large number of (casualties)."

He added that the mobile unit would be used when the county morgue is over capacity.

Medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer told the committee the mobile morgue will save the county money until the permanent morgue is

built and will also be loaned to other counties in the event of a mass casualty.

The mobile morgue will have the capacity to store up to 12 bodies with a generator and a cooling unit that will require monthly maintenance testing. Depending on frequency of usage, the unit is expected to be able to be used for about 10 years.

"We are going to own an asset that, as requested by other counties, would be available," Rasmussen said.

The committee unanimously approved accepting the mobile unit at its July 10 meeting and it will be considered at a future meeting of the county board.

Rotary Club Southwest names president

The Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest celebrated its Changing of the Guard on June 29 with the naming of a new club president and presentation of annual awards.

Karlene Leatherman was welcomed as club president for 2023-24, replacing Brad Dunn, who was thanked and honored for his service.

Leatherman has been a member of Southwest Rotary for seven years, serving as membership chairman for two years and club secretary for five years. She is an assistant at 2Blondes in Oshkosh and was former co-manager of the Oshkosh Farmers Market with husband Dennis.

"I am proud and honored to work with such a wonderful group of people who follow Rotary mottos Service Above Self and People of Action," Leatherman said. Her mantra for the year is, "No one can do ev-

erything, but everyone can do something."

She has been active on behalf of Rotary by preparing and serving meals at the Day by Day Shelter, Oshkosh Area United Way's Day of Caring, Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block, building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, preparing food for Hope Fridge, and assisting with Parent Connection's Christmas Party.

Awards were given to Kristopher Ulrich as Rotarian of the Year, Keegan Langkau as New Rotarian of the Year, and to Becky Metz and Richard Ames as Nicole Peterson Service Above Self Award winners.

Board of directors include Erik Gialdella, president-elect; Mike Vaughan, secretary; Kathy Hanson, treasurer; Jim Chitwood, sergeant-at-arms, Dunn, immediate past president; along with Jessica Benesh, Karen Boehm, Greg Giles, Nicholas Hahn, Tom Hallquist, Shelly Hurzeler, Carmen Leal, Dan Lenz, Nate Olson, Siri Pollnow, Griffin Pollnow, Michael Raymond, Todd Slagter, Eric Smiltneek, Bill Thimke, Ulrich and Matt Vaughan.



Leatherman

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

July 27, 1958

Thousands Take Part in 25th Children's Day Parade: A total of 1,050 miniature floats and entries participated in the Ohio Street Civic Association's Children's Day Parade on Sunday. Thousands of spectators lined the route that ran from the Sacred Heart playground on Knapp Street to Ohio Street, then to South Park. A few sprinkles threatened but failed to dampen

the enthusiasm of hundreds of excited children as they kept pace with hopes of taking home a prize. Crowds greeted the children at South Park where each child received four concession tickets. A \$25 first prize was awarded to Karen and Jerry Felix and Dorothy and Carol Baker for their float themed "Anniversary Waltz." Festivities got underway Friday evening with a rock 'n' roll dance at South Park attended by an estimated 600 young people. Alice in Wonderland, Miss Nancy Kaye Trewyn, also appeared and was gifted a pressure cooker by the Civic Association once they learned of her upcoming marriage.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern* July 28, 1958

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County overdose prevention methods expand

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 12-year-old overdosing on fentanyl after smoking percocet. Senior citizens testing positive for fentanyl after taking CBD gummies to help with arthritis and inflammation. Marijuana mixed with fentanyl to increase potency.

Those are some of the alarming incidents Christopher Zahn of Wisconsin Voices for Recovery has seen in recent years as the fentanyl crisis tightens its grip on the state.

“Somebody could swallow what they think is a percocet, but it’s fentanyl,” he said.

Winnebago County has been identified as one of the counties leading Wisconsin in opioid overdoses. As of last month, the county had 17 confirmed fatal overdoses – 14 containing fentanyl – according to Medical Examiner Cheryl Brehmer. An additional nine suspected fatal overdoses are pending toxicology results.

In 2021, the county saw fatal overdose rates soar to their highest level, with 41 residents losing their lives. Last year, there were 38 such deaths. The county’s overdose fatality review team reports that since 2017, fentanyl has been the leading cause of county overdose deaths.

Naloxone, also known by brand name Narcan, has been safely used for more than 40 years to treat opioid overdoses. It’s used by first responders, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement, and can be purchased at pharmacies.

Wisconsin Voices for Recovery director Cindy Burzinski said in emergency situations, when an overdose is occurring, administering Narcan before EMS arrival may be the difference between life and death.

“Time is of the essence when somebody is overdosing,” she said. “Brain damage can happen after just a few minutes.”

Burzinski said people experiencing a suspected overdose who are administered Narcan must still receive medical attention because Narcan is shorter acting than an opioid such as fentanyl, meaning an overdose can come back.

“It’s really important to have EMS there in case much more Narcan is needed than what’s available and somebody might not



Submitted photos

Above: Narlox-ZONE kits contain Narcan, instructions, a CPR mask and 211 resource information.

At right: Christopher Zahn from Wisconsin Voices for Recovery is shown at the state Capitol.

be having an overdose from an opioid ... there might be some other medical event that looks like an overdose, but it’s not actually an overdose,” she said.

Zahn, born and raised in Scotland, traveled from his office in Madison to Winnebago County earlier this month to share information about a free statewide program to prevent overdoses and promote community safety.

The program, started in 2020, is called Narlox-ZONE and aims to increase access by installing, tracking and refilling opioid overdose kits.

The kits are a plastic box that has a door on it, installed on a wall. Each kit contains Narcan, administration instructions, a CPR mask and 211 resource information. The program is funded by the state Department of Health Services.

A program requirement is that at least one person at each of the Narlox-ZONE sites is trained in the administration of Narcan. Voices for Recovery offers two virtual trainings per month on administering Narcan, which are open to anyone who wants to learn how to treat an overdose.

“We were looking for strategies to get Narcan out into the community for increased access to hopefully reduce the risk of fatal opioid overdoses,” Burzinski said.

Naloxone may be available through other community recovery organizations



but with the Narlox-ZONE kits the program specialists are able to remotely track box access, ensuring they are stocked in a timely manner. It also allows specialists to collect data on the number of units of naloxone dispensed at each box site.

The county’s health department gave a presentation at the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting Monday on using grant funds to obtain Substance Use Harm Reduction Vending Machines. The vending machines would include Narcan kits, fentanyl test strip kits and Deterra drug deactivation bags. They would also include educational materials, treatment and recovery resources and crisis contact information.

The proposed locations for the vending machines are in the county administration building’s outdoor courtyard at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh, inside the Orrin King building at 448 Algoma Blvd. in Oshkosh and outside the Neenah Human Services building at 211 N. Commercial St.

Sheriff John Matz told the committee in June he was concerned about Narcan

vending machines being placed in high schools. “At some point, we become complicit,” he said. “It’s perpetuating drug use. We’ve got to be careful that we’re not doing that, that we’re not making it easy.”

Health director Doug Gieryn said at Monday’s meeting that it’s a myth that having Narcan available will increase drug use.

“Nobody really wants to overdose and having to use Narcan is going to create a miserable situation for that person,” he said.

Zahn said he’s placed the Narlox-ZONE kits in elementary, middle and high schools.

“It just gets me mental, as we say in Scotland, because I had a 12-year-old girl overdose and barely made it,” he said.

Burzinski said increasing access to Narcan isn’t about facilitating drug use, but about having a safer community.

“People have fire extinguishers in different buildings for safety measures and that’s not encouraging people to set fires,” she said. “So, since we cannot control the fentanyl that is getting into drugs across the state, what we can do is, we can control the safety measure, and we can increase access to the safety measure and keep our community safer.”

The kits are in more than 350 locations in Wisconsin, including jail lobbies, police departments, probation and parole offices, hotel lobbies, gas stations, restaurants and bars. They’re also in the lobbies of all 10 residence halls on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus and universities across the state.

“We are willing to come and put them anywhere, because we believe in it,” said Zahn, who is in long-term recovery himself. “So, the way my mentor in my life has always taught me is, those closest to the problem are closest to the solution.”

Burzinski said the goal is to extend the program to every county in Wisconsin.

“Learning how to administer Narcan is really important and access to Narcan is really important,” she said. “Both of these things in conjunction can save a life and give a person another chance at life.”

To find out more about the Narlox-ZONE program or request a box installation, email naloxzone@fammed.wisc.edu.

Where to find Narcan — and how to reverse an overdose

WiWatch and Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

Public health experts, advocates, nonprofits and politicians don’t always agree with each other.

But in the case of tackling opioids, they offer this consensus: People should learn how to use Narcan.

Narcan, a brand-name version of naloxone, blocks opioids from binding to receptors in the brain, quickly reversing the effects of an overdose.

“Everyone has the potential to find someone that is experiencing an overdose,” said Amy Molinski, peer support specialist at Community Medical Services and one of the peers for the Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative.

Overdose risks extend both to those who take illicit drugs and those who have prescription opioids, said Milwaukee Fire Capt. David Polachowski, who supervises the initiative.

“If you don’t have Narcan available,” Polachowski said, “there’s just potential for a fatal overdose.”

In short, Narcan saves lives. Here’s how to use it.

Detect signs of an overdose

The first step of using Narcan is to know the common signs of an opioid overdose. They include having pale skin and lips; experiencing slow breathing and “snoring” breaths; vomiting; and having a limp body. In addition, victims can have extremely constricted pupils, or “pinpoint” pupils.

Check for responsiveness

If someone is experiencing an overdose, they are not able to communicate, said Courtney Geiger, public health strategist with Milwaukee Health Department.

Polachowski said to take the knuckles of your hand and rub it in the center of the person’s chest as hard as you can, while you’re calling their name or just calling out to them.

If the person is unresponsive, check for breathing. See if the person’s chest is rising, or place your hand or head on the person’s chest.

If the person is breathing but is unresponsive, call 911. A person does not need Narcan if they are breathing, since Nar-

can’s purpose is to restore breathing.

But, Polachowski said, “You need to call 911 in case it’s not an overdose. You want to have EMS (emergency medical services) on its way, so that they can treat the person for whatever reason that they’re unresponsive ... if it’s a diabetic reason or stroke or a heart attack ...”

If the person is not breathing, administer Narcan and still call 911.

