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Ready to compete

Julie's Touch of Silver members put on a show for the community last Wednesday at Oshkosh North High School ahead of their journey to England for the World Baton Twirling Championship and Nations Cup Aug. 4-13 in Liverpool. See story on Page 9.

Distribution of federal cash revised

Supervisors critical of reimbursement plan

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

More than four months have passed since the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to send \$145,000 in ARPA dollars to each of the 21 municipalities or towns primarily situated within Winnebago County, but none of those entities has received that money and County Executive Jon Doemel is calling the money a "refund" rather than an allocation.

The county was awarded \$33 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. While other counties have moved forward on spending their ARPA dollars, Winnebago County has changed directions and spent months on Doemel's proposal to create a "Spirit Fund" for the money to remove federal reporting requirements. The funds must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026 or the county loses the

In March, the County Board approved moving the money to a newly created Spirit Fund and allocating \$145,000 to each of the towns and municipalities. Accepting the ARPA dollars came with several requirements.

Towns and municipalities, which have

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Wittman's racing plane gets a winning restoration

First version of Buster coming back to life

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Restoration efforts from local EAA chapter members are reviving some of the racing legacy of aviation legend Steve Wittman, whose name graces Oshkosh's airport while his impact resonates in the world-renowned air show convention underway this week.

Mike Butler and Jim Casper took on the hopes of Wittman's racing partner Bill Brennand, whom Butler collaborated with before he died in 2017, to restore the original "Buster" that was a rebuild of Wittman's "Chief Oshkosh" from the 1930s. Buster dominated its 1947-49 years in the National Air Races and early Goodyear/ Continental Trophy competition.

"The first year he was almost unbeatable. He won the inaugural race competing against airplanes from Lockheed," said Butler, a Chapter 252 member since the mid-1970s. "Everybody was getting into

Wittman was one of the top air racing pilots and race plane designers of his time while playing a major role in the emergence of homebuilt aircraft. A later version of Buster, which left the racing circuit in 1954, went to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Butler, who has been a pilot since 1978 and an EAA member since 1976, has restored four planes - two of them 1930



Mike Butler (left) and Jim Casper stand in front of Buster, a 1940s-era racing plane built by Steve Wittman and being restored for eventual display.

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County pay raise process revised

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to change the policy on how county employee raises are implemented.

The policy change approved at last week's board meeting follows a previous resolution in March that dealt with increasing the compensation schedule of county employees to align with market rates and alleviate in-range compression issues by re-slotting employees through their pay range based on length of time in

their current position, according to Mark Habeck, Human Resources director.

The cost for the pay increases for one year is \$2 million and was included in the 2023 budget. During Tuesday's meeting, County Executive Jon Doemel said adding a merit pay raise schedule in addition to the pay increases will make the process less subjective and allow employees to move along the range no matter how long they've been in their position.

Doemel said he will be proposing a 2% merit-based pay increase for all county employees.

"Two percent is the suggested number that we have because that's the magic number we have to get somebody to (the) control point (in) five years and they can reach top of range between 11 and 12, maybe 15 (years)," he said.

According to a memo, the merit pay raise system will allow each employee to either earn or fail to earn a standard percentage merit pay increase each year based on established criteria.

The majority of the board voted in favor of the merit pay raise plan, with one member opposed and one abstention.

Salvation Army strains to meet food demand

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh reports that its food pantry and hot meal programs are facing unprecedented strain as the organization has seen a 36% spike in demand since March related to reductions in the SNAP FoodShare and Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA) programs.

"The rate of change in demand for food assistance is alarming," Salvation Army Maj. James Mungai said in a press release. "We have spent our entire annual food budget already and the demand just keeps growing."

COVID-19 emergency food benefit exemptions and policy suspensions ended

in February along with WERA rental assistance program in January, forcing many families to choose between paying rent or buying groceries.

"We gave out an additional 19,000 pounds of food this quarter over last," Mungai said. "The Salvation Army is impacted by escalating food prices just like everyone else. At this stage we must buy more food to finish out the year, which puts us under a lot of financial pressure."

Other area pantries are seeing similar jumps in need for food assistance as well as the need for more volunteers to help during summer months.

The Salvation Army has an upcoming fundraiser Aug. 12 to raise funds to support food purchases. The Pedal Out Hunger Ride/Walk offers a two-mile walk along the Oshkosh riverfront or multiple biking routes for people who prefer to ride bikes. Visit PedalOutHunger.org to register or visit SAOshkosh.org.

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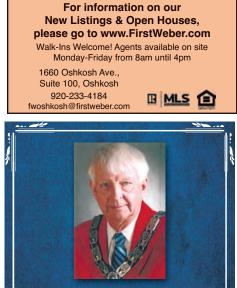


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Expansion of district's charter school anticipated

School board reviews alternative program By Jonathan Richie

The Oshkosh Area School District recently discussed the importance of its charter school as its contract ends after the next school year and more students could enter into the gifted and talented

Superintendent Bryan Davis explained the current contract is for 2019-24 and will need to be renewed next year, but said the report was a part of the annual review process for the charter school.

The Advanced Learning Program School (ALPS) began with a charter agreement in 2004 and was initially at Merrill Middle School. The district received a \$10,000 Charter School Planning Grant in 2003 to start the program. In 2005 the district received \$150,000 to continue growing the program.

District documents show the school does not currently operate with any grant funding. In 2015, ALPS moved to Perry Tipler Middle School.

The district website states ALPs Charter School is a unique program designed to serve gifted learners.

"An ALPS Charter School learner is one who is self-motivated, proficient or advanced in core content areas, and possesses an advanced learner's skill set (collaborative, responsible, intellectually curious)," communications director Katie Nieman said. "Qualified applicants included students who need a more rigorous and faster-paced curriculum; and those whose test scores show academic

proficiency."

Sam Coleman, assistant superintendent of instruction, went through the report at the July 12 meeting. He started at his position earlier this month and the report was written by assistant superintendent of operations Julie Conrad-Peters.

School board member Chris Wright asked Coleman if he could give an overview of ALPS because he often gets asked by residents what it is and what they do.

Coleman said ALPS serves fourththrough eighth grade students, with about 64 enrolled last year. ALPS has three classrooms in Perry Tipler with about 20 students in grades four and five and approximately 40 in grades six through eight.

"When people think about what the school is and who it serves, I'd like them to think about an advanced learning program for grades four through eight," Coleman said. "It is similar to a gifted-and-talented school: in-depth learning, hands-on engagement, deep engagement and activities."

Coleman also noted the students move at a faster pace.

Board member Liz Szilagyi noted the report said there were 20 applicants to attend ALPS in the 2022-2023 school year. There were only 10 open seats available for the school year and the accepted students were chosen from a lottery process.

"We know that we have more students applying to get into ALPS than we have spaces at ALPS. Is there anything we do for those families?" Szilagyi asked.

She said some families may not enter the lottery process because driving to Perry Tipler Middle School could be an issue.



The school district's Advanced Learning Program School currently has three classrooms in Perry Tipler Middle School and is expected to expand in future years.

Davis said those types of questions and others regarding ALPS will be discussed and explored as the board looks at a new

Coleman said he would like to explore the idea of adding more charter school students.

"We're serving about 60 students now with this program and I certainly want to look at building our capacity because we know we have a wide range of students who are gifted and talented," Coleman

Board member Barbara Herzog said the program has been successful in the district.

"These are not students that are behind, these are students who typically lead the district in standardized test scores and do great things as they go onto high school," she said. "I think it fits right in with our focus on student learning and the concept of all means all."

The 2019-24 contract outlines several goals the district has for the students and staff in ALPS:

- All students will perform at proficient or advanced levels when completing state-designated assessments.
- 80% of students demonstrate a year or more of academic growth over the
- 85% of students will perform at proficient or advanced levels on Life and Career Skills Assessments as they prepare
- 85% of parents and students' express satisfaction or high satisfaction with

The report shows the district is meeting almost all the goals outlined in the

- 92% students scored proficient or advanced in English and 95% proficient or advanced in math.
- 100% of students demonstrated a year or more of academic growth in literacy and math.
- 90% of students performed at proficient or advanced level on Life and Career Skills assessments.
- A survey showed 100% of parents were satisfied or highly satisfied with the ALPS program and 100% of parents were satisfied or highly satisfied with the social emotional programming of the ALPS Charter School.



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ommunity survey solicits ideas for better livability

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh residents are happy with travel around city, but see the need for more street repair, according to a new survey.

The key takeaways from the survey show residents have favorable attitudes when it comes to traveling around the city. Other survey responses showed there is room for improvement with educational opportunities and adding natural environment spaces.

The National Community Survey was

conducted in the spring and focuses on the livability of Oshkosh. A livable community does not just focus on habitability but if it's desirable to live there - where people want to live.

The NCS focuses on 10 parts of a community: economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, parks and recreation, health and wellness, education, arts and culture; and inclusivity and engagement.

Two-thirds of respondents said they

were pleased with the ease of walking throughout the city and half were satisfied with bicycle travel, public parking and traffic flow on major streets.

Forty-nine percent of respondents rated public transportation as good or excellent, up from 42% to the same question in the 2022 survey and remains higher than the national average.

About 78% reported travel by car is good or excellent, a 9% increase from

But only 15% of respondents reported street repair as good or excellent, a drop from 21% in 2022.

Sixty-seven percent of respondents said the quality of life in Oshkosh is good or excellent. This compares with 83% in 2019.

The survey asked several questions regarding education, arts and culture in the city, with 58% of respondents rated overall educational opportunities as good or ex-

When asked about affordable quality child care/preschool, only 28% of respondents gave a favorable response and 49% rated K-12 education in Oshkosh as good or excellent.

Conversely, 86% of respondents rated public library services as good or excel-

A report along with the survey results was compiled by the National Research Center at Polco, a company that does quality-of-life surveys across the country.

"Despite these downward trends, other aspects of this facet remained strong. Public library services received high marks from over eight in 10 community members. About six in 10 residents positively rated the opportunities to attend cultural/ arts/music activities and the community's support for the arts. These reviews held steady since the prior survey and were consistent with the national benchmarks," the report states.

Overall quality of natural environments or green space dropped from 70% of respondents rating it good or excellent in 2022 to just 57% in 2023, which is lower than communities of similar size.

"The ratings for cleanliness, Oshkosh's open space, and preservation of natural areas all received positive reviews from about half of residents, also below national averages, suggesting an opportunity for growth in these areas," the report stated about green spaces.

While natural environments showed room for improvement, 71% of respondents reported parks and recreation were excellent or good.

When asked about local government, 41% of respondents rated the city as fair, 36% said it was good or excellent and 24% said it was poor.

