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# Habitat sets building sights high

## Group's mission grows with housing demand

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's Habitat for Humanity started 35 years ago with four people sitting around a kitchen table. More than 400 people attended their most recent fundraising event that raised a record \$124,000.

The organization works with individuals and families to build homes with the help

of volunteers. Homeowners go through a lengthy process before moving in that includes financial classes and other instruction to be a knowledgeable and successful homeowner. Habitat for Humanity also operates the ReStore at 1640 S. Koeller St.

Executive director Tom Simon announced a new goal during

the Home Is Where the Heart Is annual fundraiser, proclaiming the group plans to build 75 homes over the next 10 years.

It's a formidable goal as Oshkosh's Habitat for Humanity has so far built 44 houses in 35 years, with a new plan for working with private builders.

"It's a goal that is in place because of the housing shortage across the state and is really a nationwide problem," Simon said. "It's a nationwide crisis."

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Traditional dance

Richard's School of the Dance brought their Irish stepdancers to Dublin's Irish Pub on Saturday as part of a St. Patrick's Day tent celebration. There were 30 dancers of all ages performing to an overflowing crowd in the outdoor tent.

# Former Buck speaks about addiction

## Vin Baker's experience shapes goals for others

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County community members gathered at the Culver Family Welcome Center at UW Oshkosh to celebrate substance use recovery. The We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community Conference brought together nonprofit organizations, people in recovery and community leaders.

Former Milwaukee Bucks star Vin Baker was the keynote speaker and talked about addiction, stigma and living a healthy life. He told the group he was a full-blown alcoholic by the time the 1998-99 NBA season had started. With the help of God, his fam-

ily and countless others he will be celebrating 14 years of sobriety in April.

"I'm always just one drink away," said Baker, whose Vin Baker Recovery opened up last week in Milwaukee as a treatment facility where people can seek help with substance abuse and mental health from licensed counselors and therapy.

He also started the Bouncing Back Foundation and Vin Baker Foundation. He is now determined to help people out of addiction.

"It's about living life on life's terms – that's the most amazing thing you can do," Baker said.

Baker had gotten off a plane that morning from Sacramento as an assistant coach for the Bucks who had just played against the Kings. His playing career started in

Milwaukee when he was taken in the first round of the 1993 draft and went on to be on four straight All-Star teams. He earned a gold medal at the 2000 Summer Olympics and got his own Jordan brand shoe.

He said he wanted to speak at Wednesday's event to spotlight that reducing the stigma around addiction will be helpful to the recovery community.

"It's about having the conversations. When we have those conversations, it opens up all kinds of things and part of that will reduce the stigma," Baker told the Herald.

His career took a turn when traded to the Seattle SuperSonics after four years in Milwaukee for the 1998-99 season.

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Former Milwaukee Bucks player and current assistant coach Vin Baker speaks at the We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community Conference, where he stressed the importance of reducing the stigma around addiction.



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# Herald wins statewide awards for 2023

The Oshkosh Herald received nine awards, including second place for General Excellence, in the 2023 Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) Foundation's Better Newspaper Contest for non-daily circulation newspapers. First-place honors went to staff writer Bethanie Gengler in the Localized National Story category on community efforts against human trafficking and to freelance

contributor Randy Domer in the Feature Story category for his story about Fernau's Garden. Gengler also took second place in the Localized National Story category with a report on public defender shortages. Freelance writer Cheryl Hentz took second place for Health Coverage with a story on potential birth injury dangers. The Herald took third place for Best

Front Page, and former staff writer Kaitlyn Scoville won two third-place honors for General News Story and Local Education Reporting. Gengler also received an honorable mention in Reporting on Local Government with coverage of the county board's diversity committee. Newspaper award winners from around the state were recognized during the WNA Convention last weekend in Madison.

