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## Multiyear housing project advances

## Red Earth continues to clear plan hurdles

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The planned housing development off Lake Butte des Morts Drive continues to acquire the proper approvals from the city with construction on phase one of the project set to begin soon.

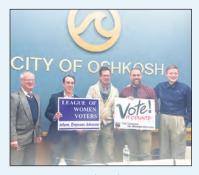
The Plan Commission approved rightof-way dedications, preliminary plat and plans for the next five phases of the Red Earth LLC development.

The general development plan for the Red Earth development was passed last year by the Common Council for all six phases of the development. The council also approved a specific implementation plan (SIP) for phase one last year and now the developers are asking for SIPs for the remaining phases to be approved even as construction on phase one has not yet begun.

The development is the site of a former farm and sits on about 72 acres. When all six phases are completed, Red Earth plans to have 522 units in the development in a

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Valley Christian students bring cleaning supplies and other items into the school Thursday that were donated in the region's annual hygiene drive to support homeless and crisis centers. See a story on Page 4.

## Four Phantoms return to Grand under brighter lights

## Performances will be aired on public TV

By MaryBeth Matzek

When the Four Phantoms arrive at The Grand Oshkosh for three shows this month, their audience will be larger than normal — two of the shows are being taped for a televised special that will air nationally and internationally.

"We will be able to reach a broader audience with our show and expose them to a theatric performance they might not otherwise get to experience," said Ciaran Sheehan, one of the Four Phantoms.

Each of the Four Phantoms shares the distinction of playing the lead character in "The Phantom of the Opera," Andrew Lloyd Webber's longest-running musical on Broadway. Together, the four performers have played the Phantom more than 6,000 times. In addition to Sheehan, the other performers include Brent Barrett, John Cudia and Franc D'Ambrosio.

"The Four Phantoms" will perform at The Grand on March 21, 22 and 23 with shows starting at 7:30 p.m. Television crews will tape the second and third performances for a public television special, which will be released this summer.

"It's a stunning and humbling relationship we have with The Four Phantoms organization. To have a world-class organization take a show made for a large performing arts center, and modify — not scale back —for our jewel box the-

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Photo from Four Phantoms

The Four Phantoms will be in concert at The Grand for three performances, two of which are being recorded for public television.

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## Museum recognized for century of service

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Public Museum (OPM) celebrates 100 years of service to the community this year and last week received recognition from local, state and congressional representatives.

Amy Resop presented the OPM with a Gold Senate Seal from U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson's office and Dustin Hackbarth presented recognition from U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman's office.

City Manager Mark Rohloff also spoke of the importance of celebrating 100 years. He called the museum a cherished institution and the centennial as a celebration of the community.

"We're going to continue to uplift our history and art and culture alongside the Oshkosh Public Museum," he said. "I believe we have a responsibility to future generations to continue this legacy so that 100 years from now we're celebrating our bicentennial."

Former Oshkosh Mayor and current state Rep. Lori Palmeri also spoke and called the OPM a "treasure" in Oshkosh. She presented the museum with recognition from the state Legislature.

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel spoke of the beauty of the OPM and detailed some of the history of the museum that was donated to the city by Edgar Sawyer in 1922 and opened as the museum in 1924.

"What we do matters. Here we are 100



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Oshkosh Public Museum director Sarah Phillips (left) accepts the Gold Senate Seal with senatorial recognition from Amy Resop of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson's office.

years later in a house that was donated to a city through altruistic reasons to pass on what the beauty is that we've had and some of the things that remind us of our past," Doemel said. "I wish this place another 100 years of education and success and beauty."

Museum director Sarah Phillips thanked all the representatives, city officials, and museum staff and volunteers for their support. She said she was personally honored to help shepherd the museum as it celebrates its service to the community.

"What the museum does is bring together history, art and culture into an ecosystem," Phillips said. "We're very proud we offer the community a place of identity and it's important that what we do is all wrapped up in human memory."

The OPM 100 celebration is ongoing with events planned throughout to showcase the museum's work and history. More information is at oshkoshmuseum.org.

## District discusses Washington school sale

Oshkosh Herald

The Washington Elementary School property could soon be sold to the city.

Last year the district announced plans to sell the property at 929 Winnebago Ave. after it closes after this school year. Students will be going to Menominee Elementary, which is under construction.

The sale is on Wednesday's agenda for the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education meeting that will include an

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update from assistant superintendent of operations Julie Conrad-Peters.

District documents show there could be a resolution to sell the property at the April 10 board meeting. City Manager Mark Rohloff said there is a tentative deal with the city's redevelopment authority.

"This will be a great re-use of the property that goes along with our housing goals," Rohloff said.

Habitat for Humanity executive director Tom Simon recently told the Herald they have a plan to build Habitat and private builder houses on the lot that will fit into the surrounding area.

The Board of Education and Common Council have discussed the sale during closed sessions, and both bodies would need to vote to approve the sale.

The district put out a request for proposal for the site in November and did not receive any proposals to purchase the property. The district had reached out to other community partners and discussed collaborative efforts for the property that would benefit the community.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society



Photo from M.E. Kuehl Studio

The former county courthouse demolition is shown in this 1939 photo.

## <u>March 13, 1939</u>

Familiar Landmark Being Razed by **WPA Crews:** The first of two important wrecking projects scheduled in Oshkosh, is a WPA project under which the old Winnebago County Courthouse located on Court Street between Otter and Ceape streets. It is being demolished and was reported by officials today to be about 40 percent completed. Crews have been laboring on the site for the past month. Materials salvaged from the building, which was purchased by the city from the county, will be used on other public building projects. Next to be razed will be the old post office building on Washington boulevard, purchased recently by the city from the federal government.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, March 13, 1939

## Easter dinner program offered at Father Carr's

Father Carr's Place 2B is offering its annual Easter Sunday Dinner program from noon to 1:30 p.m. March 31 at its St. Mother Teresa Center, 1062 N. Koeller St.

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## Oshkosh Corp. using AI to prepare workers for future

## Governor's task force gains policy knowledge

By Jonathan Richie

Governments, businesses and individuals are starting to find out how artificial intelligence (AI) can help in daily operations. One company – Oshkosh Corp. – is using AI to automate services from packing shipping containers to responding to customer emails.

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' AI task force met at the vehicle maker's global headquarters last week as they continue working on developing policy and guiding principles. The task force formed in August is focused on four areas that will impact AI: education, government, workforce development and economic development.

Anupam Khare, chief information officer and senior vice president at Oshkosh Corp., said the company is using AI to prepare the workforce for the future. This includes using physical robots and software bots to complete everyday tasks faster.

Khare told the task force that Oshkosh Corp. will use physical AI robots to do welding or painting jobs across the company that would be next to impossible for an employee to accomplish.

There is also AI software that Oshkosh Corp. is using such as bots, as Khare identified them, that are able to answer hundreds of emails in about five minutes that used to take employees many hours to handle

Oshkosh Corp. began using AI to do simple jobs, then moved to communication applications such as responding to customer inquiries and installing virtual assistants. Then the company began analyzing data using AI and is now creating content with the technology.

Khare said consumers in general may be unaware how shipping containers are packed with the help of technology. Oshkosh Corp. ships important parts all over the world and before AI would need to input the sizes of each box and how the boxes were orientated in the container.

With AI analytics, shipping containers are packed 15 times faster without having an employee input individual boxes.

"AI is helping to make better decisions and make them faster," Khare said.

The company also recently announced an investment in Eatron Technologies, a developer of AI-powered battery management software to manage its electric vehicles.

Amanda Ballantyne, executive director

of the AFL-CIO Technology Institute, spoke to the task force about workers using AI and how the labor movement has always been on the front lines of technology.

She advised that AI should be used to make jobs safer and more efficient, and that generative AI could lead to people losing their jobs and speculated that the positions subsequently created may not be as desirable.

She also noted that AI could lead to Draconian performance evaluations such as at Amazon warehouses where workers wear devices that track several indicators like how fast they are moving, length of bathroom breaks and even when employees are talking to each other.

"These are very significant concerns regarding job performance evaluations," Ballantyne said. Evers in his 2024 State of the State address announced that this will be the year of the worker. Department of Workforce Development Secretary Amy Pechacek highlighted this when opening the meeting at Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters.

"It's important that we promote ethical decision making," she said, "and that we ensure workers have a seat at the table."

Department of Administration Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld said her agency is developing safe-use policies for AI to be used by all state agencies.

The governor's task force is made up of state officials, county officials and business leaders in the private sector, including Google and Microsoft. The group first started meeting last year to develop the guiding principles and will present a final action plan to the governor this summer.

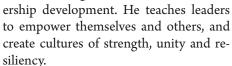
## Former standout coach keynotes luncheon

Oshkosh Herald

Professional leadership coach Steve Jones will be the featured speaker at the Excellence in Leadership luncheon April 23 at the Oshkosh

Convention Center.

Jones, former Kimberly High School football coach and co-founder of Jadin-Jones Coaching & Consulting, will talk about the deliberate creation of a winning culture through lead-



He developed as a teacher and head

football coach at Kimberly High, where in 11 seasons he led his teams to a record of 129-9 – including 70 consecutive wins – and five state championships.

Jones now consults Fortune 500 companies, professional sports organizations and competitive leaders. He has been commissioned by organizations including the Green Bay Packers, Verizon, Kimberly-Clark and Stryker Medical. He is the co-author of "The Twin Thieves" and current adviser and facilitator at the Center of Exceptional Leadership at St. Norbert College in De Pere.

Excellence in Leadership (EIL) is a Christian-based local organization that provides networking and educational opportunities for middle and senior managers.

Registration for the 11 a.m. lunch and 11:45 program can be found at eilgroup.org.



The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Business Expo returns to the Oshkosh Convention Center starting at 11 a.m. March 20 with more than 100 business booths for participants to connect and learn more about products, services and upcoming job openings.

An Exhibitor-to-Exhibitor Expo runs from 11 a.m. noon, after which the event

is open to the public.

The evening finishes with a social Business After Hours – A Taste of Oshkosh, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with food samples and beverages from area restaurants, caterers and breweries.

The cost is \$5 or free with a business card until 4:30 p.m., when an entrance fee of \$5 will apply for nonmembers.



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## ommunity, students step up for those in need

Homeless and other relief programs in the area gained an extra stockpile of personal hygiene supplies needed by its visitors as Valley Christian School students received and sorted 96 boxes of those goods last week.

Donations to The Family Radio Network's 32nd annual hygiene drive were gathered from more than 900 collection sites since Feb. 11 to be handed off to 114 northeast and central Wisconsin crisis programs.

