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## City's 2024 budget approved

### Council member sees issues on ARPA process

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council voted unanimously to adopt the city's 2024 budget, establishing the property tax levy and approving financing for almost \$120 million in Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.

The 2024 budget shows the city will have a \$174.3 million operating budget with \$56.5 million in general funding. The general fund pays for many day-to-day services within the

city. The tax levy will be \$47.5 million, a 3.99% increase from the 2023 budget.

"The budget is the contract between the government and its residents," council member Mike Ford said. "This is the most important thing we do up here."

Mayor Matt Mugerauer and Ford said City Manager Mark Rohloff brought the council a responsible budget that reflects city priorities.

He said one highlight from the budget was the tax levy increase of 3.99%, which he said was good because the consumer price index, which is used to measure inflation, is at 3.1%. The budget also includes key performance

indicators for all departments, which helps the council with management.

"A budget is not just about spending and money flow. It's about performance," Ford said. "We're trying to get something out of our money."

The council also approved CIP projects last week. Projects for 2024 span all departments and have several funding sources such as the tax levy, ARPA funding, various grants and debt notes to cover the \$118.9 million.

CIP projects include:

- \$29.9 million for Clearwell replacement.

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## Vibrant colors transform Algoma alley

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh is adding to the public art inventory in the city with a group of new exciting and colorful murals downtown.

Phase one of the Algoma Alley Activation Project was recently completed with nine murals painted in the Algoma alley with the help of a Vibrant Spaces Grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. (WEDC) that covered up to half of the project cost.

The project is a shared effort by the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) and Oshkosh Art Collective. BID director Jessica Meidl said the organization has been working for years to bring more color and life downtown and the Algoma alley was a great fit.

"This alley is frequently trafficked by customers, residents and business owners, and we are beautifying a frequently littered and vandalized area of our downtown," Meidl said. "The alley project provides beautification to the alley, accessible public art and in future phases a way to bring people together through public art and programming."

Algoma alley sits between North Main and Division streets on Algoma Boulevard. The murals all follow the theme of "Wisconsin Nature Flow" and feature many animals and plants native to the state.

"The main focus of this project is to create a welcoming and vibrant space for the community," said Jessica Lomena of the Oshkosh Art Collective. "Wisconsin nature is a universal theme that allows everyone to find a personal connection to the art."

Seven of the nine artists selected are from Oshkosh: Eliana Briones, Lauren Chriske, Carrie Olson, Sophie Pedroni, Tina Poulos, Emily Willey and Laura Schley. Other artists selected were An-



Photo by Jessica Lomena

Carrie Olson's mural in Algoma alley has drawn many visitors for family and senior photos.

drew Liskan of Green Bay and Drew York of Milwaukee.

"Choosing local artists was very important," Lomena said. "One of the goals of this project was to provide opportunities for Oshkosh area artists to grow and gain professional experience for their portfolios."

The Oshkosh Art Collective put out a call to artists in Wisconsin with everyone being asked to submit examples of their work. A committee scored the submis-

sions and artists were chosen based on experience, artistic style and project compatibility such as a connection to the area, Lomena said.

Once the artists were chosen they were assigned a mural space of sizes spanning from 10 square feet up to 750 square feet.

"Larger-size walls were given to artists with extensive mural experience, while smaller spaces were allocated to artists

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## Downtown hospital plan gets city OK

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh officials have approved a plan that will put a hospital near downtown and replace a lot that has been vacant for many years.

ThedaCare and Froedert Health have teamed up for the proposed 18-bed hospital that will offer many services, including surgery, emergency care and a retail pharmacy.

The yet-to-be named hospital will sit on the 21-acre lot on the northwest corner of Oregon Street and Sixth Avenue, but the area west of Oregon Street will remain a green space for expected Oregon Street bridge construction in the future. The hospital will be open at all times with an ambulance service.

It will be an 84,000-square-foot facility with emergency care, outpatient diagnostics and surgery, retail pharmacy and primary and specialty care. ThedaCare of-

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# High schools get strong report card

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh public high schools recently received good news showing students are exceeding expectations across several key areas such as student growth.

The news came as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) released its annual school and district report cards last week. The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) released a news statement highlighting the positives in the report cards.

"The OASD is pleased to announce that both Oshkosh North High School and Oshkosh West High School continue to 'Exceed Expectations,'" the release stated. "OASD high schools are continuing to demonstrate strong performance, focusing on student growth and high rates of student participation in the arts and dual enrollment courses."

The district received an overall accountability score of Meets Expectations for the 2022-2023 school year with a score of 68.4, which is a slight decrease from 2021-2022 when it received a 68.7. The report card for districts and schools includes data on many indicators for multiple years across four priority areas: student achievement, district growth, target group, and on-track and postsecondary success. The district continues to make strong gains in the area of Growth, where it scored 71.7 out of a possible 100 points, compared with the state average of 66 points.

"Our dedicated educators and leaders are focused on growth for all students and are

committed to creating environments where all students are highly engaged and capable of skills mastery," stated Sam Coleman, assistant superintendent of instruction. "We are proud of our students' commitment to learning, curiosity and hard work. The achievements happening in our classrooms every day inspire us to continue to improve for the success of all."

The district noted several highlights in the report cards, including North High School seeing improvements in target group outcomes that are designed to show improvements in learners who most need it. The district also reduced the number of schools in the Meets Few Expectations category, moving from five schools last year to three this year.

Oshkosh schools fell into four different categories related to expectations. Carl Traeger Middle School and ALPs Charter School achieved Significantly Exceeded Expectations, scoring 85.3 and 98.6, respectively.

In addition to both high schools, the following six schools received the distinction of Exceeds Expectations: Carl Traeger Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Oakwood Elementary, Perry Tipler Middle, Shapiro STEM Academy and Webster Stanley Elementary.

The following eight schools Meet Expectations: Emmeline Cook Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, Merrill Middle, Oaklawn Elementary, Read Elemen-

tary, South Park Middle and Washington Elementary.

Three schools – Merrill Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and Webster Stanley Middle – received a rating of Meets Few Expectations.

"Our students and schools are more than a single test or number," Coleman said. "With this in mind, the OASD will continue to use assessment scores as one tool to help identify areas of strength and need for improvement, so that all students achieve their full potential."

The positive DPI results follow a school district report released earlier this month that found students in younger grades continuing to struggle with proficiency in literacy and math. Coleman told the Board of Education that urgent improvement was needed in standards and practices with younger student achievement in light of the proficiency results compared with statewide averages.

State report cards serve as an accountability system for schools and districts. Each school within the OASD received a report card that measures their results of the Wisconsin Forward Exam, along with attendance rate, graduation rate and performance on Pre-ACT as well as the ACT for high schools. Using formulas and data sources, the state assigns a score and category for each school and district overall. The intention is for schools to use this information to identify areas for improvement and set future goals.

## Groups unite again on Toys for Tots

Winnegamie Home Builders will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Program again this year along with U.S. Marines Corp, Oshkosh Salvation Army and Oshkosh Corp.

The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season and distribute them as gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

In a special collection, a Salvation Army truck will be accepting unwrapped toys from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot at 1901 Osborn Ave. Go to [oshkosh-wi.toysfortots.org](http://oshkosh-wi.toysfortots.org) for a list of toy drop-off locations in the Oshkosh and Neenah area.

Collection boxes will be picked up Dec. 8 by volunteers from Oshkosh Corp. and WHBA. The toys will be distributed to the families that are registered through the Oshkosh Salvation Army.

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# Morgue addition project slowed by added scope

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Nearly a year and a half after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1.5 million proposal to add a morgue with cold storage in conjunction with an expansion of the sheriff's department's evidence storage, no construction has been completed.

Winnebago County does not have its own cold storage for bodies. When a resident dies of a suspicious death an autopsy is conducted in Fond du Lac County, with Winnebago County required to store bodies until the autopsy. The county is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

Medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer told the committee last year that at one point the county was storing nine bodies at various funeral homes. The county temporarily borrowed a cold storage trailer from another county that was riddled with problems, including a cooling system failure. The livery service that transports the bodies is now providing temporary storage of the deceased for the county.

The sheriff's department evidence storage expansion was approved in January 2021 and the construction of a morgue addition approved in June 2022. The morgue was expected to solve the county's issues with storing bodies and place the medical examiner's office at the same location. Groundbreaking was supposed to take place this past spring but no work has been completed.

Facilities and property management director Mike Elder provided a status update on the project at a Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting Mon-

day. Elder said the original plan was only for the sheriff's department's evidence storage to be expanded for 25 vehicles inside and outside, respectively. When the morgue was added, it changed the schedule.

"We ended up adding the morgue in April, which then increased the scope, which then increased the amount of money that we have to have, so we then had to go back through the whole process for getting funding for the morgue and the project," he said.

Elder said the additional funding for the morgue wasn't approved until June.

"We had an architect and engineers who signed up to design just a storage unit and a parking lot," he said. "Now we've added on a whole lot more work to it. They have to go out to find people to do the plumbing, the fire work, the HVAC - they have to come back to us with a price."

In August, Elder said design work for the morgue began and the location became a challenge. It was originally going to be constructed in a back area away from a parcel reserved for jail expansion.

"Once we added the scope to that it didn't really fit in that location anymore," he said. "So we spent some time trying to see if we could salvage what we had done to date in the location that it was."

The location for the proposed morgue was moved forward adjacent to the Huber parking lot due to issues with the stormwater infrastructure and buried utilities.

"Now we're in a new location, we have to get a new survey, we have to do all the

site work for it and we have to redesign the building," Elder said.

Then in April, Elder said the plan was changed so that the facility could accommodate a 53-foot semitrailer and the tow vehicle to move it into the storage area.

Sheriff John Matz said he thought from the beginning of the project it was clear that a trailer needed to fit in the area. Matz said when there is a fatal accident involving a semi, flatbed truck or boat, the sheriff's office is required to store those as evidence.

Matz said fatalities "have went up dramatically in the last year and there are times it involved commercial motor vehicles."

Elder said there was no way to fit a 53-foot trailer through the front of the building under the existing construction plans

and it required new access to the parking lot, which was also doubled in size.

A separate driveway off Jackson Street was considered but the entire stretch in front of the building is restricted access. Instead, Winnebago County Solid Waste's driveway off County Y will be used, with a driveway through the fence from that parking lot to the new lot.

Project bids came in last week and were all in the \$2 million range.

"Once we get the funding we'll see where we sit with the funding which was approved for it and then if we are within budget we will go ahead and award the contract," Elder said. "Once we get the contractors we'll make sure they have everything taken care of and then we'll start breaking ground."