“You just put your phone on speakerphone, call 911 and then you start the administration of Narcan,” Polachowski said.

How to administer Narcan

Narcan comes in a nasal spray bottle with enough for two sprays. Insert the nozzle into a person’s nostril and spray it once. If you can, tilt the person’s body, or at least their head, to the side to prevent choking or aspiration in case of vomiting.

After the initial spray, wait two to three minutes to see if it works, “which is going to seem like forever,” Polachowski said.

Prepare for emergency workers

The goal is to get the person breathing again while waiting for EMS to arrive,

Geiger said.

If the first spray does not get the person breathing, then administer the second spray into the other nostril. If the person does not begin breathing after the second spray, begin rescue breathing.

For rescue breathing, make sure the person is on their back, clear their airway by tilting the head back and chin up, pinch their nose, create a seal with your mouth around the person’s mouth and gently breathe into their mouth for one second.

Keep breathing into their mouth every five to six seconds, until the person can breathe on their own or EMS arrives.

Be ready to relay to EMS as much information as you have about the person’s situation and what steps you have taken.

Where to find Narcan

Narcan is widely available in Wisconsin and can be purchased without a prescription at hundreds of pharmacies. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services maintains a map showing those locations.

State residents can receive free Narcan by mail. Submit a request at nextdistro.org/wisconsin.

Heroin, fentanyl deals lead to six-year prison term

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 35-year-old Neenah man was sentenced to six years in prison last month for selling heroin and fentanyl to an undercover informant working through the Oshkosh Police Department.

In February, Oshkosh police made arrangements with the informant to purchase heroin from Nathan Kerrigan, according to a copy of the criminal complaint.

The informant was dropped off on Taft Avenue in Oshkosh, got into a vehicle with Kerrigan that traveled to Honeysuckle Lane in Neenah, and returned to the Taft area, having purchased 4.8 grams of heroin for \$470.

On March 6, the informant purchased 6.1 grams of suspected heroin from Kerrigan for \$500. One piece of the suspected heroin tested positive for fentanyl and another tested positive for fentanyl and heroin.

On March 22, the informant purchased 4.9 grams of heroin for \$540. During that

transaction, Kerrigan told the informant he was on his way back from getting drugs in Milwaukee. A week later, authorities placed a GPS tracking device on Kerrigan's vehicle.

The device showed that from March 29 to April 24, the vehicle traveled to Milwaukee three times, each time staying only briefly before returning to a home on Ida Street in Menasha.

On April 24, the Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit and Oshkosh Police Department executed search warrants at the Ida Street and Honeysuckle Lane locations.

Investigators were aware that Kerrigan's vehicle, which still had GPS on it, traveled to Milwaukee that day and was returning to the area.

The vehicle returned to the Ida Street location and investigators later approached the residence.



Kerrigan

Nicole Buchanan, 33, exited the residence "hysterical and screaming." Her father, who owned the Ida Street home, told authorities that Kerrigan was staying at the Ida Street residence and another residence in Neenah. He confirmed that Kerrigan was inside the home.

Authorities entered the home and yelled loudly to Kerrigan and announced themselves as officers. A different male came up from the basement, followed by Buchanan's 11-year-old daughter.

About 30 minutes later, Kerrigan surrendered.

Documents say officers were concerned that Kerrigan destroyed evidence as he had been in the bathroom and defecated in the toilet, and it seemed unlikely that he would travel to Milwaukee to only pick up a small amount of heroin.

In a basement bedroom belonging to Buchanan, authorities found suspected heroin, scales and drug paraphernalia. Some items were found in a dropped ceiling. Rocks of suspected heroin were found in Buchanan's bed, with one testing posi-

tive for heroin and another for heroin and fentanyl.

Buchanan is facing charges of possession of narcotic drugs and maintaining a drug trafficking place.

Authorities also executed a search warrant at the Honeysuckle Lane address where Kerrigan lived with his girlfriend. Drug paraphernalia, a drug ledger, THC and three rocklike substances with inconclusive field testing were seized.

Kerrigan has an extensive criminal record with felonies including two 2017 convictions for manufacturing or delivering heroin in Winnebago County.

Last month, Kerrigan entered guilty pleas and was convicted of manufacturing or delivering heroin and manufacturing or delivering fentanyl. Three additional felony drug charges were dismissed but read into the record.

Winnebago County Circuit Judge Brian Keberlein sentenced Kerrigan to six years in prison on each of the two counts, with the sentences served concurrently, and four years of extended supervision.

New Rustic Roads Guide now available

The new 2023 Rustic Roads Guide is now available in print and online and offers 124 backroad trips, including the state's latest Rustic Road, Rustic Road-124 that passes rock outcroppings and a trout stream in western Dane County.

Also new for this year, the guide devotes 14 pages to Wisconsin's Scenic Byways, which are composed of five non-interstate highway routes that explore Door County, the Mississippi River, lower Wisconsin River, Wolf River and Lake Superior.

The Rustic Road program began in

1975 and highlights about 750 miles of scenic, lightly traveled country roads through 61 counties. Brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially designated. The Scenic Byways Program began in 2005 to highlight non-interstate highways that offer outstanding scenic views, recreation, and cultural or historic amenities.

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Making way

Demolition of the former Webster Stanley Elementary and Middle School building at 915 Hazel St. was underway last week. The Oshkosh Area School District has scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for 2 p.m. Aug. 22 for the new Menominee Elementary School that will replace it on that site.

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Credit card debt easier to manage in this region

By Randall Davidson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Paying off credit card debt is easier in some areas than in others.

Cost of living, average earnings, unemployment rate and other metrics can all affect how easy it is to pay off debt in various locations. The personal finance site UpgradedPoints has studied these metrics for 345 U.S. metro areas and its formula found that residents in the Oshkosh/Neenah area may be in a better position to pay off such debt.

As inflation continues to affect households, many consumers are using credit cards to help pay for basic expenses. As of May, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that U.S. consumers now owe \$986 billion on their credit cards, more than the pre-pandemic high of \$927 billion.

Inflation not only puts pressure on consumer budgets but is also affecting credit card interest rates. Increases in the Federal Reserve's federal funds target rate can drive up credit card interest rates, making it more expensive to carry a credit card balance. For the past quarter century, the average interest rate carried by a bank

credit card has been between 12% and 16%, but in the past year, the average has increased to more than 20%.

The combined effects of inflation and rising interest rates makes it more expensive to pay down credit card balances in full each month.

The study by UpgradedPoints shows Oshkosh/Neenah residents well positioned to be able to pay off such debt. The area came in at No. 36 among metro areas with a population under 350,000 and at No. 49 among all metro areas.

The survey showed only 1.9% of area residents have delinquent credit card debt. This statistic, combined with the area's low unemployment and lower-than-average cost of living, resulted in the good showing.

The Wausau/Weston metro area did the best in the entire country. Its No. 1 ranking was the result of higher average median earnings and a cost of living rated 10 percent below the national average.

Other Wisconsin metro areas in the survey included Fond du Lac at No. 8, Appleton at 9, Green Bay at 21, Racine at 34, Janesville/Beloit at 41, Sheboygan at 43, Milwaukee/Waukesha at 66, Eau Claire at 83 and La Crosse/Onalaska at 92. As a state, Wisconsin ranks sixth best overall.

The 10 worst metro areas for ease of paying off credit card debt are all in California, with Bakersfield last in the rankings. California was the worst state overall. South Dakota had the best numbers.

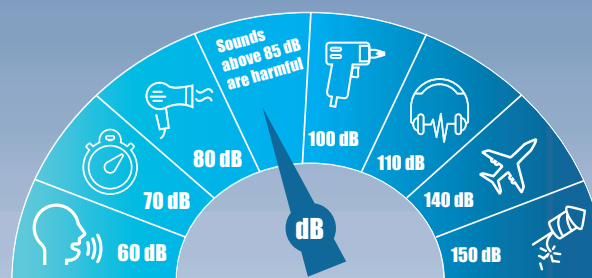
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AirVenture highlights Vietnam-era aircraft, pilots

Oshkosh Herald

The people and aircraft that participated in the Vietnam War will be remembered 50 years after the end of direct hostilities as one of the featured themes during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh set for July 24-30 at Wittman Regional Airport.

The vintage lineup includes land- and carrier-based aircraft, as well as rotorcraft that are examples of those that saw service in Vietnam. A special personal highlight will be 100 Vietnam War veterans who will take a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., July 28 as part of AirVenture's annual salute.

Veterans will travel to the nation's capital under the auspices of Old Glory Honor Flight of Appleton to tour war memorials and return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show where thousands will welcome them back home.

Other AirVenture highlights:

- A reunion of the Chance Vought F4U Corsair aircraft, the gullwing fighter aircraft best known for its exploits off U.S. aircraft carriers. The Corsair received heightened attention at the end of 2022 with the release of the motion picture "Devotion," which recognized the Korean War exploits of Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Hudner and his wingman Jesse Brown, the first Black U.S. naval aviator. That movie will be played during AirVenture at the event's Fly-In Theater, with descendants of the Brown and Hudner families invited to participate.

- Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the newly opened Corsair display inside the EAA Aviation Museum. The Chance Vought F4U Corsair was first flown in 1940 and introduced to the U.S. military Dec. 28, 1942.

- Warbirds in Review, a presentation series that brings together historic airplanes with pilots and aircraft owners, with guests that encompass 80 years of aviation and military history. The twice daily series of "up close and personal" stories will be held all week at the Warbirds in Review aircraft ramp.

- The people and aircraft that develop all Air Force personnel will bring their resources to center stage with the USAF Air Education and Training Command (AETC), including aircraft from throughout the Air Force. AETC will feature critical care air transport with a C-17, military working dogs and explosive ordinance disposal. The Air Force's Band of the West will perform.



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EAA AirVenture returns to Oshkosh with another full week of air shows, programs and activities starting Monday.

- A Runway 5K run/walk is set for 7 a.m. July 29 at the Ultralight Barn and open to all, including walkers, first-time runners and seasoned athletes. The 5K route is a tour through the AirVenture grounds. Attendees do not need AirVenture admission to participate and have the opportunity to purchase discounted July 29 admission. Free parking is available in the Gold lot, near the Ultralight Barn, the morning of the race. Standard registration is open until July 28.

