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## New shelter grows with the need

### Day by Day is year-round with expanded facility

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The new Day by Day Shelter has been open for two months as a low-barrier shelter that only requires guests to be adults and are provided a bed and a meal or the evening.

The homeless shelter was established as a nonprofit in 2011 when a group of

about 60 community members noted the increasing number of people becoming homeless. The warming shelter was established at a church at 449 High Ave. with a contract to have 25 beds between Oct. 15 and April 15.

Molly Yatso Butz, executive director, said the initial goal was to give people a place to stay and food during the coldest months of the year. Attempts to build a permanent shelter in 2015 and 2018 didn't work out. The group tried again in 2020 with the goal of raising more than

\$5 million to build the current facility at 420 Ceape Ave.

"In 2020 we really pressed forward because we were one of the only organizations that was open at the time of COVID," Yatso Butz said. "We were serving an enormous amount of people and we were seeing an increase in homelessness in general."

She said that since 2020 homelessness has tripled throughout Winnebago

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Photo by Michael Cooney

### Conductor lesson

ALPS Charter School student Cora Volkening was selected to conduct the Oshkosh Area Community Band out of 14 young people who auditioned for the role at the Potpourri Concert where the annual Children's Conducting Competition was held last week at Oshkosh North High School. Band conductor David Berndt coached the students on baton techniques.

## Legendary rocker Lita Ford ready to hit Waterfest stage

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

One of the hardest rocking women of the late 1980s will be taking the stage at the Leach Amphitheater for a Waterfest performance Aug. 10.

Even after roughly 50 years since she started her musical journey, Lita Ford still plans on cranking up the amps to give fans a high-energy, rock 'n' roll show.

"We are going to shake the place and rock the house," Ford said in a recent phone interview from her home in Arizona. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Oshkosh and putting on a great show."

Ford will be sandwiched between two bands that had their heyday during the hair-metal surge. Firehouse will open the night's show, followed by Ford and then Warrant.

Ford, who at age 64 still plays around 150 shows a year, credits a healthy lifestyle and top-notch people around her for keeping her going.

While many people her age may be thinking about slowing down or retiring, for Ford that is simply not an option. She said that she is already planning changes to her show for a 2024 tour.

"I've been doing it 50 years and there is no stopping me now. I'm not about to quit. That's just not an option," Ford said. "I love my band and I love my crew and I have a really great team of people working for me and it's the greatest. I don't know why I would want to do anything else."

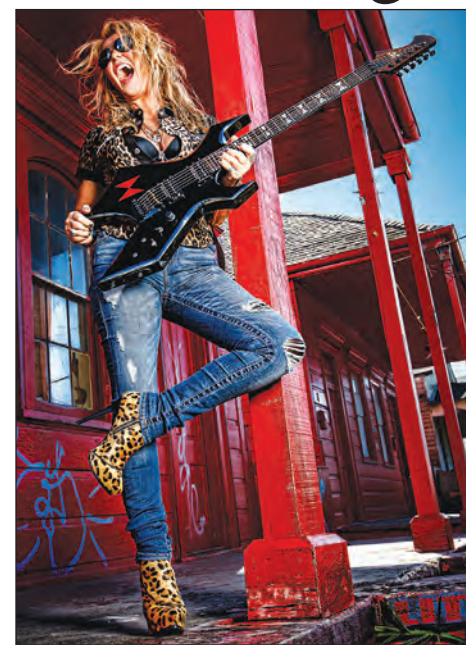
Ford started her music career at age 16 when she was recruited to play guitar in The Runaways, a band that also featured Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Joan Jett.

The group officially disbanded in 1979 after four years together and Ford entered the 1980s taking aim at a solo career.

Her first solo album in 1983 did not gain much commercial success while her follow-up record fared only slightly better.

It wasn't until 1988, when she released her self-titled album "Lita," that Ford skyrocketed into the mainstream of hair-metal music. The song "Kiss Me Deadly" was her first song to score well on the U.S. music charts followed by a duet with Ozzy Osbourne, "Close My Eyes Forever," that was her biggest hit reaching No. 8 in America.

Ford had another big hit in the early 1990s with "Shot of Poison," before stepping away from music in 1996. She



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Lita Ford and her band will be on stage at the Leach Amphitheater on Aug. 10.

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# Four killed in weekend air crashes

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Two separate air crashes Saturday claimed the lives of four people and injured two in Oshkosh as EAA AirVenture was in its sixth day of its annual weeklong aviation event.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office received multiple calls just after 9 a.m. Saturday about an airplane that had crashed into Lake Winnebago. The Winnebago County Marine Units with Dive Rescue/Recovery Team members, along with emergency response from Oshkosh, Winneconne, Neenah Menasha, Calumet County, Wisconsin DNR and the U.S. Coast Guard.

There were two occupants in the T-6 Texan plane – Devyn Reilly, 30, of Guadalupe, Texas, and Zach Colliemoreno, 20 – pronounced dead after recovery efforts.

One witness told a local TV station they believed it was a trick, but then saw it crash into the lake.

Reilly was the daughter of two-time Super Bowl champion Bruce Collie, who played for San Francisco 49ers teams that won the title in 1988 and 1989.

Winnebago County Sheriff Lt. of Communications Lara Vendola-Messer said Monday that the majority of the T-6 has been recovered from the lake. The sheriff's office is continuing to work with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to see if there is anything else in the lake they might need to dive/search for.

At 12:24 p.m. Saturday, a midair collision between two aircraft at the south end of the AirVenture flightline at Wittman Regional Airport killed two people and injured two others, emergency respond-



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A crane works to recover a plane that crashed into Lake Winnebago on Saturday morning.

ers reported. The injured were taken to a local hospital and were listed in stable condition.

The two fatalities were identified as the pilot, Mark Peterson, 69, of Foley, Ala.; and Thomas Volz, 72, of Amelia, Ohio.

Members of Volz family told an Ohio TV station that he has attended AirVenture every year. This year Volz, an Air Force veteran, was there with his grandson, who ended up making the call to his grandmother saying he had died.

"They tell me they never knew what happened," Volz's wife Patty told Fox19 Now. "It hit and burst into flames and it went straight down."

She added, "He should be honored ... I guess it was God's will that he completed his mission here."

According to the NTSB, the aircraft involved were a Rotorway 162F helicopter and an ELA 10 Eclipse gyrocopter that belonged to event attendees and not involved in the air show. Aircraft operations at Wittman were halted while the accident was initially investigated and the afternoon air show began at about 2:45 p.m. after a short delay.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is working with EAA, the NTSB and the Federal Aviation Administration in the investigation.



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# Housing development plan approved on south side

## Apartment project set for Oregon, Ripple

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new apartment complex planned for the south side of Oshkosh is set to have 96 units in eight buildings on 16 acres of land near Oregon Street and Ripple Road.

Premier Ripple Road is a planned multifamily development on the east side of Oregon Street south of West Ripple. It is the second phase of the developers' plan after the Oregon Place Apartments was approved and built. The project is slated to have eight 12-unit apartment buildings and the development application filed by Aaron Breitenfeldt and Robert E. Lee & Associates shows it will cost an estimated \$15 million.

The new development will use the current driveway Oregon Place residents use. The general plan was approved June 20 by the Plan Commission.

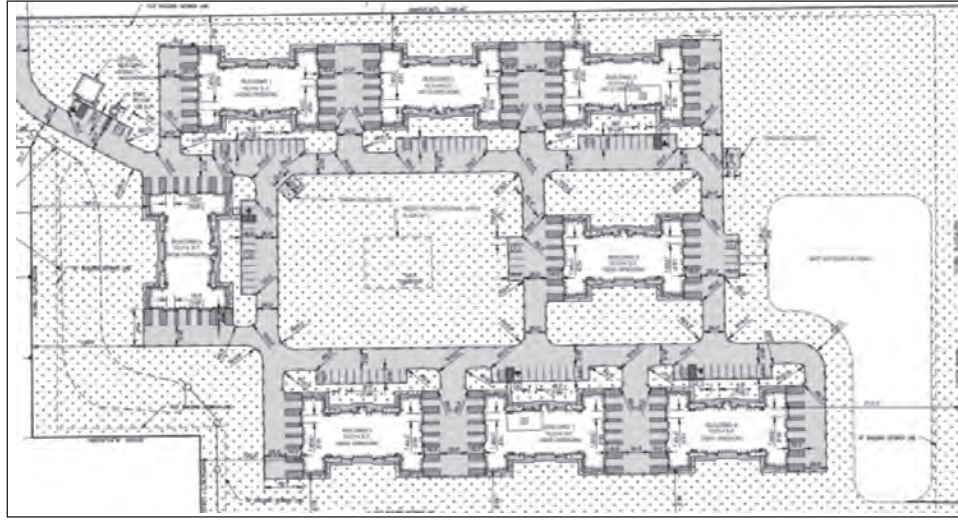
The apartment buildings will be built behind five houses on Oregon Street and a few of those residents came to the council meeting to voice their concerns about the placement of a berm and fence proposed to surround the development.

Dennis Hughes and Wanda Berholtz were both concerned about the fencing and berm, which is raised ground often used as a buffer between properties.

"It's privacy, that's what we're looking for - privacy," Hughes said. "The condos themselves aren't going to be far from our houses."

He said it would be best if the berm or fence was on the property line.

Berholtz said she understands the proj-



This general development plan on Ripple Road was approved last week, including 96 units in eight buildings similar to the Oregon Place Apartments just north of the site.

ect is necessary for Oshkosh to grow.

"I'm not opposed to this. I know that Oshkosh needs to grow. City is meeting country," Berholtz said. "My big thing is I want my privacy."

She added she is not in favor of a white vinyl fence but instead would like one that fits with the surrounding area.

"I don't think we're asking for much," Berholtz said. "Instead of approving this right away - we need to work back and forth on this."

She said this development could be the foundation of the eventual expansion of Oshkosh building more in the rural area.

Hughes said he's not in favor of the plan and would like to see an 8-foot fence around the entire development.

"I just don't understand if they're going to put fences up on both ends and put a berm in the middle, why they can't just continue on with one fence," Hughes said.

Council member Paul Eslinger was at the Plan Commission meeting where the

berm and fence were discussed, saying he was under the impression that a meeting would be set up between concerned property owners and developers regarding the berm. That meeting didn't take place.

Community Development director Kelly Nieforth said city staff explained to the developers, based on Plan Commission recommendations, that the berm and

## New tool helps locate affordable Internet service

The state has launched the Internet Discount Finder website ([apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder](https://apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder)) to help households find free and discounted internet service available to eligible residents.