The survey also asked about availability of affordable housing, a question that has been on the survey since at least 2017. That year 79% of respondents said availability was good or excellent; it dropped to 29% in 2022 and 28% in the current survey.

For the survey 2,800 households across Oshkosh were randomly selected to take part and about 150 were returned as undeliverable. Of the remaining 2,653 households, 457 participated, which gives the survey a 17% response rate.

Results from the 2023 survey and those going back to 2009 can be found at ci.oshkosh.wi.us/CitizenSurveyResults.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

July 28-30, 1972

Sawdust City Celebrates "Sawdust Daze": Local businesses and civic service clubs have teamed up to plan a special event to celebrate Oshkosh's history as "Sawdust City." "Sawdust Daze" promises to be a fun-filled weekend filled with special events including a 100-boat parade on the Fox River and a Sawdust Daze Ball at Park Plaza with live music, dancing, and door prizes. At Menominee Park attendees will enjoy a pancake breakfast served by the Noon Optimists and Altrusa, a dunking booth hosting prominent local leaders, games and activities including Indian dancing, an Oshkosh Giants baseball game, greased pole climbing contest, police vs fireman ball game, penny scramble, watermelon eating and seed spitting contest and much more. WAGO radio outdoor concert by British recording group Foghat will also be featured along with four local bands. The Rotary Club will offer three beer and soft drink stands while the Kiwannis plans

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site. Folks can enjoy a corn roast and hot beef and ham sandwiches and even ice cream stands will be located around the park. Want a brat? The Jaycees will have beer and brat stands as well. Across town at South Park the 39th Annual Children's Day Parade will take place on Ohio Street with participants ending the parade at the park where music and refreshments will be served.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern July 27, 1972







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Overdose review board reports on 2022 deaths

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team's 2022-2023 report summarized the county's ongoing efforts and challenges as it noted a decrease in overdose deaths last year while fentanyl has become the majority cause of those fatalities.

The OFR report, which includes local fatal overdose data, themes and prevention recommendations, stated there were 37 overdose deaths confirmed by the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office. Most of the deaths were from ages 25 to 54, and fentanyl was listed as a primary cause in 24 of them.

That compares with 41 overdose deaths in the county in 2021, the highest number reported to date, and 37 deaths in 2020.

The OFR team has 47 partners representing 36 local organizations and for the last five years has met monthly to review cases of people who have lost their lives to an overdose and make recommendations based on the data.

"Being able to review someone's life is an amazing honor that uncovers opportunities for change and improvement," said Jennifer Skolaski, team facilitator. "The trust that partners bring to the table-holding each other accountable to the people who have lost their lives is unlike anything I have seen before."

The team identified major themes:

· Minors left behind due to overdose death lack support and access to vital services for children and families who experi-

- Most victims who died of an overdose had a history of mental health disorders and did not receive the treatment services needed.
- A strong recovery community is critical to reduce the reoccurrence of use and counteract the shame and stigma many people experience.
- · Touchpoints with prison or jail systems shortly before death were common. Increasing recovery services, peer support and transitional services would boost support upon release.
- Most victims died without Narcan and without anyone nearby.
- Many victims felt isolated and unsup-

The team is focusing on closing gaps in communication between systems to strengthen the continuum of care, identify children falling between gaps and connect them with care and a focus on preventive

"People are struggling and we, as a community, have to continue working to keep them alive," Skolaski said.

The report outlines ways to get involved: connecting to the We Heart You app, picking up free Narcan at the Winnebago County Public Health Department, connecting those in need to the Solutions Peer Response Team, and volunteering with Breakwater to help prevent and reduce youth substance use.

For more information on the OFR team and the full report, visit winnebagopublichealth.org or call 920-232-3000.



Grace Bible open house

Grace Bible Church will have an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 to celebrate the move into its new building at 145 W. 24th Ave. The church, which has been serving Oshkosh for more than 75 years, has been meeting at Valley Christian School since selling its last building. Grace Bible Church broadcasts Sunday morning service on Oshkosh Media Life TV.

Neenah group home for youth acquired by county

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted last week to purchase a group home for teenagers in Neenah from the Winnebago County Housing Author-

Silvercrest Group Home is a live-in residence for boys ages 12-17 at 1021 Green Acres Lane. Silvercrest partners with Winnebago County to help troubled youth who are exhibiting harmful behaviors. The boys are court ordered to stay at the home for six months to a year.

Teenage boys are referred to Silvercrest from Winnebago County. The facility is licensed to serve up to eight clients at a

Under state law the county is required to either have a group home or must be able to contract for that level of group home service. Silvercrest is already zoned and licensed for that purpose.

Winnebago County has been renting the group home from the housing authority since 1995 and recently learned it will be listed for sale, with the county offered the first opportunity to purchase.

The 4,348-square-foot building has eight beds, four bathrooms, a new full kitchen, finished basement with a rec room area and a three-car garage.

The cost is \$240,000; with an extra \$100,000 needed for repairs. Under the existing arrangement, Winnebago County is paying between \$36,000 and \$38,000 per year to rent it.

Director of Human Services Bill Topel wrote in a memo to the county board that building a new structure would likely cost three to four times as much as purchasing the existing property and the timeframe for building would be at least two years or

"Not having a program in our community removes youth from our area and there are very limited group home options throughout the state," he said.

According to the memo, it is expected to take 18 years for the financial payback on the property based on a projection of costs associated with equivalent rent and other maintenance compared to what the county had been paying in rent.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to approve spending a total of \$340,000 on the home, including repairs, funded by the general fund or borrowing. The county will continue contracting with the existing company that's operating it.

Topel said the existing lease is through the end of the year. Operations at the group home will be unchanged with the county taking over ownership of the property, although it may consider licensing the facility to be co-ed so that it could also provide shelter to girls.

Silvercrest Group Home will join a 16bed home for troubled youth in Oshkosh that the county board agreed to purchase for a total of \$1 million with repairs in November.



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Youth exhibitors bring the magic of agriculture to life at the Winnebago County Fair.

Winnebago County Fair setting stage at Sunnyview

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Fair returns to the Sunnyview Expo Center grounds Aug. 2 through Aug. 6 with a full slate of grandstand entertainment, midway rides and games, kids shows and a wide range of agricultural and youth exhibits.

Grandstand entertainment starts Wednesday with the T&C Rodeo and Wisconsin Freestyle Motocross featuring Cody Cavanaugh, and a fireworks show to finish the night. Thursday's grandstand hosts a county tractor pull with Farm and Hot Farm classes. NEW Motorsports and a Badger State Truck & Tractor Pull headline Friday's show. Saturday's grandstand holds the Demolition Derby presented by Hollywood Motorsports Entertainment.

The fair's Music Village lineup includes Model Citizens on Wednesday, Brady Lee on Thursday, Shotgun Jane and The Dweebs on Friday, and Mistakes Were Made, Crankin' Yankees and Fire on High for Saturday.

Family entertainment acts will be performing three times daily between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. with show hours listed at entertainment locations throughout the fair. Royal Legacy Circus, Pleasure Valley Farm, Nick's Kids Show, the Kids Celebra-

tion game show, catch-and-release trout fishing and Bear Hollow Wood Carvers are some of the offerings.

Special entertainment Friday includes the Claire Coats Memorial Horse Pull at 11 a.m. in the outdoor arena, a polka band from noon to 4 p.m. in the family tent and the Horizon Formal Dairy Show at 7 p.m.

Teacher Day is Aug. 3 for Winnebago County elementary teachers who can attend to learn about 4-H programs that can be offered in the classroom.

Exhibition barns open at 8 a.m. daily, gate charges begin at 9 a.m., the Expo Building also opens at 9 a.m., and family and kids entertainment begins by 11 a.m.

Daily tickets are \$12 in advance until Aug. 1 and \$15 at the gate, and include parking, grandstand shows, live bands, family entertainment, exhibits and barns, and unlimited carnival rides. Single tickets can be used for any one day of the fair.

A five-day pass, which includes Fair Association annual membership but does not include carnival rides, costs \$35.

Go to winnebagocountyfaironline.com for schedule and events details. Volunteers are still needed to help with the fair setup and cleanup that started this week and can sign up through the fair's Facebook page.

Defense gains equipment transport contract

Oshkosh Defense has received a \$57 million order from the U.S. Army Contracting Command's Detroit Arsenal to produce 116 enhanced heavy equipment transporter system (EHETS) trailers, the company announced last week. The order will be executed with support from subcontractor Broshuis B.V.

The EHETS trailer is designed to be pulled by the Oshkosh Heavy Equipment Transport (HET), allowing for transport of the heaviest tracked vehicles on European roadways.

"The ongoing conflict in Ukraine demonstrates the critical need for having rigorous logistics systems capable of delivering equipment and cargo across any terrain worldwide," said Pat Williams, chief programs officer at Oshkosh Defense. "Oshkosh and our partner Broshuis B.V. are honored to continue to provide this critical capability for the soldier."

Oshkosh was awarded the competitive five-year requirements contract in September.

Oshkosh Garden Club awards scholarships

The Oshkosh Garden Club recently presented their two scholarship recipients with awards of \$1,000 each.

Cielo Gutierrez Kuhaupt, attending Ripon College as a sophomore this fall, studies environmental science. This is her second year of receiving the scholarship.

A first-year recipient is Kyla Birschbach, a recent graduate of Oshkosh West High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and major in biology

Students receiving an initial reward, after



Birschbach

graduating from one of the four Oshkosh High Schools, may apply for three more years to receive additional funding.

Oshkosh Food Co-op marks two years

Oshkosh Herald

As the Oshkosh Food Co-op celebrates two years in operation, organizers of the region's first community-owned grocery store say they have been taking steps to create a stronger local food economy, promoting health and building community.

"We know that co-op shoppers pumped more than \$261,015.24 into the local food economy in 2022 alone," said JD Gildemeister, general manager. "And, based on research conducted by other co-ops, we know those dollars tend to stay in the community longer, multiplying the impact even further."

Built in an underserved area in central Oshkosh, the co-op sources 20% of its goods locally. Several suppliers have opened or are in the process of opening their own stores and credit the co-op with helping make that possible through brand

exposure.

"Working with the Oshkosh Food Coop has given me a steady presence in the community – our community – which I otherwise couldn't have had while working out of a shared kitchen in Appleton," said Jules Kupsky, owner of Sweet Jules Bakes, which opened a storefront on Church Avenue earlier this year. "I can't tell you how many people have come up to me at markets to tell me they've had Sweet Jules stuff from the co-op."