- America's legacy and future on the moon, unique aircraft, advanced aviation technologies and a variety of presentations are among NASA's highlights centered at its pavilion in Aviation Gateway Park, just northwest of the FAA control

tower. Other exhibits and programs will be showcased at other locations.

- Theater in the Woods has a week of evening programs starting Sunday, ranging from the moon missions of Apollo and Artemis, flying performances in the movies, and the history of air racing. EAA's 70th anniversary year will be highlighted during a Monday program.

Theater programs:

- July 23 – "An Evening with Champions" traditional AirVenture pre-opening program.

- July 24 – EAA's 70th anniversary, plus "NASA – The Next Bold Step," looking at the Apollo and Artemis programs, from the first steps on the moon to the next steps on the moon.

- July 25 – Flying for Hollywood, featuring those involved in creating those dazzling sequences on the screen.

- July 26 – WomenVenture night, focusing on 30 years of women flying U.S. combat missions.

- July 27 – "The Story of Devotion," with background of the Korean War heroism that inspired the feature film "Devotion."

- July 28 – "Vietnam Remembered: 50 Years Later," with more on the mission, aircraft and people of the Air Force Training Command.

- July 29 – Air racing.

- A new Youth Welcome Center that serves as the guidepost for activities aimed at young people is the latest addition. Situated at Four Corners just west of Boeing Plaza, the center will be the headquarters for sharing youth-oriented activities on the grounds, as well as important information for families ranging from restrooms and shade to ATMs and changing/nursing stations. Other activities at the center include an F-100 Super Sabre cockpit photo op, RC Plane spotter activity, and a place to mark a visitor's hometown.

- While elements of public benefit flying will be shown throughout the week, the primary focus will be July 29 when a variety of aircraft relating to the theme will be on display on the Boeing Plaza. The Air Care Alliance is assisting with the organization of the salute to public benefit flying that will include those representing the Alliance, Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Wisconsin Air National Guard, JAARS, ThedaCare, Buffalo Airways and FedEx.

- Celebrating women advancing in aviation, including 30 years of flying active-duty combat aircraft, will be part of EAA WomenVenture on July 26 with programs to encourage and inspire women who want to pursue their dreams of flight. Events will be held all week, with an emphasis on July 26 activities, including commemoration of 30 years of women flying combat missions in the U.S. military.

This year's schedule of aviation movies at the Fly-In Theater include:

July 22: "Top Gun" (1986)

July 23: "Top Gun: Maverick" (2022)

July 24: "Tail Spin" (1939)

July 25: "The Great Waldo Pepper" (1975)

July 26: "Amelia" (2009)

July 27: "Flight of the Intruder" (1991)

July 28: "Devotion" (2022)

July 29: "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines" (1965)

Twin sisters put careers on identical flight paths

Oshkosh Herald

Whether it was motivated by shared career goals or even a little friendly sibling rivalry, twin sisters from Oshkosh completed their first solo airplane flights just four days apart this month on their journey to commercial piloting.

Cameron and Madison Rucinski, 17-year-old daughters of Tom and Jodi Rucinski and Oshkosh West seniors, completed the special solo achievements in a J-3 Piper Cub at Kylie's Cub Air in Hartford. Flight school owner Steve Krog has been focused on turning out female pilots for the past 15 years, noting that only one of every 10 of pilots is female.

Cameron soloed on the Fourth of July, followed by Madison on July 8. Both plan to go on to commercial airline pilot school, something their older brother is already working on.

Cameron has about 29 hours of flight

training while Madison has logged about 15. Their mother Jodi said they will be mapping out a cross-country solo flight after completing it with their instructor.

Jodi said instructors stressed what a special occasion it was for twin sisters to complete those goals within the same week, while she expressed "how thankful we are for the EAA Young Eagles programs that brought my kids' love of aviation, as well as to EAA Chapter 572, Chapter 252 and to our family at Kylie's Cub Air."

Cameron was recently awarded a James Ray Scholarship through Chapter 572 and later earned a Kylie Murray Scholarship, both of which will help support her private pilot rating. The Kylie Murray Scholarship will also help back her instrument rating at Kylie's Cub Air Flight.

Cameron will be recognized at two events at AirVenture next week with its annual focus on WomenVenture achievements.



Photo from Jodi Rucinski

Cameron Rucinski, shown after the ceremonial cutting of the tail of her shirt after her first solo flight with instructor Steve Krog, just four days before her twin sister Madison made the same achievement.

Sosnoski brothers serve up four decades of AirVenture

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

As preparations for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh ramp up and the festivities officially begin Monday, a staple of the week is preparing for another year of cold beer and good times as they have for more than 40 years.

The SOS Brothers Beer Tent started in 1981 after Allan and Steve Sosnoski knocked on the door of a man who lived near the Wittman Regional Airport's air traffic tower. The pair asked the man if they could rent his front yard to put up a beer tent.

The man had been using his front yard to park cars during AirVenture. At first he didn't want to rent it out because he was getting \$2 per car. At that time it was Allan, Steve and Dean Sosnoski running the beer tents.

"We offered him so much money and said, 'Take that money and you won't have to park any cars, and we'll do the work.' So that's how it started," Dean Sosnoski said.

After four years they bought the property from the original owner and brought on their brother Carl to help out.

The original site was about half a mile from where the tents are set up this year and was the home of beer tents until 1996 when the county condemned the property and took it over through eminent domain. Dean explained they sued the county and won the case after three years.

By that time they already had a new property on Waukau Avenue that they bought in 1997.

"There was nothing out here at the time," Dean Sosnoski said. "We were really far away from everything, and it started out really slow back then."

The Sosnoski brothers were born and raised in Oshkosh and have been businessmen for years. Together they own Cleo's in Appleton and formerly owned Player's Pizza in Oshkosh before selling it last year.



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Dean Sosnoski hangs lights for the tiki bar in preparation for another year of the SOS Bros. Beer Tent.

Dean owns Pizza King in Oshkosh, Dean and Allan own Cinders in Appleton, Steve owned Cinders in Oshkosh and Carl owns Custom Heating and Cooling in Oshkosh.

There have been five Sosnoski brothers – Carl, Steve, Dean, Allan and Tom – that have worked with the SOS Bros. Beer Tent. Steve passed away in 2021 and that's when Tom joined to help his four brothers keep it going.

"We all have our different jobs," Sosnoski said. "Carl will handle this and I'll take care of something else."

Last week Dean was hanging lights on the new tiki bar on site as preparations were underway.

How has the beer tent evolved? Thanks to the expansion of EAA AirVenture the brothers have been able to get more done with their piece of land in the middle of it.

Dean said he loves AirVenture week and

has enjoyed all four decades with the beer tent.

"I love it. I don't hunt but this is kind of like my hunting week," Dean said. He said it's a lot of work getting up at 6 a.m. and getting to bed at 2 a.m. the next day. But planning and preparation starts in April.

"We'll start setting up Wednesday (today) and working out here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, then we'll open," Dean said.

There are a total of four tents set up for next week, including those for catering and private parties.

He doesn't know how many people visit the site every year but said there could be a couple of thousand on any given night during their concerts. Live music starts at 8 p.m. every night, with this year's acts including Paper City Trio, Ask Your Mother, Sonic Circus, Bobby Evans, Boomboxx, Star Six Nine and the Blue Cheese Combo.

"We've had so many people tell us if we weren't here, they wouldn't come or they wouldn't stay as long," Dean said because people are able to walk to the beer tent

from the camping site.

Sosnoski said the relationship between their business and EAA is good. The brothers had a meeting with EAA officials a couple of years ago over trademark issues that were resolved.

"I'd say we get along great now. You see that hole in the fence back there?" Dean said as he pointed to a long fence with a gap in it. "That used to not be there. They would kind of block us out. But now it's open because it benefits the customers, and our customers are their customers."

EAA director of communications Dick Knapinski shares that sentiment.

"Quite a number of EAA members and visitors have made a tradition of stopping by the SOS tent during AirVenture week. The location works well for those customers and it has worked quite successfully for the owners through the years, too," he said. "It's another example of the economic impact that EAA and AirVenture have on the local economy."

Another benefit to having the beer tent close to AirVenture and the camping sites is it cuts down on possible intoxicated driving.

"This place keeps a lot of people off the road after drinking. Nobody needs to get in their cars after the tent if they can walk to their camper or back to their campsite," Sosnoski said.

He doesn't have one favorite memory from the last 40-plus years but has great memories of when they first started.

"We'd shut down and close everything up at midnight. Then I'd sit around and have a beer with my brothers," Sosnoski recalled. "Those are some of my favorite memories."

SOS Bros. Beer Tent often has celebrity sightings such as Harrison Ford, but Dean says he rarely knows who they are anymore but remembers the friends he has made.

"Over the years we've made so many friends out here," Sosnoski said. "People come all over the world for this and they have a good time."

Honor Flight

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during the earlier years of U.S. involvement in Vietnam when President Johnson issued the first major callup for enlistees ahead of the Selective Service draft. The 1964 Oshkosh High School graduate was just starting to work in Alaska with plans to homestead when he realized he needed to plan for military service and sought to use his mechanic experience.

"I left everything behind in Fairbanks and I was ready to go," he said. "They said if you want to be an aircraft engine mechanic we'll swear you in today and fly you overnight and start basic training tomorrow morning in Ford Ord, California. So that's what I did."

Groskreutz was a helicopter engine mechanic with his base camp at An Khe in Vietnam's central highlands as the First Calvary Division Air Mobile was first forming. He also was among the thousands of veterans there that had exposure to Agent Orange herbicides and was able to gain some disability compensation for health side effects he experienced.

This will be his sixth overall visit to D.C. – including a high school class trip with his younger son – with the first being a sightseeing trip he took between his basic and advanced Army training in Virginia.

"Now that we're beyond that stage of more active overseas trips it was maybe time for me to put my name in the hat and go on this trip," he said.

This will be the ninth year the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at AirVenture through Old Glory Honor Flight, a nonprofit volunteer organization that has made dozens of these flights happen since 2009. Those trips have included special flights to Vietnam and Pearl Harbor.

"Each Honor Flight mission is a special occasion, but the ability to be a part of EAA AirVenture always creates unforgettable moments," said Diane MacDonald, executive director of Old Glory Honor Flight. "Honoring our local Vietnam veterans out of EAA AirVenture is such a highlight; being witness to the enthusiasm, respect, and appreciation from the world's aviation enthusiasts when the flight returns to Oshkosh is such an incredible sight to see and it means the world to the men and women who get to experience it."