The Internet Discount Finder matches residents to low-cost home internet service and discount programs by entering their address and identifying eligibility criteria. The tool will show available plans and describe next steps for enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP helps eligible house-

holds get a discount of up to \$30 per month for broadband service and internet connected devices. More information about ACP is at [GetInternet.gov](https://GetInternet.gov).

Support is available by phone for individuals who cannot access the Internet Discount Finder website, including the Wisconsin Internet and Phone Helpline at 608-267-3595, Affordable Connectivity Program at 877-384-2575 and Wisconsin 2-1-1, which connects to non-profit and government services across the state.

The council voted 5-0 in favor of the general development plan with members LaKeisha Haase and Joseph Stephenson absent. Nieforth said there is a site plan review process that will need to be approved before construction can begin.

Jared Schmidt of Robert E. Lee & Associates said the developer has planned this apartment complex for the area as a low-density residential project. He added the plan will not please everyone but follows all codes and guidelines put in place by the city and based on feedback from area residents during an open house earlier this year.

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“It’s an amazing experience to watch art being created,” said Sandy Prunty, owner of Atomic Katz and former event organizer. “You get the chance to watch the drawings go from basic outlines to full color works of art in a matter of hours.”

There will be a brat fry to benefit Oshkosh Masonic Lodge No. 27, live music, a children’s mural children can participate in creating and other activities in the square.

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Photo from The Grand

The Shari Lewis Legacy Show is featured at The Grand’s 140th birthday party next week.

## The Grand ready to celebrate its 140th birthday as theater

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The Grand Oshkosh will host Birthday Bingo on Aug. 8 with special guest caller Lamb Chop as Mallory Lewis, daughter of famed puppeteer and ventriloquist Shari Lewis, will be in Oshkosh for a two-day residency with lovable Lamb Chop.

Bingo will start at 6 p.m. and Lamb Chop will fill in as guest caller starting at 7 p.m. No ticket is required and cards are purchased at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Shari Lewis Legacy Show will take

the stage at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 with comedy, songs, rare video footage and personal stories. Tickets are reserved through a pay-what-you-can donation. Guests will be able to enjoy birthday cake afterward in The Grand Lounge.

This show is part of the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series and is primarily designed for grown-ups to enjoy.

Throughout the month, The Grand has a “140 donations” campaign to raise money for programming through 140 donations of any size to celebrate 140 years. Ticket information and other details are at [TheGrandOshkosh.org](http://TheGrandOshkosh.org).

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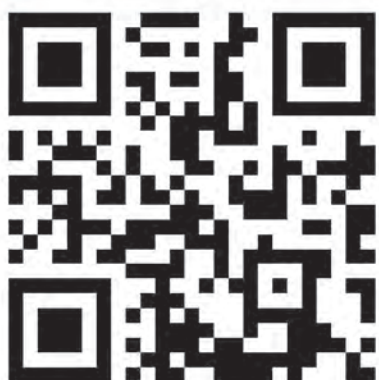
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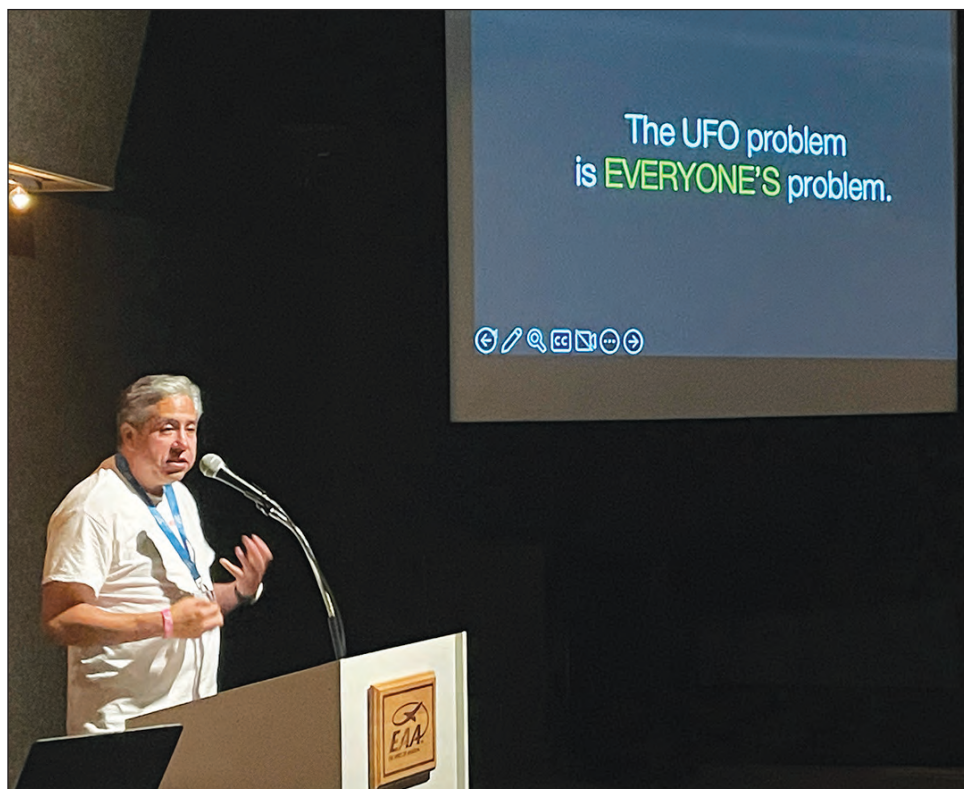
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# UFOs discussed at EAA in line with Washington hearings



Alejandro Rojas explains the issue with reporting UAPs is everyone's problem last week inside the EAA Museum.

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

There's a company that wants to know if you've seen a UFO because, as elected officials discuss transparency, there's an app that uses artificial intelligence to gain valuable data on these sightings.

The term UFO (unidentified flying object) has been interchanged with unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAPs). An exhibitor at EAA AirVenture last week was teaching people about UAPs.

Ben Hansen and Alejandro Rojas of Enigma Labs were at EAA to talk to pilots about the issues with reporting UFOs or UAPs. The company has an app that anyone can download to report a sighting.

Hansen began the presentation Friday inside the EAA Museum saying he was not there to substantiate or even suggest UAPs are extraterrestrial life forms, but instead that the government needs to be more open about them for the safety of pilots.

This goes in line with what was happening in the nation's capital last week with congressional hearings on the subject.

The House's Oversight & Accountability Committee's National Security, the Border, and the Foreign Affairs subcommittee held hearings to discuss UAPs. Wisconsin's 6th District Rep. Glenn Grothman opened the hearing stating the government needs to be more transparent when it comes to UAPs.

"The lack of transparency regarding UAPs has fueled wild speculation and debate for decades eroding public trust in the very institutions that are meant to serve and protect them," he told the hearing.

Grothman added that in 2022 the Department of Defense established the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, "to protect, identify and investigate UAPs." The AARO budget remains classified.

"However, despite these offices being established there lies a pressing demand for government transparency and ac-

countability that cannot be overlooked and that's been a problem for 50 years," he said.

Grothman also noted the Chinese balloon that was shot down earlier this year. Former U.S. Navy pilot Ryan Graves also gave testimony saying he has experienced UAPs firsthand and has concerns.

Graves said there were three critical issues that demanded action. The first is there are UAPs in U.S. airspace but are "grossly underreported" by military and commercial pilots.

"These sightings are not rare or isolated - they are routine," he said.

The second issue is the stigma attached to reporting UAPs. Graves said some commercial pilots fear repercussions if they report them. The third issue he cited is that the government is using excessive classification practices to keep records hidden when it comes to these sightings.

"The American people deserve to know what is happening in our skies," Graves concluded.

Hansen and Rojas spoke at the EAA Museum about the importance of documenting UFO/UAP. Hansen said it was important that these hearings were taking place. He said it's about safety.

"Safety of pilots, military or commercial, needs to be taken seriously," Hansen said. He added the hearings in Washington, D.C., are "pretty incredible."

Rojas and Hansen both investigate UAPs with Rojas' background being a journalist and Hansen a pilot. Hansen told the audience he has seen a UAP before - an odd-looking triangle that only showed up on his thermal camera.

Hansen also discussed the importance of the AARO and current director Sean Kirkpatrick with science being the driving force behind finding answers.

"He's a physicist and wants to work with NASA on the topic. He'll be taking the scientific approach and the nature of sci-

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# AirVenture volunteers make the week come together

By Anya Kelley  
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In 1953, Paul Poberezny gathered the first group of airplane lovers to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In Convention. At the time, it was just a small section of what was once the Milwaukee Air Pageant.

Now, 70 years later, EAA Airventure is a world-renowned event drawing more than 600,000 people from around the world and at the center of it all is the volunteers. From food sales to information booths to first aid, the volunteers really do it all.

Dick Knapinski, EAA director of communications, estimates that there were around 5,000 volunteers this year but they'll take as many as they can get.

"There are areas on the grounds that are totally organized and coordinated by volunteers," Knapinski said. "For instance, the aircraft movements on Boeing Plaza ... are organized and operated by a completely volunteer crew."

You don't have to be a pilot to volunteer at EAA, but many are members that just share a passion for aircraft.

"Many of our volunteers do it because they are EAA members and want to participate in making our biggest event a success," Knapinski said. "Others say they volunteer because it gives them a unique perspective on AirVenture, from an insider view."

Ralph Harrison is one of those people. "I've been doing EAA for three years now, two years as a supervisor at the main gate," he said. "This year, I'm an inside supervisor of the four hangars."

Harrison, a Winnebago County supervisor, has been living in Oshkosh for 54 years and volunteers often in the community.

"I love and am so proud of Oshkosh and what we have here, I want to help show it off," Harrison said. "I've lived and worked here for 54 years in the automobile business and want to give back when I can."

Though Harrison has never been a pilot, he loves meeting people from all around the world who travel to Oshkosh for AirVenture.

"EAA is (a fun way) to meet great team members and people from all over," he said. "As you do it year after year, you make friends."

Like Harrison, Mike Arcamuzi has a passion for volunteering at AirVenture and has been helping out along with his

wife since 2002.

"It kind of started (because) we have five kids," said Arcamuzi. "We would go to KidVenture and the KidVenture people noticed (my wife) was there every day."

They asked her if she would like to volunteer and the couple have been hooked ever since. In the beginning, the Arcamuzi's kids were too young to volunteer. Now, EAA has become what Arcamuzi calls an "anchor point" for the family.

"All seven of us would come up here every year. We used to have competitions to see who would keep the wristband on the longest," he said.

Arcamuzi said volunteering was just natural for him and his family.