The co-op estimated that on average more than 1,100 shoppers visit the store each week. More than 100 shoppers have enrolled in the co-op's Food for All program, which offers a 20% discount on purchases except alcohol.

The co-op marked its birthday by hosting community events last weekend highlighting local suppliers.

County on new communications platform

Winnebago County has adopted the FirstNet high-speed broadband communications platform for services and public safety needs.

All county departments have adopted FirstNet by AT&T, including the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, which highlighted the public safety aspect of the platform last week in a press conference.

"The high level of availability provided by FirstNet allows our deputies to stay connected whenever needed across the county," said Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz. "Whether we are deployed for events like the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, responding to emergencies, or working through winter storms, FirstNet allows us to have the priority and, for first responders, preemption, that keeps our deputies and communities safer."

County first responders will have access to FirstNet's public safety ecosystem, tools and capabilities, and secure network built for public safety.

Oshkosh honor roll

Ivan Abramovich, a senior who graduated from Oshkosh West High School, received highest honors for the spring semester. His name was inadvertently left off the honor rolls released by the school



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Man charged with years-long sexual assault of child

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man is facing charges of sexual assault of a child in Winnebago County with allegations dating back more than 15 years.

Jackie A. Parish, 59, has been charged with repeated sexual assault of a child (at least three violations of first- or second-degree sexual assault) and one count of child enticement. If convicted on both counts, he faces a maximum of 40 years in prison followed by up to 25 years of extended supervision.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood said in court last week that these were significant allegations that gave him serious concern for potential danger to the public.

District Attorney Eric Sparr recommended a cash bond be set at \$500,000 due to the seriousness of the allegations.



Parish was in custody during the initial appearance and represented by attorney Ryan Van Ells, who asked for a significantly lower cash bond than Sparr due to Parish's ties to the community, living in the area for 20 years, and no prior

convictions in Winnebago County of similar charges.

Heywood set the cash bond at \$400,000. Parish must also maintain absolute sobriety, no possession of dangerous weapons, no contact with any of the victims and no unsupervised contact with minors.

According to the criminal complaint, the victim's father knew Parish and asked him to check in on the child. The victim said the assaults began sometime in 2002-03 when 9 or 10 years old.

In Wisconsin there is no statute of limitations on first-degree sexual assault of a

When the victim was in seventh grade, Parish started giving pills, alcohol and cigarettes. He would allegedly provide drugs and alcohol then watch pornography that led to sexual acts. Parish allegedly began providing money for sexual acts when the victim was 13 or 14 years old.

The complaint alleges on one occasion the victim and two friends were at Parish's home, where they were provided with alcohol and drugs while the children were filmed performing sexual acts while Parish was naked.

The victim came to police with these allegations last August, and one of the friends spoke to law enforcement about Parish in late 2022 alleging being sexually assaulted by him between 2006-2009.

The complaint includes similar allegations in 2008 and 2011. In 2008 the count of exposing a child to harmful material was dropped and Parish pleaded no contest to possession of drug paraphernalia.

In 2011, Parish was charged with exposing a child to harmful materials after sending pornographic images to a juvenile. He was found not competent, but likely to regain competency. He was later found competent and convicted of felony bail jumping and placed on probation.

In court last week, Van Ells raised the issue of competency and Heywood ordered a competency hearing. Online court records show the hearing has yet to be scheduled.

Public input sought on county parks planning

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The Winnebago County Parks Department is seeking public input on outdoor recreation planning as part of its update to its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

The CORP is a blueprint for future recreation planning within the county and provides eligibility for participation in federal and state grant programs. The online survey - found at winnebagocountywi.gov/ parks - and public meetings will gather information from current and potential park and open space users to share their ideas.

"Public engagement is a vital component to the creation of the plan's objectives and goals," said Adam Breest, county director of parks and expo. "The responses will help the County understand how the public uses our parks and recreational facilities, along with potential opportunities for the future."

The first public meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the J.P. Coughlin Center in Osh-

All parks, natural areas, trails and boat landings managed by the Parks Department are evaluated for overall variety, accessibility, safety and programming to provide recommendations for each space. The Winnebago County Parks Department produces a CORP every five years, which helps it remain eligible for much-needed grant funding.

"There are millions of dollars in grants available and our CORP helps us tap into those resources," Breest said. "Funds distributed through state and federal grants are vital to the parks system."

The Parks Department oversees the management and maintenance of about 1,000 acres, which includes the Sunnyview Expo Center, Winnebago County Community Park, Asylum Point Park and Lighthouse, seven boat landings, six nature preserves, two dog parks, and nearly 30 miles of trail on the Wiouwash and Mascoutin Valley State recreation trails.

Museum cited for Farnsworth Mears exhibit

The Oshkosh Public Museum's 2022 exhibition "Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin" has been awarded the Statewide Exhibit Award from the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) Board of Curators.

The award recognizes historical exhibits on Wisconsin themes and is given to exhibits that contributed most to public understanding of Wisconsin's past during the preceding calendar year.

"The OPM developed an exceptionally rong exhibition that brought fresh attention to a critical artist in Wisconsin history - Helen Farnsworth. Utilizing a new archival collection, the OPM's exhibit provided significant new scholarship on her life and career," stated the Board of Curators.

"I'm proud we could illuminate new

parts of Helen's story own through our research and interpretation of her work; because of these new sources, we can better understand the humanity and emotion in her work," said museum director Sarah

Curator of exhibitions Emily Rock added, "This exhibition was a team effort, bringing together design, archives and collections."

The temporary exhibit commemorated the 150th birthday of the noted Oshkosh sculptor. New facts about Mears' life were uncovered after the acquisition of an archival collection once belonging to Mary Mears, Helen's sister. The exhibit featured her art from the permanent collection and archives of the OPM, as well as featuring works from other Wisconsin museums.

Business news roundup

Shore View Lanes bowling alley has announced it is closing after the facility was sold and being repurposed at 1823 Grove St. Those with bowling equipment at the lanes are asked to contact Norm or Megan Schott at shoreviewoshkosh@gmail.com to arrange for pickup within the next two weeks.

Fox World Travel announced Sara Clausen as the new sales director for its meetings and incentives division. In her new role, Clausen will assume responsibility for innovating and improving current revenue streams as well as spearheading strategic initiatives. With 12 years in the industry, Clausen has held key roles, including positions in sales, account management and operations.

Omni Glass & Paint LLC is expanding its services and executive leadership team. Ed Crum, former vice president of operations, will step into the role of president. David Miller, who has been the president and CEO for the past 20 years, will continue in his role as CEO. Crum has been with Omni since 2021.



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Twirling, parade teams headed to world meet

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Julie's Touch of Silver national champion twirling and parade majorette corps teams put on a show for Oshkosh last Wednesday before they take their talents to England for the world championships Aug. 4-13 in Liverpool.

Directed by Julie Seckar-Anderson, the group will be one of several U.S. teams competing in different divisions and cat-



Seckar-Anderson

egories for the first International Baton Twirling Federation (IBTF) World Baton Twirling Championship, Nations Cup and Majorettes World Championship.

Baton twirling categories include solo, two-baton, three-baton, artistic twirl,

X-strut, duet, artistic pair, artistic team, twirl team, twirling corps and artistic group. The majorette disciplines are traditional majorettes corps, exhibition majorette corps, parade corps and show-twirl accessories corps.

Lori Renning, whose 13-year-old daughter Addison is the youngest member, said the hard work put in by performers and support of their families has paid off with this showcase opportunity.

"I enjoy the level of respect and ethics that my daughter must learn in order to stay focused and perform at the level necessary and needed to be on an award-winning team such as Julie's Touch of Silver," Renning said. "Our entire family is going; it takes the full support of everyone in



Photo by Michael Cooney

Julie's Touch of Silver members put on a show for the community last Wednesday at Oshkosh North High School ahead of their trip to England.

your family."

She said getting her daughter to daily practices is worth the time and effort.

"The best thing about it is she loves it. She wants to do it more; there's not enough hours in the day for her," Renning said. "Addison putting in the work at the studio actually comes through everything else in her life. She studies hard without me having to tell her. If she wants something she puts in the effort because she knows she needs to put in the work."

The dance studio opened by Seckar-An-

derson in 1982 has brought home several baton twirling, dance, dance-twirl team and corps championship titles on the local, regional, national and world levels. The Senior Corps represented Team USA at the NBTA World Championships in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018.



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Family's Bethany church leadership history tracked



Photo by Michael Cooney

The Rev. Deborah Bartelt shows Greg Widmer church documents related to his ancestor's leadership of the congregation in the mid-19th century.

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The moment Greg Widmer first saw his ancestor's handwriting after the Rev. Deborah L. Bartelt at Bethany United Church of Christ presented him with church history materials was a moving experience for the former Oshkosh man.

In a July 6 meeting with Bartelt, Widmer was shown his fourth-great-grand-father's German handwriting in the New Elm church record book that the pastor had recovered from its archives. They had been in the possession of a church member in Arizona and returned to Wisconsin.

The Rev. Felix Widmer came to this area from Switzerland and started in 1855 as the pastor at New Elm church in Black Wolf for 16 years.

"For many people, family history is about names and dates. For me family

history is a spiritual experience," Widmer said in an email. "It's spiritual in that it creates a deep connection with my past, present and future. My understanding of spirituality is that it's about connection, connection with yourself, connection with others, and connection with the world around you."

Widmer is an integrative health chaplain for VA Portland Health Care System in Vancouver, Wash., a clinical chaplain through the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains and an endorsed interfaith member of the Federation of Christian Ministries. He is also a two-tour Iraq War veteran from 2006-2007 and 2009-2010 with the National Guard.

Widmer said he has been writing a family history for nine years and this will be the final chapter of the book.

'Planet Purrrk' ready to serve friends and felines

Oshkosh Herald

A collaboration between the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and Planet Perk Coffee Houses has created a 3,000-square-foot co-working space and student study hall that features on-site cats looking for a permanent home.

The "Planet Purrrk" Club officially opens Thursday with private offices, two conference rooms and a cat lounge that will also serve as a large community room next to Planet Perk's City Center location.

Anywhere from nine to 15 on-site adoptable cats from the Humane Society will be available for "kitty visits" in the Cat Lounge through hourly and daily passes using policies, procedures and best practices of the Humane Society, whose staff got a preview of the facilities Saturday.

"This will truly raise the visibility of the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and increase cat adoptions, while pro-

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viding a calming and productive office experience for our Planet Purrrk Club members," said Planet Perk owner Ken Osmond said when announcing the new enterprise in May.

Club members will have access to the private offices, conference rooms, printer, copier, fax and other office amenities. College and high school students can use the Cat Lounge as a study hall from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The workspaces are separate with their own entrances, air handling systems and restrooms. While no food or beverages will be prepared in the club, guests can take beverages into the space and cafe operations will not change.