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Nov. 18, 1953

**Five-Year-Old Wanders Far on Way Home:** A 5-year-old kindergartner was found after a five hour search on Wednesday. Barbara Moushey apparently lost her way after leaving the home of a fellow classmate after school. She was found, unharmed, sitting at the edge of a field, just east of the county fairgrounds, seventeen blocks from where she started. After kindergarten class, Barbara

went to the home of a fellow student who lived on Franklin Ave. She left there shortly before 4 pm and losing her way, went in the opposite direction from her home at 434 Algoma Blvd. Her mother became alarmed when she didn't return home after school and notified police. A missing persons report was broadcast on WOSH radio at 5:18 pm. Several persons joined police in the search and at 9:18 pm Barbara was found. The girl's mother said her daughter was only acquainted with the immediate area between her Algoma Blvd. home and the Oshkosh State College where her father is a library science instructor.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Nov. 19, 1953

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# Police agencies adjusting to highway coverage shift

## Road response leans toward municipalities

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Local police departments are feeling the effects of a countywide change requiring municipalities to be the primary law enforcement agency responding to sections of highways that run through their jurisdiction.

The transfer of service affected portions of Interstate 41, State 441, U.S. 45 and U.S. 10. For more than 30 years the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office had primary jurisdiction over highways in the county, including on- and off-ramps.

Neenah community policing coordinator Joe Benoit explained that while local police departments also had jurisdiction over those portions of highways that came through their municipality, they were not the primary agency dispatched to calls that came in for those locations.

"So if there was a crash, let's say on Highway 41 near Winneconne (Avenue), even though that's within the city limits of Neenah, Neenah would not be dispatched to respond to that crash, the county sheriff's department was," he said.

Late last year, Sheriff John Matz notified the cities of Oshkosh, Neenah and Menasha and Village of Fox Crossing that the sheriff's office was going to divest itself of primary law enforcement responsibilities for major highways, with a transitional period beginning April 1.

Matz told the county's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee early this year that other counties in Wisconsin require local municipalities to be the primary agency responding to highway calls in their area, citing Brown, Outagamie and Dane counties as examples.

The motivation behind turning over highway policing to municipalities is to allow the sheriff's office to focus on rural areas. The sheriff's office and state patrol will still be called to assist municipalities in responding to serious incidents on highways.

"We will still be very present on 441 and 41," Matz said. "It's not like we're abandoning anyone."

From April through the end of June, highway calls for service were shared by the sheriff's office and local police to acclimate municipalities to responding to high-speed traffic stops and crashes. All of the primary duties were turned over to local police as of July 1.

Benoit said the transfer of service required Neenah officers to undergo train-

ing on how to safely respond to incidents on highways.

"It's a different ball game when you're pulling vehicles over and working crash scenes as you have semis and other vehicles whizzing by you at 70 miles an hour, only three feet from you, or sometimes only two feet from you, and you can feel that shake your whole body," he said.

Benoit said the increase in workload likely won't affect Neenah officers' responses to residents' calls for service, but what may suffer is community policing such as checking doors and buildings for security, monitoring parks and attending community events.

"You know, instead of doing those, they might be dealing with a crash on the highway for example," he said.

Oshkosh Police Department's jurisdiction of I-41 begins south of Waukau Avenue and spans north through the Omro Road and State 21 roundabout, but excludes the Butte des Morts causeway. Oshkosh police said in a statement earlier this year that it will develop strategies to relieve the potential impact of the increased workload such as a designated traffic unit, overtime opportunities and other tools.

Oshkosh Police Public Affairs Officer Kate Mann said OPD had training with State Patrol's Traffic Incident Management and the Oshkosh Fire Department leading up to the shift in coverage in July.

"We updated our policies to reflect the change, and we purchased extra traffic equipment such as traffic cones and LED flashers for officers to utilize," Mann said.

She added there has been an increase in calls for service – which includes disabled vehicles, accidents, and debris on the roadway – on I-41 and the highways, but that has not put any extra strain on the department.

One major change for OPD is that the sheriff's office and state patrol used to control the area of Highway 44 and South Koeller Street which becomes very busy during EAA AirVenture. This year OPD took over the area and will continue to provide coverage at future EAA events.

Neenah Police Department's jurisdiction of I-41 stretches from County O through County G. In the first six months since the transfer of service, Neenah police have responded to 452 incidents on highways, according to records examined by Neenah News. The incidents include traffic stops, assisting motorists, hazards,

accidents, reckless driving, agency assists and animal calls.

Fox Crossing police are feeling the biggest impact due to the village taking on a greater portion of highways than other municipalities in the county. Fox Crossing's jurisdiction starts at I-41 and North Street on the south side through Prospect Avenue, and from Clayton Avenue west of Hwy 10 over to Oneida Street. It includes the Roland Kampo Memorial Bridge and both ends of the interchange where State 441 meets I-41 called the Polish Connection.

Fox Crossing reported its officers spent 355 hours on highways from April through September, investigating 79 accidents and completing 170 long forms generated by highway calls.

Police Chief Scott Blashka said Fox Crossing's highway calls are expected to significantly increase during winter.

"The amount of snow that we got on Halloween as a precursor as to what we might expect was a large number of calls on the highways due to accidents, so we're kind of bracing for what the rest of the winter is going to bring us as it will be our first winter as the primary responding units on that interchange," he said.

Blashka said he's put in a request for Fox Crossing's 2024 budget to increase the police department's capacity. While the budget is still in the preliminary stages, he believes he will be able to expand the patrol fleet by an officer next year.

"That's going to provide me with opportunities to redistribute our staffing levels and our supervisory levels to increase the number of patrol units that will directly be able to impact the increased calls on the highways, as well as any needs that we

have at the new high school," he said.

The transfer of service for highway policing in combination with increased police and fire calls and the village's cost of a school resource officer at the Neenah High School, which opened this fall, has resulted in the village asking the state to exceed its property tax levy by just under \$160,000. The application is under review.

At a recent budget hearing, corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller told the county board that if Fox Crossing's request to exceed its property tax levy is granted it could decrease the county's tax levy based on state statute.

County executive Jon Doemel said at a meeting last week that his office has reached out to the Department of Revenue and was informed it was unlikely that Fox Crossing's request would be approved.

Matz told the county board that highway policing was always the responsibility of Fox Crossing once it incorporated that area as part of its village.

"We have since 1991 had a jurisdictional agreement that we would handle the calls for service and they would assist us," he said. "That doesn't change the responsibility, though. The responsibility is theirs."

Matz said he's been in contact with Blashka and is confident the county and village will come to a satisfactory resolution.

Blashka said Fox Crossing police have a good relationship with the sheriff's office which will continue to provide assistance to the village in a supporting role.

"We look forward to continuing to work together to provide that service to the citizens of the village and all the people that are traveling on the highways," he said.

## Feeding America delivers turkeys to food banks

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is collaborating with food pantry and food program partners to distribute thousands of pounds of turkeys in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The hunger-relief organization will distribute more than 11,000 turkeys to those struggling with hunger across 35 counties to local food pantries, meal programs and shelters to provide a holiday meal centerpiece.

Funding was made possible, in part, by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the American Rescue Plan Act. A similar distribution of hams will take place in mid-December.

"We work so closely with our network partners during the year, ensuring the community has access to healthy food," said Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

president Patti Habeck. "To be able to distribute Thanksgiving turkeys, keeping the tradition of a holiday meal alive, is extremely important to our organization and helps fuel our goal of ending hunger in Wisconsin."

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry at 2551 Jackson St. is receiving one of the larger deliveries of turkeys in the area. The pantry distributes more than 1 million pounds of food annually to more than 31,000 guests within its southern Winnebago County service area.

Last year, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin distributed more than 34 million pounds of food to nearly 400 food programs across 72 Wisconsin counties, serving 500,000. Visit [FeedingAmerica-WI.org](http://FeedingAmerica-WI.org) to donate, volunteer or host a food drive.



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Sparty is shown with his therapy dog vest and OASD name tag.

## Sparty helps students feel good in district

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Carl Treager Elementary School has the district's first therapy dog – Sparty – who has a positive impact on everyone he meets.

Carl Treager Principal Brenna Garrison-Bruden recently gave the Board of Education an update on Sparty and his work.

"Sparty is deployed to students in need. He provides support to students experiencing anxiety," she said. "He serves as a reading buddy and has provided breaks for students."

Students take part in Sparty jobs, which include filling Sparty's water, feeding him or taking him out for bathroom breaks. The district purchased Sparty, who was already trained, for around \$9,000 with the help of grant funds. Sparty visits schools across the district and the district covers his medical and food costs.

Garrison-Bruden said Sparty lives with Traeger school counselor Kaelee Heideman but will often use the principal's office during the school day.

Heideman takes care of Sparty, who is a 4-year-old English Lab, at home. But he handles crises during his day job, which started back in January for OASD. Sparty is helpful to students but students will also help him.

"They often tell each other, 'You have to back up' or, 'Be quiet' to help Sparty feel safe," she said. The kids will often give Sparty hugs to make him feel better. Sparty has been helpful to students with disabilities and those struggling with social skills.

The school has seen such a benefit from having Sparty that a fund to raise money for more therapy dogs has started. The fundraiser is called Sparty's Legacy – [www.mightycause.com/story/Oasddog](http://www.mightycause.com/story/Oasddog).

# Nomination papers soon to be available

Oshkosh Herald

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County is reminding those interested in running for office that Dec. 1 is the first day for candidates to file their candidacy and begin circulating nomination papers.

Elections for local school boards, Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, and city, village and town boards are April 2, preceded by a Feb. 20 primary if needed. The LWV has created a one-stop shop

with links to the necessary paperwork, forms and guidelines. Candidates are advised to confirm the information with the filing officer listed in the materials.

Prospective candidates can find the LWV document How to Run for Office: Spring 2024 at [lwvwinnebago.org](http://lwvwinnebago.org), its Facebook page or by emailing [wclwvinfo@gmail.com](mailto:wclwvinfo@gmail.com).

Nomination papers must be turned in to the respective public office no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 2. Other forms and paperwork,

including campaign finance documents, must be completed and submitted by the required due date outlined in the materials.

Candidates whose name will appear on the ballot may be invited to participate in a live or virtual candidate forum when there is a contested race, and will be invited to participate in the online voter guide at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). This guide allows voters to search to see who is on their ballot, and allows them to read candidate responses to questions posed by the LWV.

## Oshkosh resident honored for his EAA efforts

Jim Casper of Oshkosh has been recognized for his contributions and volunteer service to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) as he received the Henry Kimberly Spirit of Leadership Award during the EAA Halls of Fame banquet.