"I'm a retired FedEx pilot, all five of my kids fly," he said. "Three of them went into the airline business, two of them are United pilots. We love aviation."

Though Arcamuzi lives in Memphis, he said coming to Oshkosh every year and volunteering feels like coming home.

"Once people figure out how much fun it is, how it's just an incredible operation, the opportunities are just boundless," he said.

Even though his passion is aviation, Arcamuzi said his favorite part of volunteering is the people.

"You get to connect with so many people, it is the feeling you're really doing something," he said. "Don't turn out the lights, we love being here. We don't want to go home."



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Ralph Harrison has been volunteering on the EAA grounds for the past three years.

sharp J-turn off screen.

Rojas said in 2004 in San Diego it was estimated an object was doing G-forces between 40 and 100. G-force measures acceleration produced by Earth's gravity. To put it in perspective, roller coasters have a G-force of four to six, and an F-35 fighter jet can reach between 7.5 and 9.

"The physics is really strange in these instances," Rojas said.

Enigma Labs encourages people to use the app, especially pilots. The app is a crowdsourced network that allows users to submit sightings for analysis.

"The goal is to try to find solutions to the reporting problems," said Hansen, who also had tips for pilots for reporting these sightings.

The Enigma Labs app can be downloaded onto a pilot's smartphone and then will be used along with AI to substantiate the event using the phone's metadata.

"Due to the absence of information, the UFO problem is everyone's problem," Hansen said. "Better science will help us create safer airspace and hopefully that will help solve this problem."



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Some of the volunteers working EAA AirVenture last week are shown at the first aid station.

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## UFOs

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ence is transparency," he said.

Rojas discussed a few occasions throughout recent history where the government has looked into sightings, including in Washington, D.C., in 1952; Tehran in Iran in 1976; La Joya in Peru in 1980; and in San Diego in 2004.

These sightings were by military aircraft pilots viewing something or noting an object on radar they could not identify and didn't move like normal aircraft.

Hansen also touched on the stigma surrounding UAPs. He said it is in Chapter 9, Section 8 of the Federal Aviation Administration guidelines that reporting of UFO/UAPs is voluntary.

"Sometimes a pilot will report an unidentified event and there will be no follow-up call or any investigation," he said.

The presentation included a video from the panhandle of Florida where with a light in the sky in the distance approaches a full spectrum camera and then makes a



# Fernau's Garden a family business with deep roots

## Growing legacy began as farm in early Oshkosh

By Randy R. Domer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When it comes to getting your hands dirty, one does not need to look too far around Oshkosh.

One person most of the locals know has his hands in the soil almost every day. Bob Fernau, owner of Fernau's Garden Center, has been farming and gardening for more years than you can shake a garden hoe at.

Fernau's greenhouses are hard to miss when you drive north out of town on County A just past Harrison Street. The garden center is on land that the Fernaus have farmed since 1853, the same year Oshkosh became incorporated as a city.

I visited Bob recently and coaxed him into putting down his watering hose and sitting down for a few minutes to tell his story.

"I am the fifth generation of Fernaus to work on this land," he said. "The 'first Fernau' was my great-great-grandfather who came here from Germany and purchased some acreage of land.

"His wife-to-be came to this area around the same time. She traveled from Omro to Oshkosh by oxcart and took the floating bridge to cross the Fox River. My great-great-grandfather was looking for a house keeper and when their paths crossed they decided to get married."

Stories handed down through the Fernau family over the years claim that Chief Oshkosh once stopped at the farm on his travels through the area. It was common back then for Native Americans to come to the farm to get milk and eggs – always bartering or trading items such as hand-made baskets made from willow branches.

In the 1880s, the railroad came to Oshkosh and the tracks heading north split the Fernau acreage in two.

"Our family were farmers and had dairy cattle as well. It was difficult getting the cows out to pasture as they had to cross the tracks without getting hit" he explained.

As a kid, Bob remembered one of his jobs on the farm was to see that the cows



Photos by Randy Domer

*Fernau's Garden Center operates from the family farm that has been at that location since the 1850s.*

got over the tracks.

"Cows only have one speed and trains cannot stop quickly. One time the last cow to cross did not make it."

The insurance adjuster apparently had a sense of humor and said to Bob's grandfather, Chas Fernau, "I suppose that cow was the best in the herd!" A quick glance from the elder Fernau confirmed, in fact, it was indeed.

The Fernaus lived in a large two-story, white farmhouse that always stood near the road's edge. It was originally moved from near the shore of Lake Winnebago in the 1850s to where it then stood until it was torn down about 10 years ago.

As farmers, the family planted an assortment of crops, including fruits and vegetables mainly for home use. They also had an orchard, so one year Bob's grandmother Ann got the idea to sell apples. They quickly discovered sales were so good that they added vegetables and eventually built a roadside stand.



Chas Fernau was also doing a little combining on the side for some extra cash, until he realized there was more money coming in from the roadside stand than riding the tractor all day. So, sometime in the 1950s, he took an old wood shed that stood on the property, built a lean-to on it and added glass. It would be the first greenhouse and a move that would serve the Fernau family well in the future.

The benefit of having a greenhouse was being able to start plants sooner, as the person who offered their produce first was able to get higher prices. Being first to the market meant people were willing to pay a little more.

Soon, customers that visited the roadside stand started asking to buy plants. So, plants were added to the mix. Bob recalled that at first plants were raised in hand-built cold frames made from wood, tar paper and old windows. As customers bought them, they were pulled from their growing bed by hand and wrapped in newspaper. Over time new greenhouses were added.

But managing the dairy business, milking cows twice a day, running the roadside market and managing the greenhouse plantings became too much for Bob's dad and grandfather. The dairy cows were sold, leaving only the roadside market and greenhouses to work. Eventually the decision was made to close the roadside market and focus solely on greenhouse plantings.

Today there are 11 greenhouses and most plants sold at Fernau's are planted

from seed by Bob himself. Some plants that are produced from cuttings are patented and must be purchased from a licensed grower. Years ago, Bob would propagate his own cuttings, but the practice is no longer allowed.

Most of us will have a day or two off work and even take a vacation occasionally. Bob works at his garden center seven days a week – and no vacation. What does he do in the winter months?

"After the summer growing season is winding down, we start on next year's business," Fernau said. "Starting in August we sterilize soil and used potting containers. Then in November, geranium cuttings come in and must be rooted. Then we begin stapling hundreds of cardboard flats that customers use to carry plants to the checkout.

"There are also various maintenance things that must be attended to," he added. The seeding process begins in late February or March.

During the spring peak season, an 80-hour-a-week cycle is not unusual for Bob. "I have a great team of about eight seasonal employees that help during the busy season with transplanting or selling. Otherwise, it's just my brother, Dick, and myself."

"The seed planting process is still done the old fashioned way, same as my dad and grandpa did it" Bob said. "It's still the most efficient use of space and time for a smaller operation like ours."

As one can imagine, watering is one of the biggest and most important jobs on site.

"We spend about five to six hours a day watering. In late spring, when temperatures start to get hotter, some greenhouses must be watered 2-3 times a day," Fernau said. "We have some greenhouses that we run drier to control the height of certain plants so they are not too large when planting time arrives."

There are dozens of tomato varieties available today, so I could not resist asking, "What is your favorite tomato variety and why?" His reply left me in stitches: "I hate tomatoes!" he said with a chuckle. His top three sellers are Big Boy, Early Girl and Jet Star.

Raising pumpkins is also a good part of the fall business at Fernau's. Pumpkins raised here are only sold to the public, not to retail outlets.

One of the benefits of buying local means there is always an expert on site to answer questions. When asked what the most common complaint is from customers, he said it's rabbits, deer and squirrels. How to prevent them? Build a fence and use wire fencing with small holes or the small rabbits will still get in.

I asked him how he competes with the local "big box" retailers.

"Quality is our No. 1 advantage. Keeping plants watered and in the right temperature environments produces strong, healthy plants," he said. "Some of the other places might pull someone from the automotive department and put them in their garden center. Things just don't get cared for as well. Also, we have the experience and knowledge to help people who have questions."

Asked about any plans to retire, Bob smiled and said, "It's always been the family tradition to die on the job, and I plan to continue that!"

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# Homeless issues best mitigated with collective response

If you have spent much time downtown or near Riverside Park this summer, you have no doubt noticed a population of Oshkosh residents experiencing homelessness. While this is not a new issue, it is one that appears to be growing in visibility across Wisconsin, and across the United States.

What can we here in Oshkosh do to address homelessness in our community?

Homelessness is an issue on which I get frequent contacts in my official capacity, and while I am always happy to answer any questions on the topic, I also readily admit I do not have the answers. In my day job as a Public Administration professor, we call homelessness a wicked problem. That is, a societal challenge for which there is no easy solution, and one that cannot be addressed solely by the public, nonprofit or private sector.

In addition, there is much disagreement about the causes, impacts and appropriate policy responses to homelessness. Hence, I think it is worthwhile to establish some basic facts, and share some thoughts, around the issue.

What is the size of the homeless population in Oshkosh? Getting reliable numbers on a transient population is a challenge, but state education data can provide a window into the current situation in Oshkosh and neighboring communities. The latest data from the Department of Public Instruction indicate that 181 Oshkosh Area School District students were experiencing homelessness in 2022.

That's 1.9 percent of the school district. In comparison, 2.6 percent of students in the Appleton Area School District, 2.7



**Michael Ford**  
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percent in the Fond du Lac School District, and 1.3 percent in the Neenah Joint School District were homeless. Statewide, 1.9 percent of students were experiencing homelessness, putting Oshkosh right at the state average.

Of course, these numbers do not tell us about the adult population, though I do know that our local emergency shelter has been at capacity some nights this summer. Whatever the actual population, we know it is substantial.

Understanding why people are homeless is complicated. On more than one occasion I have been told the issue is that people want to be homeless, i.e., that it is a choice. While I am sure there are instances of individuals who, for whatever reason, want to be homeless, it is the exception and not the rule. Like any complex challenge homelessness is a function of many factors, including but not limited to unemployment, medical bills, addiction, domestic abuse, and mental health.

I also hear the occasional horror story about an individual being transported to an Oshkosh facility by out-of-town law enforcement. Again, such anecdotes are true (and problematic from a human trafficking standpoint) but obfuscate the fact that the overwhelming majority (90%+ is the latest number I was told) of people utilizing Oshkosh homeless facilities are

from Winnebago County.

While trying to make sense of the issue I often think of my mother, who for years managed a food pantry through our church. She often asked me to volunteer, which I did (even as a know-it-all teenager I had to listen to my mom!) and came to understand that every person needing a little help has their own unique circumstances that brought them to that point.