Evening programming will include game nights, book clubs, kitty yoga classes and other events from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Private group bookings are also available.



Planet Perk photo

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ARPA funds

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received other ARPA funding on different levels, were required to identify the ARPA projects the county-controlled funds would be used for. They need to provide a narrative on how the projects follow the framework identified by the ARPA commission, ensure projects are completed within the county boundaries, provide documentation that local and federal procurement procedures are followed, document Spirit Fund reporting and auditing requirements, sign an agreement ensuring equal treatment and spend the allocation by Dec. 31, 2024.

Doemel is now backtracking on the County Board-approved resolution to send the money to the towns and municipalities, instead saying each entity will be reimbursed after spending the money.

District 1 Supervisor Rachael Dowling told Doemel at last week's meeting that she received a call from Menasha Mayor Don Merkes who said the ARPA allocations were now described as a "refund check."

"I don't remember voting on that in that specific language," Dowling said. "It was just supposed to be a check written out, and unfortunately last month it was deemed an accounting error, so I'm just curious to know."

Doemel said reimbursements are the easiest way to ensure the municipalities are "doing the right thing" with the money.

"It's harder to hold them accountable if we just give them \$145,000 and trust them to do it and then maybe get the receipts later," he said, adding that he needs to make sure there's a process for the fi-

nance department and director of administration to track the money.

"It's going to be really hard to dole it out and then make sure that our reporting on the back end and our audits line up," he said.

District 5 Supervisor Kay Horan said many of the towns were expecting the \$145,000 but have no idea if or when that money is going to arrive.

Doemel said there's too much of a workload and he needs more staff. Shortly after securing the county executive position in 2021, he hired Republican lobbyist Ethan Hollenberger as his chief of staff without prior approval, a position that didn't exist prior to his tenure.

This year, Doemel has repeatedly tried to bring forward a new innovation analyst. The board voted not to add that position, which would have cost \$65,500 this year and an additional \$365,000 in labor costs for 2024-26.

Horan said the ARPA spending process is confusing people.

"What it feels like to me is, we're playing telephone and the further down the stream it goes, the more confused it becomes and by the time the last person hears it, it's not at all what it was at the beginning," she said.

Director of administration Mike Collard said the finance department is aware that the approved resolution was not for a reimbursement "but that's how they – at least in the present time – drew up the draft of the agreement because without seeing the receipts, they're not sure they'll have the paper, the accounting backup, to show the proper entry to demonstrate to the auditor that this money was used in accordance with the directives of the board."

District 28 Supervisor Nate Gustafson

questioned whether the purpose of the previous resolution to designate the ARPA dollars as lost revenue and then move it to a newly created special revenue fund to be used for projects "in the spirit of ARPA" was to circumvent some auditing requirements.

At the time the Spirit Fund was approved in March, director of finance Paul Kaiser told the board the purpose of the change was so the county would no longer have to go through the strict regulations to have projects done under the ARPA framework.

At last week's meeting, Collard said that resolution wasn't to avoid ARPA requirements but was in relation to the reporting requirements to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Gustafson said the process is getting messy and there needs to be better communication to the municipalities about what's going on with the money they were promised, "instead of us having to come here, month after month, asking where we're at with it."

Board chair Thomas Egan said it's difficult for municipalities to spend money with the expectation of reimbursement

when the county has repeatedly put off awarding the money.

Doemel said the county board approves policies and appropriates money but his position is responsible for the oversight of county operations.

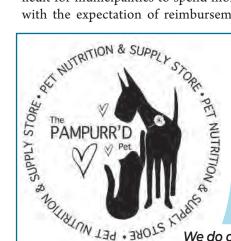
"What my team needs to pull this off is what I'm trying to do," he said.

Doemel confirmed that towns and municipalities can send their bills and invoices to the county to be paid off using the \$145,000 ARPA dollars they were promised if the other conditions are met.

District 12 Supervisor Maribeth Gabert said the Town of Oshkosh was expecting a check and they're "pretty disgusted" that they have to pre-spend the money because the town doesn't have an extra \$145,000 to spend.

"This is becoming a joke," she said. "So, I get the auditor part, but it's almost like you think these towns and other municipalities don't know what they're doing. If there's all these rules that have come into play now, how come these rules weren't presented to us when we voted on it? We really don't think that we're ever going to see that money."

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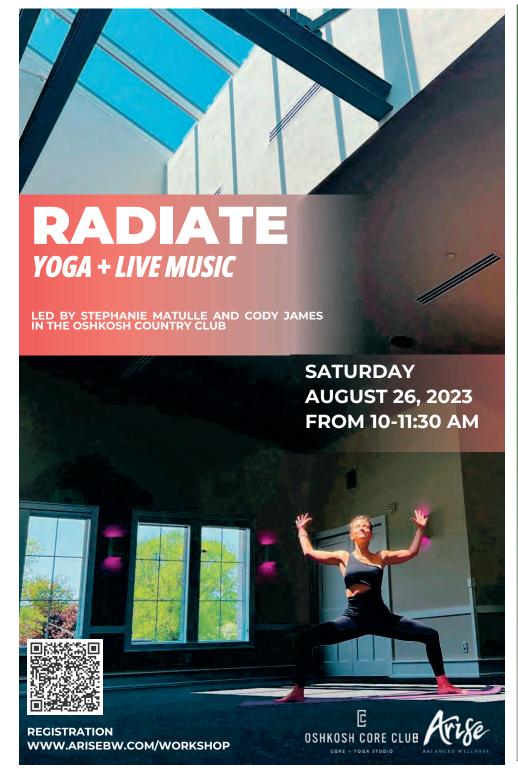
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Corn, soybeans suffer without some quick relief

Arid conditions expected to persist statewide

By Bennet Goldstein Wisconsin Watch

A dusty Nick Stanek stepped off his tractor after an evening of round baling

Conditions in La Farge, Wis., are currently great for the crop, but not much else. The weather has been so dry, the grass crunches beneath Stanek's feet.

Members of a three-generation farm family, he and his brother also grow corn and soybeans across 400 acres.

But the weather isn't cooperating like the siblings do.

A recent rain shower coaxed some of the soybeans to germinate, but it wasn't enough; many have struggled to emerge from the "bone dry" ground.

"Of course, if we don't get any rain, our crop will be a complete loss," Stanek said.

Farmers are struggling all across the Corn Belt. Drought expanded rapidly throughout the Midwest in June — doubling within the first week after significantly less rainfall than normal. Forecasters say the region is not likely to get relief anytime soon.

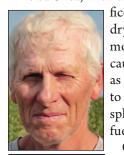
Through September, arid conditions are expected to persist or even expand in eastern Iowa and Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin.

More than 80% of corn and soybean crops in Illinois and Iowa — together they produce more than a quarter of the nation's total — face drought conditions. Farmers are gritting their teeth as their

crops dry up and deteriorate.

"Although it's probably too early to declare massive losses in crops just yet, that potential is certainly there unless we get some decent rainfall," said Mark Fuchs, a hydrologist at the St. Louis National Weather Service forecast office.

"It's not a jaw-busting outlook," he said. Todd Shea, with the NWS forecast of-



Stanek

fice in La Crosse, said dry weather can beget more dry weather "because you don't have as much water around to add to the atmosphere which can help fuel thunderstorms."

Circumstances in Missouri are among the worst in the Mid-

west, with nearly 16% of the state under extreme drought.

"We've heard a lot from farmers and ranchers, especially ranchers who are having to sell off cattle before they wanted to because they don't have enough food, hay, grass — things cattle usually feed off of — to sustain their herds," Fuchs said.

But Stan Nelson is holding onto opti-

The southeast Iowa native farms just 12 miles west of the Mississippi River near Burlington and serves as the first vice president on the Iowa Corn Promotion Board.

In his 40-plus-year career, this drought is one of the earliest he recalls. Nelson sees nearby producers irrigating their fields a month earlier than they typically do. And the variety of corn he plants

is currently 10 to 20 inches shorter than it should be at this point in the growing season.

"Our crop is being hurt," he said. "I just don't know how much."

But new varieties of row crops can compensate for a lack of water, Nelson said.

"I'm not panicked yet."

Conditions are not yet so dire as those experienced in late 2022 when persistent drought disrupted Mississippi River barge traffic and drew salt water from the Gulf of Mexico upstream, threatening New Orleans' drinking water supply. But other impacts are evident.

U.S. Geological Survey water gauges have measured below-normal streamflow throughout the upper Mississippi River basin compared to this time last year, including all-time lows at St. Cloud, Minnesota, on the Mississippi River, and in Valley City, Illinois, along the Illinois

Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard has begun issuing safety advisories for barge

Low water has impacted the size and capacity of barge loads, driving up costs, according to Deb Calhoun, senior vice president of Waterways Council Inc., a national lobbying group.

"But many in the industry believe there is the capacity to compensate for the inefficiencies in the near term," she said in an email.

Dredging within the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., an occasional bottleneck for Mississippi River barge traffic, is expected to help.

It's not possible to specifically attribute

the current drought to climate change, scientists said, but it falls within a pattern of more extreme weather events.

Models project that in coming years both precipitation and precipitation variability will intensify in some Midwestern

The region overall could get wetter at longer timescales, according to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign researchers, with more intense monthto-month fluctuations, leading to increasingly frequent flooding or periods of

A world of extremes leaves open the possibility of a meteorological rebound. And forecasters already predict some improvement this summer in parts of Minnesota along with the western halves of Iowa and Missouri.

"Hope is not lost because we could certainly regain rainfall back to normal, or potentially even surplus," said Steve Vavrus, interim Wisconsin state climatologist.

If the worst comes to pass in Wisconsin, though, Stanek hopes to "ride it out" and make do with the money he earns from hay and repairing antique tractors, trucks and cars. He doesn't have crop in-

"It'll be nip and tuck," he said.

He must pay a monthly \$2,000 mortgage on several properties he owns, and his savings will only last until October.

But, "soybeans are very tough," Stanek said. "They can sit in the ground for a couple of months and still sprout."

Tough, just like him.

Tegan Wendland contributed to this story.