## Bunny events for kids set at Sunnyview

Oshkosh Herald

Easter-inspired Breakfast With the Bunny and Bunny in the Barn events are coming to the Sunnyview Expo Center on March 30. The breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. includes pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. Children can decorate cookies and do crafts while the Easter Bunny will be available for photo opportunities. Breakfast tickets must be purchased in advance from the Oshkosh Parks Department by March 28. The day continues with the annual egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. where kids search the barns for eggs to be turned in for prizes. There will be games, crafts and bunny photo opportunities throughout the day. Egg hunt tickets will be available at the gate. Contact Jenny McCollian, revenue facilities manager, for more information at 920-236-5080.

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### March 9, 1913

**Minister is Cool, Averts Fire Panic:** Thanks to the calm demeanor of the pastor at First English Lutheran Church, the congregation was asked calmly to exit the building as the minister smelled smoke. About 250 people were attending the Sunday morning service at the church located at Eleventh and Minnesota streets, when a fire broke out. Thanks to the cool-headed manner in which the Rev. Garrett E. Kuhlmann dismissed the congregation, the exit was done in an orderly fashion with no panic. The scene took place after the liturgy and Miss Lydia Steinke was at the pipe organ which she continued to play until everyone had exited the building. Firemen fought the blaze, quickly containing it from spreading through the very old wood frame structure. Water damage to the pipe organ was feared. Ushers were passing the hat when Rev. Kuhlmann made the announcement causing one bystander to comment, "The fire should've waited at least until the collection was completed." Another added "That is one way of getting firemen to church on Sunday morning." The damage



The original First English Lutheran Church, formerly Stringham's Chapel or Grace Episcopal Chapel, is shown in 1910.

estimate was \$250 and is covered by insurance. (The church was known for years as Stringham's Chapel and used by an Episcopal congregation. For several years before it was taken over by the present congregation, the chapel sat vacant. It is now a neatly painted, comfortable little church and is visited regularly by scores of parishioners who are fond of it).

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, March 10, 1913

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# City's finance director lauded for years of service

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Russ Van Gompel has attended his last Common Council meeting last week as Oshkosh's finance director as he retires this week.

"Russ is the embodiment of public service," council member Mike Ford said. "He created a foundation that's going to keep Oshkosh fiscally strong for years to come."

Van Gompel was presented with a key to the city at last week's meeting by Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer.

Van Gompel started in the private sector before shifting to public service as finance director of Little Chute; he would later become the village's administrator. He later served as Brown Deer village manager for more than 10 years. He also served as Eau Claire's city manager before coming back to Oshkosh, where he received his education at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

In 2019, Van Gompel started as interim finance director before being promoted to



Van Gompel

director of finance. Ford served on the long-range finance committee and Van Gompel would often educate committee members and the public on debt, federal funding and financial management in local government.

"I can't underestimate this part or overstate it – he's been an important part of our success here in the city of Oshkosh," Mugerauer said.

Van Gompel said he has had a satisfying career, enjoyed his time and praised the team he has worked with. He added that it was time for someone else to take over the department.

"I came in here to try to help turn the financial department around, and hopefully I've done that," he said.

He thanked his wife, Mary Jo, for her continued support as his career forced him to miss family events to attend work meetings. He said he will be spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

"I've been blessed to have the support of Mary Jo for all these years," Van Gompel said.

"It's really about service. Looking to spend more time fishing and golfing, even though I'm not that good at golf."

## New state fishing regulations guide available

The state Department of Natural Resources' 2024-2025 Guide to Wisconsin's Fishing Regulations is available online.

These regulations, which include changes to walleye/sauger bag limits on inland waters and new registration rules for small tournaments, will go into effect April 1.

All residents and nonresidents over age 16 must have a general fishing license to fish in Wisconsin. Annual resident licenses cost \$20 each, or a spousal license for \$31. All fishing licenses and stamps can be purchased via Go Wild, at a registered sales location or at DNR Service Centers.