The award is named for the late Henry Kimberly, a longtime Oshkosh civic leader who was instrumental in building community support for EAA when the fly-in arrived in Oshkosh in 1970, and later in the move of EAA headquarters to Oshkosh in the early 1980s.

Casper was recognized for more than

four decades of service as an EAA AirVenture Oshkosh volunteer and chairperson at the North 40 Flight Line Operations at Wittman Regional Airport. That area welcomes thousands of aircraft each year, whose owners and passengers camp next to their aircraft for the weeklong fly-in.

Casper also has been involved in many other EAA activities, including at the EAA Aviation Museum and the museum's Pioneer Airport. He is actively involved in EAA Chapter 252 based in Oshkosh, including as the chapter's past president and with a current re-creation project of Steve

Wittman's famed "Buster" racing airplane.

"Jim represents the best of the EAA volunteer corps – knowledgeable, dedicated and a mentor to new volunteers," said Jack Pelton, EAA chief executive, who presented the award at a dinner in the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar. "He has been an outstanding example of our volunteers from the Oshkosh area who make EAA a destination for aviation enthusiasts from all parts of the globe."

## Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra has new focus

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The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra returned to live music this fall for its 82nd season with a reimagined community engagement model and new partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh led by music director Dylan T. Chmura-Moore.

Starting with its Oct. 14 concert in Music Hall on the UW Oshkosh campus, the second performance takes on a holiday

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

The season concludes April 20 in collaboration with Oshkosh Chamber Singers and choirs from UW Oshkosh. Performed will be Dvorak's 6th Symphony and a mass by the Romantic composer Jose Mauricio Nunes Garcia.

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# D-Day Squadron names legacy tour aircraft

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After a successful mission in 2019, the D-Day Squadron – the American contingent of Douglas C-47 and DC-3 transports participating in the celebrations of D-Day and the Berlin Airlift – is preparing its journey to Europe to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasions and 75th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

Among the aircraft that confirmed participation to commemorate Veterans and Remembrance Day is the C-47 “That’s All, Brother” from the Commemorative Air Force Centex Wing. The plane, which led the D-Day invasion into Normandy in 1944, made its first post-restoration flight in January 2018 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

It was discovered that Basler Turbo Conversions in Oshkosh had possession of the aircraft, after which it was sold to the CAF with Basler doing an extensive restoration of the aircraft.

The squadron is expected to depart Oxford-Waterbury Airport in Connecticut on May 18 and cross the Northern Atlantic along the original Blue Spruce route.

Some teams are working to get their aircraft ready to take part, but CAF officials said the complexity of the mission, logistical challenges and costs involved will keep their participation on hold until months before the launch. Ten historic aircraft are expected to make the journey and will be joined by at least three Euro-



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“That’s All, Brother,” a Douglas C-47 that took part in the Normandy invasion in World War II, is shown at EAA AirVenture in 2019.

pean based C-47s from France, Finland and Sweden.

“We’re excited to join the D-Day Squadron to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Operation Overlord. As a U.S. Naval aircraft, READY-4-DUTY and her crew are honored to represent the contributions of the U.S. Navy at this historic event,” shared Chris Volpe, Wing Leader, DFW Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. “This will be our first flight mission with the squadron, a great salute to the Greatest Generation who came before us.”

The mission behind the Legacy Tour is assembling a collective of international

operators of WWII era aircraft, specifically the DC-3/C-47 type, to honor, pay tribute and commemorate the legacy of WWII veterans through Europe.

The D-Day Squadron is part of the Tunison Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. In June 2019, the D-Day Squadron led an American fleet of 15 historic, restored C-47 World War II military aircraft to take part in a flyover of more than 30 international aircraft to drop more than 200 paratroopers over the original 1944 drop zones in Normandy.

More information and updates can be found at [DDaySquadron.org](http://DDaySquadron.org).

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# Recreation Department set to welcome winter activities

It's that time again. Online registration for Oshkosh Recreation Department winter programming begins at 8 a.m. Nov. 27. In addition to all the excellent programming we are known for, the ORD is offering some new options. Some highlights:

**Cardio drumming classes for youth, adults and families:** This is a fun way to burn off some energy (if you are a kid) or get your heart pumping (if you are an adult) while you drum a beat to fun music on a huge exercise ball. This class can be as easy or as difficult as you want it to be, and the best part is, it will make you laugh.



**Winter outdoor survival skills and animal tracking hike for youth:** In collaboration with Fox Valley Adventures, we are offering these two classes to get kids outside in the fresh air during winter, learning information that they can use during their entire lives. Besides, who doesn't want to feel like the British survival hero Bear Grylls?

**A new You & Me Hike series for families:** This is a weekly series for parents and little ones who get to explore local trails and parks during late winter and early spring. It's a chance to make some new family friends while getting some early morning fresh air. This opportunity also comes via collaboration with Fox Valley Adventures.

**Youth baseball/softball camps:**

It's never too early for spring training. We are offering these baseball/softball camps in December, right after the holidays, in partnership with 360U, the indoor training facility. Our focus will be on ages 5-7 and 8-11 who want to gain experience throwing, catching, hitting and defensive fundamentals.

**Futsal for Youth – (Joga Bonito):** Brazilian style street ball soccer with weekly practices along with games on Saturdays; winter will go by faster than a pass from Diego Burato.

As the season of gratitude approaches, the ORD would like to extend a huge thank you to all the individuals and organizations who assisted financially in providing quality recreational programming throughout the year. According to director Kabel Helmbrecht, "their generosity provided us with a total of \$18,172."

Donors include USTA National Tennis Night Out Grant, USTA Program Grant, Oshkosh Community Foundation - Good Fellows Grant, Alberta Kimball Foundation, Otter Street Fishing Club, Bock Insurance Agency, Triangle Manufacturing Fund, Vivid Orthodontics, Accu-Com Security Solutions, Oshkosh Trophy, Adam D. Gundlach Fund, Seamless Gutters and Guards, Panske Enterprises and Erica Beine & Beine Wellness.

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"The support provided by all of these organizations, whether in the form of grants, team sponsorships, donations or volunteering, is critical to the success of the Oshkosh Recreation Department," Helmbrecht said. "Their generosity truly ripples out into our community through our programming and makes a positive impact on the quality of life here in

Oshkosh.

"Everyone here at the Oshkosh Recreation Department looks forward to providing a winter/spring season of activities and programming that keeps people engaged, learning, and having fun, and we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Don't forget to look for us, along with our Community Band, at the Holiday Parade!"

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# TEDxOshkosh hosts speakers sharing their passions

By Joy Wick  
TEDx OSHKOSH

The audience was captivated by 13 courageous speakers who took the stage at TEDx Oshkosh 2023: Untamed Imagination held Nov. 4 at The Grand Oshkosh. Among the presentations that moved the 260 registrants who attended the daylong conference was Jordan Schroeter's.

Schroeter grew up with the neuromuscular disease, spinal muscular atrophy. A speaker, stand-up comedian, filmmaker and pastor, his talk, "Are We Asking the Disabled to be Better than the Rest of Us?" explored the reality that people living with disabilities are just as fallible as other people.

He shared vulnerabilities and deeply personal experiences.

"That's when it kind of hits you, no one is coming. You are literally dying alone. Every shout for help is nothing but a whisper and then you fade to black," he told the audience.

"Dying is like falling asleep. You don't realize it until you wake up. ...I'm up here



Comedian and filmmaker Jordan Schroeter presents at the recent TEDx Oshkosh event at The Grand.

today breathing and alive because of a split-second decision made by my respiratory therapist. She chose to skip her lunch that day, and visit me first. That's when she found me unresponsive. A week later, I was home for Thanksgiving, eating mashed potatoes."

TEDxOshkosh 2023 speakers present-

ed ideas that included technology, perception, art and the human experience.

Like TEDx events around the world, TEDxOshkosh curates each annual event with a theme. For 2023, the TEDxOshkosh team took the titles of all of the speakers' talks, and supplied them, along with goals for theme to Artificial Intelligences (AI) and requested the AIs generate the theme. With that AI assist, TEDxOshkosh select-

ed the theme Untamed Imagination. The theme was repeated in event materials and stage scenery to enhance the experience.

"This platform has ignited intellectual curiosity and is bound to inspire impactful change. Our audience was inspired by these incredible speakers who invest not only their time and dedication to presenting big ideas, but also for many, their life's passion," said Craig Burnett, TEDxOshkosh co-organizer. "And it doesn't stop with this event in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. When the videos of the talks are released in the coming months, the ideas presented here will spread from Oshkosh to the world."

Videos of the speakers' talks will be available after editing and the approval process from TED takes place. TED staff will review each talk in its entirety, approve it, then place it online.

After application for, and renewal of our license, TEDxOshkosh will announce in late winter plans for future events.

The independently produced event, operated under a license from TED, is organized by community volunteers and is aimed at creating dialogue as well as giving people a forum to share their passions, ideas and experiences.

## Grants available for outdoor classrooms, landscaping

The Fox Valley Area Chapter of the native landscaping group Wild Ones is accepting applications or grants of up to \$500 to support creation of outdoor classrooms or other projects that use native landscaping.

Schools, churches and other public and nonprofit groups may apply for the Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 for projects within 15 miles of the Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet or Fond du Lac County lines. Eligible

projects include a native plant community such as prairie, woodland or wetland for educational use; an interpretive trail using native plantings; or a rain garden used to teach about water quality improvement.