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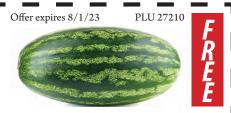
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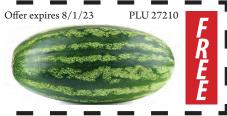


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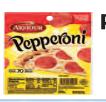
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Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

Wednesday, July 26

AirVenture 2023, EAA grounds at Wittman Regional Airport

Music on Main with Pegasis, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

AirVenture 2023, EAA grounds at Wittman Regional Airport

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

AirVenture 2023, EAA grounds at Wittman Regional Airport

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

American Red Cross and Men of Nursing Club of UW Oshkosh blood drive, 4 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union at UW Oshkosh

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

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

Saturday, July 29

AirVenture 2023, EAA grounds at Wittman Regional Airport

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

Drowsy Maggies, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Sunday, July 30

AirVenture 2023, EAA grounds at Wittman Regional Airport

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.

Oshkosh Main Street Music Fest, North Main Street locations

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

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Taylor J, 6 p.m., The Hangar, 1485 W. 20th Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Grounds

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

Music on Main with Stuck on Blue, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, Aug. 3

Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Grounds

Waterfest: The Revivalists, Band of Horses, The Heavy Heavy, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Friday, Aug. 4

Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Grounds

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 5

Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Grounds

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Bent Woods Neighborhood Association rummage sale, 8 a.m., various locations

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

"Escape from New York," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 6

Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Grounds

Stuck on Blue, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Train and Better Than Ezra, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Mandy Mae, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Darrell Hase, 6 p.m., The Hangar, 1485 W. 20th Ave.



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Reggae flavor

Ziggy Marley (center) performs with his band Thursday night at Waterfest, one of four nationally known acts to take the Leach Amphitheater stage. Other groups performing were Robert Randolph Band, Mavis Staples and Trombone Shorty & Orleans Street. Waterfest takes a break this week before returning Aug. 3 with The Revivalists, Band of Horses and The Heavy Heavy.

Urban ecology ideas get public airing

A listening session on the possibility of creating an urban ecology center on the grounds of Washington Elementary School when it closes after the next school year is being hosted by the Stevens Park Neighborhood Association at 6 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran church, 370 Bowen St.

Participants will hear from Oshkosh Area School District and city officials about the site, along with neighborhood residents, about what they would like to see happen at the location.

Organizers behind Urban Ecology Oshkosh have put together a brief vision statement about a licensed Urban Ecology Center and are looking for organizations that may be interested in partnering on the idea as it develops.







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Astronomers playing Mile of Music for second straight year

By Chase Millam Oshkosh Herald

Childhood friends Ben Baker and Michael Strensland have been making noise in the music industry with their infectious style and blend of genres performing as The Astronomers.

They met at a Fond du Lac middle school and both graduated from UW Oshkosh, creating a makeshift recording studio in their residence hall room while attending.

"We weren't your typical college kids; we had a lot of people that would always ask us to go out on the weekends and go to parties. We would stay in and work on music most of the time," Strensland said. "We bunked our beds and created a studio on the other side of the room. It was very unorthodox for a college student but that was what I think set us apart. We never stopped working.

The band considers Mile of Music in Appleton to be one of the coolest things they have done and are back on the schedule this year.

"To be able to play Mile of Music again is something we've been looking forward to now for a long time," Strensland said. "It is probably the best local up-and-coming artist event that Wisconsin has to offer, and just the fact that we're invited back and we get to play for all the friends, family and fans is going to be awesome."

The Astronomers performed at UW Oshkosh's annual Bye Gosh Fest in 2022, opening for Bryce Vine.

"That was one of our bigger shows and we kind of forgot about how big that stage was and how many people were there. It's really great." Baker said. "(Musician) Sammy Rash flew out from L.A. and funny enough that was his first time ever performing and now he's doing his own tours; he opened for Fitz and the Tantrums."





Childhood friends and UW Oshkosh graduates Ben Baker (left) and Michael Strensland have found success as the Astronomers.

"That was cool because that's where you on it makes it so much better." we went to school." Strensland said. "And

The group has been playing around the country and is just getting back from a West Coast tour. Baker said the shows outside of Wisconsin are different in terms of turnout.

"It's slow and steady but we're reaching fans out there and meeting them," he said. "We're meeting more fans that we would never have the opportunity to meet, versus if we play in Wisconsin we know a ton of people are going to pull up. We see a lot of familiar faces, which is great, but it's really fun for us to kind of branch out and meet more people outside of Wisconsin."

Even when enrolled in school they had to work with a full-time job mentality.

"We are fortunate enough to call this our full-time job; we work every single day," Strensland said. "We treat it like a full-time job because if we want to get to where we want to be we have to work at it every day."

Baker said the goal of The Astronomers is to have fun with it.

"We started The Astronomers because we love music," he said. "As long as you're having fun and always working at music you're going to have a ton of options to pick from in terms of songs that may do

The band has released three singles this year, including "Orange Afternoon" and "Talk About It." Both have a more acoustic-focused vibe than previous releases. Baker and Strensland said that was not necessarily the intent.

"'Orange Afternoon' we made basically

in two days – like it was so spontaneous," Baker said. "We're just going to continue to put out what sounds cool to us. We're not really sticking to genres or anything."

"I think what's cool about our name is when you think of The Astronomers you think of space and just how many unknowns there are," Stresland said. "We feel like we want that in our music where it's like anyone can find something in our music that they like; it's not just one sound the entire discography."

Stresland said they've seen success from releasing singles but are thinking about another album.

"Recently we've been talking about piling up all the recent projects and making the next album," Stresland said. "I think the overall goal with these songs is to compile it into an album probably by early

Baker said in the meantime they are working on living in the moment.

We're always thinking about all the other things for the future that's coming on." he said. "We try to work on that, being more present, accepting and being happy with the stuff that's going on."

They will play Mile of Music sets Aug. 3, 4 and 5 but also can be found on tour.

"We have a new single coming out on July 28. I can't say the name because it's not appropriate for the paper." Stresland said. "We're going on our fall tour in September called the Looking Forward tour. We're hitting 16 shows in three weeks so that's going to be great."







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as far as just overall vibe of music we felt it

was such a great fit and such a good time."

The band is close to reaching 1 million

monthly listeners on Spotify, currently

sitting at 845,432. Once they get there

Strensland says they will celebrate with

"Another big thing I don't think we say

enough is just how supportive our friends

and family are so any chance we get to

get together with them we take," he said.

'They're just as excited about it as we are. A

lot of people say you should do it for your-

self, which I think you should, but if you

the people important to them.



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Band of Horses brings its national tour to Waterfest

By Chase Millam OSHKOSH HERALD

Band of Horses lead singer Ben Bridwell, whose group will be co-headlining Waterfest on Aug. 3, has found himself growing along with their fan base over the years.

Formed in 2004, Band of Horses is currently based in Charleston, S.C. The band experienced success in 2006 with the release of their first record "Everything All The Time." The album was certified gold in the United States, Denmark and Norway.

The band's third record "Infinite Arms" was Grammy nominated in the best alternative album category. They were set to go on tour starting last week through Oct. 21.

"I think the coolest thing about us now is that Taylor Swift wrote our lyrics on her arm like 10 years ago," said lead singer and founding member Ben Bridwell. "We've been around long enough that a lot of our fans had babies and now those babies want to enjoy our shows for themselves, or maybe can grow with us in this strange life."

The band's latest album "Things Are Great" was released in March 2022.

"This record found me at maybe the most difficult time in my life so far," Bridwell said. "I definitely welcomed the healing during this time but it was hard to come by. Thank goodness the healing does come back around and now things are truly ... great."

The release has been met with positive reception from both critics and fans, scoring a 78/100 on Metacritic and four out of five stars on AllMusic.



Photo by Taylor Fickes

Band of Horses co-headlines Waterfest on Aug. 3 along with The Revivalists.

"I'm probably not the best gauge of this kinda stuff cause I tend to look away from the reception or optics; I love the album though," he said. "It speaks some hard truths that I normally try to hide from. I'm proud of that and of all my friends getting it done so accurately."

Bridwell said the creative process seems to be changing as he gets older.

"Right now, it's in a dormant stage waiting to spring up again. I'm not as afraid of inspiration leaving me like I was as a younger person," he said. "I know I can do

it. I know it's there waiting for me to stop and stay awhile. My life as a parent has been a big focus lately."

Despite being active for nearly 20 years, Bridwell is still amazed at everything going on.

"It's still as unlikely as it was in the beginning that this is really possible," he said. "To have this beautiful outlet to share joy and frustration and the human experience. It's still bananas to me that we get to do this."

Bridwell is familiar with the Midwest,

having lived in Minnesota for a bit.

"I feel like I understand both Minnesota and Wisconsin better than one might think," he said. "We've played so many great shows in your fine state."

Band of Horses is co-headlining with The Revivalists at the Leach Amphitheater, with the Heavy Heavy as opening group.

"I just hope y'all have fun with us," Bridwell said. "Folks spend their money and deserve a good time, maybe a release from their realities. We're glad as crap to help."









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Racing plane

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biplanes – and built another. Casper has worked flight line operations at AirVenture since 1975 and was in early management of Pioneer Airport.

Their chapter obtained about half of the original parts – wings, cowl and many smaller pieces – from EAA storage to rebuild the original model formed from Chief Oshkosh.

"We want it to look exactly like the original Buster," Butler said. "We have all the original fabric for it on the wings that were on it when the wings came off."

Some of that grade A cotton fabric used to cover early-era planes will be displayed with Buster when it eventually goes public in the EAA Museum.

"Steve Wittman, Oshkosh and EAA are closely intertwined when it comes to sport aviation history," said EAA director of communications Dick Knapinski, "so to see another aircraft connected to Wittman being restored by EAA Chapter 252 members here in Oshkosh seems to be a perfect fit."

Wittman raced Chief Oshkosh to success through much of the 1930s, including a speed record for its class at 238 mph. After it took significant crash damage in



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The frame and wings of Steve Wittman's original Buster, built in 1946 using parts from his 1930s Chief Oshkosh racing plane, is on schedule to be covered and completed by next year.

1938, Wittman deposited it into his hangar while he continued to run his pilot training business that included military

fliers serving in World War II.

When business started dropping off as the war neared its end, Brennand encouraged Wittman to build a recreational racing and aerobatics plane.

Casper said Wittman cut up the wreckage of the Chief, put in a Lycoming O-145 four-cylinder engine in 1945, did some air shows and aerobatics into 1946 and took interest in Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. sponsoring a new air racing class it proposed to run in 1947.

"Steve looked at that and thought that could be rebuilt and fit the Goodyear class," Casper said, which besides the new engine involved drastic shortening of the wings to boost speed.

When completely rebuilt, it was rechristened Buster and was soon joined by a second Goodyear class racer called Little Bonzo, both names taken from two comic strip characters in the 1930s.

A lighter Continental Motors C-85 engine developed in the 1940s replaced the Chief's much heavier American Cirrus to help make the successful conversion to a racer that could approach 200 mph.