Oshkosh West photo

## DECA competition

Oshkosh West High School students (from left) Maddie Rutkowski, Lizzy Lynn, Sam Oman, Ben Reitz and Sommer Wermes competed in DECA's state competition in Lake Geneva recently that focused on business, marketing and hospitality topics. Four of them earned awards that further qualified them to go to the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif., April 27-30. Wermes and Rutkowski earned the gold certification for their Wildcat Wearhouse school store.

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Winnebago County Sheriff's Office photo

K9 Tim served more than 10 years with the county sheriff's office.

## Winnebago sheriff's K9 retires at 13

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The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office last week retired K9 Tim after more than a decade of service that started in fall 2013 when the dog was 2½ years old and began working with Deputy Clint

Czerwinski.

Tim was soon reassigned to Deputy Kyle Schoonover and have been partners ever since.

The department said the decision to keep Tim on active duty longer than most K9s was based on "his excellent health, continued drive and passion for working, and his innate ability to get the job done, while not slowing down."

K9 Tim was trained in narcotic detection, apprehension, tracking, building searches, area searches and handler protection. Tim and Schoonover were members of the Winnebago County SWAT team and members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association.

K9 Tim will continue to reside with Schoonover and his family in retirement.

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## Local educators are among recipients of \$75,000 in grants

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Local educators and volunteers were honored at the annual Celebrate Education event March 11 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, where \$75,000 in grants went to more than 60 educators for innovative programs and projects in the classroom, on the field and after school.

Awards were also presented to residents with a passion for education and leadership. Since Celebrate Education began in 2005, there has been a total of \$743,690 awarded.

Among those receiving honors:

- The Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer Education and Leadership Award (Lourdes Academy) went to Don Hansen.
- Oshkosh Area School District Career and Technical Education Integrated teaching awards went to Hugh McWane and Melanie Wroblewski at Carl Traeger Middle School, and Jennifer Turner at South Park Middle School.
- A Rudoy Technology Grant went to Oshkosh North School.
- The school district's Spirit of Education Award was given to Jennifer Skolaski.
- UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services Teacher Excellence



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Jennifer Skolaski received a Spirit of Education Award from school district Superintendent Bryan Davis.

Awards went to Olivia Hoopman, Roosevelt Elementary School; Sarah Kroll, Oakwood Elementary School; and Sarah Welsh, Carl Traeger Elementary School.

## Lake Butte des Morts bridge work planned

Oshkosh Herald

The Interstate 41 bridge over Lake Butte des Morts in Oshkosh will undergo an extensive update starting May 28 into October, the state Department of Transportation Northeast Region announced in its Wisconsin road projects list.

Structure approaches for the northbound and southbound I-41 bridges will be removed and replaced. A roughly 100-foot section of cable barrier on the west side near the U.S. 45 interchange will be replaced and relocated. Work also will include replacing the existing safety and weight enforcement facilities near the northern shore of Lake Butte

des Morts.

Impacts to traffic include both directions reduced from three to two lanes across the lake and the I-41 southbound entrance ramp from U.S. 45 closed for the majority of the project. A detour will follow U.S. 45 to State 21 to I-41.

### Send business bits

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# Recent high school grad opens own downtown boutique

By Jennifer Parmley  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Mason Weigand is passionate about helping people find their authentic style. Fremorah, his boutique clothing store at 578 Main St., offers designer, custom and vintage pieces in a range of styles.

“It’s really important to me to help someone who comes in and find something to wear that looks good on them and that they feel good in,” Weigand said. “I love to help people feel confident and make them happy.”

Fremorah sells designer, custom and vintage women and men’s clothing with plus-size options, urban streetwear, handbags and accessories.

“Our shelves boast an eclectic array, ranging from business attire to casual wear, from vintage treasures to high-end designer pieces, while also venturing to the bespoke side of things,” Weigand said.

A vintage clothing fan himself, Weigand sources inventory by going to events and markets, using his wholesalers license to choose pieces he believes will sell in this market.

“I work with good brands that are just doing better for the Earth,” he said. “A lot of stuff comes from Paris.”