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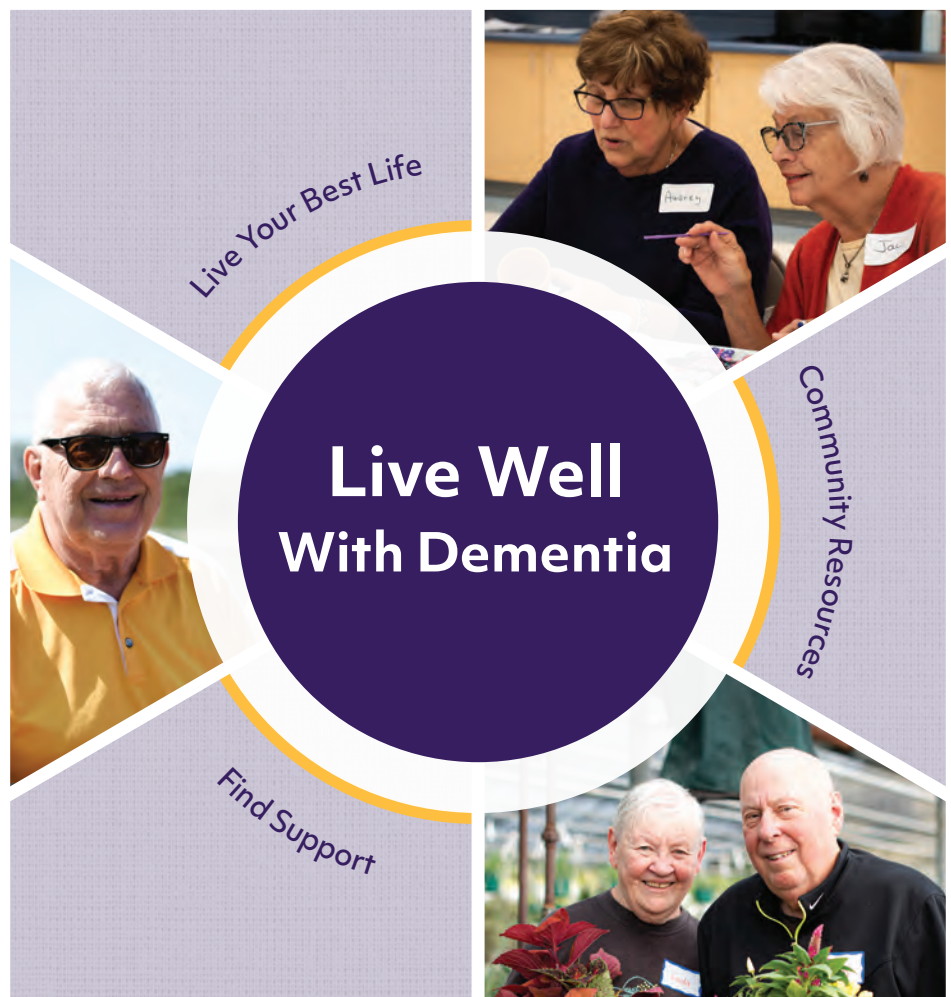
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# School of Informatics to prep futuristic problem solvers

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Students will learn how to turn raw data into knowledge to solve today's workforce challenges through the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's new School of Informatics.

Launching this month, the innovative school will engage students and regional organizations to better understand and apply cutting-edge technology – think AI,

cybersecurity and augmented reality.

"The School of Informatics is about being future ready for our students and for our region and state. It will harness a spectrum of academic disciplines and powerful programs UWO offers right now to assure our graduates and the organizations they work for and lead are best prepared for today and tomorrow," UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andy Leavitt said.

"We are responding to learners' growing interests and our region's demand for futuristic problem solvers – adaptable graduates who are as creative as they are technological, able to analyze data, overcome obstacles and help advance companies, nonprofits, governments and other organizations smartly and safely well into the future."

The school will not be housed in a brick-and-mortar building but serve as an umbrella to bring together interdisciplinary programs. College of Business Dean Frank Braun, who has championed creation of the school since joining UW Oshkosh in January, explains informatics as the "art, science, technology and business of transforming data into useful knowledge."

"Exploding computing power and capabilities, massive data stores and pervasive commercial and social digital engagements have changed our lives. Students will acquire multidimensional informatics skills and expertise to better explore and influence the rich complexity of these changes," he said.

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UWO will introduce the School of Informatics to the community and regional business leaders at a Chancellor's Executive Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Culver Family Welcome Center. Braun will share how local organizations can support and partner with the new school. In turn, regional business and community leaders will share input about how the school can be responsive to workforce needs by preparing graduates with the necessary skills and capabilities.



Photo by Michael Cooney

## Jazz jam

The Valley Jazz Institute held an open session Thursday at The Waters that was an invitation to music students from Oshkosh and Fond du Lac to perform. There were seven students participating, a mix of eighth-graders, high school students and a UW Oshkosh student with organizer Brad Curren and members of the Jazz Orgy band offering critiques and suggestions.

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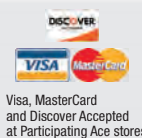
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## Business news roundup

The daCare has named **Dr. Kori Krueger** as senior vice president and president of the The daCare Physician Group, where he will lead strategy and operations of the The daCare Provider Network in the pre-acute, acute and post-acute settings. Krueger will begin his role Dec. 30. He has served as chief quality officer for the Marshfield Clinic Health System in Marshfield for the past 11 years and has been a practicing physician there for more than two decades.

**The Wisconsin Herd**, which started its sixth season as a G-League team of the Milwaukee Bucks, was named Small Business of the Year by the Fox Cities Chamber recently with other 2023 Business Award recipients at its recent annual Connection networking event. Last year, the Herd hit an all-time high of more than \$90,000 given back to the community through donation requests, theme jersey auctions and fundraising.

National restaurant chain **Chili's Grill & Bar** opened its new Oshkosh location

earlier this month at 1290 S. Koeller St. and had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 6 with the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant opens at 11 a.m. daily and features weekday happy hours starting at 3 p.m. along with curbside pick-up and delivery.

**Michael's** will be opening one of its arts and crafts stores at 1530 S. Koeller St. in Oshkosh at the former Party City location. The business, which also has a Fox Valley location at 4661 Associated Court in Grand Chute, has not announced an opening date.

The **Wendy's** restaurant at 2360 Westowne Ave. closed this month after its franchisee filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Nov. 14. The Starboard Group, based in Coral Springs, Fla., is a franchisee for Wendy's and other restaurants with leases for 72 locations in Wisconsin, Florida, Alabama, Illinois and Missouri, and ranked among the top 100 franchisees in the United States.

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# City budget

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- \$22 million for reconstruction of Fernau Avenue, Waugoo Avenue and Cherry Street.
- \$4 million for GO Transit Center.

Ford noted the city is only using 43% of the allowable debt set by state law.

“That’s really a low point for us, in a good way,” Ford said, noting the progress the city has made on allowable debt is comparable or even better than other area communities.

“It’s good progress there.”

Mugerauer and Ford applauded city staff for putting the budget together and adjusting it over the last several months. Mugerauer said residents should be happy with the services provided by the city.

“If you want a project, you got to find a way to fund it. If you want to move a program forward, housing for example, you got to find a way to fund it. You got to find a way to fund it within the finances that we have,” Mugerauer said. “This is where it starts.”

Mugerauer reiterated Ford’s point by stating the budget is the most important thing the council does in its position.

“The budget process is never going to be perfect because needs are infinite and resources are finite, but I really think we have a document up here and a process we can be proud of,” Ford said.

## ARPA process update

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) made a request Tuesday night for \$300,000 of the city’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to grow the organization by using it as seed money to start a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

BID director Jessica Meidl spoke to the council and said the funds would be used to

hire a second staff member along with aiding the nonprofit.

The Wine Walk held over the weekend is one of the biggest and well-attended events the BID holds. Meidl said if they had another staff member the event could be bigger and bring in more money. She said each event could bring in \$5,000 more for the BID.

“The more foot traffic and programming and activity we can have downtown, the better,” Meidl said.

Downtown Oshkosh BID is still dealing with the lingering effects of the pandemic, including less foot traffic due to larger employers shifting workers to work from home. Meidl said since 2020 more than 15 downtown area businesses have closed their doors.

The BID starts north of the Fox River and goes up to Parkway Ave between Jefferson and Division streets. Meidl said the nonprofit would allow other BIDs to be set up across the city.

Oshkosh received \$20.5 million in ARPA funds from the federal government with 25% – about \$5.1 million – designated for nonprofit organizations. City documents show \$2.7 million has already been allocated to six organizations. If the council approved the BID request the city would have just over \$2 million.

Council member LaKeisha Haase asked Meidl about the city’s involvement in BID. Meidl said the city assists with administrative work and the BID works with a lot of city departments.

Haase was concerned there were legal issues with how closely the BID and city government work together.

“Is it possible for a city government to be so heavily involved in a 501(c)(3)?” Haase asked. She noted the city cannot have that designation.

Rohloff said he was not aware of any legal issues with the BID’s plan to set up a non-

profit. He added that the city provides about \$500,000 with in-kind support to the BID with staff support and parking.

“How is it possible for this funding to go to essentially a city agency to start a 501(c)(3) when the city can’t do that?” Haase asked city staff.

Rohloff said the BID plan to set up a nonprofit would be separate from the government and be similar to groups like Future Neenah or Appleton Downtown Inc.

Another issue Haase had with the ARPA request dealt with the process. The city had a round of ARPA applications in 2021 and had a deadline of July 2021 published.

Haase said she was under the impression that the ARPA application process was closed and that is what she had been telling residents and groups that inquired about submitting applications.

Rohloff said he was unaware the 2021 application deadline date was still on the city website and that once he was aware of that he had staff remove it from the website.

When people would ask Rohloff if they could still apply even though the known deadline had passed he would tell them, “Don’t worry about it,” Rohloff said. The BID initially came to Rohloff requesting the

funds from the general fund, but Rohloff believed it would be more suitable if the group applied for ARPA funds.

Haase said that is an issue of transparency in the process after hearing Rohloff say the BID application was part of a second round.

Council member Joe Stephenson explained that the council advised Meidl and BID to apply for these funds during the budget workshops at the end of October.

Mugerauer gave an overview of the process, which had Rohloff scoring the applications against a guiding document that was created, reviewed and approved by the council when ARPA funds became available.

“There was a deadline set and that deadline passed, and it’s only if having a communication within the city would you become privy to the fact you should still apply,” Haase said. “The process should be known to every single person.”

ARPA regulations state a municipality – small town, large city or county – must have the funds allocated for projects by the end of 2024 with projects needing to be completed by the end of 2026.

The council voted 4-3 to not approve the BID’s ARPA fund request with Ford, Mugerauer and Stephenson voting for the funding.




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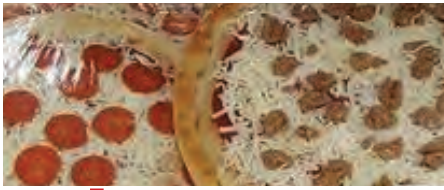
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# Witzke's evolved as tavern before and after Prohibition

By Lee Reiherzer  
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The saloon and beer garden at 17th and Oregon was already 40 years old in 1914. The Oshkosh Brewing Company, owner of the property since 1897, was looking for someone new to run the place. Fuddy Witzke turned out to be the perfect fit.

August Herman Friedrich "Fuddy" Witzke was born in Oshkosh on July 19, 1886. He was a son of the Southside and grew up just a block away from the tavern that would later bear his name. Witzke was tending bar for the Oshkosh Brewing Co. tied house on Seventh Street when the brewery tapped him to run its showcase saloon at what is now 1700 Oregon St. Witzke took over the saloon in May 1914.

Fuddy lived up to his nickname. He was 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds and reliably grouchy. But the grumbling only seemed to endear him to the crowd at the bar. The saloon and beer garden flourished under Witzke until 1920 when Prohibition tried to shut him down.