I came to realize the distance between someone in need, and myself, was not as large as I would like to think. To paraphrase my mother, a person in need is a person in need; their past does not discount their humanity and the dignity they deserve as human beings.

That said, it is also true that good intentions are not enough to address the challenge of homelessness. To return to my childhood in Chicagoland, I have memories of Cabrini Green and other large-scale housing projects that, despite the well-meaning people behind their development, created far more misery than

they solved. Here in Oshkosh we have no shortage of well-intended people, but we need more strategy, more cooperation, more empathy, and more operational capacity if we are going to make progress on the issue.

Hence it is encouraging to see Winnebago County putting resources into linking the many public and nonprofit organizations working to be part of the solution. Easier said than done, but at the very least the approach recognizes that progress will not come from one municipality or one nonprofit working alone.

I am hopeful we all, myself very much included, can be honest about what we know and do not know, and also be willing to challenge our own thinking on the issue in a way that brings us together toward a common cause.

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## Public help sought on deer, game birds surveys

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# Tavern evolves while still serving history, and hot dogs

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There is no other place like Bob's Trails End. The tavern at 500 Merritt Ave. is the product of a distinct Oshkosh neighborhood and the persistence of a few tavern keepers who have made this place their life's work. Trails End is an institution unto itself.

Bob Winkelman has been running the tavern since buying Trails End in 1985. But like many Oshkosh natives, this place has been a part of Winkelman's life for almost all his life.

"Oh yeah," he says, "I had hot dogs here when I was a kid, and we'd come in here on Friday nights and have fish, or get chicken on Saturdays." At that time, it was called Van's Tavern and it was already more than 60 years old.

The first tavern in this building at the northeast corner of Broad and Merritt came into being in 1892. The location was excellent. The neighborhood, in the heart of the old Fourth Ward, was populated with beer-loving European immigrants. They were joined by travelers who made the saloon their first stop after arriving at the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Depot just across the street.

The saloon soon became one of the most popular spots on the east side. The early success led to the Oshkosh Brewing Co. purchasing the property in 1896. The move ensured that only OBC beer would be served there. In 1897, the building was expanded and two bowling alleys were squeezed in. It was all good until Prohibition arrived in 1920.

The lively saloon had devolved into little more than a lunchroom by the time Bill



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Bob Winkelman has operated his tavern on Merritt Avenue since 1985 but the building has a bar history going back to the 19th century.

Vandenberg bought the business in 1923. Vandenberg kicked things back into gear, converting the former saloon into a speakeasy. He lived with his family in the house next door and devised a special serving method to subvert the dry law.

Vandenberg's great-granddaughter Michelle Benton was told the old stories.

"There was a doorway that connected the house and the bar," Benton says. "My

great-grandmother ran the door from inside the house and would serve the drinks from there."

When Prohibition ended in 1933, Vandenberg's Speakeasy became Van's Tavern. It would remain so until 1960 when it became Trails End. The tavern had fallen on hard times by the time Bob Winkelman arrived in 1985. Winkelman was committed to the tavern's revival.

"I thought of it as something long term," he says. "I sold my house to buy this place. It pretty much became my life."

Part of that revival included bringing back Clarence "Pep" Steinhilber, who had left in the early 1980s after having been involved with the tavern as far back as the 1920s.

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# Trail's End

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"He was a great guy," Winkelman says, "I don't think he ever said a bad word about anybody. Pep was an old-time bartender. He always wore that bar apron."

Steinhilber wasn't the only original making a return. The 1926 recipe for the famous Trails End hot dog came with him.

"After I bought the place, Pep told me the people before me had changed the recipe for the hot dog sauce," Winkelman says. "So we put everything back to the original recipe that Vandenberg first used."

A year after Winkelman took over, Julie Feldner came on board. She and Winkelman have brought Trails End into the tavern's third century. The journey has included steering the bar through its second pandemic. The 1918 flu pandemic led to a ban on public gatherings that wreaked havoc for the saloon at Broad and Merritt. Feldner and Winkelman experienced that same trial beginning in March 2020 when a similar ban was imposed in response to COVID-19.

"Julie and myself were the only ones here then, and we worked for free," Winkelman says. "We just had carry outs and curbside pickup. We're still short-handed, so now I'm working seven days a week."

Winkelman is there most days by 4 a.m. "Yeah, it's hard, but I get up early every morning anyway, so it's all right with me," he says. "I would like to take a little time off and travel on the motorcycle, though. But now it's not going anywhere. I get to ride it back and forth to work."

It's been 38 years since Winkelman took over Trails End. He's 73 now and has replaced Bill Vandenberg as the tavern's longest-tenured owner.

"Everybody asks me when I'm going to retire. Why should I retire?" That's an attitude Pep Steinhilber would have appreciated. Pep continued working at Trails End until shortly before his death in 2000. He was 88.

The tavern is now more than 130 years old. There's no concealing its age. The floor gently slopes. The bar shows plenty of wear. The well-maintained space is washed by the patina of time. Pinned to the back bar is an unusual, colorful painting. It sometimes baffles newcomers. The painting is of an old fisherman holding the reins of a white horse. Strapped to the side of the horse is an enormous blue fish.

The symbolism is inescapable. The blue fish is a traditional symbol of good luck and prosperity. The fabled white horse appears in countless folk tales carrying the patron saint to their destination. The patron saint in this painting happens to be Pep Steinhilber.

The painting, dated 1993, is by Dan Steinhilber.

"He painted it for his grandpa," Winkelman says. "Pep brought it down here, and then I hung it up there."

Winkelman nods toward the painting as a sly grin crosses his face. "That's Pep. With a fish. Tied to a horse."

*Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."*

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Aug. 1, 1899

#### First Trip On The Inter-Urban Line:

August 1, 1899, marks the date of another epoch in the electric railway history of Oshkosh and vicinity. Only two years ago there was not a mile of electric line in Oshkosh. Today, with the completion of the Oshkosh-Neenah inter-urban railway, nearly thirty-two miles have been constructed. The new line is sixteen miles in length and runs from High and Main Street in Oshkosh to Riverside Park in Neenah. When added to the existing line, it totals thirty-two miles in total. What would the average person think of being whirled along at the rate of thirty miles an hour in an electric car for a stretch of several miles? A mile in two minutes is

what stopwatches recorded this morning when an electric car filled with a party of railway officials made the first trial trip over the line. It was just twenty-five and one-half minutes after eight o'clock this morning when car No. 5 pulled away from the corner of Murdock and Jackson Streets and just 42 minutes later the car with passengers was at a point eleven miles from Oshkosh, passing through the towns of Oshkosh, Vinland and Clayton. Along the way farmers gazed in awe at the passing electric car with some clapping their hands, jumping and waving as women folk swung their aprons to the breeze. Just two stops were made on the return trip. One stop of only a minute allowed bond drillers time to collect their tools from the track and another 1¾ minutes to search for Manager Down's glasses which were blown from their accustomed place by the strong wind created by the motion of the car.

Source: *The Daily Northwestern* August 1, 1899

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# Oshkosh's treasured bungalows made clean statement

By Shirley Brabender Mattox  
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

I moved to Oshkosh in 1967 but it wasn't until 1985 that I decided to buy a house and settle down. I looked at more than 50 old historic houses; the second one was a bungalow which felt just right as soon as I walked in the back door.

I never considered buying a bungalow; I was more of a Victorian or Queen Anne person. However, there was something comfortable and solid about this home; I had fallen in love with a bungalow.

There are several hundred bungalows built between 1900 and 1930 interspersed throughout Oshkosh neighborhoods on both sides of the river. The North Main Street Bungalow Historic District, listed on the State and National Register in 2013, consists of one or one-and-a-half-story modest homes with most of the living space on one floor. This was the first modern house for the working middle class.

Bungalows were a reaction to the opulence and overly ornate Victorian architectural style. Bungalows were sturdy with clean lines, functional design and emphasized quality craftsmanship using natural materials of stone, brick and wood.

The bungalow's exterior had low-pitched rooflines with exposed rafter tails and decorative brackets under the eaves. Many had a wide front porch beneath the main roof with tapered or square columns supporting the porch; this porch became an extension of the living space and a connection with the surrounding environment.

Above the porch, a dormer in a shed, gable or hip design allowed light in the attic or second-floor living space. Many

bungalows also had a sunroom bay at the front or back of the house with walls of windows, useful year-round. There were many double-hung windows that were 4-over-1 or 6-over-1 and provided natural air and light.

The bungalow floor plan put the public rooms, living room, dining room and kitchen on one side of the house and the private rooms on the other side. The living room may have an impressive brick or stone fireplace and exposed wooden beams in the ceiling.

The Craftsman Bungalow had many built-in furniture options such as colonnades that served as room dividers, a buffet in the dining room, window seats, a breakfast nook in or near the kitchen, linen closets in the hallway, chests in the bedroom closets, and bookcases or benches on either side of the fireplace.

The craftsmen who built the Oshkosh bungalows fortunately had easy access to millwork from local lumber companies. Hardwood floors, cove moldings, banisters, baseboards, beautiful doors and window casings were all created from the old-growth timber that drove the economy of our city. A color palette of warm earth tones complemented the beauty of the bungalow's natural woodwork.

Many bungalow owners can proudly claim their house is 100 years old. The effort to preserve and maintain their historic homes is how our community can achieve greater sustainability. Preserving these bungalows contributes to the revitalization of neighborhoods and has also proven to be a powerful economic tool. May these bungalows constructed by Oshkosh craftsmen serve another 100 years.



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This bungalow was designed by noted architect Henry Auler (1917) at 624 Jackson St.



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This bungalow (1924) is located at 609 Jackson St.

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A grab bar is installed at a home as part of a fall prevention program involving community partners.

# Collaborative approach takes on fall-related injuries

From Rebuilding Together Fox Valley

Sister Mary and Sister Mary Jo have lived on Patriot Lane in Oshkosh for 20 years. After more than six decades spent helping others, they realized that they could use a little help themselves.

They needed to make a few updates to their home like the installation of a grab bar in the bathroom to help prevent falls. Thanks to coordinated efforts between Rebuilding Together Fox Valley, the Oshkosh Fire Department, the Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and other community partners, the sisters received the home modifications they needed at no charge.

“Everyone prefers to stay at home rather than go to assisted living,” said Sister Mary. “This truly is a step in that direction.”

On average, the Oshkosh Fire Department responds to someone who has suffered a fall more than five times a day. Many of these falls are preventable.

“When responding to a fall-related call, we help to connect the individual who fell with home safety modifications and personal health and well-being services to prevent future falls,” said Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley.