The creation of Fremorah is just the latest in the natural progression of entrepreneurial ventures Weigand has undertaken since he was a young child. At 13, his desire to pay for his own phone prompted him to help family and neighbors with various tasks to make his own money. At 14, he launched a slime business and used his social media channels to promote it.

“I ventured into the jewelry industry at 15, experiencing an unexpected surge in



Mason Weigand (left photo) launched his boutique clothing store not long after graduating from West High School.

demand during the pandemic,” he said.

He then began screen printing clothing items, selling them at fremorah.com.

As his senior year at Oshkosh West approached, Weigand got the idea to host a fashion show while taking a fashion and design class.

“In Fashion and Design II, students are allowed to ‘Choose Their Own Adventure.’ Mason took this to a whole new level,” said Julie Hietpas, family and consumer teacher. “When Mason proposed having a fashion show, I tried to get him

to do it on a smaller scale. Mason had a dream of having a large-scale show. He worked tirelessly to find students from diverse backgrounds and create the perfect look for each of them.”

“I handpicked individuals from all walks of life,” Weigand recalled, “crafting bespoke outfits that resonated with their unique styles, making them feel like the best version of themselves.”

The fashion show became part of the Oshkosh West Diversity Day event, Hietpas said.

Although Fremorah has only been open since February, Weigand would like to expand his business with a larger space. He envisions a boutique and market, and the possibility of a West Coast-themed cafe that offers smoothies and bowls.

Until then, he will focus on his current location and growing a customer base.

“Witnessing the transformative power of clothing firsthand, as customers emerge from the fitting rooms beaming with newfound confidence, reaffirms my purpose,” Weigand said. “In a world fraught with uncertainty, I find solace in the simple act of bringing joy to others. One smile at a time, I believe I’m making our world just a little brighter, one stitch at a time.”

## FVTC Riverside Campus welcomes students

Fox Valley Technical College is offering High School Preview events at its Oshkosh Riverside Campus in Room 101 with students having the opportunity to meet with staff to talk about program in-

terests, take a campus tour and apply to an FVTC program.

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# City council candidates share background, top issues

Oshkosh Herald

As voters prepare for the upcoming election, the Herald sent questions to each candidate for the Oshkosh Common Council. Thomas Asuma, Jacob Floam, DJ Nichols, Kris Larson and Kristopher Ulrich will be on the April 2 spring election ballot.

Some responses have been edited for clarity and space.

**What interests and background have led you to seek this post?**

Asuma: My interest in public service began in high school with a week at Badger Boys State. My college education included a major in public management and my first work assignment was with the Oshkosh Industrial Development Committee. Our group was instrumental in attracting new businesses to Oshkosh at a time when the Sawdust companies were closing. I am blessed with leadership abilities which were developed during my 40 years in management roles in the private sector. I want to use these abilities to continue building a brighter future for the residents of Oshkosh.



Asuma

Floam: I love Oshkosh, and I want to help make it the best place it can be. Public service is a passion of mine. I've served as staff on the federal and state levels of government and as an elected official on the Winnebago County Board. I'm also studying local government through UW Oshkosh's Master's in Public Administration program. For me, elected office is about servant leadership. I've carried that mindset with me on the county board, and I will as well on the city council to help solve the pressing issues in our community.



Floam

Larson: I have been a very active member of the Oshkosh community since relocating back here (my hometown) in 2008. I am currently vice chair of the Downtown Oshkosh BID, current member and past chair of Discover Oshkosh, former member of Oshkosh Symphony Board, Oshkosh Farm Market Board, Oshkosh Celebration of Lights Board, Oshkosh Arts & Beautification committee, and a heap of other city of Oshkosh committees, visioning panels, etc. I own two businesses in downtown Oshkosh and have a deep interest in making the city I love the most a better place to be.



Larson

Nichols: If elected, I will be both the only attorney and only out-LGBTQ+ representation on the council. Professionally, I've served on the senior leadership team for a family resorts brand, ensuring legal compliance for a \$1 billion revenue organization operating in 22 cities with 12,000 employees. I am the leader our properties call for proactive advice or crisis counsel. I'm passionately dedicated to the ideal that representation matters and everyone deserves a seat at the table and the opportunity for success.