Witzke saw this day coming. A year earlier, he had purchased a license to sell soft drinks. It allowed him to keep his saloon open after the dry law went into effect. But soft drinks weren't the point. Every bar owner in Oshkosh knew that you couldn't make the rent selling soda. Witzke's became a speakeasy.

It was almost as if nothing changed. Police in Oshkosh showed little interest in going after Prohibition violators. By the summer of 1921, the city was known as a place where Prohibition was mocked. And that brought the feds to town.

Federal agents made their first major raid on Oshkosh in August 1921. They



This photo from 1941 shows customers inside Witzke's on Oregon Street. Fuddy Witzke is seen behind the bar at right.

Photo from Lee Reiherzer

aimed their initial thrusts at the most prominent targets. On the north side, they hit the Annex Thirst Parlor (now Oblio's Lounge). On the Southside they headed for Witzke's.

The feds poured through the door to find Witzke mixing drinks from a tumbler of moonshine. He was ready for this. He just needed to give the tumbler a nudge. It would drop into the sink and send the liquor down the drain. The feds said Witzke was so alarmed by their sudden appearance that he forgot his trick.

At his court date, the district attorney recommended the minimum penalty: \$100 (about \$900 today). Fuddy could

turn on the charm if he wanted to. The DA remarked that Witzke had been "very fair and decent in this matter." Witzke paid his fine and went straight back to his bar.

The striking building at 17th and Oregon was an advantage in the heady days before Prohibition. Standing tall at the south entrance to the Southside, Witzke's Saloon was a landmark. But the prominence became a liability when liquor became illegal. As a speakeasy, Witzke's was too conspicuous. He got caught again in 1924.

Federal agents rushed in on a Monday evening in April and found Witzke holding two quarts of moonshine. They

hauled him to jail, where he said he'd just as soon plead guilty now and skip the trial. He changed his tune when they told him this second offense would mean jail time.

At his trial, Witzke asked for leniency. He said he was quitting the business and promised to stop selling bootleg liquor. The judge didn't even bother to comment. He slapped Witzke with a \$300 fine and sent him to the county jail for 30 days of hard labor. Witzke served his sentence, went back home and reopened his speakeasy. He had a six-year run before his next

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# Witzke's

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arrest.

In the fall of 1931, federal agents made a series of raids on speakeasies in Oshkosh. There had been rumblings for weeks that a housecleaning was in the works. On Oct. 17, a squad of 29 agents invaded the city. Of course, they paid a visit to their old buddy Fuddy. But he wasn't home.

He had stepped away for a moment, asking his friend Henry Drew to watch the bar. Witzke walked out, and an undercover federal agent walked in. The agent called for a beer. It was the first beer Henry Drew poured as a bartender. It was also the last. The agent immediately arrested Drew. A reporter saw his arrival at the city jail.

"His jaws and knees shook noticeably. 'Heck of a note,' he remarked, 'J-j-just doing a favor for a friend.'"

The feds met up with Fuddy the following day. His case was settled in May 1932. Witzke was fined \$250 and handed over to the House of Corrections in Milwaukee to serve a six-month sentence.

Things looked brighter when he got back to Oshkosh in late 1932. Prohibition was being dismantled. In April 1933, beer became legal again. Full repeal came at the end of the year. But by then, Prohibition had changed everything for the saloon keepers. Nobody knew that better than Fuddy Witzke.

The dry law led to the closing of the beer garden that had accompanied the saloon for decades. And in 1927, Oshkosh Brewing sold the beer garden property. It later became home to the Florian Lampert Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The brewery also shed many of its saloons during Prohibition. The Witzke saloon was sold in 1930. After 16 years



there, Witzke became the owner of the building. It would remain his until his death in 1969.

Witzke retired from his bar in 1966. He was 79 years old, but his retirement was more of an easing up than a hard stop. Witzke still lived in the apartment attached to the tavern and he still dropped in to pour beer now and then. His presence at 17th and Oregon lingered even after his death. From 1914 until its closing in 2019, the tavern was never known as anything other than Witzke's.

*This is the second of three parts on the extensive history of the Witzke's location. 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."*

# Calendar of events

## Thursday, Nov. 30

Downtown Oshkosh tree lighting ceremony (6 p.m.), Jolly Jog (6:15) and Holiday Parade (6:30)

## Friday, Dec. 1

December Reindeer Roundup begins at Winnebago County Community Park  
Morgan House tours, 5 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Janet Planet and Friends, 7:30 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

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

## Saturday, Dec. 2

Area 51 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, 8 a.m., UW Oshkosh, 140 Osceola St.

Christmas in the Air, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Race for the Light 5K, 4:30 p.m., EAA grounds

Howard Holiday Market, 10 a.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Cookie Walk, 9 a.m., St. John Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

Morgan House tours, 2 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra: Hearten, for the Holidays, 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh, 1001 Elmwood Ave.

The Looney Lutherans, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Gin and Sonics, Water City Pub, 8 p.m., 216 N. Main St.

"Gremlins," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Martin Luther Live Nativity, 4 p.m., Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd.

## Sunday, Dec. 3

Howard Holiday Market, 10 a.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Snow Ball, 10:30 a.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

## Ongoing

Nutcracker in the Castle, Paine Art Center & Gardens, through Jan. 8

## Wednesday, Nov. 22

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

Kenny James and Reverend Fish, 7 p.m., The Fountain, 3696 Stearns Drive

## Thursday, Nov. 23

Festival Foods Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

## Friday, Nov. 24

Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., EAA AirVenture grounds and expo hangars (through Dec. 31)

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

## Saturday, Nov. 25

Model Citizens, 8 p.m., Rev Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

## Monday, Nov. 27

"The Philadelphia Eleven" movie screening, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Blvd.

## Tuesday, Nov. 28

Slow Roll Oshkosh to Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

## Wednesday, Nov. 29

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

Cocoa & Carols in the Square, 7 p.m., Opera House Square

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# Hospital plan

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Officials have said the hospital will have the ability to expand services based on community needs.

City staff gave approval of the plan as it fits in with its 2040 comprehensive plan and is consistent with zoning in the area as hospitals are an allowable use.

"It will be so much better than what we have out there now," said Kathleen Propp of the Plan Commission.

Propp added that she approved of the muted colors of the building and the proposed landscape around the hospital.

Tim Scanley of the architectural firm HGA said the character of the building was designed with Oshkosh in mind. The grey modular brick is inspired by historic downtown buildings.

There will also be a wood panel that wraps around the main entrance that Scanley said will bring warmth and a timeless quality to the building.

Scanley added that when designing a medical campus, it's important to be intuitive so people know where they are go-



HGA illustration

The main entrance of the proposed hospital with wood paneling to define the area.

ing. The proposed hospital will have features that make it easy to identify where the main entrance is and where to go for emergency care.

Another difference the hospital will have to others in the area is a retail pharmacy with a drive-thru lane.

The hospital will have frontage on the Fox River and a direct link to the city's Riverwalk. There will also be two separate parking lots for staff and patients with both entrances off Sixth Avenue.

According to the city staff report, four parking stalls are required per hospital bed and one stall per 250 square feet. That would mean a minimum of 312 parking stalls; the plans call for 321 stalls.

Lynn Detterman of ThedaCare said the property was chosen in Oshkosh because a majority of residents live on the east side of Interstate 41 but the majority of hospitals are on the west side of the interstate. She said this could be a possible barrier to care.

Detterman also noted, "We like to build hospitals along the river," a reference to the ThedaCare hospital on Second Avenue in Neenah.

Thomas Arquilla, chief strategy officer at ThedaCare, said construction on the health campus is set to take 18 months with completion scheduled for 2025. City documents show the hospital is projected to cost \$53.5 million.

"We've been here for over 125 years and we're going to be here another 100 years," Arquilla said. "So, we plan to continue to be good neighbors."

The Plan Commission voted 8-0 to approve the general development plan, which was put on the Common Council agenda and approved last week with no opposing votes.



Photo from Paine Art Center

Nutcracker in the Castle is opening to visitors for the holidays.

## Nutcracker in Castle enters 17th season

The annual holiday presentation Nutcracker in the Castle has opened for its 17th season at the Paine Art Center & Gardens, inviting visitors to explore the fairytale throughout the decorated rooms of the Paine mansion, a fantasy experience with self-guided, candlelight or guided tours.

The presentation features more than 80 Christmas trees, giant storybooks and surprises for all ages. Families can also take part in holiday workshops and see a large collection of authentic German nutcrackers.

Nutcracker in the Castle runs through Jan. 8 with tours available Monday through Friday. More information is at [thepaine.org](http://thepaine.org).

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Oshkosh artist Tina Paulos works on her mural in October.

## Algoma alley art

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who met style and compatibility criteria but maybe didn't have as much experience," Lomena said.

The process was reliant on a public art scoring matrix and by doing it this way a community was created with experienced muralists sharing their knowledge and expertise with newer artists.

"Those are the 'warm and fuzzies' that make me extremely proud of the artists and this project," she said.

Meidl said responses from the community have been great. While phase one was being created, many artists engaged with people about their murals. The project has also gotten a lot of attention on social media with people posting photos.

There are no definitive plans for phase two of the Algoma Alley Activation Proj-

ect but there is the chance for some 3-D elements such as lighting, seating and a sculpture element to enhance curb appeal. The second phase is scheduled to be completed in 2024.

Meidl said the project will be a big deal for tourism and quality of life in Oshkosh.

"I would just stress the importance of placemaking in a downtown and creating spaces where people want to be - defined by those who live, work and play in those spaces," she said. "It is huge for tourism and quality of life, which is so important for attracting people to the area whether to live or visit and for retaining those who live here."

Lomena and Meidl both highlighted the worth of this project to the community.

"Public art is powerful in bringing together communities and assisting the local economy," Lomena said. "We are forever grateful to the local businesses, organizations and individuals who have sponsored and supported this project."

## Warriors' Birr honored by Packers

Valley Christian's head football coach has been honored by the Green Bay Packers as the Packers High School Coach of the Week in a program presented by Buffalo Wild Wings.

Dan Birr led the Warriors to a 4-4 record this season in the program's first year as its own entity since 2015. Valley Christian had been a co-op program with St. Mary Catholic. Birr had previously coached football at Valley Christian from 1997-2003.

According to a press release from the Packers, Birr views the Coach of the Week Award as a great acknowledgement of all the hard work everyone who is part of the Valley Christian football program has undertaken.

"When you look at a football program,

especially getting it going from the ground up, everyone's involved and a part of it," Birr said in the release.