American Airlines supplies an aircraft for the flight, which is flown by an all-volunteer crew of American Airlines pilots and cabin attendants.

"The Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight is traditionally one of the best events of AirVenture week and this year is fitting as part of our 'Vietnam Remembered: 50 Years Later' schedule of activities," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programming. "We are proud to produce an event that honors what Vietnam veterans did for this country and be able to provide them an experience of a lifetime."

More information about Old Glory Honor Flight or if you would like to donate to the organization go to oldglory-honorflight.org.



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The Lakeside Quilters have set its annual EAA Quilt Show for July 27 at the Seniors Center.

33rd annual EAA Quilt Show at Seniors Center

More than 120 quilts will be on display at this year's Lakeside Quilters EAA Quilt Show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 27 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N Campbell Road.

There will be bed-sized, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings and table runners as well as challenge quilts.

A highlight of the show will be bed turning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when guild mem-

bers and guests share special stories about their quilts.

Lakeside Quilters is a nonprofit guild with members of all ages and abilities from cities throughout the Fox Valley with a mission to provide educational opportunities that promote the art of quilting along with giving back to the community. Members make and donate quilted items to organizations.

Morgan House wall preservation work completed

The Morgan House at 234 Church Ave., built in 1884 by Morgan Brothers Co. co-founder John R. Morgan, is one of three former homes belonging to the families from Oshkosh's earliest lumber manufacturing days that still exists.

The Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society (WCHAS) acquired the home in 1987 for its house museum and began extensive efforts to restore its original wooden doors, floors, carvings and wallcoverings, in addition to 1880s furnishings and fine art. Most recently, WCHAS undertook a project to preserve the house's historic Anaglypta and Lincrusta wallcoverings with the support of \$117,000 in grants and donations.

Over the years, extreme temperature changes and humidity caused the unique wallcoverings to crack and pull away from the walls.

These deeply embossed wallcoverings brought the ornate plaster work loved by wealthy Victorians to those of more modest means. Lincrusta is a thin version of embossed linoleum mounted on canvas or waterproof paper that can be painted or glazed. Anaglypta is its more clothlike, and less expensive, cousin. Notable installations of Lincrusta included six state-

rooms on the Titanic.

The wall preservation work was completed by Conrad Schmitt, a Wisconsin-based company that specializes in historic preservation.

"These beautiful wallcoverings are magnificent and illustrate how the Morgan family spared no effort to showcase their beautiful Victorian home. These are truly a treasure and keystone in our efforts to preserve the historic Morgan House," said WCHAS president Randy Domer.

To stop further damage and meet warranty standards of the conservation, the Morgan House also became climate controlled. A heating, ventilation and air conditioning system will help preserve the house's documents and textiles.

The project, made possible with grants from the Community Impact Fund with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the JEK Foundation, the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau and an anonymous donor, was completed in time for the Morgan House's reopening in June.

Complimentary tours are available every Saturday through Labor Day weekend from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and last about 20-30 minutes. No reservations are required.



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Work on the Morgan House's historic wallcoverings has been completed.

Workforce profiles for each county updated

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has published updated workforce profiles for all 72 counties. Each profile provides county-level information, analysis, and data to help employers, job seekers, economic developers, and other workforce partners make decisions related to the labor market economy.

Every two years, DWD's Office of Eco-

nomics Advisors compiles and distills local data on all 72 counties into individual county workforce profiles. The 2023 profiles cover Wisconsin's bounce-back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Oshkosh Area School District students will be able to ride GO Transit busses for free over the next three school years through an agreement between the district and the city.

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students, not only able to get to and from school but also other social activities and extracurricular activities,” Erickson said. “I’m really proud to have this in our city.”

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said the agreement is a big deal.

“The school district being a partner in this is awesome,” he said. “Being able to help the students get around town, get to and from school – it has shown that it’s helping.”

He also thanked transit staff for their help in making the agreement possible.

City records show Oshkosh receives about 53% of the funding for city-operated GO Transit bus service from state and federal funds.

The school board approved the agreement at its June 28 meeting.

Grand happenings

Grand Oshkosh president Joseph Ferlo spoke to the council about the upcoming 2023-2024 season, which is the 140th year of the historic theater.

He put that time into perspective, telling the council members that 140 years ago there was no Coca-Cola, no Eiffel Tower and the town of Seymour had yet to invent the hamburger. The city itself was just 30 years old.

“Talk about a living, breathing piece of our community’s history,” Ferlo said. He said last year was the first full year out of the pandemic and the venue saw between 24,000 and 26,000 people back in the seats.

There are 140 days programmed for the 2023-2024 season with acts spanning from the Oshkosh Community Players, Haunted Happenings throughout October, “The

Night Before Christmas Carol,” and a pair of tribute acts celebrating the music of Elton John, Billy Joel and The Who.

Ferlo was most excited to tell the council about the Four Phantoms in concert that will be filmed for a PBS special in front of a live audience over three days in March.

He compared the event to Green Bay being announced as the site of the 2025 NFL Draft. Ferlo quoted Packers President Mark Murphy saying it was a big deal.

“It’s The Grand Oshkosh, it’s your Grand Oshkosh. It’s the jewel box theater and the world is going to know all about it,” Ferlo said. “Like Mr. Murphy, I’m here to tell you – that’s a big deal.”

The voices of the Four Phantoms – Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D’Ambrosio and Ciarán Sheehan – seemed to fall in love with the Grand’s acoustics and it was decided to film the PBS special here instead of Las Vegas, where it was originally planned five years ago.

“When that production gets distributed in June of next year – coast to coast at all the major PBS outlets as part of their pledge cycle – our name’s there, Oshkosh is in our name.”

With several of his employees seated behind him, Ferlo said they have worked hard to keep The Grand going over the last few years.

“This is a tremendous recognition and a highlight of 140 years,” he said.

It was the first time Ferlo had appeared in front of the council since the pandemic, which forced The Grand’s productions online.

“The Grand was open online and remained open throughout,” he said, “kept its employees employed and worked very hard to find our way through together so that we could be here ready when the community was ready for us.”

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Housing advocacy work critical for recovery community

By Kristi L.
ESTHER HOUSING ADVOCATE

The recovery community is largely impacted by the lack of affordable housing in Winnebago County. I have heard countless stories from members in the recovery community who are working toward bettering their lives while being a consistent and reliable member of the community.

Unfortunately, a lack of affordable housing, a lack of recovery housing and laws that allow focusing on past mistakes more than future potential are all creating barriers for members of the recovery community.

It is important to recognize that individuals in recovery are often stigmatized and discriminated against due to past mistakes. I regularly hear stories of Oshkosh folks not being accepted into a safe living environment due to their record, whether it be criminal offenses from years prior or an unfortunate reason for an eviction.

These are humans, these are people that are trying their best to move forward. The most vulnerable area of their lives should not have to be compromised due to choices made during difficult times in their lives. We need to see people for where they are in their life today and provide help and encourage hope.

Wisconsin laws that allow evictions, other small claims records and some criminal

cases to stay on an easily accessible CCAP record for 20 years allow too much looking back and not enough support moving forward.

With the deadliest year on record for overdoses in 2021 and more than 108,000 fatal overdose deaths nationwide, I firmly believe we need to take a deeper look at how we can provide safe environments for those seeking recovery so people do not feel the need to turn back to old environments that can cause old behaviors to settle in. We need to make affordability and safety not only an option, but also a priority.

As a person in recovery myself, I was able to find the support I needed when I came into this community in late summer 2019. Having a sober living house specifically for women through Solutions Recovery was an imperative beginning to my recovery journey. Stable housing is essential for individuals in recovery to maintain their sobriety and rebuild their lives. Without access to affordable and supportive housing, individuals in recovery are at a higher risk of relapse and homelessness.

Through my recovery journey I have come to find the importance of safe and supportive sober housing. It is imperative that individuals in early recovery are immersed in a community with individuals that share the same experience with addic-

tion that they do.

Solutions Recovery has been offering sober living homes in the recovery community in Oshkosh since 2015, when the need for women's sober living was seen in Oshkosh. Sober Living through Solutions Recovery provides a safe and supportive environment for individuals in recovery to live while they work toward rebuilding their lives.

These homes are managed by individuals in recovery themselves, providing a sense of community and accountability. By living with others who are also in recovery, individuals can build a strong support system that helps them build meaningful relationships, a strong foundation of support, and a growth mindset of recovery in efforts to prevent relapse as well as homelessness.

We need to take a deeper look at how we can provide safe environments for those seeking recovery. The continued support and access to sober living is one example of a beneficial solution that can help individuals in recovery maintain their sobriety and rebuild their lives.

Reforming policy to remove barriers would be a good next step. In some states, evictions stay on one's record for only three years. Perhaps we could do the same here in Wisconsin.

Let us prioritize the safety and well-being of individuals in recovery and continue to support housing advocacy work. The problem is urgent, and resources are needed. We can continue to do better. Thank you for your attention and continuation of support.

Local DAV Auxiliary honored at state convention

DAV Auxiliary Unit 17, the Ray H. Fuller Winnebago County Chapter, took five awards at the 2023 State Convention held recently in Madison.

The winning categories included Americanism, special Americanism, community service, achieving membership goal

and exceeding membership goals. Unit 17 supported homeless veterans at the Day by Day Warming Shelter, read veterans stories at an event sponsored by the Oshkosh Public Museum and supported Operation Cabin Fever 3, whose proceeds went toward therapeutic recreation needs for veterans.



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Economic Development Program has had vast impact

By Colan Trembl
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Program has been an active leader in the Oshkosh community for more than 60 years and has been instrumental in transforming the economic landscape of our incredible city. The program is one of the Chamber's four primary focuses and sets an emphasis on assisting all types of businesses in the community.

From helping the expansion efforts of local manufacturers to entrepreneurship and start-up development, we are committed to being the best we can possibly be to support development around us.

Through an array of tailored services, the program provides vital support to all types of business owners, helping them navigate the difficulties of entrepreneurship and achieve long-term success. In early 2022, we partnered with UW Oshkosh and the Center for Customized Research to showcase our vast impact on the Oshkosh regional economy over the past



20 years. The study demonstrated that our activities have generated and supported an incredible \$1.5 billion in combined economic impact and helped create and support more than 13,400 jobs.