Winnebago County's program included five agencies - COTS, Father Carr's, Advocap, Bella Medical Clinic and the Salvation Army – and organized by COTS director John Nieman, who took the lead role this year.

"When COVID hit in '20, '21, '22, there was no sorting. Each agency put out boxes and took their boxes back," he said. "Last year was the first year that we brought it back to sorting it all, counting it all and then dividing it among the agencies."

Nieman noted that Amcor Flexibles and Oshkosh Corp. joined the effort this year amid the growing need in the community.

"In the past the product that we used to get was to last a year, but because of the homeless situation and more people in need, everybody ran out in maybe three-quarters of the year," he said.

Donors were asked to purchase new, unused hygiene and cleaning supplies and drop them off at the box locations. Any donated cash will be used for gift cards to retailers for hygiene supplies. All items are inventoried to track the value, which added up to about \$28,000 in products last

Valley Christian has been a sorting site for almost two decades, according to high school office manager Tara Westpfhal, and volunteered to be the main collection hub this year.

"One of our core goal values is service to serve our community – and the kids love doing it," Westpfhal said.

School classes alternated on the sorting process after groups like Advocap and other collection sponsors delivered the donated supplies to the school Thursday morning. Students had an added incentive to earn a doughnut party based on their ef-



Valley Christian students were busy Thursday taking part in the region's annual hygiene drive for homeless and crisis centers.

## Mariachi music featured in Latinx project series at UW Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

The Chicana/o & Latinx Studies program at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh this week is launching its first Wisconsin Mariachi's Academia Popular Project (WISMAP).

Private and public educational institutions in the Fox Valley region of Wisconsin are invited to a series of public encounters of Mexican American culture, and particularly mariachi in the region.

An inaugural performance by Mariachi Paredes de Tejastitlan, an internationally renowned ensemble founded in 1977 at the University of Texas and directed by Jose Torres-Ramos, will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday at the UW Oshkosh Music Hall.

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• Round-table discussion titled "Present and Future of Mexican American Arts in Educational Spaces" set for 2 p.m. Saturday at UW Oshkosh with academics, educational leaders, mariachi advocates and community members discussing the challenges facing mariachi music in the region and opportunities for growth.

• Public talk: Growing Mariachi Culture

in Wisconsin led by Francisco Hernandez, a tutor, intern and instructor for the Latino Arts Strings Program in Milwaukee for the past seven years, at 2 p.m. April 1 at UW Oshkosh.

• Public talk: Mariachi Culture in Educational Spaces by Sidury Christiansen, a professor of linguistics at the University of Texas, San Antonio, at 1:50 p.m. April 22 at UW Oshkosh.

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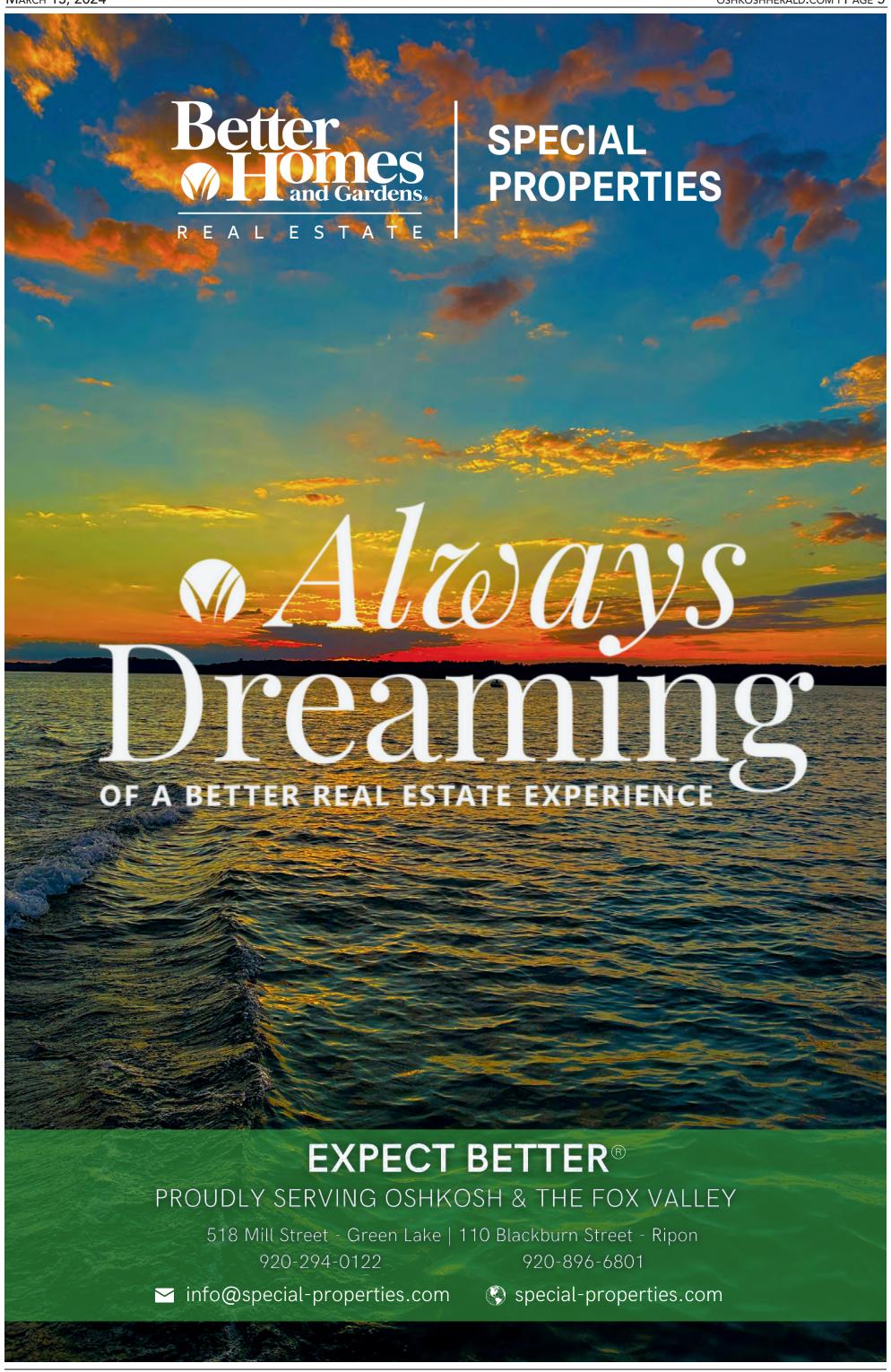
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## Outdoor warning sirens enter testing season

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens will be tested every Saturday at noon starting this week and continue through at least September. Tests are canceled in the event of severe weather or other serious conditions.

Emergency Management said the sirens are designed to warn people who are outdoors that a severe weather situation is happening or likely to happen soon and

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Winnebago County will participate in the statewide mock Tornado Drill on April 11, 2024.





Construction is underway in the Town of Vinland for Acton Academy. Town officials advanced a commercial site plan review Feb. 28 for the project.

## Private school project underway in Vinland

Oshkosh Herald

Acton Academy Oshkosh's new campus for middle school and high school students in the Town of Vinland recently had its commercial site plan approved along with a conditional use permit that will include a traffic study in the area.

The private education institution is keeping its elementary school students at its adjacent current location that opened in September 2020, with anticipated completion of the new facility in the fall. The school currently has about 60 students ages 4-7.

"Our building team is making great progress with the warm weather and they are hopeful to complete the project on time before the end of the year," said Sharon Chmura-Moore, founding director of Acton Academy Oshkosh. "This building project is a testament to our Acton families over the last four years and to our supportive community."

Chmura-Moore said they will open the



middle school classroom in September for ages 11-14 and grow in the new building all through high school, ultimately housing learners ages 8 to 18.

Town Board supervisors Feb. 18 approved the site plan that defines construction obligations and hours of operation for school activities that will include a traffic study sometime in April on the potential impact of school traffic in the neighborhood.

The 13,000-square-foot school will take up about eight acres of the 40-acre parcel, according to Mark Seidl of Pinnacle Engineering, who appeared before the board. Stormwater and erosion control permits have been acquired from the state Department of Natural Resources and Winnebago County, which will include a stormwater pond and culvert adjacent to the driveway.

The Acton Academy Network has more than 250 affiliated academies that promotes a "one-room schoolhouse" approach to learning. Acton Academy Oshkosh founder Carey Sharpe said the school's enrollment draws from both the Oshkosh and Neenah school districts while being open to a wider geographic range.

Vinland Plan Commission members reviewed zoning, traffic concerns and potential annexation of the land to the city of Oshkosh.

Ganther Construction Architecture is leading the project financed by Atlas Capital Group, who will lease the land to Ac-



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## Herd jerseys feature Marvel heroes Business news roundup

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The Wisconsin Herd is partnering with Winnebago County to host Marvel Super Hero Night for its Saturday game against the Motor City Cruise at the Oshkosh

The night will feature special uniforms inspired by Captain America and a limited-edition Herd/Marvel comic book giveaway for the first 2,500 fans. The comic book portrays Captain America, Black Panther and the Wisconsin Herd in the Marvel Universe.

The game-worn jerseys will be auctioned at herdmarvel.givesmart.com until noon March 23. Proceeds will benefit the Winnebago Area Literacy Council.

The Herd also collaborated with all five libraries in the county to host a winter reading program that will include Herd branded prizes such as bookmarks, posters, water bottles, tickets to the Herd Marvel game, and signed Marvel comics to encourage children to read.



Wisconsin Herd illustration

Special uniforms inspired by Captain America that also mark Winnebago County's five libraries will be worn by Herd players in Saturday's game.

## Go Baby Go cars help families gain mobility

Oshkosh Herald

A Children's Wisconsin and Fox Valley Technical College collaboration that provides electric, ride-on cars fitted and modified to help children with special health needs continues to seek families who might benefit from the program.

Children from Oshkosh, Menasha and Black Creek families were fitted for and picked up their special cars Friday through the national Go Baby Go! program at FVTC in Appleton.

Physical and occupational therapists from Children's Wisconsin, whose Fox Valley hospital is in Neenah, work with

Engineering Technologies and Health Sciences faculty and students from FVTC to determine the right modifications for each child's mobility needs. The faculty and students then build each car, which are provided to the families for free.

"Our partnership with Fox Valley Technical College has proven to be invaluable," said Amy Van Donsel of Children's Wisconsin.