"That first race in '47 was supposed to

be a wipeout with the Lockheed people," Casper said, noting that their company's Skunk Works development teams built three P-38 racing planes for the Goodyear class competition with expectations of easy victories over the homebuilts.

Starting with the first race, "Bill Brennand ran off and left them," Casper said, winning easily and continuing its success along with Little Bonzo that added to the pair's winning ways starting in 1948.

Butler and Casper, who with other Chapter 252 members restored Wittman's 1934-era Bonzo for the EAA museum's opening in 1982, said Brennand's legacy as Wittman's pilot and partner helped motivate the Buster project.

"We were working with Bill, talking about this and basically, Mike and I made a promise to Bill that this would be done," Casper said.

Restoration planning started more than a decade ago, with eventual agreement from EAA officials to make available the wings and other parts being stored in Milwaukee that Dave Broadfoot used in follow-up work on the Smithsonian-based Buster in the 1980s. With their arrival in 2015, things could get started but not without the usual challenges of antique restoration and very little on paper.

Besides knowing the overall length of 13 feet, Butler said there was almost nothing on paper to work with, just pictures and sketches of the rudder, elevator and stabilizer from which to reverse-engineer the frame dimensions.

Broadfoot's work on Buster included mapping out what the fuselage frame looked like, something Butler needed to get the project moving.

"Without that we wouldn't have had a hope because Steve didn't do a drawing and figure things out. He just drew them out on the floor of the hangar," Casper said, marked off with chalk using an old yardstick.

"He just went along and hooked it up, cut it up, shaped it, welded it, and that's it. Once the marks are gone on the floor ... there is no record of what the thing looked like."

When new synthetic fabric gets stretched and ironed over its completed frame, Buster is expected to be ready for display sometime next year. Butler and Casper hope it finds space to hang in the EAA Museum's racing gallery.



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Steve Wittman and Bill Brennand work on their racing plane in this undated photo.







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

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



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Buster pilot Bill Brennand is shown with the plane in 1947.



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Proposal to help communities access federal grants denied

By Bennet Goldstein WISCONSIN WATCH

Wisconsin's small communities could obtain slices of the billions of federal dollars allocated for infrastructure and renewable energy projects, such as upgrading drinking water systems or purchasing electric buses.

But the Republican-controlled Legislature has rejected a recent proposal to help staff-strapped towns and villages circumvent the greatest barriers for bringing home such funds: the federal government's time-consuming application and record-keeping requirements.

In his two-year budget proposal, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers pitched the creation of a five-person resource team to help local governments identify and apply for federal and state grants.

'This is a small amount of state money that can help local units of government access large amounts of federal funds," Milwaukee Rep. Evan Goyke, the ranking Democrat on the state's budget-writing committee, said during a June hearing. "And what those federal funds can do locally can be transformational, but those locals have to know the opportunity is there and they have to have the technical assistance."

However, the GOP-controlled Joint Committee on Finance rejected the \$960,000 measure along party lines before sending the budget to the full Legislature.

Evers signed the budget July 5, vetoing 51 items from the \$99 billion plan mostly authored by Republicans, including scaling back a major income tax cut and extending school funding increases for more than 400 years. But because the state grant team under his original proposal would have created new positions, Evers could not write them back into the budget with his veto pen.

Wisconsin cities and villages, where the median population is about 1,500, often lack the staff capacity to track, apply for and manage grants.

"Wisconsin is a state of small towns. We need to recognize the limitations," said Jerry Deschane, executive director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. "They simply don't have a bunch of bodies sitting around waiting to do federal paperwork."

In southwest Wisconsin, the village of Cassville, population 777, contracts with a local engineering firm for grant administration.

Keevin Williams, who retired as village president earlier this year after 27 years in public service, said grant applications and recordkeeping would be significantly harder to handle without outside assistance. A state team could be of great use to communities lacking that resource, he

But even for small municipalities that employ staff with expertise, federal programs aren't always relevant to their

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Wisconsin state Rep. Evan Goyke, D-Milwaukee, speaks during a meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance on June 8. Goyke supported a proposal to spend about \$960,000 over two years to create a five-person resource team to help local governments identify and apply for federal and state grants.

needs.

"Much of the funding at the federal level tends to be for projects that we just don't have," said David Carlson, administrator of Lancaster, a city of 3,907.

He pointed to a recently announced program that seeks to increase connectivity in rural areas, funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which allocated \$550 billion dollars in new spending for water, transportation, energy and broadband internet projects. The rural connectivity program requires proposals to have a regional impact, according to grant cri-

"Let's face it, most small communities don't have transportation projects that have regional impacts," Carlson said.

Environmental lobbyists who backed the grant resource team found most lawmakers actually supported the proposal and observed a need for it within their own communities. But a majority on the Joint Committee on Finance nonetheless opposed creating additional government staff positions.

"It's the very communities this was most supposed to help that are going to be most hurt by this rather political decision," said Jennifer Giegerich, government affairs director with Wisco Conservation Voters.

Committee co-chairs Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green, and Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, did not respond to requests for comment.

Ultimately, the communities and states that aggressively invest in staff capacity will be the ones that reap the federal funding, Giegerich said.

"My hope is that in the next year, there's just gonna be so many opportunities coming down and so many communities in Wisconsin who are not able to take advantage of them, that legislators

will see the error of their ways and hopefully include this in our next budget."

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Make the time for annual wellness visit with your doctor

ThedaCare Communications

Maybe you've had it on the "to do" list to schedule an annual wellness visit with a primary care provider (PCP). Maybe you're new to the area, and the list includes a note to find a new PCP. Now is

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"I get to help patients at different life stages, and my aim is to empower patients with information to make the best decisions for their health," said Mathes, a family medicine physician.

"Finding a PCP who you feel comfortable with, and who is familiar with your health issues, is important," Mathes said. "You're more likely to make and keep appointments when you have a connection with your provider, and to continue an ongoing relationship that can be a valuable resource."

During a wellness visit, the PCP will talk about a person's health, family history and habits; measure blood pressure, height and weight; and ask about any health concerns. They will suggest and help schedule needed screenings for health issues such as certain types of cancers.

A PCP also will talk about getting or updating vaccines, some of which should be done on an annual basis, such as the influenza shot. Some of the potential vaccines:

- Pneumonia, with vaccination generally recommended for adults age 65 and older, as pneumonia can be life-threatening if fluid fills the air sacs in the lungs.
- · Shingles, with vaccination recommended for adults over age 50, to prevent the painful- blistering rash caused by reactivation of the virus that causes chicken
 - Tetanus, prevented with the Tdap

vaccine, which also protects against diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Tetanus is caused by a bacterial infection usually resulting from a cut or other wound. The Tdap vaccine is a good idea for new parents or grandparents to prevent passing pertussis to a newborn.

• COVID-19, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone over age 6 months should be vaccinated against COVID-19 and receive recommended boosters.

"Staying up to date on vaccines and needed health screenings can help you to stay healthier in the long run," Mathes

"We want people to feel comfortable with their care team, to talk about concerns they might be experiencing. We're here to provide you with information so you can make the best, most informed decisions about your health care."

Rec softball results

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MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

LeRoy's def. Molly's 15-6 Oshkosh Trophy def. Wyldewood Baptist Church

Kelly's def. Community Church 25-4 Jerry's def. Community Church 23-6

Standings

LeRoy's 10-0 Oshkosh Trophy 7-2 Molly's 6-4

Jerry's 4-5

Wyldewood Baptist Church 3-6 Kelly's 2-7

Community Church 1-9

MONDAY VETERANS

Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Ratch & Deb's-Henshaw 6-3

Trails End def. Ratch & Deb's-Fredrick 5-4

Standings

Ratch & Deb's-Francour 7-1 Ratch & Deb's-Fredrick 5-4 Trails End 3-6 Ratch & Deb's-Henshaw 2-6

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Evil Roy Slades def. Jerry's 6-3 Lyons Den def. T&O Lanes 9-1 Lyons Den def. LeRoy's 17-4

Standings

Evil Roy Slades 11-1 Lyons Den 10-1 Jerry's 6-5 T&O Lanes 1-11

LeRoy's 1-11 **July 18**

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Trails End def. Terry's 10-5 Ultimate Towing def. Players 18-3 Jerry's def. Jirschele Insurance 10-6 Jerry's def. Houge's 25-1

Standings

Jerry's 10-0 Trails End 7-2 Jirschele Insurance 6-3 Ultimate Towing 6-4 Terry's 2-7

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Oblio's def. Turtle Suits 20-8

Standings

The Fountain 9-1 Oblio's 9-1 Evil Roy Slades 9-1 Terry's 6-4

SNC Manufacturing 6-4

Turtle Suits 3-7

Associated Appraisal Consultants 2-8

Exletics 2-8

The Grounds Guys 2-8

Players 2-8

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Camera Casino def. Pioneer 17-2 Houge's def. Winkler's Westward Ho 15-2 Terry's def. Wally Schmid Excavating 17-8 Terry's def. Fletch's 21-17

Standings

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Standings Revs 10-1

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Houge's-Hoffman 3-8

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Oshkosh Legion falls short of earning state tourney bid

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A pair of seventh-inning errors allowed the Appleton Doubledays to push across the winning run and stun the Oshkosh Legion, 4-3, in the championship game of the Class AAA Regional held at EJ Schneider Field last week.

The loss means the Legion's season ends one win short of advancing to the state tournament.

"It kind of sums up our whole season," head coach Brian Burgert said. "When we played well, we did all of the facets of the game at the level you need to be at to be successful. When we lost, it seemed our defense struggled and tonight we knew we had to play a clean game to win."

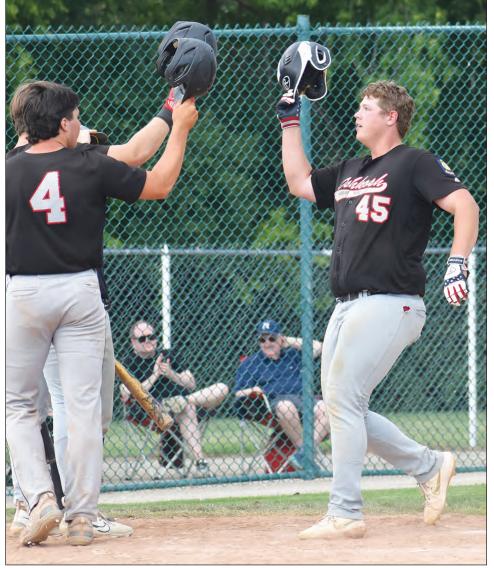
Oshkosh had to put in some extra work just to reach the championship game after falling to the Doubledays, 6-4, Thursday afternoon.