Grants totaling almost \$160,000 from the Ladies Benevolent Society’s Advo-

cate for Older Adults Fund and U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation supported development of a collaborative approach to the growing number of fall-related injuries.

Rebuilding Together Fox Valley installs grab bars, toilet seat risers, bathtub transfer benches, night lights, and bathtub anti-slip strips at no cost to qualifying homeowners. The Winnebago County ADRC ensures that individuals have access to nutritious food, exercise classes and transportation to appointments.

They also see that individuals are using the benefits that might be available to them through their health insurance provider. The Winnebago County Health Department provides free home fall risk assessments.

“Falls are not a natural part of aging,” stated Erin Roberts, a Winnebago County public health nurse who visits residents in their homes. “There are simple things that you can do to reduce the likelihood of sustaining an injury due to a fall. Things like managing your health from head to toe with eye exams and physicals, engaging in regular exercise to build strength and improve balance, and making your living environment safer.”

# Calendar of events

## Ongoing

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

## 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

Live at Lunch: Dr. Kickbutt’s Orchestra of Death, noon, Opera House Square

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.

Star Six Nine, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Wednesday, Aug. 9

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

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

The Grand’s 140th Anniversary Celebration with the Shari Lewis Legacy, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Thursday, Aug. 10

Live at Lunch: Taylor Jacobson, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Warrant, Lita Ford and Firehouse, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Friday, Aug. 11

Winnebago County Blood Drive, 10 a.m., Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y

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

Oshkosh Food Truck Rally, 4:30 p.m., South Park

Wayne Neumann, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

## Saturday, Aug. 12

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Alley Art Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Pedal Out Hunger, 9 a.m., Salvation Army, 417 Algoma Blvd.

pdsFusion Triathlon, 8 a.m., Oshkosh North High School

Fitness at the Park, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park Shelter No. 3

Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Blue Collar Blues Band, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co.

“Ed Gein: The Musical,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Warriors on the Water Benefit, 8 a.m., Skipper Bud’s Marina, 1351 Egg Harbor Lane

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

## Sunday, Aug. 13

Lilie Fouts, noon, Parker John’s BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Pyrotechnics Guild International fireworks show, dusk, Sunnyview Expo Center

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# Better Than Ezra brings its tour to the Leach with Train

By Chase Millam  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Alternative rock band Better Than Ezra is opening for Train at the Leach Amphitheater on Sunday and halfway through their Hot Summer Nights tour.

"This tour has just been a ball. We've known the guys from Train for a really long time and have a history," frontman and co-founder Kevin Griffin said. "They used to open for us back in the day."

The band formed in 1988 and has been leaving its mark on the music scene ever since. Producing electric live performances and bringing an innovative sound to the table, they are best known for hit songs "Good," "Extra Ordinary" and "Desperately Wanting."

Griffin said audiences can expect a variety of songs at the show.

"We're playing a lot of the old hits, we're doing some new ones, we're doing some deep cuts and then we're doing some really fun covers that have audience participation," he said. "So we're just having a good time. It's been a really good vibe on the road. Everyone gets along."

Better Than Ezra released its latest single "Mystified" on July 18, the first since 2018, which has been met with a positive response from fans.

"This song just has an instant reaction from fans," Griffin said. "People dig it, it feels familiar to our old fans; it's been a really great reception."

Griffin said his wife growing up in the Midwest and moving out to San Francisco was a muse for the song.

"I wanted it to be this song about America," he said. "About this Midwestern girl that goes West and things don't quite work out the way she thought. It felt like it needed to be this wide-open road type song."

Griffin said they are set to release their next album in 2024, their first since 2014.

"We're putting out two more singles this year and the album will come out in March," he said. "We just finalized that."

The band strives to bring a diverse sound and wide range of influences to each album.

"There are some bands that do really great with the same sound on every record," he said. "We want each record to



Better Than Ezra lead singer Kevin Griffin (second from left) talks about his band's current tour and plans for a new album for release next year.

sound fresh, new and relevant. I also write and work with a lot of different artists so what they're into and their songwriting style rubs off on my own."

This fall the group will be embarking on a Return of the Legends of the Fall tour, a sequel to last fall's tour.

"We went out and did this three-week tour and it was really successful, so we're like, 'Let's do that every year,'" Griffin said. "Legends of the Fall is a great tour name. Let's just rebrand it like sequels of movies. Next year will be Legends of the Fall Tokyo Slide. Because we're going to start naming them after 'Fast and Furious' sequels. It's just stupid enough to be funny."

Griffin spends his downtime hanging out with family and exercising.

"I love my kids, that's my biggest joy," he said. "The irony is even when you're tired

on the road, if you go out and exercise it gives you more energy. That fuels a lot of the creativity and that's something I have total control over."

Better Than Ezra will be playing at the Pilgrimage Festival in September, an event created by Griffin.

"It's a festival I started in Franklin, Tennessee," he said. "That's right when it's going to be getting cold in Oshkosh so come down for a mild fall break."

Griffin said never giving up and pushing through is what has sustained the band since the beginning.

"There's always going to be someone that's smarter than you, more talented, but where you can win is just by not quitting," he said. "We have never broken up, we just keep playing. We've been together for over 35 years."

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# Hard rock band Firehouse enjoys Waterfest vibe

By Chase Millam  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lead guitarist and founding member Bill Leverty of Firehouse is no stranger to Wisconsin stages, having played more than 60 shows in the state with his band.

“Wisconsin has treated us so well, I love playing there,” Leverty said. “I think our music has resonated in Wisconsin and we’re really thankful that it has, we’re going to keep coming back until after our career is done.”

Leverty views Waterfest, where his band will open Aug. 10 for Lita Ford and Warrant, as a great family event.

“I like the multi-generations we’re getting to see out in the crowd,” he said. “Used to be the kids were there, then the parents were bringing their kids, and now there’s grandkids out there, it’s a wonderful family vibe and we’re honored to be part of that.”

Leverty said one of his favorite memories of playing in Wisconsin was the last time Firehouse took the stage at the Wisconsin State Fair.

“That fair is probably the best in the country,” he said. “The last time we played there was absolutely awesome. We’ve been playing the fair there since the very beginning, it was just such a great feeling to be back there again and have all the people singing the words to our songs.”

Firehouse has had a steady touring schedule since 2005, performing all across the country and world.

“We always wanted to get into this so we could play live, we were always on call to play gigs,” Leverty said. “We just want to keep going. It’s the greatest job you could ask for.”

Even when he’s not on tour, Leverty



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Firehouse will be performing at Waterfest on Thursday, Aug. 10, opening a night of hard rock that includes Lita Ford and Warrant.

plays guitar every day, working on new solo material.

“I put out five solo albums and I just put out a single,” he said. “What I do is release a song and then start working on the next song. When I’ve got 10 songs done I’ll press them up and put them out as an album.”

Firehouse’s compilation album called “Full Circle” was released in 2011.

The band has no definite plans for a new record, but according to Leverty, they all want to do it.

“We’re waiting for that magic song to come through where we all say, ‘That sounds like our next song, let’s start here,’”

he said. “Hopefully it’ll come soon, we all would love to do it.”

“Thanks so much to the fans out there who have made it so that we can do this full time,” Leverty said. “Our first record came out in 1990, we’ve been doing it for a long time thanks to you, we hope to see you at the show.”



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# Cost of living in region has many families treading water

By Jacob Resneck  
WISCONSIN WATCH

Shannon Pikka loves the work-life balance of her job in construction. She left an office job in insurance and now enjoys being up early and working with her hands as part of a drywall finishing crew. The single mother's workday ends around 3 p.m. – just in time to greet her two children from school.

"Kids are coming home at that time, and we got the whole evening now together," Pikka said. "Our job should not dictate our lifestyle."

Despite changing careers nearly four years ago, she's still earning apprentice wages due to setbacks during the pandemic when her youngest was in third grade and schools switched to distance learning.

"I would be a journeywoman right now had I had a baby-sitting option so I could have still shown up for work and gained all those hours in the year – so that set me back," the De Pere, Wisconsin resident said.

The difference is a full \$9 an hour. As it is, she's making just shy of \$27 an hour. But with two school-age children in her household, paying all the bills is a stretch. Pikka gets no child support, and she relies on her parents who live nearby to provide child care for the days she needs to be at a remote jobsite for days or even weeks at a time.

"I'm just trying to make ends meet," she said.

But government statistics show many in the community earn a lot less than she does.

The state Department of Workforce



WiWatch photo

Shannon Pikka, a single mother and a union drywall finisher in Ashwaubenon, dreams of owning a home but does not make enough money to buy. She hopes a promotion to journey status will allow her to become a homeowner.

Development estimates that two adults working full-time earning \$25.20 an hour each is just enough to be self-sufficient in a household with two children when factoring in the cost of housing, transportation, food and child care.

The average wage in Green Bay, according to the most recent federal Bureau of Labor Statistics report, was

\$26.29 in 2022. But the median earnings were \$21.84 an hour, meaning that half of workers earn less than that.

In other words, many workers supporting families in northeast Wisconsin are just squeaking by, especially at a time when the cost of living is increasing in Wisconsin and across the nation.

"Self-sufficiency is attainable for the majority of full-time workers if children are not involved," wrote DWD spokesperson Jennifer Sereno. "However, the situation rapidly changes when just one child is brought into the picture, let alone multiple."

That's because the cost of child care can rival tuition at a state university, the Wisconsin Policy Forum wrote in a recent report. A state survey of child-care facilities found the annual median cost for school-aged children starts at around \$10,000 but can be as much as \$40,000 a year for high-quality infant care in urban areas like Oshkosh and Green Bay.

Pikka's household has no second income, yet she is still well above the level to qualify for many public assistance programs.

Her story represents a growing segment of Wisconsin's working population: those earning too much to qualify for most public assistance programs but

too little to afford anything but necessities. United Way studies this group of people known as ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. Its latest report shows 23% of Wisconsinites fit into this category.

Help such as food assistance through the state's FoodShare program, subsidized child care under the Wisconsin Shares program care and BadgerCare Plus health insurance are not available to many such families, including Pikka's.

"These are people who are working," said Trisha Witt, who works in advocacy for United Way Fox Cities in Appleton. "They're earning more than the federal poverty level but less than Wisconsin's basic cost of living."

When you add in the 11% of people living below the poverty line, the percentage of Wisconsinites struggling financially is 34%, according to the United Way report.

In northeast Wisconsin, the figures are similar, except in urban areas, where the numbers are starker. In Oshkosh, for example, 41% of residents are either below poverty or not making enough for basic needs.