Families can see if they qualify and apply to the program by visiting childrenswi.org. The program is solely funded by donations.

Libby Guth is a new elder benefit specialist in the Oshkosh office of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2019 with a degree in social work. Her roles in the human services field include being a family care case manager, medical equipment specialist and social services director in a skilled nursing home.

Quill Creative Studio senior partner and creative director Joshua Tyner has been named a "Person to Watch in 2024" by GDUSA (Graphic Design USA) magazine. The recognition highlights individuals who are shaping the future of design and marketing. Quill colleagues said Tyner's vision and leadership have been instrumental in developing innovative branding solutions for clients across a wide range of industries.

Provident Financial Consultants LLC. a financial consulting firm based in Oshkosh, WI, has announced that Hunter S. Auchtung has joined the team as an administrative associate. Auchtung recently graduated from Concordia University with bachlor's degrees in finance and accounting.

Sadoff Iron and Metal Co. has announced the addition of Greg Moore to the company's recycled materials trading team. Moore has 15 years of experience in the scrap metal industry, with previous roles as regional marketing manager and national accounts manager, and joins Sadoff as senior executive - trading, with a focus on ferrous trading on both the buy and sell side.

## Smart agriculture practices topic of event Wisconsin Farmers Union is holding working with small, midsized and under

its inaugural Farm Climate Smart WI event, a collaborative project for Northeast Wisconsin farmers implementing climate-smart agriculture practices, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 25 at the Oshkosh Food Co-Op.

The free event will feature a meet-andgreet with Wisconsin Farmers Union, a presentation about climate-smart agriculture and the new Farm Climate Smart WI project, and a question-and-answer session. Register at wisconsinfarmersunion. com/fsc-wi-events.

The Farm Climate Smart WI project will support farmers by connecting them to innovative tools, knowledge and resources that help them to remain resilient amid climate and market changes. Wisconsin Farmers Union is specifically

working with small, midsized and underserved farmers interested in employing climate-smart practices.

Farm Climate Smart WI is a project of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance.







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## School board candidates speak on district issues

## Candidates say teachers should be paid more

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

With three seats on the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education on the April 2 ballot, candidates last week were given a platform to answer questions from voters.

There are four people running for seats on the board with three participating in the Winnebago County League of Women Voters Candidate Forum. Incumbents Kristopher Karns, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman are running for re-election along with challenger Timothy Hess.

Candidates were asked about racial disparities in how white students, who make up 70% of the OASD student population, are suspended and expelled compared with non-white students. The advocacy group REAL Oshkosh released a report last year highlighting the racial inequalities in discipline within the district.

The report had several examples of Black and Hispanic students, and students of more than two races, suspended at rates four times higher than white students in elementary schools, four times more in middle schools, and three times more in the high schools during the 2021-22 year.

Last summer, OASD created the position of director of diversity, equity and inclusion to deal with those issues. The board approved Anthony Miller for the position and later this year a DEI plan is expected to be rolled out.

Karns said it is important the board reach out to members of the community



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School board candidates answer questions during the League of Women Voters candidate forum last week at City Hall.

and utilize their ideas to try to find solu-

"The disparities are there, the numbers are disappointing - higher percentage of Black and brown students being suspended, being expelled," Karns said. "We have work to do in this area."

Wright said it's important to break down barriers to make the district the best for everyone.

Hess noted that the district should be more transparent with data and that reports on topics like racial disparities in suspensions and expulsions, literacy and math scores should be made available on a monthly basis and not just annually. He also suggested the district should hire an analyst to make better sense of the data.

Wyman was unable to attend the forum but did send in a statement that moderator and Oshkosh Herald publisher Karen Schnieder read after the candidates in attendance gave their opening statements. Her statement outlined the three pillars of her campaign as community engagement, continuing making positive strides in literacy and continuing to update facilities across the district.

The candidates in attendance agreed on a couple of topics like supporting higher pay for teachers and the need for more accountability with the state voucher program. Hess, Karns and Wright all said teachers deserve to be paid more for the work they do.

When asked whether the district should ban books, each candidate said they were opposed to that practice.

Hess said one parent should not be able to dictate what all students can access.

Karns and Wright had similar responses to banning books saying they were not in favor. Wright added there needs to be parental oversight and books need to be age appropriate.

In final statements. Wright said if he is re-elected he will be all in for the next

"I'll listen and I will try and continue to make this a better place," Wright said.

Karns said the board and district are headed in the right direction with important work still needing to get done.

"We've made tremendous strides, and we still have a tremendous amount of work to do," Karns said.

Hess noted throughout the forum he had been critical of the district, but also said he respected board members that devote time to serving.

"I want to get back to the science of education, actually looking at real hard data to understand are we moving forward," Hess said.

Voters can choose up to three candidates to serve the next three years on the Board of Education. To find out what is on your ballot for April 2, go to myvote. wi.gov.



Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 judicial candidates LaKeisha Haase and Michael Rust take part in a forum last week at Oshkosh City Hall.

## County judge candidates share ideas on court issues

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

The two candidates for Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge participated in a public forum last week before voters head to the polls April 2.

LaKeisha Haase and Michael Rust answered questions regarding qualifications to sit on the bench, when a judge should recuse themselves and their philosophy for accountability, equity and fairness from the bench during the forum held by the Winnebago County League of Women Voters. Branch 1 Judge Teresa

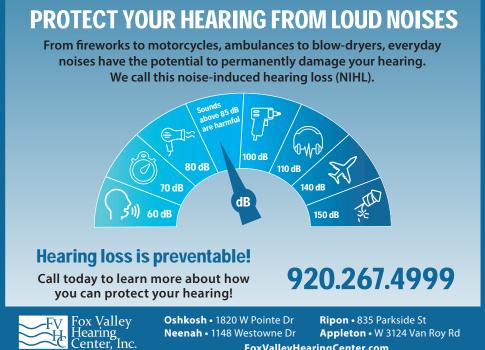
Basiliere is not seeking re-election.

Haase said she currently practices as a trial attorney and sits on the Oshkosh Common Council. She worked as a court assistant and judicial assistant in the Winnebago County Courthouse while attending the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh before attending Marquette Law School.

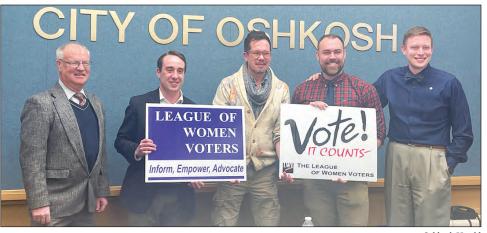
Haase was a Branch 4 judge after being appointed by Gov. Tony Evers with the retirement of Karen Seifert in 2020.

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Oshkosh Common Council candidates (from left) Thomas Asuma, Jacob Floam, Kris Larson, DJ Nichols, and Kristopher Ulrich participated in a candidate forum last week at city hall.

## City candidates share views at forum

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

The five candidates for Oshkosh Common Council were at City Hall to answer a plethora of questions as they hope to be elected to sit on the council for the next two years.

The forum was held by the Winnebago County League of Women Voters as part of the ongoing candidate forum series. The three incumbents - Lynnsey Erickson, Mike Ford and LaKeisha Haase filed for noncandidacy.

During opening statements, each candidate outlined who they are and why they're running for office.

Thomas Asuma called himself a semi-retired consultant with more than 40 years of experience in leadership roles. He plans to use those leadership skills on the council to make Oshkosh a better place.

Jacob Floam currently sits on the Winnebago County board, although he is not running for re-election for his seat in District 16. He works for U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman's office. Floam said he understands how local government works and that experience will help move Oshkosh forward.

Kris Larson is a small business owner with his wife and is vice chair for the downtown Business Improvement District. He is running to affect more positive change for Oshkosh.

DJ Nichols works as an attorney for Great Wolf Lodge. He said city staff currently see residents as numbers on a page and not people living and working in Oshkosh.

Kristopher Ulrich is a stay-at-home parent and described himself as a professional volunteer. Ulrich said he has a sense of duty and has a calling to community service.

One topic discussed in detail was housing in Oshkosh, where there is a housing stock shortage that city officials and current council members have acknowledged.

Each candidate was asked what they

believe to be their No. 1 issue in the city of Oshkosh they would like to dive into if elected.

Larson said it was housing and the need for more housing variety. Nichols said water is his main topic and noted the new Clearwell project needs to be approved and completed as the state requires.

Ulrich noted the search for a new city administrator as current City Manager Mark Rohloff could be nearing the end of his tenure as the city's top executive. Asuma said that taxes were his main issue as he talks with people that are frustrated with taxes rising.

Floam said there was a need in the city for more workforce development and talent acquisition in Oshkosh.

The candidates were asked about the city manager-council form of government and if they support it as the council has been having ongoing discussions about the mayor title.

Each candidate expressed support for the Chapter 64 government, which is often described as the city being a corporation with the council as the board of directors and the city manager as chief executive.

Asuma and Floam stated if there was a change, that the voters should make that change at the polls and should not be a move made by the council.

Another question centered around whether the candidates support having a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) director as part of the city administration.

Larson and Nichols were fully supportive of the position with Asuma, Floam and Ulrich stating they would like to know more about what the position would entail within the daily operations of the city.

Nichols pointed out the need for a DEI director due to what the council will look like after the election – "seven white guys."

Voters can choose up to three candidates on the April 2 ballot for a two-year term. Go to myvote.wi.gov to see what is on the ballot.

## Judicial forum

FROM PAGE 8

She lost an election bid in 2021 to retain the seat and was defeated by Judge Scott Woldt when she sought his Branch 2 seat last year.

Rust serves as one of the county's court commissioners, ran the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center for almost 10 years and serves on the Office of Lawyer Regulations Board of Administrative Oversight. He said over the course of his career he has been a professional neutral working to resolve conflicts.

When asked what the No. 1 issue during their term as judge will be, Rust said it will be the one in front of him as every issue is important, while Haase said it would be dealing with the impact of substance abuse and mental health.

They both outlined reasons they would recuse themselves from a case. Both mentioned that a conflict of interest, as in representing a party in a past case, is a reason for recusal, but both also stated the appearance of a conflict of interest is as important.

"If it looks like you have some invested interest in the outcome of the case - you shouldn't be on it," Haase said.

"I would absolutely recuse myself if it appeared I had a conflict. I may not have that conflict, but the appearance is important," Rust said.

Both agreed that the circuit court is not the place to revisit legal precedent. Rust said the role of a circuit court judge is to apply the law to the facts of a case.

"Determine the facts - apply the law," Rust said. He continued to say the Supreme Court is designated to changing the law if needed.