The Legion responded with a couple of resounding wins, eliminating Fond du Lac with an 11-1 victory Thursday night, before taking down the Doubledays, 16-9, in the first game Friday. That win set the stage for the one-game showdown between the same two teams with the berth in the state tournament at stake.

"The kids came to play this tournament, they really did," Burgert said. "I felt all year if we could keep getting better every day we would be ready for this tournament and they were."

Things got off to a strong start in the championship game as Ben Buehring drilled a two-out triple to right field and then scored when Colton Angell reached on an error.

Oshkosh then made it 2-0 in the sec-



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Oshkosh Legion's Jeramiah Housworth is congratulated at home plate by Ben Buering (4) after blasting a home run run in the first game against the Appleton Doubledays on Friday.

ond when Shaun Gavin's two-out single brought home Ben Boelter.

The Legion nearly added to its lead in

the second but left the bases loaded and ended up stranding 12 runners on base in the game, including six in scoring position.

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"We had some opportunities there but we weren't able to put together a big inning," Burgert said.

Oshkosh starter Jeramiah Housworth blanked the Doubledays for the first three innings before getting touched up for an unearned run in the fourth inning. Appleton came back with two more runs in the fifth to take the lead.

Housworth capped his effort by hurling a scoreless sixth, finishing the night having allowed just two earned runs in six innings, while striking out eight and walking one.

"I couldn't have asked more of Jeramiah. It's the best game he's thrown all year," Burgert said. "He has four pitches and he was mixing them all up. He stayed ahead of the hitters. That pitch count thing always comes into play. You just hate sometimes when these kids are throwing good."

Housworth left after Oshkosh had tied the game in the top of the sixth inning getting another clutch two-out hit. This one came from Angell, who singled home Gavin to knot the score.

In the seventh, Housworth drilled a two-out double but was stranded at second base, opening the door for the Doubledays.

A one-out error and a two-out single put runners on first and second in the bottom of the inning – which was played in a steady rain – before a dropped fly ball in shallow center field allowed the winning run to score.

Burgert was obviously hoping to get through that frame because he felt his team would have been in a good position to push at least one run across.

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Legion baseball

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game, but we knew we were at the top of our lineup in the eighth and I liked our chances to score some runs," Burgert said. "It's just unfortunate that happened."

In the earlier game on Friday, Oshkosh actually fell behind 7-2 but erupted for a nine-run third inning and led the rest of

Dominic Kane and Buehring started the big inning with back-to-back singles as Oshkosh sent 13 batters to the plate and ended the frame with an 11-7 lead.

Oshkosh added a run in the fifth, two in the sixth and then capped the night with two in the seventh on a monstrous home run to left field by Housworth.

Boelter finished with three hits in the game, while Kane scored four runs. Kane, Buehring and Brady Block each chipped

Jackson Hill struck out two and allowed just two runs in 5 2/3 innings of relief to get the win on the mound.

In the win over Fond du Lac on Thursday, Angell finished 3-for-5, scored three runs and drove in four while Oshkosh took advantage of six walks and seven hit batters in earning the win.

Block pitched a gem of a game in the win, allowing just one unearned run, while striking out three in the complete

"All year we pitched really well and we did that in the tournament," Burgert said.



Legion third baseman Brady Block makes a sliding catch in foul territory against the Appleton Doubledays on Thursday.

"It's a tough deal when you see the teams headed to state when you have played and beaten some of the teams that are there."

In Oshkosh's first loss to the Doubledays on Thursday, the Legion fell behind 6-2 after three innings and couldn't put together a comeback for the win.

Kane finished 3-for-3 with a sacrifice bunt, while Gavin added a pair of hits.

Angell drove in three of the four runs for Oshkosh with a pair of RBI-groundouts and a run-scoring single.

Gavin settled down after the first three innings but took the loss on the mound. He allowed just one hit over the final three innings and finished with eight strikeouts in the game.

Oshkosh rolled to its first two wins of the tournament, pounding out a 20-0 win over Hortonville in the first game, while collecting an 11-1 victory over Neenah in the second game.

Obituaries

John A. Zeinert

John A. Zeinert, age 95, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at



Cherry Meadows Hospice, Appleton. He was born February 16, 1928, in Neenah, son of the late Alfred and Sarah (Stacker) Zeinert.

John was a life-long resident of the Fox Valley. He graduat-

ed from UW-Oshkosh and received his Master's degree from UW-Madison. He served in the US Air Force near Augsburg, Germany, where he served as a cryptologist. On August 13, 1966, he married Karen O'Neil at Trinity Lutheran Church



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John began his professional career by teaching in the Kewaunee School District for two years, followed by over 29 years in the Oshkosh School District, spending most of his time teaching history at Oshkosh North High School. In 1988 he was given the Wisconsin History Teacher of the Year award. He also believed in donating blood, and he reached the 13-gallon level.

John was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Neenah-Menasha, the Fox Valley Camera Club, Retired Men's Club, and was a member of B.R.A.W. Bluebird Association of Wisconsin. John enjoyed photography, gardening, blue birding, baking bread, and traveling to Switzerland, Canada, and around the United States. He supported and enjoyed concerts of the Milwaukee Symphony and the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestras.

Survivors include his sister: Carol Rosenberg, sister-in-law, Pat Zeinert, brother-in-law, Dennis (Sally) O'Neil; nephews and nieces: Peter (Lisa) Rosenberg, Lyn (Tim) McCarthy, Ann Rosen berg, Scott (Gabby) Zeinert, Brad (Jody) Zeinert, Christopher (Sarah) O'Niel, and Teri O'Niel.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Zeinert, brother, Paul Zeinert, and brother-in-law, Bob Rosenberg.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 28, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church of Neenah-Menasha, 108 W. Doty Avenue, Neenah, with Rev. Ben Morris officiating. The visitation will be held from 9:30 AM until the time of service. Memorials may be given to the First Methodist Church of Neenah-Menasha or the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin.

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Janice M. LaMore

Janice M. LaMore, age 76, passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023, at Park View



Health Center in Oshkosh. She was born on August 3, 1946, in Clintonville to the late Claude and Florence (Wilfuhr) Suprise.

Jan was born and raised in Clintonville, WI. Her family

moved to Oshkosh when she was a teenager and Jan graduated from Lourdes High School in 1964. Jan and Ray were married in 1977 and they spent their entire lives working and raising their family in Oshkosh. Jan made many friends over a cup of coffee. She enjoyed the sun, fun, poetry, and baking. There are at least two food critics who rate her oatmeal chocolate chip cookies as "world famous". Jan also loved music, especially Neil Diamond

Roger Kenneth LeBouton

Roger Kenneth LeBouton, age 80, passed away on July 21, 2023, at his home



in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on June 24, 1943, in Marinette, WI. Roger was the son of Jennie (Doubek) LeBouton-Brzycki and Ferdinand LeBouton.

He married Paula Plagowski on

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1969, at St. John's Catholic Church in Menasha. Roger taught for several years at both St. John's and St. Mary's Catholic schools in Menasha. In 1974, Roger and Paula relocated to Elcho, WI, where he taught until his retirement in 2008. During retirement Roger enjoyed woodworking projects, writing, watching the local wildlife, and spending time with family and friends. In 2011, Roger and Paula moved to Oshkosh. In each of their homes, Roger was active in his local church. At Holy Family Parish in Elcho, he served as a music and choir leader and a liturgist. At St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Oshkosh, he wrote regular columns for the parish newsletter. He also completed lay leader training and made it his ministry to visit people in nursing homes to provide social and spiritual connections.

Survivors include Paula, his wife of 54 years; sons Joseph (Ariadna, children Yamila (Royce Butler) and Javier), Michael (Rebecca, children Ellie (Katheryn

of course. She was quick with a funny line and often had the staff at Park View Health Center laughing. Jan will be greatly missed by everyone who loved her.

Jan is survived by her two sons: Ben Jannusch (Christina Schmidt), Brian (Beth) Jannusch; stepdaughters: Lisa LaMore(Corey Vogel), Michelle LaMore; 11 grandchildren; brother, Louis (Marilyn) Suprise; and sisters: Joyce (Mike) Rowe, Judy (David) Rank. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Florence Surprise and husband, Raymond LaMore.

A mass of Christian Burial will take place at 1:30 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023, at St. Jude the Apostle Parish - Sacred Heart, 519 Knapp Street, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the church on Monday from 12:30 pm until the time of service. Burial will immediately follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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Horne), Maddie (Connor Williams), and Anna), Matthew (Jackie, children Wyatt and Tyler); nieces Jane (Jeff) Van Handle and Mary (Mike) Strohm, and nephew John Sturm.

Roger was preceded in death by his father Ferdinand, mother Jennie, step-father Edward Brzycki, brother Dennis LeBouton, sister Kathleen Sturm, brother-in-law John Sturm, and infant sister Mary Ann.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, July 31 at St. Vincent Church, 1225 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI 54902. Visitation will be 9:00-11:00 am with a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am, celebrated by Father Louis Golamari. A meal will follow. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Oshkosh. The family extends great thanks to Compassus Hospice, especially Stephanie. Special thanks, also, to Father Louis and the St Jude parish staff. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Oshkosh Food Pantry, The Oshkosh Warming Shelter or the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

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Matthew Lowell Hostak

Matthew Lowell Hostak died July 23, 2023 in Oshkosh, WI of cancer. He was



born on November 11, 1962 to Jack and Gloria Hostak in St. Joseph, MI. In 1964, he moved with his family to Rochester, MN. After graduating with honors from Mayo High School in 1981, Matt enlisted in

the Armed Forces. He served in the U.S. Army two years active duty in Germany, and ten years reserves stateside. Upon discharge from active duty, Matt attended the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire on the G.I.Bill and a collection of baseball cards. He graduated in 1989 with honors with a B.S. in Hydrology, with a secondary emphasis in Geology.

Matt's first and only job out of college was with the State of Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources. His most recent position before disability had been that of Air Pollution Engineer. In recent years, he was a frequent volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity Restore.

Matt was a true Renaissance Man, and a bit of an iconoclast. He could fix or make anything he set his mind to, with skill, intellect and improvisational thinking. He championed critical thinking.

Books and magazines were Matt's constant companions: he was a voracious reader. Though his interests were unlimited, he was especially taken with books about life on other planets, spirituality, the supernatural, construction, history

and science.