Birr was assisted by Ben Birr, Chip Kin-

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# Veteran West lineup aims to challenge in rugged FVA

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

With an experienced roster and coming off a third-place finish in the Fox Valley Association last season, the Oshkosh West girls basketball team has its sights set high entering the 2023-24 season.

The Wildcats finished 16-9 overall a year ago and finished behind only Neenah and Hortonville in the FVA standings, tying with Kaukauna at 11-7 in league play.

West will be one of the most experienced teams in the conference this season, returning its top five scorers from a year ago. And with another year of experience, head coach Kenisha Phillips believes this group could have a special season.

"There are high expectations from the coaching staff and from the players," Phillips said. "We finished third last year (in the conference) and return 90 percent of the varsity team so we are excited to get going."

Leading the way for West will be senior Paige Seckar, a first-team all-FVA selection a year ago.

Seckar was the leading scorer for the Wildcats last season, averaging 11.5 points per game with a season-high of 22 points in a win over Oshkosh North. Seckar was the also the team's leading rebounder at 6.4 rebounds per game.

Seckar was the lone double-figure scorer for the Wildcats, but seniors Braelee Jodarski, Brenna Gehri and Laina Hamman all averaged between 7-9 points per game, while Grace Lenz – who emerged as a strong post player the second half of

the season – averaged about six points per game.

"This group has been together since fourth grade and they have always been about each other," Phillips said. "They just want to win and it doesn't matter who gets the points, who gets the recognition, it's more about the team at the end of the day."

Gehri also led the team in 3-pointers and assists a year ago.

The Wildcats will also get senior Morgan Toman and junior Maddie Rasmussen back from injury this season to add to the team's depth, while Phillips also expects senior Charlee Martin to have an expanded role.

Phillips believes one of the big keys for her team this year will be being better out of the gates of games.

Although West did have a successful season, the Wildcats struggled in the first half of games and were often playing from behind.

"Scoring in the first half has always been a little bit of a struggle of ours so trying to come out a little bit quicker," Phillips said. "The second half we didn't have those problems, just in the first half we had the sleepies still going on."

## Leib excited to take over North program

Rick Leib is no stranger to high school basketball benches, including with the Oshkosh North girls program. He has spent roughly 30 years around the game and that includes the last five assisting with the Spartan girls.

Now he will move one seat forward and takeover a program that finished 7-16 a year ago, ended its multi-year FVA losing

streak and returns some key players from the squad.

"It's been exciting. It's a totally different role than I have been in. It's been cool," Leib said. "My experience absolutely helped me. I think me being part of this (Oshkosh North) community for so long it's given me a leg up as opposed to someone who comes from the outside."

The Spartans will have to replace three of their top four scorers from last year but bring back all-FVA honorable mention guard, senior Ava Hanson, who averaged 11.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game.

Leib expects her to be even better this season.

"The thing we have been talking to Ava about is getting more shots off and take what the defense gives you," Leib said. "She can get to the rim but she is getting better at understanding to get that shot off before that defense is on you."

Senior Lauren Geer also returns as a perimeter player, while sophomore Olivia Borowitz increased her varsity minutes as the season went on last year and is expected to take on a bigger role with the team this year.

Junior Morgan Kolodzik also could see an uptick in minutes this season, while Leib is also counting on senior Nyedang Awak to be a force in the lane for the Spartans.

"I think Nyedang is going to surprise some people. She is a very athletic center for us," Leib said. "We aren't going to rely on one person. It's a collective effort and that tone has been set since this summer."

One of the areas that Leib hopes to see the Spartans improve on this year is their

perimeter shooting.

Geer is the top returning 3-point shooter for the Spartans, but Leib would like to see an array of threats from behind the arc.

"We have to shoot the ball from the outside better," Leib said. "The girls have put the time in this summer with their shooting. If we can improve there, I think it just opens things up for our girls who like to get into the lane."

The Spartans won four of their final seven regular-season games last year and had a close loss to Kimberly in that stretch and Leib believes North could be a factor in the FVA this season.

"Our deal is we just can't be an easy out and we can't look at ourselves as an easy out and be scared of other teams," Leib said. "That's been our mantra in the off-season. We have been working on ourselves and what we can do so we can step on the court and compete against the Neenahs and the Kimberlys and the Hortonvilles. They have bought into that."

## Knights take aim at another league crown

With two first-team all-conference players returning, including reigning Player of the Year, Hailee Bauer, Lourdes Academy certainly has the top-tier talent to compete for a second-straight Trailways East title.

But as excited as head coach Ali Starr is to get Bauer and Delaney Ruedinger back in the fold – together the junior duo averaged nearly 27 points per game last year – she is just as anxious to see what her entire roster can do this winter.

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LOURDES ACADEMY	OSHKOSH NORTH	OSHKOSH WEST	VALLEY CHRISTIAN
Nov 16 Weyauwega-Fremont. 7:00pm	Nov 17 West Bend East 7:00pm	Nov 16 @ De Pere 7:00pm	Nov 16 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 7:00pm
Nov 21 Hustisford 7:15pm	Nov 20 @ Menasha 7:00pm	Nov 18 @ Arrowhead 7:00pm	Nov 28 @ Central Wisconsin Christian 5:45pm
Nov 27 St. Mary Catholic 7:00pm	Nov 28 Appleton West 7:30pm	Nov 25 @ Kettle Moraine Invitational 8:00am	Nov 30 @ Oakfield 7:15pm
Dec 5 Wayland Academy 6:00pm	Dec 1 Kaukauna 7:30pm	Nov 28 @ Hortonville 7:30pm	Dec 5 Hustisford 7:00pm
Dec 12 @ Horicon 7:15pm	Dec 5 Manitowoc Lincoln 7:15pm	Dec 1 @ Appleton West 7:30pm	Dec 8 @ Dodgeford 7:15pm
Dec 19 @ Winneconne 5:45pm	Dec 8 @ Oshkosh West 6:00pm	Dec 8 Oshkosh North 6:00pm	Dec 12 Wayland Academy 7:00pm
Dec 21 @ Valley Christian 7:00pm	Dec 12 @ Appleton East 7:30pm	Dec 12 Appleton North 7:30pm	Dec 15 @ Newman Catholic 7:15pm
Dec 28 Berlin 6:00pm	Dec 15 Appleton North 7:30pm	Dec 15 @ Kimberly 7:30pm	Dec 21 Lourdes Academy 7:00pm
Jan 2 Dodgeford 7:15pm	Dec 16 @ Wisconsin Rapids 6:00pm	Dec 19 @ Kaukauna 7:30pm	Dec 28 @ Stockbridge TBD
Jan 4 @ Oakfield 7:15pm	Dec 22 @ Neenah 7:30pm	Dec 22 @ Fond du Lac 7:45pm	Dec 29 Tournament TBD
Jan 11 Central Wisconsin Christian 5:45pm	Dec 28 @ Green Bay Preble 5:00pm	Dec 28 @ Marshfield High School 4:45pm	Jan 4 Horicon 7:00pm
Jan 12 @ Johnson Creek 4:00pm	Dec 29 Tournament 12:30pm	Dec 29 Tournament 2:30pm	Jan 5 Hilbert 7:00pm
Jan 13 Trailways Crossover 9:00am	Jan 2 Kimberly 7:30pm	Jan 5 Appleton East 6:30pm	Jan 9 Little Chute 7:00pm
Jan 15 Coleman Cougars 7:00pm	Jan 5 @ Hortonville 7:30pm	Jan 9 @ Neenah 7:30pm	Jan 12 @ Johnson Creek 4:00pm
Jan 17 St. Mary's Springs 7:00pm	Jan 9 Fond du Lac 7:30pm	Jan 12 Hortonville 8:00pm	Jan 13 Trailways Crossover 9:00am
Jan 18 @ Hustisford 7:15pm	Jan 12 @ Appleton West 7:30pm	Jan 16 Divine Savior Holy Angels 6:00pm	Jan 18 Central Wisconsin Christian 5:45pm
Jan 22 Omro 7:00pm	Jan 19 @ Kaukauna 7:30pm	Jan 19 Appleton West 7:30pm	Jan 23 Oakfield 7:00pm
Jan 23 @ Dodgeford 7:15pm	Jan 20 Oshkosh West 6:00pm	Jan 20 @ Oshkosh North 6:00pm	Jan 26 @ Hustisford 7:15pm
Jan 26 Wayland Academy 7:45pm	Jan 26 Appleton East 7:30pm	Jan 26 @ Appleton North 7:30pm	Jan 30 Bowler 6:00pm
Jan 30 @ North Fond du Lac 7:15pm	Jan 30 @ Appleton North 7:30pm	Jan 30 Kimberly 7:30pm	Feb 1 Dodgeford 7:00pm
Feb 1 @ Central Wisconsin Christian 5:45pm	Feb 1 Neenah 7:30pm	Feb 2 Fond du Lac 6:00pm	Feb 2 Marion 6:00pm
Feb 6 Horicon 7:15pm	Feb 6 Hortonville 7:30pm	Feb 6 @ Appleton East 7:30pm	Feb 6 @ Wayland Academy 7:30pm
Feb 13 @ Wautoma 7:00pm	Feb 9 @ Kimberly 7:30pm	Feb 9 Kaukauna 7:30pm	Feb 8 @ Sheboygan Christian 7:15pm
Feb 15 Oakfield 7:15pm	Feb 15 @ Fond du Lac 7:30pm	Feb 15 Neenah 7:30pm	Feb 15 @ Horicon 7:15pm
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# Girls basketball

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"I feel good about where the team is at," Starr said. "Last year was a lot of us getting to know one another and now it's a lot of 'Let's rock 'n roll here.' We have a level of trust now where we can just roll out the ball and start to go to work."

Senior Charley Mullen is a third returning starter for the Knights, while fellow senior Ella Slusarski finished behind Bauer and Ruedinger averaging 8.1 points per game a year ago.

Senior Reagon Proud also returns after being a key contributor off the bench, while junior Allie Huizenga and sophomore Aubrey Schettle – who each saw limited varsity minutes last season – are expected to take on a bigger role with the squad.

With all of that talent and experience, there is one area that Starr does see as key for her squad.

"Rebounding. It will always be rebounding. I may change my mind on a lot of things but this one, I don't know. I have always been taught that rebounding wins championships," Starr said. "If we want to get after that conference championship, that regional championship and compete for a state championship, we have to be relentless on the boards, both offensively and defensively."

The Knights went undefeated in the Trailways East a year ago, including a pair of close wins over Oakfield only to stumble against the Oaks in a sectional semifinal contest last year.

That loss has certainly been part of the team's motivation heading into this season as Lourdes Academy is once again looking for big things.