"At the circuit level, at every level, is to apply the law to the circumstances before you," Haase said.

In final statements, Haase noted the importance of transparency and having an impact on the community as someone residents can rely on. Rust said judicial officers need to be neutral and have the right mindset and temperament.

Voters will decide April 2 which of the candidates will serve as judge for a six-







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## Oshkosh's voice on the **Best in Oshkosh**

### **VOTING**

Phase 2 voting is now open through 5pm March 18, 2024.

Phase 2 voting is between the top 3 nominees in each category unless there was a tie.

CIRCLE your nominee in each category.

A minimum of 30 categories must be completed for your ballot to count.

## **RULES**

Phase 2 rules are simple: One ballot per person per phase.

No photocopies. No ballot stuffing.

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Mail or drop ballot by deadline to 36 Broad St. Suite 300, Oshkosh WI 54901

## **CITY PICKS 2024 FINALISTS**

**MUSEUM/ART GALLERY** Paine Art Center Oshkosh Public Museum **EAA Aviation Museum** 

## **NEW RESTAURANT**

(opened after Feb. 2023) Good Yolk Mr. Brews Taphouse Chili's Grill & Bar

Jambalava Arts, Inc

## **BEST SUB/SANDWICH SHOP**

Jersey Mike's Subs Firehouse Subs Cousins Subs

## Subway

**LATE-NIGHT FOOD** West End Pizza Polito's Pizza Taco Bell Mad Chicken

## Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

**PATIO** Fox River Brewing Company Fletch's Local Tap House

## Becket's

**BREWERY** Fifth Ward Brewing Fox River Brewing Company

Bare Bones Brewery **COFFEE SHOP** New Moon Café

Elsewhere Market & Coffee House Planet Perk

## **BREAKFAST**

Good Yolk Two Brothers Family Restaurant Mike's Place Family Restaurant

## **SOUP**

The Roxy Supper Club Caramel Crisp Corner Mike's Place Family Restaurant Panera Bread

Fox River Brewing Company Mike's Place Family Restaurant Parnell's Place

## **BAKERY**

Thunderbird Bakery Festival Foods LaSure's Banquet Hall, Catering & Bakery

## **FINE DINING**

The Roxy Supper Club IJ's Highland Steakhouse

## Gardina's Kitchen Bar Market

The Roxy Supper Club TJ's Highland Steakhouse

### Jeff's on Rugby **VEGETARIAN**

Terivaki Madness Pilora's Café Gardina's Kitchen Bar Market

### The Chalice JUICE/SMOOTHIE

Scooter's Coffee Big Apple Bagels Planet Perk

West End Pizza Dr. Benzie's Pizza Ratch & Deb's Pizza Eaton's Fresh Pizza

Good Yolk

**OMELETTE** 

### The Roxy Supper Club

**BURGER** Pete's Garage Bar The Ruby Owl Tap Room

## Culver's

**TACO** Cozumel Mexican Restaurant

Taco John's **BBQ** 

Fat Mama's Po Boyz and Sandwiches Chester V's

Parnell's Place The Roxy Supper Club The Hangar Bar and Grill

## **NOODLES**

Mama's Noodle Bar Noodles & Co.

**SUSHI** 

Sushi Lover Oshkosh Manila Resto

Olive Garden The Roxy Supper Club

## Gardina's Kitchen Bar Market

**MEXICAN** Cozumel Mexican Restaurant Takiza Mexican Cuisine

The Taqueria Los Rivera's Mexican Grill

Parnell's Place Jeff's on Rugby

Teriyaki Madness Mike's Place Family Restaurant

## WINGS

**Buffalo Wild Wings** Player's Pizza & Pub

**ICE CREAM** Leon's Frozen Custard Culver's

**DESSERTS** Tamara The Cake Guru LaSure's Banquet Hall, Catering & Bakery Festival Foods

**PANCAKES** Two Brothers Family Restaurant

## Mike's Place Family Restaurant

Two Brothers Family Restaurant Mike's Place Family Restaurant Good Yolk

The Tagueria

Parker John's BBO & Pizza Leon's Frozen Custard

**FISH FRY** 

## Teriyaki Madness

Sakura Japanese Restaurant Sushi & Grill

Fuki's Steakhouse & Sushi

## **ITALIAN**

PARM

CHICKEN

The Bar

## Rhapsodies Gourmet Frozen Custard & Sandwiches

**CHEAP DATE** West End Pizza Teriyaki Madness Pete's Garage Bar

## Time Community Theatre

**MEAT MARKET** Beck's Meats Wagner Market Festival Foods

## Pick 'n Save

KIDS PARTY PLACE The Mineshaft Restaurant West End Pizza Revs Bowl Bar & Grill

### Fire Escape **CHILD CARE**

Arts for Kids **YMCA** Davis Child Care

### **SUMMER CAMP**

**YMCA** Boys & Girls Club Fire Escape

## **BIRTHDAY CAKES**

Dairy Queen Festival Foods **FAMILY RESTAURANT** West End Pizza

LaSure's Banquet Hall, Catering & Bakery

## Two Brothers Family Restaurant

Mike's Place Family Restaurant The Mineshaft Restaurant **COCKTAIL BAR** The Roxy Supper Club

Bar 430 Sturgeon Spirits Craft Distillery The Chalice

**DIVE BAR** Pete's Garage Bar Bob's Trails End

## Jerry's Bar

**SPORTS BAR** West End Pizza The Bar

## GameTime

**HAPPY HOUR** Friar Tuck's The Roxy Supper Club Becket's

## Jeff's On Rugby

MARGARITA Cozumel Mexican Restaurant Takiza Mexican Cuisine Los Rivera's Mexican Grill

## Los Jaripeos

**OLD FASHIONED** The Roxy Supper Club West End Pizza

## Jeff's On Rugby

**BARTENDER** Scott from West End Pete M from the Roxy Pete from Pete's Garage Bar Christine from LaSure's

**PLACE FOR SOCIALIZING** New Moon Café **YMCA** Elsewhere Market & Coffee House Planet Perk

## Menominee Park

**JUKEBOX** Barley & Hops Pub and Beer Garden Nigl's Chieftain Jerry's Bar

### **Evil Roy Slades**

**TRIVIA NIGHT** The Hangar Bar and Grill The Ruby Owl Tap Room Greene's Pour House at the Granary

## The Grand Oshkosh

**LGBQT** Deb's Spare Time Pete's Garage Bar

### The Electric Lounge **BILLIARDS**

The Varsity Club

Winners Sports Bar and Grill Ginger Snap **DARTS** The Varsity Club

Winners Sports Bar and Grill

### Houge's Bar **Evil Roy Slades BEER BAR**

Fifth Ward Brewing Oblio's Lounge Mr. Brews Taphouse **BLOODY MARY** 

The Ruby Owl Tap Room

### West End Pizza The Roxy Supper Club Bar 430

The Chalice **MEN'S CLOTHING** Fleet Farm Target

### **Duluth Trading Co** Nike Outlet

**WOMEN'S CLOTHING** Brinkley's Boutique Two Blondes Target

## TJ Maxx **VINTAGE**

AtomicKatz/Vintage 01 Vintage The Turquoise D Frugal Fashion

## **JEWELRY**

Reimer Jewelers Oshkosh Jewelers Tennie's Jewelry

### **Dream Jewelers FURNITURE**

WG&R Furniture **Great Estates** AtomicKatz/Vintage Ashley Furniture

**USED FURNITURE** 

St. Vincent de Paul

Originals Mall of Antiques

**GIFT SHOP** Caramel Crisp Corner Fredrick's Hallmark Shop The Artful Gift

## **GARDEN**

Stein's Garden and Home Fernau's Greenhouse **UBloom** 

### House of Flowers **FLORISTS**

**UBloom** Hrnak's Flowers & Gifts **GROCERY** Festival Foods

House of Flowers

### Pick 'n Save Piggly Wiggly Aldi

**LIQUOR & WINE** Festival Foods Gardina's Kitchen Bar Market Liquorland

### Pick 'n Save **PET STORE**

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**SPORTING GOODS** 

### Dick's Sporting Goods Fleet Farm Play It Again Sports

**GAMES/GAMING** GameStop The Mineshaft Restaurant Adventure Games & Hobby

### **Eroding Winds** Heid Music New Moon Café

**RECORDS/MUSIC** 

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## Fire Escape

Joann Fabrics **SHOES** Rogan's Shoes Britton's Walkover Footwear

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**BARBERSHOP** Jerry's Barbershop Starstruck Artistry Sports Clips Luxe Hair Salon

### The Chop Shop **SALON & SPA**

MANI/PEDI

Oshkosh Nails

California Nails

Nails Only

Starstruck Artistry

Trillium Salon Luxe Hair Salon Starstruck Artistry **TATTOO** 920 Tattoo Oshkosh Tattoo Easy Street Tattoo

Oshkosh

## Big Guns Tattoo

**WEDDING VENUE** The Waters The Gibson Social Club Venue 404

### LaSure's Banquet Hall, Catering & Bakery PLACE TO HANG WITH THE PETS

Winnebago County Park The Riverwalk **Bare Bones Brewery** Barley & Hops Pub and Beer Garden

### Far Vu Golf Course Westhaven Golf Course

**GOLF COURSE** 

Oshkosh Country Club **GYM** Planet Fitness

### YMCA Jet Functional Fitness

Simply Yoga

**YOGA** Embody Yoga & Pilates **YMCA** 

### **ALTERNATIVE SPORTS** Pickle and Bags **YMCA** Glow in the Park Golf

**NEIGHBORHOOD BAR** Jerry's Bar Pete's Garage Bar Evil Roy Slades

### LIVE MUSIC VENUE Leach Amphitheatre Fletch's Local Tap House

Nigl's Chieftain

TNT Tap

Revs Bowl Bar & Grill **OUTDOOR VENUE** Leach Amphitheatre Oshkosh Farmer's Market Fox River Brewing Company

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Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot were chosen by the nominations from our readers in Phase 1. Nominations in Phase 2 will be accepted from Feb. 28 - Mar 18, 2024. Ballots mailed must be at the Oshkosh Herald office by 5pm March 19, 2024. Nominations are limited. You can choose one nominee in each category during Phase 2 of City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot. Our office is located at 36 Broad St., Suite 300, Oshkosh WI 54901. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by NOON on March 15, 2024.

Winners will be announced in the April 17, 2024 Oshkosh Herald.

Again, only one vote per name and address. The ballot is published three times so three voters per household is possible. No Ballot Stuffing. In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations to count. Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest.