Just this past year, we had 83 business cases, more than 200 calls relating to business and market support, and helped 31 start-ups hit the ground running. We do this by offering expert guidance on business planning, market research, business financials, marketing, introductions to funding opportunities and so much more.

Whether just starting out or in business for years, our Economic Development Program is here to help your business thrive.

The program also provides our own financial assistance to business owners through a revolving loan fund, established to help fuel economic development and unlock new opportunities for businesses

and entrepreneurs in the community. Since 2004, the \$250,000 fund has closed more than 40 loans, leveraged about \$7.6 million in private investment and created more than 300 new jobs.

We provide flexible terms to meet the needs of borrowers with options of loan extensions as well. From the initial meeting to the approval of the loan and everything after, we are there every step of the way.

The Economic Development Program also puts a strong focus on marketing the area by attending annual trade shows and site selector events. We have attended 35 events since 2010, including the Site Se-

lectors Guild involving 62 of the world's top site selectors, and the ICSC Global Real Estate Convention, a national event that tops 40,000 attendees every year.

This fall, we will be traveling to Atlanta along with other area chambers to meet with several site selectors to showcase everything Oshkosh has to offer.

We are proud of our economic results and look forward to working with local and state partners to further the development of the Oshkosh community. If interested in learning more about our Economic Development Program, please don't hesitate to contact Colan Trembl at colan@oshkoshchamber.com.

Grants to boost fire service, EMS diversity

The Oshkosh Fire Department, Firefighters ABCs and Fox Valley Technical College are partnering on a grant program to help remove obstacles for underrepresented groups pursuing careers in firefighting and emergency medical services.

A private donation made the collaboration possible for the program to prepare

qualified candidates to enter the field while increasing diversity within the profession.

"Something that we are striving for is to have our department be reflective of our community members," said Oshkosh Fire Chief Michael Stanley. "By being able to help supplement funding for tuition to women and other typically underrepresented groups we hope to help remove a potential obstacle that may limit someone's potential to pursue their dreams and goals of joining the fire department."

The National Fire Protection Agency reported that in 2020 only 9% of firefighters in the United States were female. Nationally, the most common ethnicity for firefighters is white, accounting for 76.8%. Firefighters ABCs is an industry leader in improving representation for all social segments and formed the Firefighter Diversity Recruitment Council of which the Oshkosh Fire Department is a member.

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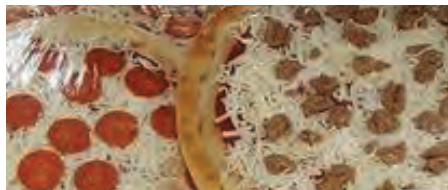
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Passion for playing fuels guitarist's long career

Bobby Evans finds music, family balance

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

On most nights, you can hear Bobby Evans' gravelly voice, accompanied by the twang of his guitar, at any number of local bars in the Fox Valley and beyond.

Evans grew up around music. His father was president of a musician's union. He wanted to be a priest, until one day in fourth grade he was watching "The Ed Sullivan Show" when The Beatles came on.

"I saw the Beatles and I thought, 'Oh boy, that's it,'" he said. "Then I got a guitar two weeks later and played my first gig between sixth and seventh grade and played every weekend through junior high and high school. It's what I always did."

He was repeatedly told that he couldn't make a living as a musician. His high school guidance counselor told him his goal was not realistic.

"I said, 'Thousands of people do that in the world. You hear music everywhere you go. On the radio, on TV, in commercials and everywhere,'" Evans said.

"That's for a few," his counselor responded, to which Evans replied, "There's no reason I can't."

And he did; carving himself a career as a musician who has played thousands of shows, including Summerfest, Lambeau Field, Oktoberfest in Appleton and fairs in 49 Wisconsin counties.

Evans had a union job as a music page turner at a strip club while in high school, mainly because none of the other guys' wives would let them work at the club.

When Evans was 17, he attended a rock festival that was shut down by police before it even started. He had a truck with a public address system, so he turned it on and played for a crowd of 17,000 while the Grateful Dead and James Gang sat inside their tour buses.

He has played at wild fraternity club parties in Madison, and for senators, governors, doctors and lawyers.

Evans has two albums of his own music that he has written and recorded. He also plays covers of country, rock, blues, punk and show bands together with his brother, Evil, and drummer Dean Tassone, under the name Bobby Evans & The Alimony Band.

He plays five or six nights a week, sometimes double shifts on the weekends. It's a lot of work, but he wouldn't trade it for the world.

"It's been fun," he said. "I didn't get rich or anything, but we always had cars and a



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Bobby Evans (left) & The Alimony Band play earlier this month at Anjie's Bar in Oshkosh.

house."

Evans has lived all over the United States. In 1983, his first wife passed away due to medical complications she experienced while pregnant. The baby died a few months later.

Evans met his second wife, Sue Nelson, while playing a show at the now-closed Automatic Slims in Neenah.

"I was playing, I saw this girl walk in, and I immediately looked at my brother and said, 'Let's take a break,'" he said. "I put my guitar down and started walking that way and she started walking to me. I just wanted to talk to her immediately."

Evans and Nelson were together thereafter.

"I was the luckiest man in the world," he said.

Nelson was diagnosed with cancer in

2015. A few years back, Evans sold their home and belongings, purchased an RV and traveled with her for a year.

When the pair returned to Wisconsin, they settled in Menasha. It was close to Nelson's medical appointments and situated downtown, so Evans could occasionally socialize at the local establishments in the evenings while still being close enough to return to Nelson at a moment's notice.

Nelson passed away in early 2020. In her obituary, she wrote of her love for Evans.

"Enough can't be said about his thought-

fulness, companionship and his deep love for me and my family," she wrote. "Living behind the music scene with him has been extremely interesting and fun."

The morning of Nelson's celebration of life, Evans went out to his car and found that someone had stolen his guitar – a heartless act on a heartbreaking day.

He made a post on social media, asking locals to keep an eye out for it.

He never did get the stolen guitar back, but it didn't matter, because local musician Gary Shaw showed up at the celebration of life and gifted Evans a custom guitar made by luthier Bruce Lee Rose.

"He gives me this very expensive guitar that was handmade in Neenah, with handmade pickups, all custom," Evans said. "He said, 'Here Bobby, I want you to have this.' And he had grown up next to my wife, so it's got a real sentimental, emotional attachment."

Shaw had recently been diagnosed with cancer. He passed away six months later. Evans and others are working on a benefit for a scholarship fund in Shaw's name.

Over the years, Evans has been around many guitars, yet none hold the same significance. He played it during a gig at Anjie's Bar on Ohio Street last week. His electric energy attracted a crowd to the outdoor stage.

"The south side of Oshkosh is my hometown," he told the audience.

Evans lives a quiet life on the water in Oshkosh. He splits his time between Beaver Dam, where his girlfriend lives, and the Fox Valley, where he has eight granddaughters and two great-grandsons that he helped raise and considers his own.

He acknowledged that a musician's lifestyle isn't always the easiest, but he's tried to do his best to take care of himself.

"We did roll hard, but for every time I did something that wasn't good for me, the next day I did two things that were," he said, adding that he's up every morning doing yoga, walking, lifting weights or doing martial arts.

At 68, he's not sure he will ever retire. You retire from digging holes in the ground or welding, he said, not from something you love.

"God willing or the universe willing, as long as you can still step up onto the stage and strap your guitar on, you play."

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Pedal Out Hunger Ride serves Salvation Army needs

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The annual Pedal Out Hunger Ride is set for Aug. 12, a community ride/walk designed to raise needed funds for the Salvation Army of Oshkosh's food pantry and hot meal programs.

The family-friendly event offers recreational riders multiple route options. This year a 2.25-mile walking route along the Oshkosh riverfronts has also been added.

The Salvation Army makes thousands of hot meals annually for those in need. Nearly one in 10 Oshkosh households also use the food pantry each year. All proceeds from the event fund food and equipment purchases for pantry and kitchen operations.

Bike routes of about 6, 10, 20-mile scenic, 20-mile Wiouwash Trail, 30-mile scenic and 30-mile Wiouwash Trail routes are offered. The event begins and ends at the Salvation Army, 417 Algoma Blvd.

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh website has downloadable links to each bike route.

The registration table opens at 9 a.m. There is a group start at 10 a.m. led out by the Oshkosh Police Department. A lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. There are also prizes for children.

Individual registration is \$25 and family registration is \$50. Virtual registration is \$25 for those unable to attend but still would like to support the cause. Sign up before Aug. 1 for a \$5 early bird discount.

Riding photos can be tagged to the Salvation Army of Oshkosh Facebook page #PedalOutHunger2023.

Business news roundup

Craig Cappel has been named chief executive officer of Hoffmaster Group, a manufacturer of disposable tableware products. Cappel previously served as a senior leader at Reynolds Consumer

Products, including time as president of Reynolds and president of Hefty Tableware. He assumed his new position July 10 and succeeds Rory Leyden, who retired. John McGrath was elected to Hoffmaster's board of directors.

Oshkosh Corp. released its 10th annual Sustainability Report last week. Highlights from the report noted the company reduced normalized greenhouse gas emissions by more than 32% since 2014; manufactured and sold more than 39,000 electric, emission-free or hybrid units; reduced 16.6 metric tons of CO2; donated \$2.5 million and 18,208 hours to local communities; and diverted 85.5% of waste from the landfill and recycle or reused 87.6% of nonhazardous waste.



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Ongoing

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

Wednesday, July 19

Music on Main: Alex Wilson, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

That's What She Said, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

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

Thursday, July 20

Live at Lunch: Erin Krebs and Jeff Johnston, noon, Opera House Square

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

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

Waterfest: Trombone Shorty, Ziggy Marley, Mavis Staples, Robert Randolph Band, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, July 21

DeerFest, 2 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Foghat, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Family Movie Night: "American Underdog," 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

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

Saturday, July 22

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Pets Unleashed VBS, 9 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Bago Bikes 10-Year Race and Party, 1 p.m., Winnebago Bicycle, 502 N. Main St.

American Black Belt Academy open house, 9 a.m., 208 State St.

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

Brad & Brooklyn, 8:30 p.m., Twisted Roots Tavern, 693 N. Main St.

DeerFest, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

"The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, July 23

DeerFest, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

KO's Roadshow, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Open Tab, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor Restaurant

Erin Krebs Quartet, 1 p.m., Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Patti & Jeff, 2 p.m., Jockey Club, 24 E. Gruenwald Ave.