"(The loss to Oakfield) is certainly not the focal point but I'd be lying if I said that I don't bring it up every now and again," Starr said. "When we face Oakfield that first time, it will probably be a good indicator of how it's handled with each one of us and as a team."

## Valley Christian set to play varsity schedule

After playing a junior varsity schedule the past couple of seasons in order to grow the program, the Warriors will rejoin the Trailways East in 2023-24 and be eligible for the WIAA postseason.

It's an exciting time at Valley Christian and head coach Tim Dinkelman to see what his team can do.

"I can tell you we are so thrilled to be back into it," Dinkelman said. "It's exciting and our program is growing and all of us are really excited. We feel like it is now a real program."

The Warriors will have only two seniors on the roster in Anna Y. Gianopoulos and Rinah Peterson but return much of the roster that played the junior varsity slate last year.

Anna Y. Giannopoulos will be a return-

ing starter for the Warriors and will be one of the focal points on offense.

"Anna is definitely going to be a focal point of the team," Dinkelman said.

Sophomores Anna E. Giannopoulos, Lizzie Fink and Paige Boevers will also be among the top weapons for Valley Christian after starting as freshmen last season,

Freshman Mya Moran is expected to make an impact in her first season.

Moran is coming off a state cross country appearance while a number of other players were on the volleyball team that fell one match short of the state tournament.

"I think there is a momentum from our fall sports. The girls are laser-focused on how to bring that momentum in," Dinkelman said. "They are just athletes and it's nice to have athletes like that on the team."

Despite it being their first season in the Trailways East, Valley Christian isn't only happy competing against the teams in the league. They want to win.

"Middle of the pack, probably. In that realm of a three, four or five position. If we can knock off an Oakfield or Lourdes once that would be super, but we are just excited to play in the tournament at the end of the year."

# Wildcats open season with win

Laina Hammen scored the go-ahead basket with three seconds left and Oshkosh West was able to hold on to beat De Pere 54-52 on the road in the season-opener last Tuesday.

The Wildcats used a strong second half to rally for the win. After falling behind by four points at halftime, Oshkosh West outscored De Pere 34-28 in the second half to collect the win.

Paige Seckar was the lone player in double figures to lead the Wildcats. The senior poured in 17 points in the win.

Maddie Rasmussen added eight points for Oshkosh West, while Brenna Gehri and Hammen each finished with seven.

Claire Bjorge scored 30 points to lead De Pere.

The Wildcats were back on the road on Saturday at Arrowhead. The team's first home game won't be until Friday, Dec. 8 when Oshkosh West will host Oshkosh North in a boys/girls doubleheader beginning at 6 p.m.

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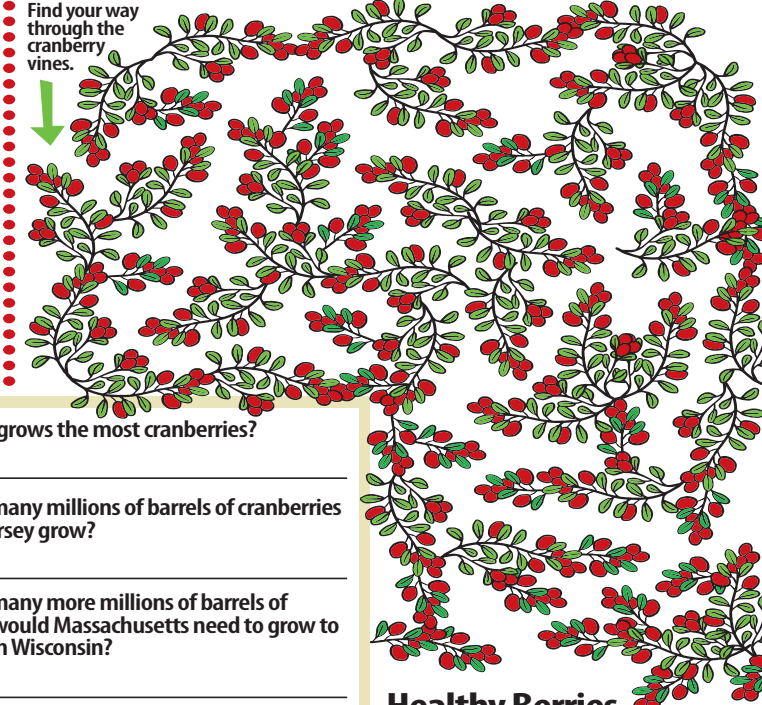
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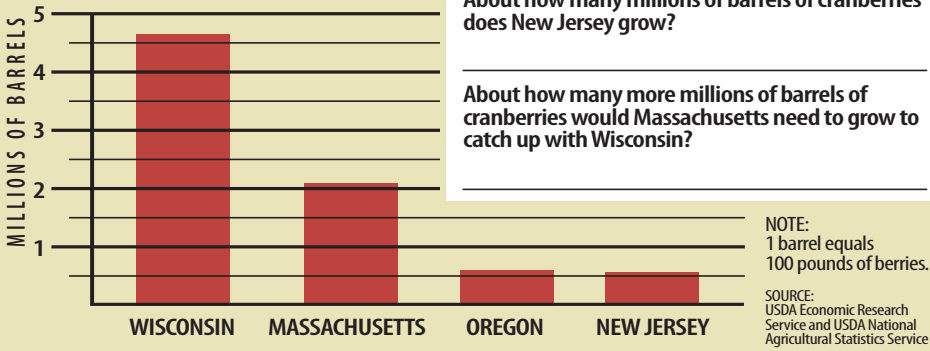
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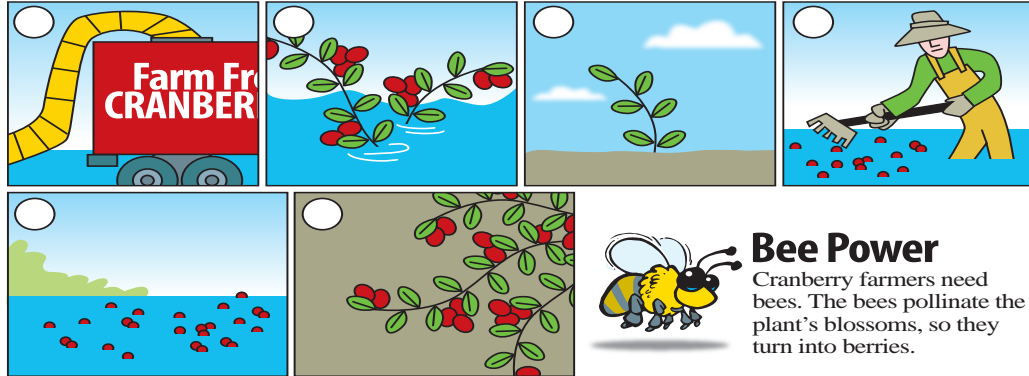
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# Obituaries

## Bruce W. Peters

Bruce W. Peters, age 90, was called to his Saviors side on November 14, 2023, at Parkview Health Center in Oshkosh. He was born April 6, 1933, in Black Creek to the late Herbert and Arlene (Owen) Peters.



At age 17, Bruce enlisted in the U S Navy serving his country as a 3rd class Petty Officer, Gunners Mate on the USS Orion during the Korean War.

On July 3, 1954, Bruce married Marlene Nolan. Together they raised six children until her passing in 1989.

In 1957 he joined the Oshkosh Police Department, serving the community for 33 years, retiring in 1990 as a Lieutenant. During his tenure, he was instrumental in forming the tactical unit and honor guard.

Baseball and softball were his passions, playing for the Oshkosh Giants and numerous city league teams. In the 70's and 80's, Bruce sponsored, managed and played ball for Quality Foto and PD 10. In his later years, he pitched for the Konrad-Behlman "Old Stars" and when wintering in Green Valley, AZ, he played two double headers weekly in the BAJA Senior league. He retired from the game at age 83. His love of the game garnished him the honor of induction into the Oshkosh Softball Hall of Fame.

Bruce "Puffballs" was an avid outdoorsman, spending countless hours boating and fishing area lakes. His hunting days were spent in his beloved "Navarino" and at the cabin in Northern Wisconsin.

On August 10, 1991 Bruce married Marjorie Fasel. During their marriage,

Margie and "Boo" traveled extensively. A few of his favorite destinations were Kenya, Tahiti and Ireland, along with cruises through the Panama Canal, around South America and the Mediterranean. In their travels, Bruce looked forward to enjoying the taste of the local "brews".

"Windy" loved to dance and was eager to display his talents on the dance floor by performing the infamous "Wounded Rooster"!

Bruce is survived by his wife of 32 years, Marjorie Peters; his daughters: Robin (Mike) Flanigan, Terri (George) Ostertag and Susan "Susie" Peters; his sons: Joe (Sara) Peters, Gus (Kari) Peters and Brice Peters; stepchildren: Mark (Roxie) Fasel and Sherrie Weldon; 19 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; sister Phyllis (Richard) Gray; sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was further preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Marlene Peters; infant son, Bruce Jr.; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; his six brothers and one sister.

A memorial service for Bruce will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Martin Luther church, 1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 9:00 am until the time of service. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park. A reception to celebrate Bruce's life will take place after the interment. The location will be announced at that time.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask donations be made in Bruce's name to the Oshkosh Police Department Tactical Unit.

The family wishes to extend their deepest thanks to the Parkview staff, especially our "three angels" and Aurora Hospice.



other events, cheering them on with unwavering support. Charles also enjoyed boating and golfing.

Charles is survived by his wife, Clara Perry; children: Susan Krupp, Brenda Koster, Mike (Melanie) Perry; grandchildren: Colin, Nikolay and Anna Krupp, Samantha, Hannah and Maggie Koster, Trinity, Mischa, Alexander and Andrew Perry. He was further preceded in death by his brother, George Perry.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church, 603 Oak St, Wisconsin Dells. Burial will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery



## Sharon Hoepfner

Sharon Hoepfner (Woodkey) passed away at Eden Manor after dealing with an unexpected series of medical issues on November 2, 2023 in Oshkosh, WI at the age of 79.



Sharon was born in Marshfield, WI on October 17, 1944. She graduated from Marshfield High School in 1962. Sharon was married on May 13, 1967 to Harold "Budd" Hoepfner. They were married for 56 years. She worked at Oshkosh Truck as a draftsman under the title of Designing Engineer. She helped to design garbage trucks, cement mixers, and many more during her time at Oshkosh Truck.

Faith was an important part of Sharon's life. She was dedicated to serving others. She served at Good Shepherd Lutheran

church as treasurer.

Sharon was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Woodkey, father Roger Woodkey, elder brother Guy (Eithne "Terri" Norton) Woodkey, nephew Rodger Woodkey and her husband Harold Hoepfner.