It's not due to a lack of employment. Official unemployment is at record lows with federal agencies reporting Wisconsin at a record 2.4% in April. Northeast Wisconsin was hovering at 2% or less.

But while very few able-bodied adults are outside of the workforce, lack of affordable child care and transportation can keep people from working and meeting their basic needs.

"No matter what the economic conditions are like," said Ryan Long, a regional economist for the state Department of Workforce Development in Green Bay, "we know for certain that there are going to be folks who face barriers to work."

On paper, Pikka has been relatively successful. For 15 years she sold insurance but entered the trades after becoming disillusioned with a desk job. But a string of abusive partners who ended up incarcerated or moving out of state has left her the sole breadwinner for her family.

Her life had been full of hardship from when she was left at a hospital in Colombia where she was born and never picked up. Pikka spent the next three years in an overcrowded South American orphanage where she said she suffered physical abuse.

"I have scars on my body because the nuns could not control the orphanage,

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## Cost of living

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so they beat us up," she said.

At age 4, a pair of school teachers adopted her and raised her in northeast Wisconsin. If it wasn't for her parents helping with child care, Pikka said she could never maintain her higher paying career in construction.

"I wouldn't be able to do it," she said. "I'd have to go back to my office job."

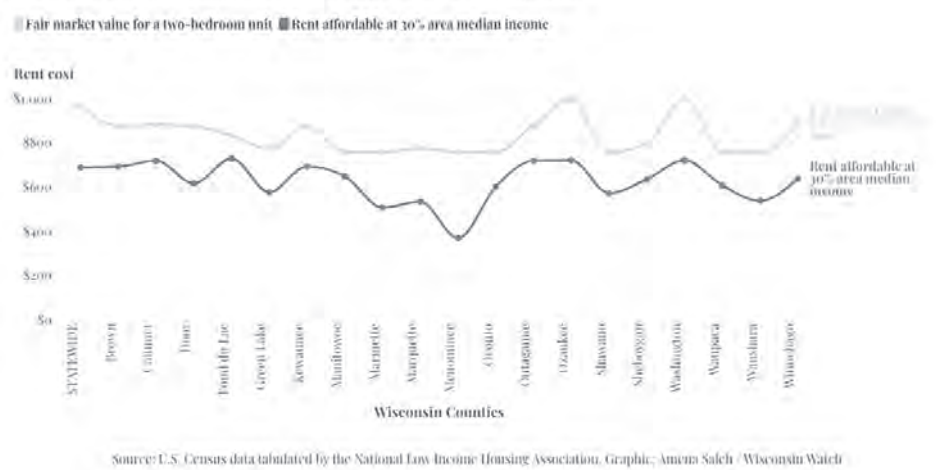
The dearth of affordable child care in Wisconsin is well-documented. The staff shortage in day care centers itself has a ripple effect. On paper, there are roughly 37,500 slots for children in the 19 counties in northeast Wisconsin. But a survey last year of 1,173 child care centers in Wisconsin found nearly half were below capacity.

"It is important to note that this is licensed capacity and providers may not be using all slots due to staffing shortages, low enrollment, or other factors," wrote Gina Paige, a spokesperson for the state Department of Children and Families, which licenses day care facilities.

Affordable housing is another key to

### Income gap wide for rents in northeast Wisconsin

Federal agencies consider affordable housing as costing no more than 30% of the area's median income. No county in the state offers this, although the gap varies between communities.



family sustainability. But a shortage of supply has driven up rental prices across the board.

"It doesn't really matter what the availability of jobs is like if young folks are getting priced out of certain areas because housing is too expensive," Long said.

Real estate data show that housing prices across the state continue to rise even as sales slump due to constrained supply and rising interest rates that have

added to the cost of borrowing.

In April 2023, the median house in northeast Wisconsin cost \$260,000. That's \$23,000 less than the statewide median. But the median cost rose 7% across the region in the previous year, similar to the increase statewide.

All this happened while real estate transactions slumped after interest rates spiked from historic lows at below 3% to around 6.6% for a fixed 30-year loan in May.

The numbers are stark: There were more than 1,500 residential home sales in June 2022, just as the Fed hiked interest rates for a third time in response to inflation fears. Ten months later in April of this year, the region saw half as many closed deals at 777.

Property owners who are locked in with relatively low interest rates are less likely to list their homes now because they'd pay higher rates on their next property, said real estate broker Kevin Jones, co-owner of Adashun Jones in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh.

"There are more people pursuing the few properties that are on the market," he said.

The region has already faced supply constraints as baby boomers live longer and stay put, leaving fewer properties for younger aspiring homeowners.

"We have healthy baby boomers – I'm one of them – who are staying in their homes longer, and millennials who are clamoring to find homes and are at a disadvantage because they increasingly

## Lita Ford

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returned to the stage in 2008 after the more than 10-year hiatus and has been rocking nonstop ever since.

"Music has saved my life over and over so many times. We've really come full circle in life and now it is who we are," Ford said. "When it hits the fan and weird things happen because life does do that to people, I always turn back to music and it gets me through."

Ford said she had to adjust to a different music industry when she returned to performing in 2008.

She jokes about talking with her then-manager about all of the cell-phones she was seeing filming her at shows.

"I was like, can't you make them stop filming me, and he was like, 'Well, not really,'" Ford said. "At the time I'm thinking, can't they just check them at the door or just throw them all in a big box when they come in? Now, I'm used to it and don't feel that way."

She also talked about how different touring is with the rise in costs that goes into putting a schedule of shows together.

have to rely on borrowed money," Marquette University economics professor David Clark said at a recent economics forum.

He said many millennials of child-bearing age – those born in the 1980s and '90s – "kind of got dealt a bad hand" coming out of the Great Recession with a weak labor market and so "logically and rationally stayed out of the market" during the time when working Americans would tend to purchase first homes.

Jones, the real estate broker and Fox Valley landlord, said the rental housing market is also hot with rents increasing by 10% to 20% annually.

"I think it's because a lot of the rentals have been consolidated into a small group of investors – that's one side of the story," he said. "And the other side is there's just not enough homes and developments that are being created."

In 2022, the National Low Income Housing Coalition – an advocacy group – listed the fair market price for a two-bedroom unit in northeast Wisconsin at between \$757 in rural counties to \$889 in the Oshkosh area. The study, citing U.S. Census figures, also found the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in counties across northeast Wisconsin – for that matter, across the entire state – is higher than the recommended 30% of the average income renters in those counties make.

Home ownership remains elusive for Pikka. For three years, she has rented a two-bedroom apartment for \$875 in De Pere where she enjoys living despite the higher housing prices compared to neighboring Green Bay. Once she works enough hours for journeyman wages, she said she will try to buy something.

But Pikka, who is 41, said that's at least three years away. In the meantime she is pursuing another dream. Pikka would like to visit Colombia with her children to reconnect with her birth parents.

*This story is part of the NEW (Northeast Wisconsin) News Lab's series, Families Matter, covering issues important to families in the region. The lab is a local news collaboration in northeast Wisconsin made up of six news organizations. The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Journalism Department is an educational partner.*

"Before you could just hop on a bus and go but now so much has changed," Ford said. "We just keep plodding through and just keep going."

There is a reason for it: Ford still loves being on stage.

"You get such a great feeling of accomplishment when you come out of a show and everything goes well. You come out of there with this high. It's my drug. Music and performing live is my drug," Ford said. "I'm still the same person I was back then and I still feel the same way about performing. I love the music and I love the fans and I love being on stage and I love being with my band and crew."



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## Local college graduates

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Ekaan Ahmad, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Graduated with Distinction

Beyann Alzoubi, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Medicine, Medicine

Payton Bartow, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Graduated with Distinction

Samantha Becker, College of Letters and Science, Master of Social Work, Social Work

Jeremy Fleck, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Microbiology, Graduated with Distinction

Simran Gandhi, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Aidan Godfrey, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Computer Sciences, Mathematics

Allison Hansen, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Engineering Mechanics, Engineering Mechanics

Edward Hansen, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Engineering Mechanics, Engineering Mechanics

Danielle Heider, School of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medicine

Alex Held, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science-Agricultural Business Management, Agricultural Business Management

Lily Jaeger, College of Engineering, Master of Science-Industrial Engineering, Industrial Engineering

Zachary Janotha, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, Graduated with Distinction

Max Jin, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Graduated with Distinction

Madeline Jones, School of Human Ecology, Doctor of Philosophy, Human Ecology

Nathan Kaull, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Jenna Kiraly, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, Graduated with Distinction

Sophia Laib, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Communication

### Arts

Gabrielle Lattery, Law School, Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor), Law

Carson Leske, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Finance, Investment and Banking, Business: Real Estate and Urban Land Economics, Business: Risk Management and Insurance, Graduated with Distinction

Aubrey Mcdermott, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Conservation Biology

Elle Noone, School of Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy

Ashley Philipp, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Lucas Pinkerton, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering

Kaitlyn Rock, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Riley Saginak, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology, Kinesiology

Caeden Smith, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Anthropology, Linguistics

Ethan Stelzer, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science-Biological Systems Engineering, Biological Systems Engineering

Lariisa Stewart, School of Education, Master of Science-Curriculum and Instruction, Curriculum and Instruction

Tor Swanson, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Graduated with Distinction

Ava Tryon, School of Education, Master of Science-Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Marie Tuchscherer, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Ecology, Graduated with Distinction

Grace VanDerhei, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Austin Wellhoefer, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Aidan Zeimet, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Neurobiology, Graduated with Distinction

### UW-Stout

Joseph Berhausen, BS Career Technical Education and Training

Anastasia Conto, BS Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management

# Valley Christian excited to field own football program

By Steve Clark  
Oshkosh Herald

Once again, Valley Christian will have its own football program.

After spending the last six seasons in a co-op with St. Mary Catholic, the Warriors' blue and silver will be back on the field as the school is set to support an eight-player football team.

"We could not be more excited," Valley Christian Athletic Director Daniel Clayton wrote in an email to the Herald. "We believe that football will help bring more athletes to the school which will expand our already growing student population, it will increase the student sections participation, and continue to help grow our sports program as we endeavor to bring all of our sports under the umbrella of Valley Christian School."

The last time that Valley Christian fielded its own team was when the school had an eight-player program in 2016. That season was shut down midway through the season after injuries left the team without enough numbers to compete.

Valley Christian then formed the co-

op with St. Mary Catholic to continue to have some connection to football at the school but Clayton said the goal was to eventually generate enough interest within its own walls to have a football program again.