No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. Please find a paper issue of the Herald to complete a ballot.

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**Food Club** 

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**Drumsticks** 

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**Food Club** 

Dips

Cereal

**Ice Cream** 

Ice Cream













Sausage

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Cheese

High Life

14.9 oz Cans or

11.2 oz Bottles

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Draught

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**Jameson** 

Irish Whiskey



Piggly Wiggly

Bacon







19 oz Select

**Brats** 

Johnsonville



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# Calendar of events

## Wednesday, March 13

LWV Food for Thought lunch, noon, Oshkosh Food Co-op Community Room, 155 Jackson St.

Trinity Lutheran School open house, 3 p.m., 819 School Ave.

## Thursday, March 14

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Group Ukulele Jam, 6 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 405 N. Main St.

## Friday, March 15

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Saturday, March 16

AmazSpring Shopping & Craft Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Shamrock Shuffle 4K or 4-mile routes (all day), Fusion Footwear, 520 S. Koeller St.

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road

Alliances – Three Choirs, 3 p.m., St. Jude Parish, 519 Knapp St.

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Ask Your Mother, Richard's School of the Dance, Star Six Nine, 2 p.m., Dublin's St. Patrick's Tent Party, 2070 W. 9th Ave.

Oshkosh Area Community Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

## Sunday, March 17

Shamrock Dinner and Luck of the Irish Bingo, 12:30 p.m., La Sure's Ban-

ON APRIL 2nd VOTE

KRISTOPHER ULRICH COMMON COUNCIL

quet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Big Thaw Craft & Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Spring Fling, 1 p.m., Oshkosh North High School

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

### Wednesday, March 20

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, noon, Oshkosh Convention Center

## Thursday, March 21

The Four Phantoms, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

EAA Aviation Museum: Flying the A-1 Skyraider, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Student Jam, 6:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

## Friday, March 22

The Four Phantoms, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

After Dark Eggs in the Park, 7:45 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

## Saturday, March 23

The Four Phantoms, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sly Joe, 8 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St. Water City Pub first anniversary party, 1 p.m., 216 N. Main St.

'Space Jam," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, March 24

Lenten Meditation Choir & Instrumental Concert, 3 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W 9th Ave.

## Monday, March 25

Growing Climate, Smart Agriculture, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Food Co-op

Water City Jazz Orchestra: Tribute to Sinatra, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

## Wednesday, March 27

Wisconsin Herd vs. Indiana Mad Ants, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Friday, March 29

"Dracula" (1931), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.





- Highlights/lowlights Balayages
- All over color
- Root retouch Corrective colors
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- Platform hand-sewn weft extensions
- Smoothing treatments (Keratin and Brazilian Blowout)
- Gloss treatments
- Full Body Waxing (bikini and Brazilian)
- Facial waxing
- Eyebrow tinting
- Aveda Facials
- Styling Special occasion hair
- Makeup collection
- Bridal Party Services



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## **Juedes Scholarship**

Oshkosh's Dick's Sporting Goods manager Josh Weber presents Valley Christian School graduate Josie Matiash with a 2023 scholarship from the Wayne Juedes Scholarship Foundation and renewed her scholarship for the 2024 school year. The foundation was able to give 17 scholarships this year, which is more than double the amount from 2023.

## Three chamber choirs to perform together

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers, Madison Chamber Choir and Master Singers of Milwaukee will present "Alliances: Three Choirs" at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Jude Parish, 519 Knapp St.

Each choir will present their own set of selections, culminating with a combined choir of 150 voices presenting a powerful rendition of "Everyone Sang" by Linda Kachelmeier.

Conductors are Herb Berendsen for Oshkosh; Kevin Kriegel for Madison and Zachary Durlam for Milwaukee. Sarah Wheeler is accompanist for the Oshkosh Chamber.

Tickets at the door will be \$25 for adults, \$5 for students. Advance tickets for \$20 are available from singers, and at Heid Music and Gardina's. More information is at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.





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## **Red Earth**

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combination of apartment buildings and townhomes. Developers are planning to include underground parking and two dog parks.

## Specific implementation plan

The SIP for the remaining five phases includes four-story apartment buildings similar to those approved with phase one. The proposal includes five 82-unit apartment buildings and eight four-unit townhomes.

There will be 454 underground parking spaces, 191 surface parking spaces and bicycle parking spaces. The site will include 30,000 square-feet of recreation space and includes a connection to the Wiouwash Trail.

A neighborhood meeting was held Feb. 22 with eight neighbors attending. The neighbors "voiced concerns related to the compatibility of the use/site design with the surrounding area, landscape size/ species, impacts on wetlands and wildlife areas, traffic, storm water, archaeological history of the property, and property maintenance," city documents state.

Planning services manager Mark Lyons noted there were conversations regarding landscaping at the meeting that led to developers adjusting the plan to have a more immediate visual impact on the site.

In most cases, trees with a diameter of 1.25 inches and 4 feet tall would be planted. Red Earth is planning on installing trees with 2.5 inches in diameter and 8 feet tall. The trees would be deciduous, ornamental and evergreens.

There was controversy with approval of the project that Dan O'Callahan of Red Earth spoke to last week. The development was approved by the Plan Commission last

spring with four-story buildings. The council approved the project but with three story buildings as a compromise to concerned

Red Earth came back in the fall asking for financial assistance, stating the three-story apartment buildings were not financially viable to build. The council declined that option and proposed the SIP go back to the Plan Commission with four-story apartments to move the project forward. It was again approved by the Plan Commission and Common Council in November.

Town of Oshkosh Chair Jim Erdman voiced his concerns at the meeting, saying he was concerned about the fish and wildlife in the area, public access to Lake Butte des Morts, the stark look of the development and noise from Interstate 41.

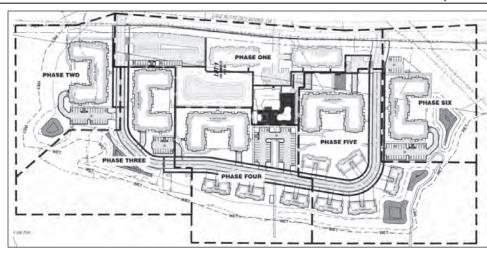
"It's just a roar out there," Erdman said. Jake Buswell of Red Earth said the apartment buildings will be made of high-quality materials with high-quality windows that would reduce the noise.

O'Callahan said construction on phase one, which includes two 40-unit apartment buildings and a clubhouse, will begin this spring. Construction on phase two could begin about a year later. O'Callahan said each of the six construction phases could last between 12 and 18 months and that the site would be potentially under construction in some form for the next eight years.

He said marketing and leasing feedback will influence the rate of the project. Red Earth was asking for all phases to be approved now so the project can continue to move forward at the pace they desire.

Plan Commission Chair Thomas Perry said he initially opposed the project but since phase one was approved he supports the project and wants it completed. He fears that delaying this approval could create issues with all phases of the project.

Council member Paul Esslinger sits on



the Plan Commission and approves of the project due to the housing shortage in Oshkosh, saying he believes the development will help alleviate some of that.

## **Preliminary plat**

Currently the land off Lake Butte des Morts Drive is divided into five plats owned by Red Earth. The proposed plat would create eight parcels for multifamily residential lots. The final plat would need council approval.

The development falls under the city's subdivision regulations, which require land dedication, or green space, of 900 square feet for each dwelling unit. The development would require 397,800 square feet, or just over 9 acres, of land based on the proposed 442 units in phases two through six.

City staff is recommending the council accept parkland fees of \$72,930 - \$165 per dwelling unit - instead of the land as the city has plans to build a park of between 15 and 30 acres northwest of the develop-

Lyons said there is potential growth for single-family homes north of Ryf Road and in the future a 30-acre park could serve the entire area.

## Right of way

The Plan Commission approved two right-of-way dedications that will allow for two roads to connect to Lake Butte des Morts Drive. Olivia Road and Oliver Avenue will be the roads residents will be using to enter and exit the development. Olivia and Oliver will be connected by Blair Boulevard to create a loop off Lake Butte des Morts Drive.

Olivia Road will be almost a mile south of Ryf Road and Oliver Avenue will begin about 870 feet south of Olivia Road. The council will also need to approve those dedications. The three roads will all have sidewalks and in the future Lake Butte des Morts Drive could be graded to accommodate sidewalks.

City staff said the post office and county highway department did not have any concerns with the roads having similar names.

The Plan Commission recommendations will be on a future council agenda for approval.

## **Local UW system graduates**

At the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the following students from Oshkosh earned degrees in December:

Anna Kohl, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing and Health Sciences

Emmeline Liske, Bachelor of Music Education, Education and Human Sciences

Emily Luebke, Bachelor of Science, Education and Human Sciences

A total of 1,966 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Dec. 17, including Kylie Hibbs from Oshkosh, who earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction.





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## **Spotlight on Grand performers**

Ciaran Sheenan, a native of Dublin, Ireland, played the Phantom on Broadway and in Toronto as well as the role of Raoul in the show. He also played the roles of Babet and Marius in "Les Misérables" and is currently starring and producing in an off-Broadway production of O'Neill's "Anna Christie."

Brett Barrett has entertained fans from the stages of Broadway, West End in London, concerts, recording studios and television. He recently reprised his role as Billy Flynn in "Chicago — The Musical," for which he received an LA Drama Critics Award.

John Cudia holds the honor of being the first and only actor to perform both as the Phantom and . Jean Valjean in "Les Misérables" on Broadway.

Franc D'Ambrosio is best known as the "Iron Man of the Mask" since he performed as the Phantom on Broadway for more than six years. He also played the opera-singing son of Al Pacino in the movie "The Godfather Part III."

Joining the Four Phantoms on stage will be Kaley Ann Voorhees, who played the role of Christine in the musical. Two-time Grammy Award winner David Caddick supervises the production's music while Ryan Shirar serves as musical director.

For more information about the show or to purchase tickets, visit thegrandoshkosh.org.

## **Four Phantoms**

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ater, is pretty much unheard of in this business," said Joe Ferlo, president and chief executive of The Grand. "For us to have an ongoing relationship, an annual residency, and now, to host the taping of their Public Television special, is a monumental moment in time for The Grand, for Oshkosh and for Northeast Wisconsin, as we secure our place in the spotlight."

Footage from the concerts is to be released nationwide during the June pledge cycle in multiple PBS markets.

Sheenan said The Grand is a familiar tour stop for The Four Phantoms, who first performed in Oshkosh in 2018.