Matt's hobbies over the years included scuba diving, furniture building, salvaging and rehabbing houses, historic Oshkosh, and most recently, privy digging with his friend Bob Bergman. Bob showed Matt the ropes of digging pits at the sites of old outhouses, and he amassed quite the collection of antique bottles and other ephemera of the past. Most of all, Matt was a kind, generous, and loving soul. Matt never met a stranger and had friends from all walks of life. His Bright Light will forever shine in everyone he touched. He was also quite a cat lover and cared for a passel of cats over the years.

Matt was preceded in death by his dear sister Julie, who died unexpectedly of natural causes on March 30,2022. He is survived by his loving parents, Jack and Gloria Hostak, cherished brothers Chris Hostak and John M. (Diane) Hostak, fond nephew John C. Hostak (partner Olivia Silva), and beloved longtime friend Laura Ann Day.

A private family service will take place at the time of interment at the family cemetery in Kewaunee, WI. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Poverello Fund, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902, which goes to help people afford medical care. Also, St. Croix Hospice, 93 S. Pioneer Rd., Ste 100, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. See you on the other side, Matt.







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Joan Sagmeister

Joan Olga (Luedtke) Sagmeister, age 90, went to be with her Lord and Savior,



Jesus Christ on May 20, 2023. She was surrounded by her 3 daughters at Heatherwood Assisted Living and Memory Care, Eau Claire, WI. She now joins her husband Earl, who left this world much too soon thirty years

Joan was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh for many years. It was important to her that her children were educated at the

parochial school where she enjoyed all their concerts and activities.

Joan was born December 17, 1932 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. She was a lifelong resident of Oshkosh until 2019 when she moved to Chippewa Falls/Eau Claire, WI to be closer to her daughters. Joan was the 5th child born to Amanda Ida (Scheelk) and Alfred Gustav Luedtke and had 7 brothers and sisters; an infant sister, Jacqueline, who died just months after she was born. Joan is survived by only 1 sister, Grace Hunt, of Sisters, Oregon. Preceding Joan in death are her parents, Betty Palsiney, Arleen Morgan, Al (Sonny) Luedtke, Paul Luedtke, Eugene Luedtke and infant Jacqueline Luedtke.

Joan graduated from High School in Oshkosh in 1951. She married Earl O. Sagmeister on November 28, 1953. Together they had 3 daughters. Joan was very proud of her waitress profession at Robbins Restaurant in Oshkosh and performed secretarial duties there until her retirement. She and her family and special friends enjoyed many years spending time at their cottage on Post Lake in Elcho, WI. Joan loved the game of golf, first with her husband and then later with her many girlfriends, traveling to several destinations. She enjoyed cross country skiing and good walks. She was an excellent seamstress who created beautiful clothing and will also be remembered for her famous cut out cookies which her grandchildren thoroughly enjoyed!

Surviving Joan are her 3 daughters, Cynthia Frederikson, Diane Auler and Jacqueline Nordwig. Cindy's 2 children, Annika (Boulder, CO) and Isak Frederikson (Appleton, WI), Diane and Gerry Auler's 2 daughters, Kelly Matelski and Libby and Kevin Pitt, all of Appleton, WI. Jackie and Todd Nordwig and their 2 children, Nick and Amanda Nordwig (Plymouth, MN) and Audra and Luke Mackowiak of Roseville, MN. Great-grandchildren Natalie and Amaya, Addison and William, Murray, Wanda and Henry.

Thank you to the dedicated and caring staff at Heatherwood and also to St. Croix Hospice for their care given to Joan.

Graveside services will take place at 1 pm on Monday August 7, 2023 at the Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh. Any memorials should be directed to Grace Lutheran Church and School, 913 Nebraska Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Hulke Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services is serving the family graciously. Friends and Family may offer their condolences online at www.hulkefamilyfh.



Donna L. Lemke

Donna L. Lemke, age 83, passed away peacefully at home, early Thursday morning, July 20, 2023.

Donna was born August 21, 1939 in Sugarbush WI. She met the love of her life, Ed Lemke, when she was 15 years old. They were married for 52 years, until Ed's

passing in 2009. Ed and Donna successfully ran Tews Two Sporting Goods on south Main St. in Oshkosh. Donna worked side by side with the love of her life and together they operated Tews Two for more than 20 years. She also enjoyed trips to the casino, crocheting and doing puzzles.

Donna is survived by her children; Fay A. (Steve) Hill, Cindy L. Aaronson (Tony Celio), Edward D. "Tiger" (Ingrid) Lemke, Lisa M. (Dale D.) Decker and Henry J. (Jenni) Lemke III all of Oshkosh, sister; Gloria Janke, 9 grandchildren; Ian, Adam, Brandi, Davey, Lacy, David, Jamie, Amanda and Faith, 28 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, many other relatives and many very dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Donald and Eva Baxter, husband; Edward, grandson; Nicholas Aaronson, great-grandson; Blake Aaronson.

Donna's family would like to extend a special Thank You to Stephanie Van Rooy and Kate Pollock for all their warmth and compassionate care.

A memorial service celebrating Donna's life will be held on Thursday July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 913 Nebraska Street in Oshkosh with Pastor Joshua Jensen officiating. A time of visitation and support for the Lemke family will be held at the church on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

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Zachary H. Giffin

Zachary Hale Giffin, age 36, of Columbia Fall, MT died July 6, 2023 as the re-



sult of an automobile accident. He was born January 21, 1987 in Neenah, WI to Monty E. Giffin and Laura J. Giffin (Meier).

Zac was a true The outdoorsman. mountains called to him, and he listened

spending his time adventuring in beautiful places. He was a gentle, soft spoken, thoughtful person who loved his family, friends, coworkers and anyone he interacted with. Zac loved skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, backpacking, and fishing. He was an amazing artist, enjoyed learning to do new things, and was a jack of many trades. Zac was a ski instructor at Whitefish Mountain, coached the freestyle team, and worked at the Glacier Bike Shop in Whitefish. He loved working with kids and kids loved working with him.

Zac is survived by parents, Monty and Laura Giffin of Oshkosh, WI; sister, Sara Giffin West (Matthew) of Somerville, MA; nephew, Graham Monty; niece, June Maria; maternal grandparents, Ronald and JoAnn Meier of Oshkosh, WI; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as his beloved companion, Badger the dog. Although Zachary's life was short, he

Mark A. Hyler

With his wife and children by his side 1st Sgt. Mark A. Hyler USMC (Ret) age 66 of Oshkosh,



passed away after a brief bout with brain cancer. Mark Anthony Hyler was born on January 16th 1957 in Oshkosh, to Kenneth

"Gordy" Hyler and Martha (Niemuth) Hyler. Mark was the youngest of four kids, Kathy, Karen and Ken (Chief). He attended Oshkosh North High School until his 17th birthday, where with permission slip from his mother, he

did what he dreamed of doing as a young boy, he joined the United States Marine Corps. He would be sent to Boot camp at Marine Corps recruit depot San Diego and upon graduation was cut orders to his follow-on school where he began his training to what would become his military occupational specialty (MOS), 0811 Field Artilleryman, considered the Kings

In 1977, after an initial three-year, enlistment Mark returned to Oshkosh and began work at Universal Foundry and it was at this time he met and fell in love with Connie Jungwirth, and on March 8, 1980 they married and went on to have two children, Joe and Tina.

In 1983, Mark came to the realization that the Marine Corps never left his system, so he decided it was time to re-enlist and do what he was destined to do, and this is where his career came to life. He excelled, and became proficient in every facet of his new job and eventually became a Section Chief in charge of his own artillery piece, but Marks passion didn't end with just Firing big guns, he wanted to make a difference and decided to take on one of the hardest jobs in the Marine corps, he wanted to make Marines. Mark became a Drill Instructor at Parris Island South Carolina and began molding recruits into hardened reborn Marines. His family believed this was one of the many highlights in his career. Additionally, his new career would take him all over the globe for peace keeping missions and training until eventually he was tasked with deploying to the sandy dessert of Saudi Arabia in direct support of Operation Desert Storm, where his unit fired their M198 Howitzer cannons into the face of the enemy, repelling the Iraqi assault on the small country of Kuwait, liberating them from Tierney and injustice.

Mark and Connie spent 43 years together, most of which was spent with his family traveling the country, moving from duty station to duty station in support of Mark's passionate career as a United States Marine. Mark served 22 proud years and eventually found his way back home to Oshkosh, where In, 2001 Mark retired from active-duty service and being, the motivated hard worker he was. He started another career and spent over 20 years as a delivery driver for Lapham Hickey Steel.

Mark enjoyed time with his family and friends and sometimes he intertwined that time with the "date nights" he and his wife Connie would go on , where a few Coors lights and Jim Beam and cokes would no doubt make the evening entertaining, Mark always wanted to be squared away, with a fresh shave and a haircut, you would never see him without a tucked in shirt and like he would always say "If it has belt loops, it rates a belt", some military lessons are never forgotten. Mark remained a loyal dedicated American and Marine, remaining Semper Fidelis, (Always Faithful) for the remainder of his life.

Mark is survived by his wife Connie, Son Joe (Jessica Erdman), Daughter Tina (John Pfeiffer), Grandson Jordan, Granddaughter Stella, Sister Katherine Beck (Jim Beck), Half brother's Kevin, Brian and Steve Hyler, many nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved chowchow Lucy.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents, Gordy and Martha, Stepmother Lois Hyler, Stepfather Danny Johnson, Sister Karen Nigl, Brother Ken "Chief" Hyler, Sister-in- law Nancy Hyler, brother in law Jack Clark, Brother in law Dani Wojciechowski, In-laws Bounce and Patsy Jungwirth and infant Granddaughter Marley Blue.

Visitation for Mark will be held Sunday July 30th from 4:00p to 8:00p at Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral home, 870 W. South Park Ave, Oshkosh, WI. A service will be held Monday, July 31st at 11:00a with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00a. Immediately following the service, a horse drawn military Caisson will lead the funeral procession to Sacred Heart Cemetery for burial with full Military honors, where friends and family are all invited to

A special Thank you to the Theda Care Hospice Team and to all the wonderful caring people in our lives, we can not express all of our sincere appreciation for your love and support throughout this difficult time, it means more than you know. All our love

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

In the matter of the name change of: EMMA JEAN KNICK Case No. 2023CV000516

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Emma Jean Knick To: Emma Jean Olk

Birth Certificate: Emma Jean Knick IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 16, 2023

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald anewspaper published in Win-nebago County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: July 5, 2023 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Run: July 19, July 26 and August 2,

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY In the matter of the name change of ZACHARY MICHAEL SCHNEIDER DIETRICH

Case No. 2023CV000517

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Zachary Michael Schneider Dietrich

To: Zachary Michael Olk Birth Certificate: Zachary Michael Schneider Dietrich

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Date: August 16, 2023 Time: 1:15 pm

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

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