"We have always been open about the fact that we wanted our own teams, but to be honest, I wasn't sure we would ever get the team back," Clayton wrote. "There has always been a strong desire to have all sports under the umbrella of Valley Christian School. The issue has always been numbers."

When Clayton began his tenure at Valley Christian, the school only enrolled 64 students, with approximately half of those being boys. Factor in that not all students might be interested in playing football and it makes for a small pool to choose from.

In fact, Clayton said the most players that Valley Christian sent to the co-op with St. Mary Catholic was last season when eight players were on the team. Yet, being part of the co-op was essential to keep football going.

"I want to publicly thank (athletic director) Matt Schoultz and the coaching staff at Saint Mary's for bringing us along as a co-op to help create more interest in our football program at Valley Christian," wrote Clayton, who also acknowledged Adam Bates, who was the athletic director at St. Mary Catholic when the co-op began.

While in the co-op with St. Mary Catholic, Valley Christian brought Dave Birr – the last head coach of the Warriors' 11-man team in 2002 – back to the school. Birr, who will serve as the team's head coach, along with assistants Ben Birr and Mat Rieckhoff began to generate interest in the program at the middle school levels.

Last fall, Clayton said a deadline was set with a minimum of 20 student-athletes needed to sign up for football in order to have a team and presented the idea at a parents meeting.

"Twenty-five boys ended up signing up for football," Clayton said. "The interest did not stop there, however, as we currently have over 30 boys signed up for

football this year. We could not be more excited. The coaches talk to the boys all the time about helping be a part of a legacy that continues to build up young men to make an impact for Christ on and off the field."

Valley Christian's eight-game schedule this season begins with a road game at Sevastopol and includes three home games, the first on Aug. 31 against Green Lake/Princeton.

However, the Warriors will not be playing their home games on the field behind the school. Instead all three home games are slated to be played at Xavier High School in Appleton.

"Our field at Valley does not have lights, and there is nothing better for these boys than to experience a night football game," said Clayton, who added that it was a homage to the previous 11-player teams at the school, which played their games in Appleton from 1998-2002. "It was helpful as an AD to have previous experience with football at the school. I don't know that things would have happened so rapidly if we were not experienced in this area."

## Public library calendar

Some programs require registration. Visit [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org) for details.

### Wed., Aug. 2

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Thurs., Aug. 3

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 4

Teen Book Club, 1 p.m., grades 6-8  
Young Adult Book Club, 1 p.m., grades 9-12  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-5 p.m., kids of all ages  
Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11

### Aug. 5

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 am.-noon,

kids of all ages

Stay and Play Saturdays: DIY Music Makers, 10 a.m.-noon, kids and families

### Aug. 7

Book Buzz, 8 a.m., YouTube  
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers  
Comic Creation Round Table Discussion, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 8

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages  
Adult DIY, 6 p.m., adults

### Aug. 9

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
Memory Cafe, 1:30-3 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 10

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages  
Wonderlab, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

### Aug. 11

Tween S.T.E.A.M., 10:30 a.m., ages 9-12  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-5 p.m., kids of all ages  
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

### Aug. 12

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 am.-noon, kids of all ages  
Stay and Play Saturdays: Love Bugs & Birds Crafts, kids and families, 10 a.m.-noon

### Aug. 14

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 15

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages  
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults  
Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults

### Aug. 16

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime,

9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 17

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages  
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

### Aug. 18

Librarian Learns, 9 a.m., YouTube  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-5 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 19

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 am.-noon, kids of all ages  
Live concert: Sundae + Mr. Goessl, 11 a.m., all ages

### Aug. 21

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 22

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 23

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 24

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages  
Wonderlab, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

### Aug. 25

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-5 p.m., kids of all ages  
Tween STEAM, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

### Aug. 26

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon, kids of all ages

### Aug. 28

LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m., kids of all ages

### Aug. 29

Crafternoon, 2-4 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m.

### Aug. 30

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build, 3-7 p.m.

### Aug. 31

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## Homeless shelter

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County due to several factors, including rents being too high, affordable housing disappearing and local opposition to low-income housing.

Yatso Butz is proud to say that Day by Day is the first purpose-built shelter in Wisconsin, constructed with the explicit purpose of serving the homeless community. One big difference from the former site is the beds have doubled from 25 to 50.

“That’s great news for the community, to double our beds,” Yatso Butz said. “We are now able to provide services 365 days a year and not just six months as a warming shelter.”

Even the beds have changed. They aren’t cots on the floor but elevated beds that allow storage of guests’ personal items beneath them.

“The beds being off the floor has been a really good thing,” Yatso Butz said. “These beds are a way to give everyone space. It’s very important for people in crisis to have that personal space. The beds are awesome.”

Even with the added beds, the shelter still has to turn guests away when it reaches capacity. Those people are often provided with a sleeping bag for the evening.

The shelter’s guest employment program offers janitorial jobs such as cleaning and dusting, organizing the kitchen and working in the laundry room, which can serve up to 50 people a night. The job program is funded by a grant that allows four guests to each work 10 hours per week.

“This is their home, so they clean it how you would clean your home,” Yatso Butz said. “These people are passionate about



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Day by Day Shelter executive director Molly Yatso Butz, shown in the facility’s open space, said simple things like having the beds off the ground has been great for guests and employees.

the shelter and take pride in these jobs.”

She said that between 40% and 60% of guests are employed.

There have been challenges for staff at the new shelter, which now has no days off.

“Everything has changed in the last two months and we’ve been working hard tweaking and fine-tuning our policies and procedures,” Yatso Butz said. “The challenge is we work with people that are in crisis and generally they’ve had some significant trauma, so no day is ever the same.”

She said the best way for people to understand the shelter is to consider volunteering. They welcome residents to be part of a meal team, help with laundry or serve as hospitality volunteers who assist staff. People can sign up in the About Us section of the Day by Day website.

“The shelter is here and homelessness isn’t going away,” Yatso Butz said. “I believe we have to work together to make it work and be good neighbors.”

City Manager Mark Rohloff met with shelter staff to discuss a few ongoing issues last week. He told the Herald one issue is that guests often congregate in the area of Riverside Park and the Leach Amphitheater during the day as they wait for the shelter to re-open in the evening.

“This is a more complex problem, so we agreed to work with city departments to provide some guidance and suggestions. This will remain an ongoing issue,” Rohloff said in an email.

Yatso Butz said the shelter is fortunate to have the support of so many in the community, able to stay open thanks to grant funds, donations and volunteers. The facility recently added a service dog, which she said is just another way the shelter is providing guests with more of a home than just a place for the night.

The dog is named Phoenix and Yatso Butz says everyone loves him.

In giving a short tour of the facility,

she noted all the benefits of having a purpose-built shelter, including four washers and dryers for guests’ laundry and bedding, ADA-compliant bathrooms and lots of storage for clothes, food and supplies. There are also dining and entertainment areas.

“It’s important that our guests can watch the news and the weather while here,” she said. “There’s also a small library with computers and we have board games.”

One special feature is the quiet room, a place to de-escalate tensions with a guest and a retreat for people that are stressed. Staff believe that in two months the room has prevented between 10 and 15 police calls.

Yatso Butz said it isn’t just the guests that are pleased with the new shelter but also employees and volunteers. Instead of six staff members sharing an office they each get their own. The shelter also has a conference room that can be used for guests to meet with the on-site social worker to go over goals.

“These goals can be a wide array of things,” she said, “including getting a driver’s license, finding a job, applying for an apartment or even making contact with family members.”

There is also a health and human services coordinator on staff and a program director.

Day by Day is planning its first major fundraising event in four years this fall with Streets of Hope, which will tell the stories of the organization and its guests in hopes of shifting public perception of homelessness. Planned for Oct. 13 at Becket’s Center Court, the event is set to include music, art, dance, fashion and food.

More information on volunteering and about Streets of Hope can be found at [daybydayshelter.org](http://daybydayshelter.org).



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# Building team chemistry big goal of early practices

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Tuesday marked the official start of the 2023 football season and excited players and coaches hit the practices fields ready to embark on the latest journey.

Much of the practice time the first week is spent installing the offensive and defensive formations and philosophies, as well getting plenty of conditioning in, but there is another common goal for the initial practices.

“One of the most important parts (of the first week) is to come together as a team, chemistry-wise,” said Oshkosh West’s first-year head coach Joseph Ray. “We want our guys to start gelling and being comfortable around each other. Espe-

cially with us being a new staff, having the kids comfortable around the coach and the coaches being comfortable with each other is important.”

Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat also said that X’s and O’s are just one of the important aspects of the opening week.

“Yes, you want to get all of the base stuff installed,” Wopat said. “Then, we are just looking for the team to come together, support each other and have each other’s backs during the tough times.”

Ray said that there will be time each day of practice the first week where the players will be able to come together to discuss “real-life things” before hitting the

West is also planning a picnic for the seniors Friday and then an open practice and family barbecue Saturday, where families can also build a stake in the program.

“The picnic with our seniors will give them a chance to talk about what their goals are, what they want to see happen this year and how much the team means to them,” Ray said. “Then we will have our community day on Saturday.”

Saturday also is one of the big senior-bonding moments for the Knights’ program, too.

Although Wopat said that the team will do different team-building events throughout the week, a Saturday staple for the program is the coaches versus players paintball event.

“We try to mix it up every year so the kids are maybe caught a little off guard and kind of keeps a little bit of an unknown to it, but we always finish the week with our coaches versus kids paintball and that is something the kids look forward to,” Wopat said. “For some kids that may be the highlight of the season. It’s just laid back

and fun with your coaches in a setting you normally don’t get to see.”

Both West and Lourdes Academy are also planning a unique experience for the end of the first week of practice as both programs will hold a mom’s clinic where the players mothers will get to enhance their knowledge of the game and interact with their sons on the practice field.

“We had done it in the past and it had kind of become stagnant so we stopped. Some parents asked about bringing it back and so we have a whole new group who haven’t been through it before,” Wopat said. “Having that as an opportunity both for the kid and the mother to have a little different football experience is a fun event.”

Wopat has been through the work and the fun of the opening week many times before as the longtime head coach of the Knights.

For Ray, this is his first opening week as the head coach of a program, which brings an added level of anticipation. But there is just a little more on his plate as his tenure at West begins.

“We are expecting the first child any day now,” said Ray, who was offered the West position and found out he was going to be a father on the same day in January. “It’s been crazy since January when I got the job. Finishing out at Hamilton and making sure things are getting rolling here and then getting here over the summer. I’ve been proud of the steps we’ve taken in June and July and we are very excited to get things going.”

Oshkosh North also started practice this week but calls to head coach Luke Ott were not returned.