Monday, July 24

EAA AirVenture 2023, runs through July 30

Tuesday, July 25

Eddie Pepitone comedy show, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Wednesday, July 26

Potpourri Concert with Children's Conducting Competition, 7 p.m., Oshkosh North High School

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

Backstage Pass, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

Thursday, July 27

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

Live at Lunch: Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce, noon, Opera House Square

Titan Town Throwdown, 6 p.m., Boards & Blades, 2283 State 44

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

Friday, July 28

Titan Town Throwdown, 9 a.m., Boards & Blades, 2283 State 44

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

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

Saturday, July 29

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Titan Town Throwdown, 9 a.m., Boards & Blades, 2283 State 44

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

Sunday, July 30

Titan Town Throwdown, 9 a.m., Boards & Blades, 2283 State 44

Stuck on Blue, 1 p.m., Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Harry Potter's Birthday Party, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

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

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



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Heavy Heavy finding momentum on national tour

British-based group plays Waterfest on Aug. 3

By Chase Millam
OSHKOSH HERALD

Georgie Fuller and Will Turner are the musical duo at the center of United Kingdom-based The Heavy Heavy.

Their music and style is reminiscent of early Fleetwood Mac and Rolling Stones. You can hear their brand of rock on the expanded edition of their EP "Life and Only Life." The release features powerful tracks "Go Down River" and "Miles and Miles." They were named as an Essential Emerging Artist for 2023 by New Musical Express (NME).

The band is in the middle of their second U.S. tour, which includes an Aug. 3 appearance at Waterfest in Oshkosh. Fuller says the reception from American audiences has been amazing.

"We really didn't expect anything like this to happen, it happened so fast. We can't believe that it's only been a year," she said. "It's honestly mind-blowing, particularly being from the UK and having such a reaction in America because that's what everyone dreams of. So to be here and be playing these shows and having the response we've had from people, it's just a dream."

"It's just been great, we feel like we're at the start of our journey," Turner said. "A lot of people seem to like the sound that we're making; we're super encouraged to do more."

Their first American tour lasted from the middle of September into November. This tour is much longer, starting back in March and scheduled until October.

"It's been good; we're seeing many people come that we have met before, which is cool," Turner said. "It was fun to see people sing our songs. People know who we are now so that feeling has been great."

"It's definitely been the next step. The first tour was like an introduction," Fuller said. "There's a feeling that we're getting

from the crowds now that's like they know us, they know what to expect. There's excitement in the air and it's just that next step. There's not really words to explain the feeling in the atmosphere of the crowd."

The band has multiple stops in different parts of Wisconsin during this leg of their tour. Turner says this is because of the good crowds and people there.

"We wouldn't go back to these places if there wasn't an appetite to see us," he said. "We're excited that people are excited to see us. That's why we get over there so much."

"Everything's a lot closer together on this side of the country so it makes it easier to travel to more places," Fuller said. "You go where your audience is; we seem to have found an audience here."

During their first tour of the U.S., The Heavy Heavy played at Appleton Beer Factory where they heard people talking about Mile of Music.

"We were told it's a straight long street with music for a mile," Turner said. "We definitely want to see what that's about; it sounds like a blast."

The band got the chance to perform on a few national broadcasts, including "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

"It was good we did our thing on Kimmel, it was very nerve-wracking. You can hear your heartbeat in your eyes," Turner said. "It was really well looked after and it was very exciting and fun and we look forward to doing more of those."

"It's so funny because you'll be on stage for an hour to an hour and a half and that's nerve-wracking in its own sense," Fuller said. "But then you get into a studio experience like Kimmel and it's one song. You go in there with the anticipation that you get one shot. It's a big show that's going to be seen worldwide. It's a crazy experience."

Fuller says they'll be working on finishing their debut album once the tour wraps up.

"When we go home in October we are



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Will Turner and Georgie Fuller of The Heavy Heavy are on their second American tour.

just focusing on music," she said. "We're about a third of the way through completing the full-length debut."

Turner added, "Hopefully this time next year there will be a physical form of

the full album."

The Heavy Heavy is at Waterfest opening for The Revivalists and Band of Horses and at Mile of Music on Aug. 4 at Lawrence University and Jones Park.

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- Lynsey Domiter, School of Architecture

- and Urban Planning, Bachelor of Science
- Michael Dudenas, College of Engineering and Applied Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering
- Hailey Huisman, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts
- Jackson Lautenschlager, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts
- Lindsay Locklar, Public Health, Doctor of Philosophy
- Warren Lor, Sheldon B. Lubar School of

- Business, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Evan Pennau, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Bachelor of Science
- Erin Schultz, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Morgan Staerkel, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Joseph Szydlak, College of Letters and Science, Master of Science
- Justin Webster, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration

- Joseph Messina, Bachelor of Science, Computer Networking and Information Technologies
- Josiah Miller, Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
- Peter Verstegen, Bachelor of Science, Packaging
- Logan Webster, BFA Game Design and Development-Art

Marquette University

- Bill Adams, Bachelor of Science, Finance
- Margaret Dishaw, Master of Education, Student Affairs in Higher Education
- Emily Foley, Master of Education, Student Affairs in Higher Education
- Annika Gereau, Juris Doctor, Law
- Ava McGuire, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
- Gabrielle Prehn, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Sciences
- Morgan Thiel, Bachelor of Arts, Advertising
- Grace Vanden Heuvel, Bachelor of Science, Finance
- Cloe Wesenberg, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Sciences

UW-Platteville

- Hailey Gabriel, Technology and Engineering Education
- Anna Weidemann, Biology

UW-River Falls

- Madeline Westemeier, Master of Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

St. Norbert College

- Cameron Jensen, Bachelor of Arts
- Kelli Robson, Master of Business Administration
- Luke Salzsieder, Bachelor of Arts

Iowa State University

- Ryann Belter, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science
- Maria Tushar, Bachelor of Science, Marketing

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Offseason passing leagues, tournaments catching on

Oshkosh Herald

The quarterback eyes the linebackers standing about five yards from him trying to get a read on where they might be headed at the snap.

A quick glance to the left shows a cornerback in off-coverage against one wide receiver, while the defense back is almost face-to-face with the receiver in the slot. It's a similar look on the right side, although there is a safety lurking.

As the ball is snapped, the play unfolds as the quarterback expected and he passes on his first two reads – throws taken away by one linebacker and the lurking safety. But the third read is good and he fires a 12-yard out to the left sideline for a nice gain.

Yet, the positive play doesn't draw a large cheer from a bleacher full of fans on a Friday night. Instead, it's probably just a fist pump from the quarterback who then gets a quick high-five from the receiver and then back to the small huddle-like lineup where a former player holds up a binder with the next play to run.

Then the seven offensive players line up against the seven defensive players and the process repeats.

Seven-on-seven workouts, leagues and tournaments for high school football teams continue to grow across the state and coaches are finding more and more benefits to having their players participate in such events.

"The first thing is it gets kids thinking

football to some degree. It gives them something different during the summer compared to just lifting or playing the other sports," said Oshkosh North head coach Luke Ott. "The other benefit is that you get to teach and coach. The guys can see the different routes and different formations that teams might go with and you get to see better what the coach's design for a play or for a defense is supposed to be."

For first-year Oshkosh West head coach Joey Ray, the pair of 7-on-7 events his program has participated in have allowed the new coaching staff to get a different look at the roster heading into the start of the season in August.

"We obviously saw them at contact days and we see them at workouts, but it's nice to see them not just athletically, but see who our leaders are, see who is going to bounce back when things go wrong, see who our gamers are. All that stuff is good to see for a staff," Ray said. "Obviously we aren't running the ball or hitting or anything like that but it's part of the game and it can develop some skills and familiarity with our scheme."

It's also good for a staff to see players in action since some can make a big leap in size, strength and ability from the end of football season in October.

"You always kind of get some surprises from kids who make a leap and are now able to make plays," Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. "Maybe

they are able to make plays on the 50/50 balls where you never saw that skill set the year before."

Ott also likes to see the potential of incoming players because it can change the coaching staff's view.

"You can see someone who has the potential. Does he become a starter for the fall in 7-on-7? Not necessarily, but he becomes an option," Ott said. "It's always a thing where kids can look good without pads on but honestly, you can get a feel for a kid if he's going to be able to run a route or recognize the coverages."

Another benefit of participating in the 7-on-7 events is the chemistry that can be built among teammates.

"It definitely helps us build our chemistry as a team as far as receiver and quarterback. It gets our timing right. It's a good experience to go against other teams be-

fore the season," said Lourdes Academy junior quarterback Wade Lindahl. "The main part of 7-on-7, it's mainly to kind of become quicker with the play and work on my progressions more. I will read the defense and see what I like and then some plays, it may be where I like (our receiver) against a (defensive back)."

The 7-on-7 events are nothing new to Wisconsin but have certainly grown in popularity over the past decade.

Wopat, whose team participates in a weekly league with Kiel and St. Mary's Springs, figures at least three-quarters of the state's programs participate in some form of 7-on-7 events during the summer and the Knights have been involved since he landed at Lourdes.