He is survived by her siblings Delores Dick of Pittsville, Ronald (Joyce) Woodkey of Lake Tomahawk, and Marbeth Woodkey of Park Falls as well as her children Chris (Larry) Siebers of Green Bay, Amy Hoepfner of Oshkosh, Sara Hoepfner of Oshkosh, her granddaughter Alanna Siebers of Green Bay and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Sharon will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave. Visitation will take place from 11:00 AM until the time of the service.



## Terrance Terrand Hilliard

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Terrance Hilliard was a caring, loving, protective father, kind and loving to both family and friends.



Terrance is survived by three daughters and a son, along with four brothers, a sister and mother, as well as a host of friends. Terrance's personality and willingness to help others as well as his other good qualities will be

remembered long after his death.

We trust Terrance will be in God's memory forever.

Acts 10:34-35 "Now I truly understand that God is not partial but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him." AMEN

A Celebration of Life will be held on December 7, 2023, at 1:00pm at the Salvation Army of Oshkosh, 417 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

For those that are interested the Salvation Army of Oshkosh will provide a lunch prior to the service from 11:00 am to 12:20 pm.

## Lorraine Steinbach

Lorraine Steinbach, age 83, passed away on November 16, 2023. She was born November 22, 1939, to the late Eldor and Jeanette (Feilding) Wischow. She married Wayne Steinbach on September 14, 1963



Lorraine retired in 2004 after working in food service for 25 years; she then went on to driving school bus for 9 years. she enjoyed planting flowers, and gardening.

Lorraine is survived by her husband; and her two favorite grandkids, Kendra, and Kyle Lenz; one sister, Judy Sawicki, Oshkosh; one sister-in-law, Barbara Kirtley, Horseshoe, NC, as well as nieces and nephews and many

good friends.

In addition to her parents, Lorraine was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey; one sister, Elaine Brooks; three brothers, Eugene, Ronald, and Jim Wischow; mother and father-in-law, Alfred, and Evelyn Steinbach; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Shirley, and Ken Davidson.

A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

Per Lorraine's wishes, a service will not be held.

The family would like to thank the great doctors and staff at the Vince Lombardi Center, Aurora Health, BrightStar Home-care, Heartland Hospice, and Lorraine's sister Judy for all of their help whenever Lorraine was in need.



## Charles M. Perry

Charles M. Perry, age 85, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023. He was born on August 7, 1938, in Kenmore, NY to the late Archibald and Georgiana (Geimer) Perry. Charles was united in marriage to Clara Farrell on February 17, 1968, in West Allis, WI. He was an Army veteran.



Charles worked at the Neenah Foundry. Charles was a devoted family man, cherishing every moment spent with his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He found immense joy in attending his grandkids' baseball games and numerous



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## William J. Gee

William "Bill" J. Gee, age 91, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh. He was born in Green Bay on March 23, 1932, to the late Charles and Esther (Burckle) Gee. Bill was united in marriage to Carol Haley in Oshkosh on February 23, 1957.

Bill proudly served in the US Coast Guard from 1950 to 1954. He enjoyed his time as an elementary school teacher. Bill was active in the Boy Scouts with his sons and was awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award an adult leader can receive from the Boy Scouts. He was an active member of the Lions Club. Bill loved spending time at his cottage and deer hunting with his sons and grandson. Bill



and Carol got the most out of their retirement traveling all over the world.

Bill is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carol Gee; children: Colleen (Gary) Bird-sall, John (Renee) Gee, Dave (Lynette) Gee, Rich (Amy) Gee; grandchildren: Ryan and Aaron Birdsall, Garrett (Amy) Gee, Sawyer Gee, Haley and Sarah Gee, Emma and Maggie Gee; great-grandsons, Carter Kese and Hayden Gee; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Monday from 10:00 am until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations in Bill's name to the Oshkosh Lions Club.



## Norman E. Horn Jr.

Norman E. Horn Jr. age 90, passed away at Evergreen Retirement Community on Monday, November 13, 2023. He was born to the late Norman Edward and Ann Elizabeth (Gilroy) Horn Sr. on September 3, 1933 in Johnstown, PA.

Norm worked as an aerospace engineer in California and later at Mercury Marine in Wisconsin.

Norm was an outdoorsman. He also loved playing handball and golf in his younger years and water skiing while he lived in Wisconsin. In his later years, he enjoyed mountain biking while he lived in Arizona and Colorado.

Norm is survived by his partner Cathie with whom he enjoyed many years



in Arizona and Colorado; as well as his two daughters, Debbie (John) Vignali and Cathy (Dale) Walters. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Moriah (Mike) Weidler, Nathaniel Vignali, Gabrielle (Brett) Merkes, Ivy, Alexander, John, Bryana Hobart; great-grandchildren, Roman and Lincoln Merkes; nieces, Shannon Horn, Carey (John) Dobbertin, Kimberly (Chuck) Watkins.

In addition to his parents, Norm is preceded in death by his daughter, Elizabeth Hobart; brother, Jim Horn; and son-in-law, John Vignali.

The family would like to thank Crystal and Danielle from Evergreen @ Home who were so caring to Norm. The bond you three shared was amazing. The family would also like to thank the entire staff at Manor View in Evergreen.



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## Michael Mussen

Michael Mussen, 79 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh Friday, November 10, 2023 after a brief illness. He was born in New York City on July 10, 1944 to the late Samuel and Irene (Fagan) Mussen.

In his earlier years, Dad displayed talents in baseball and golf. He loved riding bikes and hiking in the mountains with his family. His interests in traveling, art, and reading world history matured with him. Dad loved taking his children, and later in life his grandchildren, to the Milwaukee Zoo, West End Pizza, Pollock Pool, and Menomonie Park. Dad was a lover of animals and treated his pets, and the pets of his children, as family. Dad couldn't hold a tune, but that didn't stop him from belting Neil Diamond, Journey, and ABBA tunes.

He graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology, and went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Doctorate in Education. Dad embraced the opportunity to counsel students and community mem-

## Angela Gabrielle Koch

Angela Gabrielle Koch, 59, formerly of Omro, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 9, 2023, due to an accidental fall in her home. The daughter of Ronald and Constance (Woehlke) Koch, she was born in Oshkosh on August 28, 1964. Growing up in Rivermoor as the youngest of four daughters, Angie always wanted to do whatever her older sisters were doing, whether it be playing school, office, store or drive-in. She loved camping with her family in the Apostle Islands, traveling out west on family vacations, and attending camp at Camp Hiwela and Camp Okinabi as a Camp Fire girl. She attended Omro schools and graduated from Omro High School in 1982.

She earned a certificate in Human Resources Management from UW-Milwaukee and an Associate Degree in Accounting from Fox Valley Technical College. She worked at many different companies over the years, including Finks Main Street Restaurant, Evco Plastics, City of Oshkosh, Jungenberg Chiropractic, Belleville-Fletcher Chiropractic, Elandt Construction and Wisconsin Tubing in the Oshkosh/Omro area and at Microsoft in Seattle. She was the owner and operator of "A. Gabrielle Consignment Shop on the River" in Omro.

Angie enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, traveling, reading and crafting. She was creative, artistic, smart, witty, kind and generous, and would strike up a conversation with anyone. She loved dogs and cats. Angie will be deeply missed by her parents; her sisters, Lawanda (Ron) Jungwirth, Ronda (Ron) Tucker and Camilla (Adam) Miller; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; and her cat, Izzy. She was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Wilbert and Kathryn (Duex) Koch; and maternal grandparents, Clarence and Adeline (Luebke) Woehlke. A private family prayer service was held. A tree will be planted in Scott Park in Omro in Angie's memory. Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

bers at both the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh Counseling Center for 37 years, and at his private practice, Mental Health Consultants in Oshkosh.

Dad was a dedicated friend to many, and was passionate about women's equality, civil and human rights, and tolerance and acceptance of others. He was a kind and gentle man, with a soothing voice and comforting presence. Dad believed his energy would reunite with his parents and loved ones that transitioned before him. He will be greatly missed, and wanted his friends, colleagues, and family to share stories and celebrate his beautiful life.

He is survived by his children: Danielle, Nicole (Bradley) Cadwell, and Dave (Arpi Vardanyan) Mussen; grandchildren: Alyssa Cadwell, Anna Johnson, Alexander and Sophia Mussen; long-time companion: Carol Kasimor; cousins: Marilyn Grossbard and Debbie (Arnold) Pinck, as well as numerous second cousins.

The family thanks Congregation B'nai Israel of Oshkosh for its support. A celebration of life will take place in the summer of 2024.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services of Oshkosh.



*You never said you were leaving  
You never said goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place  
That only you can fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
A part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.  
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## Darlene Morrison

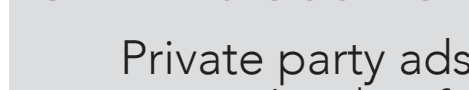
Darlene (Dolly) Morrison departed this world on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Park View Health Center with her daughters by her side. She was born on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1938. Graduated from Mishicot High School in 1956, and married Roger (Ron) Morrison on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1960. Dolly moved around after marrying, Hartford, Neenah, Two Rivers, and finally Oshkosh. She was a short order cook starting at R&M Café and then Collins Truck Stop and ending her work life as a dishwasher at La Sure's Café. She instilled her work ethic in her 3 daughters. She enjoyed reading, watching The Packers, and seeing the songbirds return in the spring.

Greeting her at the pearly gates will be her parents Caroline and Otto Kasten, her sisters and brothers-in-law Mildred and Wenzel (Jim) Doleys, Leanora and Victor Jerabek, her husband Ron and youngest daughter Dianne Hassler. Left to mourn her loss are her daughters Deb (Scott) Lewis, Denise (Mark) Wahlberg, son-in-law Shannon Hassler, grandchildren Allyson Strachan, Brody Strachan and Brooklyn Hassler and her sister-in-law Dee Ann Bell. The family would like to extend their appreciation to the amazing staff on Lakeside at Park View Health Center for the excellent care provided to mom.

Mom's request was for no funeral or memorial service. We will abide with her wishes.

Till we meet again: Deb, Denise, and family.

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## Legal Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: LONDYN LOVE GERONIMO Case No. 2023CV000858

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Londyn Love Geronimo To: Londyn Love Lucre Birth Certificate: Londyn Love Geronimo

**IT IS ORDERED:** This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Branch 4 Room 211, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54903 Date: December 15, 2023 Time: 11:00 am

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

**BY THE COURT:** DATE SIGNED: October 31, 2023 /s/ Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Run November 15, 2023, November 22, 2023 and November 29, 2023

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