Nichols

Ulrich: I was born and raised in Oshkosh. My upbringing taught me to apply my knowledge and abilities to the benefit of my community. Having served on three city commissions and volunteered with over 20 groups and nonprofits, I feel a sense of duty to use my connections and lessons learned in service of my hometown by running for council. Professionally, my highest level of education is a master of business administration from UW Oshkosh. Since 2018 I have been an at-home father and professional volunteer with the availability to treat a position on council like a full-time job.



Ulrich

**What will your focus be as a member of the city council? Are there any particular topics or committees you would want to pursue more than others?**

Asuma: Increasing city taxes are a concern for many residents. I will fight for responsible budgeting and smart spending to reduce the tax burden without compromising essential services. Infrastructure investments are crucial to ensure clean water and stormwater abatement. Improved streets with corresponding water/sewer upgrades with equitable application of assessments for these street improvements are imperative. Increased affordable housing options to support new business development are identified in recent analysis as main city objectives.

Floam: Economic development, road funding, housing and sound budgeting are all going to be key focuses for me as a member of the council. Economic development is tied into the health of our roads and housing market as they are shaping factors in our local job market. I will also be an advocate on council for financially sound decisions so we can deliver services affordably. On the Winnebago County Board, I've served on four separate committees, and I'm excited to bring my experience to the Oshkosh council and would be happy to serve on any committee I'm appointed to.

Larson: A general focus on more progress more quickly. This starts with more transparency and correspondence between council and everyone who lives here. The role of councilor is to be a conduit between the residents and city staff. I plan to do that actively and efficiently and will ensure that everyone has more of a voice than they do now.

Nichols: My focus will be government transparency, responsible spending and opportunity for everyone. These are basic and noncontroversial concepts, but the next city council must be intentional with each focus to drive successful progress. We must address the lack of affordable housing preventing growth in Oshkosh. We must

improve information transfer between residents and the city — the city must ensure people know what they need to know. This includes where to find information when they need it and who to ask when they have a question. My committee preferences would be Plan Commission, Sustainability Committee and DEI Committee.

Ulrich: On my website, ulrichofoshkosh.com, you can read about the topics I intend to pursue in more detail. In short, I want to restore voter faith in nonpartisan council leadership and data-driven decisions. I want to improve city policies on communication when new projects are proposed in your neighborhood. I want to support a thriving downtown, creative solutions to our housing crisis, preservation and adaptive reuse of our historic architecture, and anything to keep up the beauty of our parks. If elected, I would ask to be appointed to the Landmarks and Plan commissions as their council representative.

**How would you prioritize the council's goals on both short-term and long-term issues the city is facing?**

Asuma: Short term, the street assessment issue requires resolution along with a decision on the current city government management structure and responsibilities. Continued improvements to streets and projects affecting water quality need support. We need to preserve our waterways to ensure the safety of our fishermen, boaters and our ecological substructure. Long term, increasing city taxes needs to be addressed without compromising essential city services. Lean principles to reduce waste in processes providing services to the taxpayers will prove beneficial along with implementation of servant leadership management. Increased housing availability to support new business development is also a long-term priority.

Floam: For short-term goals, council should extend relief to residents who are still paying outstanding special assessments and the new vehicle registration fee. Council should also try to keep property taxes close to or at their current rate so we can stabilize affordability. In the medium term, we need to invest more in our roads

and proactively remediate brownfield sites and blighted lots so we can utilize these empty spaces. In the long term, the city needs to develop strategic plans for housing as well as workforce development and retention and reduce reliance on the property tax levy.

Larson: Short-term and ongoing, we need to continue down the well-established and prudent financial path we are on. Immediately past councils have done a good job of lowering debt obligations and keeping the levy general in check. At the exact same time we need to begin to creatively think of ways to fund and make happen better quality-of-life amenities and improvements to our built environment. Attracting and retaining folks to visit and stay in a city is competitive, and at current we are falling behind. Engaged leadership and long-term focus in this direction is needed now in order to thrive in the future.