"There are still plenty of teams that

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July 10

MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

LeRoy's def. Jerry's 11-6
Molly's def. Kelly's 9-1
Oshkosh Trophy def. Molly's 9-5

Standings

LeRoy's 9-0
Oshkosh Trophy 6-2
Molly's 6-3

Jerry's 3-5

Wyldeewood Baptist Church 3-5
Kelly's 1-7
Community Church 1-7

MONDAY VETERANS

Trails End def. Ratch & Deb's-Henshaw 4-3
Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Ratch & Deb's-Fredrick 17-12
Standings
Ratch & Deb's-Francour 6-1

Ratch & Deb's-Fredrick 5-3

Ratch & Deb's-Henshaw 2-5
Trails End 2-6

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Evil Roy Slades def. T&O Lanes 11-1
Lyons Den def. Jerry's 9-3
Lyons Den def. T&O Lanes 21-10

Standings

Evil Roy Slades 10-1
Lyons Den 8-1
Jerry's 6-4
T&O Lanes 1-10
LeRoy's 1-10

July 11

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Houge's def. Players 17-9
Jirschele Insurance def. Trails End 10-9
Ultimate Towing def. Terry's 18-8
Jerry's def. Ultimate Towing 25-10

Standings

Jerry's 8-0
Trails End 6-2
Jirschele Insurance 6-2
Ultimate Towing 5-4
Terry's 2-6
Houge's 2-7
Players 1-9

July 12

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

The Grounds Guys def. Turtle Suits 4-2
Evil Roy Slades def. The Fountain 13-11
SNC Manufacturing def. Exletics 14-7
Oblio's def. Terry's 21-4
Players def. Associated Appraisal 23-22

Standings

The Fountain 8-1
Oblio's 8-1
Evil Roy Slades 8-1
Terry's 5-4

SNC Manufacturing 5-4

Turtle Suits 3-6
Associated Appraisal Consultants 2-7
Exletics 2-7
The Grounds Guys 2-7
Players 2-7

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Winkler's Westward Ho def. Wally Schmid Excavating 14-12
Houge's def. Terry's 21-9
Fletch's def. Pioneer 13-3
Camera Casino def. Fletch's 18-7

Standings

Camera Casino 8-0
Houge's 6-2
Fletch's 5-3
Terry's 4-4
Winkler's Westward Ho 4-4
Wally Schmid Exc 1-7
Pioneer 0-8

July 13

THURSDAY COED

Dublin's def. Oakbrook Church 8-6
Big Daddy's-Miller def. Revs 13-10
Fifth Ward def. Houge's-Westphal 10-9
Oblio's def. Big Daddy's-Porter 18-4
4imprint def. Houge's-Hoffman 6-4
T&O Lanes def. LeRoy's 10-0

Standings

Revs 9-1
T&O Lanes 9-1
Oblio's 8-2
Big Daddy's-Miller 7-3
4imprint 7-3
Fifth Ward 5-5
Houge's-Westphal 4-6
Dublin's 4-6
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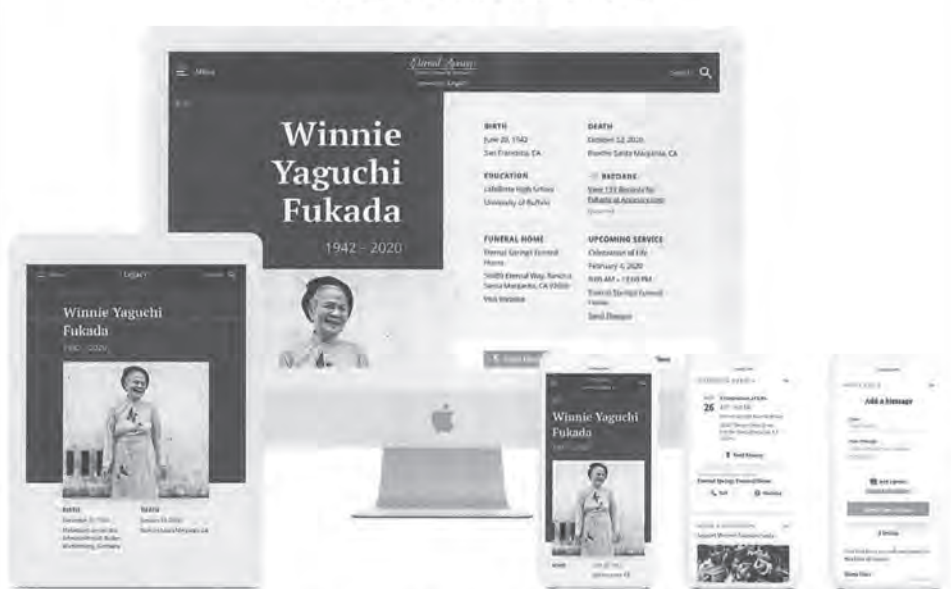
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Late-inning struggles sting Oshkosh Legion in loss

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Legion head coach Brian Burgert has no doubts that when his team is clicking on all cylinders, it can compete with any opponent.

The team just has to find a way to get things rolling and keep things rolling for a full seven innings each night out.

“It’s been our issue all season where it seems if we have one (error), one follows and then another one follows and it kills us,” Burgert said following an 8-2 loss to Waupun at EJ Schneider Field last Thursday. “When we are crisp and we pick the ball up we can play with anybody.”

For much of Thursday’s matchup Oshkosh was playing at a high level and entered the seventh inning tied at two.

But Oshkosh committed an error to open the inning, had another error two batters later and then added a third miscue later in the inning as Waupun plated six runs to break the game open.

“We gave them the extra outs and they took advantage of it,” Burgert said. “Waupun made all of the plays, so give them credit. They are a good team.”

Waupun opened the scoring with a run off of Oshkosh starter Brady Block in the top of the first inning but the Legion quickly tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

Dominic Kane drilled a one-out single and then stole second and third base before coming home to score when Jeramiah Houseworth reached on an error.

Kane, who finished 2-for-4 in the game, again proved to be an igniter in the third inning when he again reached on a one-out single, advanced to third on a Colton Angell single and then scored on a base hit



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Oshkosh Legion’s Dominic Kane slides safely into third base against Waupun last Thursday.

from Houseworth for a 2-1 lead.

“Dom has been swinging the bat really well lately,” Burgert said. “I think overall our approach has been really good.”

Burgert was impressed with the way his offense performed despite being without its top two hitters in Ben Buering and Shaun Gavin.

“It gave some of the other guys the

chance to get the playing time and get some swings in,” said Burgert, who added his team has raised its cumulative batting average by more than 100 points in the past few weeks. “I know we have guys who can hit and hopefully we keep it rolling.”

Block ended up taking the loss for Oshkosh, despite throwing the most pitches he has in a game all season.

He scattered 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings, while walking just one batter and striking out two. He pitched out of a couple of jams early in the game as Waupun stranded eight runners in the first four innings, five of which were left on base in scoring position.

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Colton Angell prepares to make a throw to first after fielding a bunt against Waupun last Thursday.

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Block then retired all six batters he faced in the fifth and six innings but was stung for five of the six runs in the seventh – none of which was earned.

“Brady pitched a hell of a game,” Burgert said. “That’s four games in a row he’s pitched really well and he deserved a better fate than that.”

Oshkosh will next take aim at the Class AAA Regional Tournament that it will be hosting at EJ Schneider Field. The double-elimination tournament began Tuesday with Oshkosh North facing Hortonville and will continue through Friday.

“I like our chances, I really do,” Burgert said. “Our bats have gotten better as the season went and we finished the regular season (with a lot of wins). We just have to play sharp defensively and we will definitely be competitive.”

Legion wraps up regular season by sweeping twinbill from Marinette

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion wrapped up its regular season on Saturday by sweeping a doubleheader on the road at Marinette.

Oshkosh used a pair of five-run innings to highlight a 19-6 win in the opener, before taking the nightcap 12-5.

The offense erupted in the opener pounding out 20 hits and scoring in every inning but the second. Dominic Kane led the onslaught by going 5-for-6 and scoring four runs. Ben Boelter, Colton Angell and Ben Buering each chipped in three hits while Boelter also scored four times.

The first two batters of the game – Boelter and Kane – scored in the top of the first for Oshkosh but the Legion led only 2-0 through the first two innings.

The Legion doubled its lead with two runs in the top of the third but Marinette broke through in the bottom of the inning

to trim the deficit to 4-3.

That’s when Oshkosh got going.

The Legion sent 11 batters to the plate in the fourth inning and scored five runs to push the lead to 9-3 and then tacked on four more runs in the fifth, added another in the sixth and closed the game with a five-run seventh inning.

Oshkosh kept the offense rolling into the second game, scoring three runs in each of the first two innings to take a 6-0 lead and never trailed in the contest.

The Legion totaled 11 hits and nine walks in the game two contest, with Buering and Cormac Sammons each reaching base in all four plate appearances in the game, while finishing with two hits apiece.

Angell and Evan Kriz also chipped in two hits each in the game, while Kane led the team with three runs scored.

Area trio participates in WFCFA all-star games

Three area football players wrapped up their high school careers Saturday at the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Games held at Titan Stadium.

Oshkosh West had a pair of players selected to the Large School all-star game in Kieran Patrick and Parker Fontaine. Patrick registered a solo tackle and an assist, while Fontaine was credited with an assisted tackle in the North squad’s 49-7 thumping of the South squad.

Menasha’s AJ Korth – who has committed to the UW-Oshkosh football program – threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in the win for North. One of the touchdown passes was to Neenah’s Jase

Jenkins, who finished with 35 total yards on six offensive touches.

Appleton North’s Brock Salm finished with six tackles to share the team high for the North squad, while the Lightning’s Caden Popp was 6-of-6 on extra points.

The North team also dominated the Small School all-star game, collecting a 44-12 victory.

Lourdes Academy’s Brayden Mecklenburg was a member of the North squad, which outgained their South counterparts 324-77 in the win.

On Friday night, the North squad defeated the South squad 74-12 in the 8-player all-star game.

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Passing league

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don't, but most are finding ways to get involved. It's replaced a lot of the sandlot football that went on," Wopat said. "It's a chance to provide other opportunities for kids who are passionate about it. As many teams that run spread offenses in Wisconsin, they like to use those opportunities for their quarterback and wide receivers to get work in the summer in an organized setting."



Ott

It's not just for the offense either.



Wopat

Defensive players can benefit from participating just as much as their offensive counterparts.

"It's a lot of getting reps and seeing things and being able to problem solve on defense. They ran this route combo and what should we have done in our coverage," Ray said. "We can make those mistakes in the summer and learn from them for the fall."

Traditionally, in 7-on-7 events, offenses will take the field with five eligible receivers, a quarterback and a snapper, while the defense counters with a mix of linebackers and defensive backs often in combination of a nickel defensive package.

Teams begin a drive at the 40-yard line and teams have three plays to pick up a first down at the 25-yard line and then again at the 10-yard line.

Quarterbacks are given four seconds to throw the ball before a whistle blows to signify a sack and, although they can bootleg and run sprintouts, they can't cross the line of scrimmage on a run. Once a catch is made it is common that there is a one-hand touch rule to end a play.

"There shouldn't be any pushing to the ground. You don't want kids getting hurt with unnecessary contact. Just work on route concepts and coverage concepts, just keep everybody healthy so they are ready for the fall," Wopat said. "It's traditional that you can hand off to the running back but no trick plays. No reverses or double reverse passes but not many teams do that."