"It's such a beautiful space venue and an intimate setting plus the audience is wonderful," he said.

Ferlo said it was a strong group of sponsors that helped make the Phantoms perform at The Grand in their first sellout run, then returning three more times with added features - student outreach, a holiday set of songs, a contemporary set of songs - leading up to the taping of a PBS special.

"It's not only improbable, but audacious, for a venue our size to forge a lasting relationship with a production this size," Ferlo said.

The Four Phantoms performance has the quartet singing together and separately, featuring songs from the musical, along with songs from other musicals and other musical numbers.

"We have a lot of fun together — the performers, musicians and crew — we are like a family," Sheenan said. "We have a lot of laughs and there's not much pressure. There are no egos. We all have our



The Four Phantoms (from left) John Cudia, Ciaran Sheehan, Brett Barrett and Franc D'Ambrosio will perform three shows next week at The Grand. The performances are being taped and will be released as a special this summer on public television.

strengths and weaknesses. Plus, the music is a lot of fun."

He said his favorite part of the show is the final number — he would not provide any further details but added that it gets people up dancing and clapping.

The Phantom is an iconic character that audience members can relate to,

"Everyone has a time in their life when they feel unwanted and unloved so they identify with his feelings, but then they see how he loves Christine so much that he is willing to let her go," he said. "That's something that touches people profoundly. They can relate to it."





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## Rough second half stings Knights in regional loss

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

For the first 16 minutes of last week's WIAA Division 5 sectional final, things couldn't have gone better.

The Knights came out playing well on both ends of the court and built a double-digit lead before securing a ninepoint advantage at intermission.

Unfortunately for the Knights, they just couldn't keep it going.

Lourdes Academy mustered just six points in the second half and were held to a season-low point total in a 50-



Photo by Andy Ratchman Lourdes Academy's JJ McKellips drives to

the basket last Thursday.

37 loss to Reedsville at Pulaski High School. The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for the Knights and ended their season with a 20-6 record.

"We came out and the kids were ready and just locked in. Everybody was playing like we needed them to do individually which is what we needed to succeed as a team. They rolled that first 16 minutes," Lourdes head coach Brett Baehman said. "We were getting good shots but couldn't get that big basket to turn the tide. We weren't making the shots that we needed to to get over that hump to give us that belief that we could turn that thing around."

Baehman said they tried different approaches to get the offense going but nothing worked.

"I was trying to put them in any situation I could to succeed. It was a very helpless feeling as a coach," Baehman said.

Despite the offensive struggles, Baehman was pleased with the team's defensive efforts.

The Panthers came in averaging 92 points in its first three playoff games but were held to less than 30 points in each half.

The defensive plan came together without a lot of practice time leading up to the game because of players missing time due to illness.

"We didn't have our full rotation all week," said Baehman, who had seven players miss school the day before the game. "Our defensive game plan was more strategic – and something we haven't done much. It was good to see that without that practice time and having



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Mitchell Wing dribbles through the Reedsville pressure last Thursday.

everyone together, they were still able to commit to it and make it work.

"Did our legs go or did our health start to deteriorate in the second half? I'm not sure. I was just proud of the way we fought knowing we weren't 100 percent."

Mitchell Wing, who missed the regional final game because of illness, was the lone player in double figures for the Knights with 14 points. JJ McKellips finished with eight points, while Calvin Tollard and Dom Bauer chipped in seven and six points, respectively.

The Knights finish the season as co-champions of the Trailways East as well as winning their second straight regional title in Baehman's second season as head coach.

"I am so proud of the seniors, the whole team, how they came together after the game and picked each other up. That was big for me to see. They still were together at the darkest time of the season," Baehman said. "It was a great success. It still doesn't feel like I'm done with those seniors because they have been the backbone the last two years."

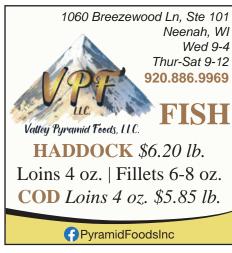
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The Oshkosh Recreation Department is accepting team registrations for softball leagues for men, women and coed.

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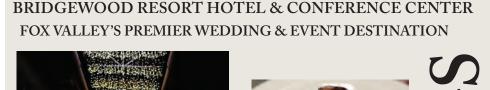
League may register as well. Forms can be found at oshkoshrecdept.com with signup deadline on or before April 5.

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## **Jack McAndrews**

We sadly announce the passing of our dear Jack McAndrews, age 93, on Date



March 8th, 2024, He left us peacefully surrounded by loved ones. He was born July 6th, 1930, in Downers Grove, Ill.

He married the love of his life Barbara Watson, May 6th, 1950. With 73 years

together, he was a devoted partner to Barb and they had many adventures to-

He is known for being a man of honor and faith and a loving and devoted husband and father. He was also a pretty fun guy. His quick wit and sense of humor are known far and wide. He liked to snow ski and water ski. He loved boating, camping and scubadiving on old shipwrecks. For many years he and his family spent Christmas fishing in the Keys



He was a great business man and entre-

He was Branch manager for home office of Mercury Outboards and owner of Hess Marine. He made Hess Marine into the 7th largest Searay boat dealer in the world while being in the smallest market area. They were also a Honda car and motorcycle dealership as well.

But his favorite endeavor was establishing Aqualand Camp Resort in Door County, which has been in the family for three generations now.

An article written by Jeff Kleinhuizen in The Green Bay Gazette, 1991, perfectly describes his transition from corporate businessman to Campground owner/ operator.

"Then in 1981, McAndrews traded his blue suit for a blue collar. That's when he bought 67 acres south of Sister Bay and developed 150 camp sites, now called Aqualand."

The campground has brought much

After retiring a second time from the campground he enjoyed organizing a men's breakfast ministry. He and his best friends would gather every other Tuesday for fellowship and food and laughter. It began with his 3 closest friends and grew to a solid 20 men that now meet regularly...and will continue to in honor

He is survived by his son Michael McAndrews (Karen) and daughter Patrica McAndrews; Grandchildren Jake McAndrews, Josh Sweeney (Carol), Yana Sweeney, Scott Gavin (Iulia), Great grandchildren Maylene, Cecilia, Lilliana, Isabella, Ellie, Yasmina, His brother-inlaw Merle (Marilyn) Watson and the late Hubert Watson (Alene).

Remembered fondly by many nephews and nieces.

Please join us celebrating his Life at the Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St in Oshkosh on Thursday March 14th at

Visitation will take place at 9am until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Plymouth Church 1325 Georgia St. Oshkosh, WI. 54902









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## **Jeff Jensen**

Jeff Jensen, age 51, went home to his Heavenly Father on March 3, 2024 after



a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born in 1972 to Bob Jensen and Marge (Huhn) Jensen.

Jeff was born and raised in Menasha. He attended St. Johns Catholic Grade

School and Menasha High School graduating in 1991. He eventually moved to Oshkosh where he made many lifelong friends and worked a variety of jobs.

Jeff was humble, generous, loving and thoughtful. His piercing blue eyes were soulful and kind. He enjoyed playing basketball, riding his ATV and dirt bike with his friends on Lake Winnebago, watching true crime shows, going to stock car races, concerts, comedy clubs, camping, playing cards, being outdoors & especially being with family.

Jeff is survived by his parents, Bob and Marge Jensen of Winneconne; son, Jeff Gonzales of Menasha; sister, Amy (Brian) St Cyr of Appleton; nephews, Brandon St Cyr of Neenah and Aaron St Cyr of Appleton; many cousins, aunts, uncles and extended family.

A private memorial service was held for the immediate family only.

Jeff, you are finally free now. We are so happy to have shared our lives with you. We love you so much! – Mom, Dad, Jeff, Amy & Brian



## **Thomas F. Roblee**

Thomas "Tom" F. Roblee, a man of great character and service, peaceful-



ly passed away on March 5, 2024. He leaves behind a legacy of unwavering commitment to his community and a profound impact on those who knew him. A proud Vietnam veteran, Tom

served his country with honor and dignity, embodying the principles of duty and sacrifice. Following his naval service, Tom dedicated himself to protecting his community as a firefighter/paramedic in Oshkosh. His commitment to service extended beyond the call of duty, as he served as Union President, advocating tirelessly for his fellow firefighters. Tom's faith was a guiding force in his life, evident in his active involvement with Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Raphael Catholic Church, where he served as a board member. His kindness and generosity knew no bounds, touching the lives of all who crossed his path. In addition to his service as a firefighter, Tom fulfilled duties assigned by the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to public service. Tom believed in education and was a scholar at heart, with a deep love for history and a passion for learning. He approached life with patience and thoughtfulness, always eager to understand and engage with the world around him. With a love of music and a zest for life, Tom and Pat loved spending time with their family, visiting new places and celebrating friendships old and new.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Patricia, who was the love of his life. He is also survived by his children Danielle (Bob) Gattuso, Jessica (Frank) Vomacka, and Matthew (Sara) Roblee, and his cherished grandchildren: Michael, Nicholas, Tommy, Jack, Grace, Mikayla, and Sam.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Tom on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 12 noon in St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with the Rev. Tom Long celebrating. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 10 am until the time of Mass. Full military honors will be accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard immediately following the Mass. Inurnment will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Tom leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness, and dedication to his community. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Fisher House in memory of Thomas F. Roblee.

https://fisherhouse.org.



## Thomas "Rufie" J. Noe

Tom Noe of Oshkosh, passed away in the early evening hours of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024



after a five year, bravely fought, battle with throat cancer.

Tom was born to Gerald and Geraldine (Gutsmiedl) Noe on January 29, 1951. He graduated from Oshkosh High School class of '69, from

there he went to work at Hoffmaster Inc. and stayed there until the day he retired.

Then... he met the best score of his life, and on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1982 he married the gal who treated him like a "princess" until the day he died, Barbara Genal.

Barb always told him she married handsome and not necessarily handy; if it wasn't throwing, hitting, or catching a ball, he couldn't do it or at least struggled with it.

They had many years of out-of-town weekends for the tournaments Tom would be in, and pretty much won.

His younger years were full of baseball and all those guys to this day are near and dear to his heart. He was inducted into the softball Hall of Fame in September 2005, and was also the first father and son to be inducted into the Hall of Fame Glory Wall.

Golf was another one of his passions. He was kind of known as "the guys with the most unorthodox swing". Golf became the carrot in front of his face to get him healthy for summer and I'm forever grate-

ful for the golf guys always having something lined up for him, but the best times were when Travis and his buddies asked the "old guy" to be the fourth in a golf outing (because he could play further up).