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## July 24

### MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

Oshkosh Trophy def. Kelly's 12-4  
 LeRoy's def. Community Church 10-7  
 Jerry's def. Wyldewood Baptist Church 12-10  
 Molly's def. Jerry's 12-10

### MONDAY VETERANS

Ratch & Deb's-Henshaw def. Ratch & Deb's-Fredrick 20-3  
 Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Trails End 16-4

## July 25

### TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Jerry's def. Ultimate Towing 23-7  
 Jirschele Insurance def. Terry's 17-0  
 Trails End def. Houge's 21-2  
 Trails End def. Players 22-3

## July 26

### WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

The Fountain def. Players 18-4  
 Oblio's def. SNC Manufacturing 21-5  
 Exletics def. Turtle Suits 7-0  
 Associated Appraisal Consultants def. The Grounds Guys 8-3  
 Evil Roy Slades def. Terry's 10-5

### WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Terry's def. Winkler's Westward Ho 11-7  
 Pioneer def. Wally Schmid Excavating 12-10  
 Fletch's def. Camera Casino 12-7  
 Houge's def. Camera Casino 11-3

## July 27

### THURSDAY COED

T&O Lanes def. Oakbrook Church Forfeit  
 Houge's-Hoffman def. Houge's-Westphal 12-10  
 Big Daddy's-Miller def. Big Daddy's-Porter 14-12  
 4imprint def. Fifth Ward 13-3  
 Dublin's def. LeRoy's 1-0  
 Revs def. Oblio's 6-0

# Obituaries

## Debbie Steines

Debbie Steines, 71, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully July 30, 2023, with her family by her side.



She was born to the late Edward and Joyce Whitney, December 20, 1951, in Neenah, Wisconsin. Debbie graduated from General Douglas MacArthur High School, Levittown

New York in 1969 with a degree in cosmology. She later went on to receive a BS from Lakeland college, in information technology.

She married Duane Steines on March 3, 1973, and they lived together in Oshkosh for twenty years before relocating to Louisville and retiring back in Wisconsin in 2022. Debbie is survived by her husband of 50 years Duane Steines her two children: Denise Elms (Clark), of Newark, Delaware; Michael Steines (Adriana), of Louisville, Kentucky. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Brady (25), Connor (22), Ally (19) Elms, Logan (17)

## Carol J. Bloechl

Carol J. Bloechl, of Neenah, age 91, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00pm to 3:00pm this Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Neenah's Westgor Funeral Home, 205 W. Doty Ave. The full obituary is at westgor-funeralhomes.com



and Dylan (25) Steines. Her sister Diane Headington (Lyle), In-laws Diane and Jack Kuhl, Dennis, and Lois Steines along with Nieces and Nephews. She leaves behind a dear friend and confident Susan Golden as well as many friends and family, too many to list.

Debbie worked for various companies and ultimately retired from UPS Air after 20 years of service she loved her job as a Tech Pub Analyst and enjoyed her coworker family. Debbie had so many talents and things she loved she was an amazing baker who loved to decorate cakes and cookies for family and friends. Debbie had a creative eye she was able to create beautiful pieces of art, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, stamping, paint-

ing. She passed her creative eye onto her children. Debbie was immensely proud of her family, and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. As her health declined, she looked to her faith for guidance and comfort she longs to meet her family and friends awaiting her in Heaven.

Please help us celebrate the bright light of Debbie's life. The memorial will be held at Lake View Memorial Park on Friday, August 4, 2023, at 11:30a.m.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.



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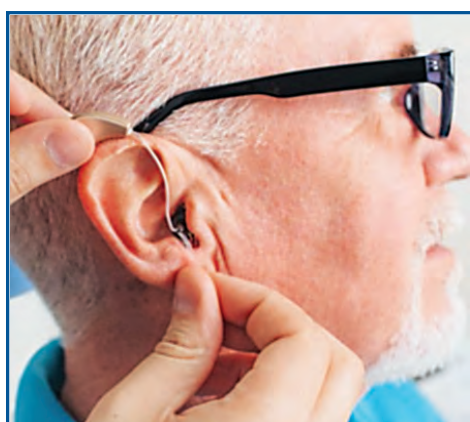
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# Obituaries

## Matthew L. 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 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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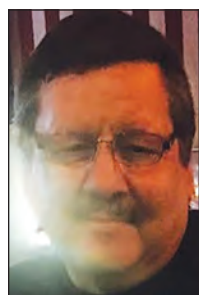


## Ronald Siekierke

Ronald Siekierke, affectionately known as "Hermie" or "Big Ron", passed away unexpectedly due to complications from surgery on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the age of 65. He was born in Oshkosh on November 11, 1957 to the late Francis and Marion (Ludwig) Siekierke.

Ron was a graduate of Oshkosh North High School. At the age of 16, he began building race cars and repairing engines. He enjoyed participating in demolition derbies as a driver, working various jobs as a mechanic including the Eagles and Shoreview Lanes. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for 36 years.

Ron is survived by his siblings, Julie Boese, Peggy (Dave Schumacher) Siekierke,



Gary and Mark Siekierke; sister-in-law, Teri Siekierke; uncle, Walter Ludwig Jr; aunt, Elsiena Velazquez; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Lawrence, Steven; half-brothers, Marvin, Donald, Glen, Francis Jr. and Dennis Siekierke; brother-in-law, Norman Boese Jr; aunt, Janice Ludwig.

An Eagle service with a funeral service to follow will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM until the time of the service. Burial will be held at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

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## Lance E. Patrie

Lance E. Patrie, age 63, surrounded by his family at home went to be with his Lord and Saviour on July 22, 2023, after a longtime battle with Leukemia.

Lance was loving, generous and honest. His favorite hobbies were gardening and beadwork. He enjoyed visiting small town antique shops and eating at many of Wisconsin's wonderful supper clubs. A particular



highlight of Lance's life was traveling with his brother Tyler aboard the USS Nimitz from Hawaii to San Francisco, then to San Diego.

Lance is survived by his mother, Audrey Allmers, siblings: Joyce Engelman, Fawn (Michael) Barman, Tristie (Jeffrey) Ludwig, Tyler Patrie, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Lance is preceded in death by his father Willard Patrie, brothers-in-law Richard A Jones and Jeffrey Engelman.

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held (date not set).

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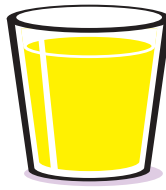
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### STEP 1: The Business Plan

You will need to invest a little cash to get started. Visit or call a local store to find out what the things you need cost. Add up your costs to determine your price and profit. Here is what the math looks like:

EXPENSES:	
12 lemons cost .....	\$1.20
1 3/4 cups of sugar cost .....	.20
20 paper cups cost .....	.60
<b>Total cost for 20 cups of lemonade:</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
INCOME:	
20 cups of lemonade at 50¢ each .....	\$10.00
PROFIT:	
(The money you make after covering your expenses) .....	\$8.00

On a hot day, in the right spot, you might sell 100 cups of lemonade! How much money would you earn?



### STEP 2: Make a Big Sign

Make a big, bold sign to attract people to your stand. If it is OK with your neighbors, put up several colorful signs to direct people to your stand.



### STEP 3: Punch Up Profits

Offer your lemonade in cups made out of oranges. To make one, cut the top off of an orange and scoop out the insides with a spoon. Pour in the lemonade and serve with a straw. Give your lemonade-in-an-orange a snazzy name, like **CITRUS TREAT**, and charge more!

**Remember!** Add the cost of an orange and a straw to your expenses to determine the price of your "Citrus Treat."

**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Students solve problems by adding, subtracting and multiplying amounts of money.



Kevin and Melanie have everything they need for their lemonade stand—except customers. Draw some customers purchasing lemonade to complete this picture.

### Lemonade Recipe

Here is a recipe for making 20 cups of fresh lemonade.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
  - 8 cups water
  - 1 1/2 cups fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED!**

- DIRECTIONS:**
1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until chilled.
  2. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining 7 cups of water.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

### Summer Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper for:
- a number divisible by 3
  - a price greater than \$100
  - a number between 200 and 500

**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Students understand the relationship between numbers up to 1,000.

### Pucker up and think!

There are six lemons in this bag. Can you figure out how to give one lemon to six different kids and leave one in the bag?

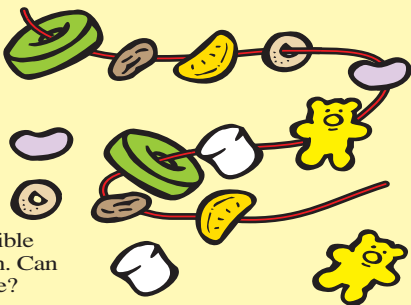


### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Edible Jewels

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- Jewels to string:**
- Lifesavers
  - Cereal
  - Mini marshmallows
  - Raisins
  - Fruit snacks
  - Gum drops
  - Jelly beans



Jenny is making an edible necklace with a pattern. Can you finish her necklace?

**Standards Link:** Math/Data Analysis: Identify and extend simple patterns.

### Double Double Word Search

- LEMONADE  
SAUCEPAN  
CITRUS  
SPOON  
NECKLACE  
COOKIES  
RECIPE  
SUGAR  
CENTS  
SCOOP  
SYRUP  
PUCKER  
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MATH

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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S R M C I T R U S E
T E S P U C A P A N
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the nine errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly.

This summer, I bilt a lemonaid stand. My freind Ricky helped me. We had a lot of customers on a very hot day. That day we make over \$7.00 in profit!

We got the lemons from the lemum tree in my backyard. We made signs and the neighbors let us put them in there yard.

Even our mail carrier, Molly, stopped for a kool glass of our delicious lemonade!

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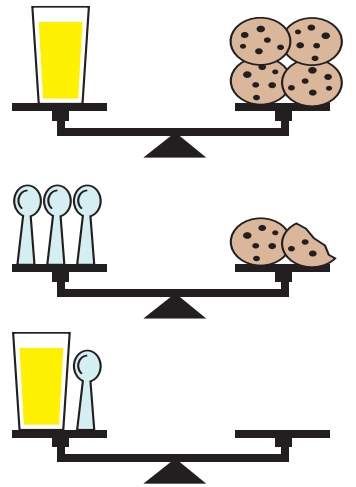
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### A "Weighty" Puzzle

One glass of lemonade weighs the same as four big cookies. If three spoons weigh the same as a cookie and a half, how much will a glass of lemonade and a spoon weigh?



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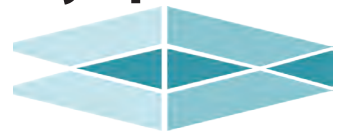
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