Ray

Although the head coaches can watch the 7-on-7 leagues and tournaments, they are not allowed to coach the players – other than incoming freshmen – per WIAA rules unless they are counted as one of the five contact days.

Instead, a middle school coach or former player will often be the one directing the plays on the field.

"In my opinion it's good to sit back and watch. We all need leaders, captains to step up and take the initiative," Ott said. "It's great coaches get to be hands off and have your players get that experience of leading and taking charge. On top of it, those other kids who have their roles are seeing what they need to see."

Oshkosh North was the only one of the three Oshkosh schools to not participate in some form of 7-on-7 event this summer.

The Spartans won the Midwest Elite

Tournament held at West De Pere last summer but the team wasn't able to put a program together this year. Ott hopes to change that moving forward.

"I like to do it, but this year it didn't pan out," Ott said. "When I played, I don't even know if there was one. I'm sure there was to some degree, but not what it is now. It's become almost an AAU (basketball) thing where kids can travel the country and the Midwest to play. It's grown by leaps and bounds."

Before coming to Oshkosh West, Ray was at Sussex Hamilton where the program not only participated in a weekly summer 7-on-7 program, but also hosted a league at its inside practice facility during the late spring.

It's an experience he hopes to bring to the Wildcat program.

"It was Sunday afternoons during post-

season basketball and early track season and we played a couple of games a week for three or four weeks. That would be fun to do something like that," Reay said. "I would like us to get back in a league next summer so we can do it more on a regular basis."

It's seems likely that 7-on-7 events will continue to grow in the future and could become a staple for every high school program in Wisconsin.

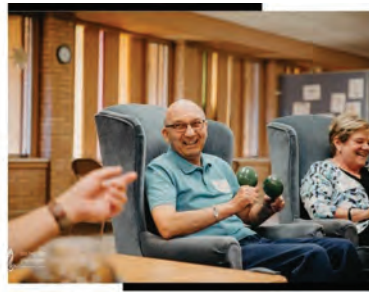
There are certainly benefits to participating in 7-on-7 events and players do have to work to be successful, but these type of opportunities also add a specific element to what can be a grueling, physical sport.

"It is really fun," Lindahl said. "It's a really good experience for our team and it definitely helps us in the season, but it's also a good time and we all really enjoy it."

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Obituaries

Robert D. Kolinski

Robert "Bob" Donald Kolinski, 74, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.



Bob was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to Maurice and Lucille (Falkavage) Kolinski on October 29, 1948.

Bob grew up in Stevens Point, spending his childhood helping out at his dad's pop shop (Quality Beverage), playing sports and fishing. He graduated from Pacelli High School in 1967 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, graduating in 1971 with a degree in business. He spent time living in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, before settling back in Wisconsin, eventually moving to Markesan, and then Oshkosh in his later years. He also attended UW-Oshkosh after moving back to Wisconsin, obtaining another bachelor's degree in 1973, this time in social work.

Bob was married to Darlene Guenther on July 15, 1972, and together they had two children, Mathew and Nathan.

Bob worked as a social worker, initially through Green Lake County, then transitioning to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, first through Dodge Correctional and then eventually retiring from Oshkosh Correctional in 2015. He was proud of his work with hostage negotiations and as a critical incident debriefer.

He kept active through kayaking, biking, travel, and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He attended sporting events and other activities for his grandchildren, never turning down an opportunity to spend time with them, even attending family vacations. He was always in good spirits, positive, and always wanted to be involved with everything going on (and hear about what everyone else had going on!). Bob spent time volunteering at Loaves & Fishes, Oshkosh Warming Shelter, Crisis Counselor for Affinity ER and Stephen Ministries. He especially treasured his time spent at Lake Superior.

Bob is survived by his two sons and grandchildren: Mathew (Sarah Durst) and their children Noah, Braden and Zoe, all of Waupaca; and Nathan (Cheryl) Kolinski and their children Michael, Noralottie and Molly, all of Chilton; former spouse and mother of his children, Darlene Kolinski; and brothers, John (Charlotte) and Thomas (Bonnie) Kolinski, as well as several nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his siblings, Gerald Ko-

linski, and Maureen (Robert) Roshak. Per Bob's wishes, a cremation has taken place.

A celebration of Life for Bob will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (100 Lake Pointe Drive) on Saturday, August 5th, 2023, at 11:30AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9:30AM until the time of service.



Aviation Park showcase shovel-ready site

The Oshkosh Aviation Park, a joint project of the city, Winnebago County and Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., will be on display at AirVenture this year.

The Aviation Park offers 80 acres of certified, shovel-ready land with taxiway access to Wittman Regional Airport. The park also benefits from proximity to an International Trade Zone, Fox Valley Technical College's S. J. Spanbauer Aviation & Industrial Center, and the EAA grounds.



After completion of the new General Aviation (GA) terminal facility in 2021, the airport is constructing 20 new T-hangar units, with anticipated completion in early fall. The airport is also finalizing plans to redevelop the former commercial service terminal site.

"Exciting developments are taking place at Wittman, making it an attractive destination for aviation businesses and marking the beginning of a new chapter for Oshkosh aviation," said Jim Schell, airport director.

The park will be represented at Hangar C, Booth 3153 during the weeklong event starting next week.

"We believe that the Oshkosh Aviation Park is the ideal location for innovative, aviation-focused companies to make their permanent home and grow their business in a supportive and vibrant community," said Tricia Rathemel, CEO of Greater Oshkosh EDC.

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Alice C. Grunske

Alice C. Grunske, 87, of Oshkosh, went to her heavenly home on Thursday, July 13, 2023. She was born on December 26, 1935, the daughter of Fred and Clara (Hirte) Schmidt.

On August 24, 1959, she married DuWayne A. Grunske in the first wedding to take place at Faith Lutheran Church.

Alice is loved and will be sadly missed by her children, Karen (Steve) Schneider, Sally (Steve) Weigandt, Mike (special friend, Prudy Unmuth) Grunske and Steven (Amy) Grunske; her grandchildren, Breanna (Dustin) Treleven, Ryan and Paige Weigandt, Jacob and Adam Grunske, and Steven Merritt; three great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Emersyn Treleven, and Maycee Merritt.

Proceeded by her loving husband DuWayne Grunske; her parents; six sisters;



and a brother.

She loved and adored her family very much. She enjoyed camping, traveling, and a Caribbean cruise with her husband and close friends, along with a New York trip, Las Vegas trips and going to casinos. She enjoyed many years of caring for the children of family and friends.

Alice was a charter member of Faith Lutheran Church. She had a very strong faith and determined will which helped her overcome her battles with cancer and many types of illness.

Per her wishes, a private service has been held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society or Faith Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI.

A special thank you to the team at Aurora Medical Center, especially Dr. Darr and the staff at Miravida Living for the care and compassion shown to Alice and her family.



Eric (Wendy) Diel; four grandchildren, Taylor (Cassi) and Jordan (Angie) Steinert, Amanda (Mike) Kosinski, and Joshua Diel; great-grandson, Karsyn Kosinski.

Lois's family would like to extend a special "thank you" to the nurses, CNA's, and staff at Park View Health Center for their care and compassion for the past seven years. Lois gained another family through Park View, and in turn, brought joy and laughter to their hallways.

A private service was held at Konrad-Behelman Funeral Home.



Mary Hartman

Mary Helen Hartman, age 93, went home to be with her loving husband,

parents, and sister on July 13th, 2023, at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh, WI. She was born June 11, 1930, to parents Peter and Teresa Lubovich in Philadelphia PA. She will be remembered most for her love of family and home. Mary will be missed by her children; Dr. Joseph (Victoria) Hartman, Peter (Mary) Hartman, Nancy (Chris) Rhyner, Daniel (Sandy) Hartman, her three grandchildren Alicia (Evan) Ry-



tlewski, Stephanie (Maria) Rhyner, Sarah (Meer) Rasheed and her great grandson Clay Rytlewski.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joseph Hartman, Jr., her parents, and sister Helen Mary Lubovich.

The family wants to thank Eden Meadows and Aurora Hospice staff and volunteers for their loving care and support.

A visitation will take place Wednesday July 19, 2023, from 1-2 PM with service following at 2PM at Wisconsin Memorial Park, 13235 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005.



Lois Diel

Lois Jean Diel passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the age of 90.



Lois Jean was born on February 25, 1933 in Oshkosh, daughter of the late John and Catherine Mohr. Lois married Russell Charles Hogue in 1954, who preceded her in death. On October 30, 1970, she married the late Norman Arthur Diel. They were married 52 years.

Lois is survived by her children, Vicki (Jeff) Steinert, Julie (Dave) Johnson,

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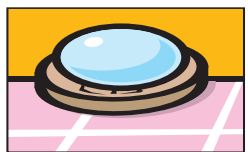
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Repeat this experiment with cold water and then with hot water. Does the temperature of the water change the number of drops that fit on the penny?



Add a drop of soap to the water. Does this change the number of drops that fit on the penny?

Try this same activity with different liquids such as cooking oil, rubbing alcohol, liquid detergent, salad dressing, etc. Compare how many drops of each liquid fit on the top of a penny.

Standards Link: Nature of Science: Students understand the nature of scientific inquiry (using tools, making observations, recording notes).

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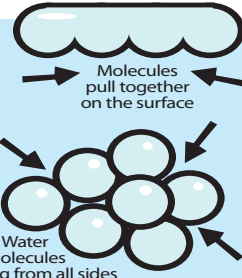
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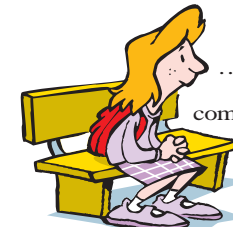
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Standards Link: Number sense: Calculate sums using money.

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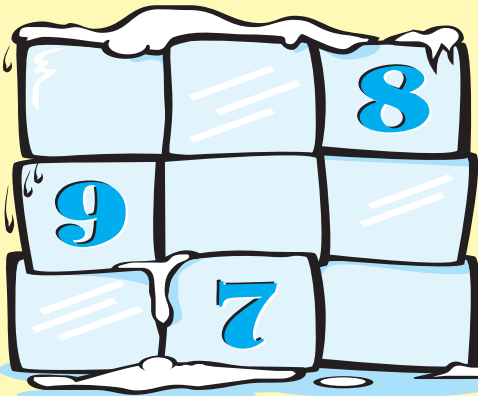
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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