Winters were snowmobile season. He would check out races in advance that he and his best friend (nephew) Mason Luce "Bud", would attend. Mason also got him back into bird hunting. He just loved spending time with that kid.

Left to mourn his loss is his wife, Barb; children, Travis (Andrea) Noe, Jennifer (Brendt) Strange, Jason Noe and fur baby, Brie; sister, Joni Stutz; brothers, Dave (Lisa) and Ron Noe; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Genal, Patti Beske, and Jeanne Lehr, as well as many nieces and nephews, especially Schaune Luce.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gerald and Geraldine Noe, Irene Genal, Richard Genal, Eugene Lehr, Sandie and Wally Jero, Jim Stutz, Linda Noe, and Dennis Beske.

Till we meet again my lil man! XXX-OOO

A celebration of life for Tom will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-West-side, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A social gathering will be held following the service

Please no flowers or plants. Memorials will go to the Tom Noe Cancer Fund.

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## **Shaun E. Murphy**

Shaun E. Murphy, age 63, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Mercy



Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on July 9, 1960, in Hayward, CA, to Thomas Decker and Lois Nichols-Messier. He was adopted by Gene Murphy and Cleora Hanna. Shaun

was united in marriage to Laura Rolph on May 18, 1991, at South Park in Oshkosh.

Shaun was a man loved by many for his passion for motorcycles, particularly his cherished Harley, which carried him on countless adventures through the open roads. Through every twist of the handlebar and turn of the wheel, Shaun found solace in the embrace of the outdoors. Among his other interests, Shaun found joy in exploring the realms of science fiction, where his

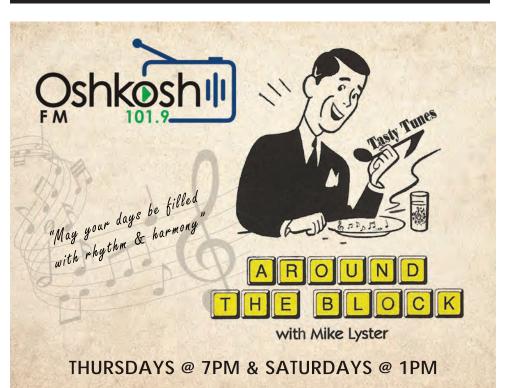
imagination could roam freely among distant galaxies and futuristic worlds.

Shaun is survived by his wife, Laura Murphy; daughters: Jillian (Cesar) Delaney; Misty McQuown, Amanda (Ryan) Steeber, Tabitha (Jaren Hergert) Rolph; grandchildren: Kailee Katanah, Rhiannon, Kadence, Kianni, Dreagon, Dallas, Keleen, Alexander, Quency, King, Protègè, Suraiya; great-grandchild, Melina; brothers: Edward (Reen) Bigbey, William (Dayrline) Decker; sisters: Rehne (Albert) Burge, Deborah Evans; and numerous other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas Decker, Lois Nichols-Messer, Gene and Clara Murphy; and brother-in-law, Terry Evans.

Private family memorial services will be held.

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## **Linda D. Van Ness**

On March 2nd 2024, Linda Darlene Van Ness was met at Heaven's Gate by



her mother and father, Belva and Leo Gurchinoff, along with brothers John, Leo and canines Buffy, Bronco, and Scout.

Linda was born in Crandon, Wis., on January 8, 1955.

She was raised and educated in Iron River, Michigan, graduating from West Iron County High School in 1973. Linda then attended and graduated from Western Michigan University (WMU) in 1977 with a major in Social Work and a minor in Psychology. It was there, at a Yooper party, that she met Randy, her husband of 46 years.

Linda's career was strongly influenced by the injustices she read about in the book, "To Kill a Mockingbird" (in a full circle moment, she attended the play at the PAC in 2023). As such, her professional career was dedicated to those most in need of services. Linda worked for Green Lake County's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) for over 36 years. Her first and favorite assignment was as Deputy Director for what is now known as Fox River Industries/Disability Services, Inc., a sheltered workshop with programming for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Linda later became the Director of HHS, a position she held for 22 years, even being called back three years after retirement to resurrect the program. Linda also served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCH-SA) for many years. There she was well respected by all of her peers. WCHSA is an organization that gives Wisconsin legislators policy updates and recommendations to the Wisconsin State Department of Health and Human Services. Throughout her professional career Linda championed the undervalued and overlooked she was their voice, heart and soul.

Linda was an active member of the Green Lake County Rotary Club, the Princeton Garden Club and a past member of the Winnebago County Master Gardeners Club. She and her husband were also active volunteers for Make the Ride Happen, Special Olympics, the Oshkosh Area Humane Society's Therapy Dog Program and at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Linda and her husband were able to travel extensively throughout their life. She most looked forward to January's in New Smyrna Beach, Florida - spending five winters at Ocean Walk Condominiums and four at the Beautiful 9 Oaks Carriage House on the Indian River – an estuary of the Atlantic Ocean. It was there that she was most at peace – wandering up and down the Atlantic Ocean's shoreline collecting Sea Glass and unique Seashells. Between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes, she amassed an admirable collection of sea glass and shells.

It was at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, beginning in 2011, that Linda and her husband became impassioned advocates for Pit Bull type dogs – one of the most undervalued, overlooked, and mis-

understood creatures on Earth. Linda and her husband opened their home to many Pitx dogs, as well as many other struggling long-term canine residents. It was through this Foster Care Program that Linda and her husband adopted Miss Daisy – a sweet, loving, gentle intuitive Pit Bull mix. She was and is such a special pup, that she became a Therapy Dog (she loves everyone). Linda often said, "I love that dog."

Linda is survived by her husband Randy, son Justin (Michael-Lynne), daughter Emily (Tyler) Plaster, her much loved Grandchildren – Carter Leo and Amara Rose (Linda was a proud, loving, doting Grandmother) and her much loved Miss Daisy. Linda is further survived by sisters Cindy, Joan (Dan) Hinch and Carol (Joe) Clavin, along with several nieces and nephews.

Linda always wanted grandchildren and she helped care for them as they grew. She spent many nights with them for sleepovers and accompanied them on many escapades. They will always cherish the time they spent with their grandmother. Her laugh will forever echo in their hearts. Both Carter and Amara are fun, spirited and big-hearted. Their grandmother will forever watch over and guide them through life.

Linda's family would like to express love and appreciation to her dear friend of 55 years , Debby J. She traveled this long, unforgiving journey with us, holding both of our hands along the way. Debby J., along with the Girls of LeFevre from WMU, as well as the Island Girls shared many adventures together over the course of 50 years. All were supportive and loving throughout Linda's Journey. Another special thank you to her long-time loyal friends and co-workers, Sue S. and Nancy B – Sue who helped with care for Linda at Courtyard Memory Care and both for

taking Linda out for so many breakfast and shopping escapades. Another thanks to Jessy M. for providing in-home care, but more importantly empathy, love, compassion, friendship and a smiling, happy face. Finally, Linda's family would like to thank the staff at Courtyard Memory Care and Preceptor Hospice for their care and compassion, as they led us through the final leg of this long and challenging journey.

Alzheimer's is a hideous disease, but Linda and her family fought the good fight for seven years – living as normal of a life for as long as possible. Linda is at peace now and restored to her previous self, patiently waiting to be reunited with her loving family and canine Miss Daisy. Forever and a day she will be loved and missed. She made the world a better place.

Linda and her husband established the Abigail, Miss Daisy, and Scout Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF) in 2012. This fund benefits Pit Bull type dogs, senior dogs and dogs with disability and health issues at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Linda's family would ask that you consider contributing to this fund in her name at the OACF – to honor her care and compassion for these undervalued 4-legged creatures – helping them find a forever family.

Cremation has taken place through the services of Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home. Per the family's request, there will be no formal funeral services. A private family gathering and ash spreading will be held at Alvin, Wisconsin – at her family's grave site as well as at her brother's favorite fishing hole. Celebrate her life in whatever way each of you thinks most fitting for this amazing wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

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## **Ricky Roger Cavanaugh**

Ricky "Rick" Roger Cavanaugh, age 71, passed away with his family by his side on



March 1, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born to parents, Donald and Marian (Frey) Cavanaugh on January 22, 1953, in Wisconsin.

Rick entered the Army National Guard 1157 Division and

proudly served for a six-year term. Upon returning to civilian life, he was introduced to the love of his life, Susan Lincoln. They married on July 30, 1994. Together, they raised three children.

Spending time with family and friends was the most important thing to him. Many memories were made while camping, fishing, hunting and telling stories around the campfire. He was also what

some would say is a "jack of all trades." He could work with wood, build doors and fix just about anything with his hands.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Susan Cavanaugh; children, Autumn Marks, David Marks and Sean (Stephanie) Cavanaugh; grandchildren, Bryce Marks, Koetyn Bloesl and Brock Cavanaugh; sister, Marcia (Daryl) Hoppe; brother, Kevin (Royann) Cavanaugh; sisters-in-law, Paulette Cavanaugh, Suzie Cavanaugh and Lorrie (Steve) Thill; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his parents; brothers, James Cavanaugh, Dennis Cavanaugh, Donald Cavanaugh Jr. and Larry Cavanaugh; brother-in-law, Gib Lincoln; and sister-in-law, Rene Lincoln.

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## **Donald R. Wolter**

Donald R. Wolter of Oshkosh passed away Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 91 years



of age. Don was born on November 7, 1932, in Milwaukee, WI. He graduated from Custer High School in Milwaukee and received a B.S degree in Chemical Engineering from UW-Madison and a M.S. in Materi-

al Science from UW-Milwaukee. He was a registered Professional Engineer with the State of Wisconsin. Don worked in battery research and development for Rayovac, Globe Union, and Honeywell before becoming the first Director of Facilities Management at UW-Oshkosh. He held this position for 25 years, retiring in 1995. Don served in the Army during the Korean conflict with duty on Okinawa. His Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington DC in 2019 was a highlight and treasured experience.

On February 4, 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Marcia Pallister, in Milwaukee. In 1957 they were blessed with a son Steven and in 1964 welcomed a special little girl, their daughter, Susan.

Since coming to Oshkosh in 1970, Don has been an active community volunteer. He was one of the first docents in the EAA museum when it opened in 1983 continuing to volunteer for 30 years. He was also active for 40 years with the EAA's Pioneer Airport special events and yearly convention. He drove for the Red Cross, served on the Oshkosh Senior Center board, and Bethel Lutheran Home's building and grounds committee. Don volunteered in the Senior Friends Program, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, and as a greeter at Aurora Medical Center. Don received

the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award for his service in Advocap.

Don fulfilled a dream in 1975 by earning his private pilot's license. He was active in the Fox Valley flying club for twenty years and was the club secretary for seven years. His labor of love were his vegetable gardens, flowerbeds and his fruit trees.

Over the years, Don's arthritis took its toll, and he became the bionic man having both knees, both hips, and both shoulders replaced as well as having quadruple heart by-pass surgery. But his love for the game of golf kept him on the course through it all.

Survivors include: his wife of 68 years Marcia, son Steven (Terri) Wolter of Pulaski, WI and daughter Susan (Matt) Harris of Lehigh Acres, FL and Grandchildren Ashley (Mark) Heiberger, Michael Wolter (Tommy Bode) and Molly (Anthony) Bonilla. Great Grandsons Henry, William and Hudson Heiberger. Step Grandchildren Angie (Matt) Meacham, Jacki (Justin) Levetzow, Aaron (Devon) Butterbrodt and Step Great Grandchildren Calvin, Claudia, Madelyn and Myla.

Don had a special gift of bringing joy and laughter to everyone. His smiles and witty personality will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be on March 15, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Konrad-Behlman Funeral home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Service to follow at 11:00 am.

Don and Marcia have resided at Evergreen's courtyard apartments since 2017. They both have a deep appreciation for Evergreen's caring and enriching life environment.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given in Don's honor to the Evergreen Retirement Community Foundation or the Oshkosh Community Food Pantr

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and Sue Laux of Combined Locks. She is further survived by many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Norm, a son Paul and a sister, Barbara.

A memorial service celebrating her life will held on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 11 am in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am until the time of service.

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## **Joyce T. Meyer**

Joyce T. Meyer, age 91, of Oshkosh, died on Sunday, March 3, 2024 surround-



ed by her family. She was born a daughter of the late John and Eleanor (Jungwirth) Ludwig on January 28, 1933 in Oshkosh. Joyce married the love of her life, Norman Meyer on Feb-

ruary 2, 1952 and together they raised six

Joyce was a spicy, independent woman

who loved to laugh, sass and have fun. She had a great way of making friends everywhere she went, striking up a conversation with anyone who was lucky enough to meet her. Joyce always welcomed everyone into her life with open arms. Joyce and Norm greatly enjoyed traveling the world together for many years. They were married nearly 60 years before he passed away in 2011.

Joyce could always brighten up a room with her happiness and infectious laugh. She had a lifelong love of Miss Piggy and The Muppets that cheerfully decorated her home. Joyce was always up for a cocktail or two at her favorite places like Packers Pub or Friar Tuck's. She was also a big fan of watching game shows and loved cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Joyce enjoyed spending time with her family and watching her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow. She was a bright star in our family who will be forever loved.

Joyce is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her two sons, John (Debbie) of Port Charlotte, FL and Gary (Nicole) Meyer of Neenah. Three daughters, Ellen (Bob) Atchison of Oshkosh, Diane (Bob) Kleeman of Fond du Lac

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## **Virginia Ann Hinz**

Virginia "Ginny" Ann Hinz, age 93 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly at As-



cension Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. She was born on September 4, 1930, to the late Joseph Peter and Virginia Ann (Steinfort) Konrath. In 1948, Ginny was mar-

ried to Darrell Hinz, and together raised two sons.

Ginny grew up in Oshkosh and loved the skating rink as a girl. She would tell stories of waltzing, two-step, and being lifted high in the air by a partner as they danced around the rink. It was at the rink that she met Darrell. They wed in 1948, lived in Van Dyne for 40 years, and then built a house on Candlish Harbour in Black Wolf. They were married for 72 years until his passing in 2021.

She worked as a bookkeeper for many years in the supermarket industry, was

## Dale F. Lenz

Dale Francis "Bud" Lenz was born on March 9, 1932, to the late Oscar and Bar-



bara (Robel) Lenz in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away in Oshkosh on March 3, 2024 at age 91. He joined the Unit-

ed States Army – National Guard in March 1949 and served with the 32nd Red Arrow Division Unit, being honorably discharged in 1965, with the rank of Captain.

Dale furthered his education at numerous colleges majoring in physics. Dale went on to teach physics for

34 years at Menasha High School.

He married the love of his life and grade-school sweetheart, Jeanine Keller of Oshkosh, WI, on January 20, 1951. They were blessed with 71 years of marriage until her passing on May 15, 2022.

Dale is survived by sisters-in-law, Pat Keller of Oshkosh and Lois Last of Osan active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and later a member of Calvary Lutheran Church.

Throughout her life, Ginny found joy in spending time outdoors, relaxing on their boat, casting a line while fishing, hitting the green for a round of golf, or simply cutting the grass, which she did into her 90s. In retirement, Ginny and Darrell took the opportunity to see the world, becoming winter snowbirds in Florida, while also taking trips to places such as Europe, Alaska, and Israel.

Ginny's passion for cooking and entertaining shone brightly as she warmly welcomed friends and family into her home, always ensuring everyone was well-fed and full of laughter.

Ginny is survived by her sons, Dennis (Wendy) Hinz and Kenneth Hinz; grandchildren, Katharine (Daniel) Hale, Carolyn (Bradley) Ackley, and Christina Hinz, Crystal (Andrew) Gruszka, Justin Hinz and Deanna (Ryan) McCarty; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Leah Hale, Camryn, Gavin, Levi and Brynn

hkosh; brother-in-law, Milton Barlet of Fond du Lac; nephew and caregiver, Russell J "Rusty" Lenz of Larsen; great-nephews, Michael Lenz, Steven Lenz and Andrew Lenz. He is further survived by the Harrison family of Tucson, Arizona, along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death his wife, Jeanine (Keller) Lenz; parents; brothers, Edgar (Lorraine) Lenz, Russell D. (Doris) Lenz; sister, Elaine (Gordon) Miller and Hope Gerstmyer; brothers-in-law, Orville Keller and Richard (Pearl) Keller and Howard Last; niece, Barbara Wojciechowski; and Vera Barlet.

Dale will be cremated and laid to rest with his wife at the Lake View Memorial Park Mausoleum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at a later date.

He also wanted to say thank you to his friends, Wally (Mary) Maynard, Si (Karen) Meets, Frank Meyer, Sib Gallas, Kathy Spielbawer, Steve Meyers and Pam Bassette of Florida. As well as his retired ROMEO's friends (Real old men eating out) at the Third Street Diner in Menasha, for all of their kindness, support and friendship.



## Jeffrey K. Fuhs

Jeffrey K. Fuhs passed away on March 2, 2024 at the age of 79. He was born in Oshkosh, WI to Earl and Virginia (Kellogg) Fuhs. Jeff graduated from Oshkosh West High School class of 1962. He received his undergraduate degree from U.W. Oshkosh. Jeff was drafted into the US Marines and served during the Vietnam War. He worked for 30+ years as an investment broker with

firms in Appleton and Oshkosh.

Jeff is survived by his brother Dr. Stephen (Beverly) Fuhs, his sisters, Sarah (Thomas) Brusky, Cindy (Bradley) Ham-

mitt and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all for his smile, stories and endless jokes.

Cremation has taken place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home. Per Jeff's wishes, no service will be held.

The family would like to thank his caring friend Karen Packman, the staff at Country Villa in Omro, WI and Preceptor Hospice for their loving compassion and care.

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Ackley, Nadia and William Gruszka, Rayne and Ryder McCarty; brother-inlaw, Larry (Virginia) Hinz; sister-in-law, Karen (Duane) Schroeder, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ginny was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Hinz; siblings, Jim Konrath, Betty (Harry) Zelhofer, Joe (Dorothy) Konrath, and Adeline (Leonard) Shilobrit.

A memorial service for Ginny will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave. on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. The interment will take place at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

In place of flowers please consider a donation to Calvary Lutheran Church.

The Hinz family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the staff at Bella Vista for the care they provided to Ginny throughout her time living there. Thank you also to the Mercy ER for the kindness and compassion provided to Ginny and her family.

## **Ruth Felker Elliot**

Ruth Felker Elliot, 87, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on March 7, 2024



at her home. She was born on January 11, 1937.

She was an employee of Winnebago County for over 25 years, retiring in 2007 as airport Director of Wittman Regional

Airport. She will be remembered for her passion for reading.

Ruth Ann had no children of her own but was second mother to many. She was compassionate, generous, and loved by all those that knew her. She will be greatly missed by her beloved cat, Ash, who was by her side to the end.

Per Ruth Ann's request, there will be no funeral services.

The family extends a special thank you to her niece, Aimee Hannan for all the care and support given to Ruth Ann at this time.





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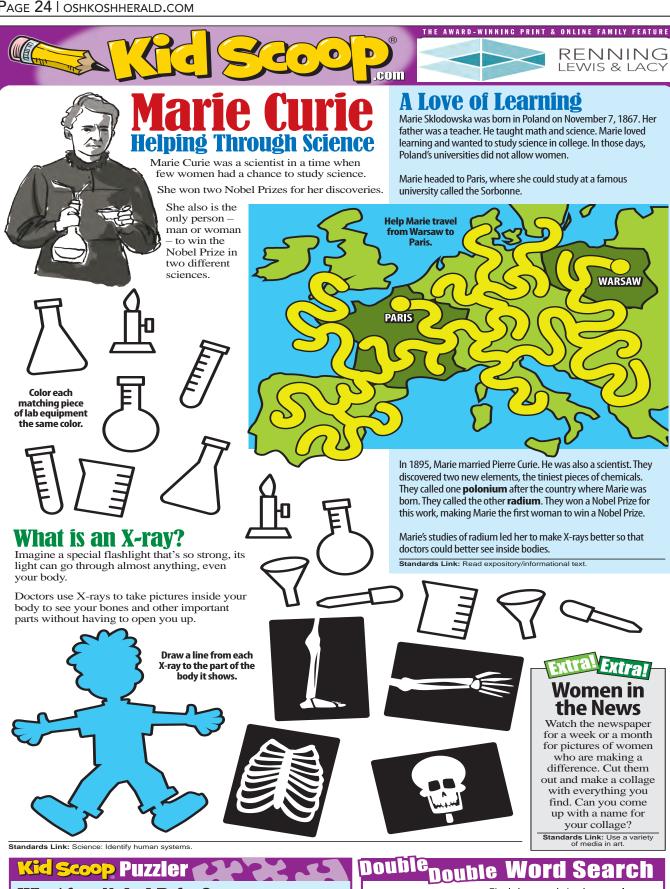
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