Nichols: (Housing) must be a top priority for the next council. There are direct and indirect measures the city can take. Directly, we can use the Sheboygan Founders Pointe project as an example of city-county-private partnership to designate land and assist with the building of housing that targets first-time homebuyers. Indirectly, we can use the example of award-winning zoning reform in cities like South Bend, Indiana, which resulted in increased housing, fewer variance requests and safer buildings. We must be intentional, and using our peers' projects as examples will allow us to move at the quick pace needed to make these goals a reality.

Ulrich: I elaborate on this in detail in a 2,700-word blog on my website about our 2040 Comprehensive Plan. All our short-term and long-term goals should advance our Capital Improvement Programs and Comprehensive Plan in some way. Our goals should encourage economic development, attraction and retention of talent, and support sensible quality-of-life improvements for all citizens without breaking the bank. We should always be working to implement the plans we've created but realize that priority can be given to emergent issues that are time-sensitive.

## Early voting times set for Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

Early voting is underway in Oshkosh for the spring election set for April 2.

City Clerk Diane Bartlett told the Common Council after the primary that early voting, or in-person absentee voting, at 19 E. Irving Ave. was a success. In the past, early voting had been at City Hall but the venue was moved to ease congestion there with the council approving the move to the newly acquired building on East Irving.

People can vote early with a photo ID required, from 8 a.m. to 4 :30 p.m. this Tuesday through Friday and March 25-28, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29.

On the ballot will be county board seats, three seats on the Common Council, three seats Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education and a new Winnebago County Circuit Court judge for Branch 1.

There will also be two statewide referendum questions on the ballot. One would amend the Wisconsin Constitution and prohibit any level of government in the state from applying or accepting non-governmental funds, like grants, or equipment for election administration.

The second referendum question would add a new section in the Constitution that states only election officials authorized by law may help conduct any election in the

state. Supporters of the amendment argue this would uphold fairness and safeguard the integrity of elections.

"The funding of election operations, and where and how funds are being spent, are decisions that you—Wisconsin lawmakers—should make and not unaccountable special interest groups," said Madeline Malisa, visiting fellow at the Opportunity Solutions Project.

Opponents to the referendums argue that elections depend on local election officials having adequate staff and resources to do their jobs.

"These proposals, under the guise of protecting our elections, are nothing more than thinly veiled attempts to restrict voting rights and undermine the very foundations of our democratic system," said Sam Liebert, state director of All Voting is Local Action Wisconsin. "It is our duty to stand firm in defending the rights and inclusivity of all eligible voters in our democracy."

Both referendums are supported by state Sen. Eric Wimberger. R-Green Bay, and Rep. Tyler August, R-Lake Geneva, and both are opposed by the ACLU of Wisconsin and Wisconsin League of Women Voters.

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# School board candidates offer background, priorities

Oshkosh Herald

The Herald sent out questions to each candidate running for a seat on the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education. Timothy Hess, Kristopher Karns, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman will be on the April 2 spring election ballot.

Some responses have been edited for clarity and space.

**What experience do you bring to serving on the OASD Board of Education?**

Hess: I hold a doctorate in statistics and educational research methods and am a former mathematics professor. I have significant leadership experience and am a veteran having served as a captain/commander in the Wisconsin Army National Guard as well as being a small business owner. I'm a development consultant with expertise in finance. Our school leaders continue to use platitudes and rhetoric to describe the results achieved in our schools and my experience and skill set will allow me to look past this and bring the accountability so many community members have told me they want to see.



Hess

Karns: I have lived in Oshkosh my entire life and am passionate about making the Oshkosh Area School District the absolute best it can be. I believe education is the key to a better world and I want to continue the progress we have made in my first three years on the board. We have made substantial changes in our school district structure and have saved our community over \$40 million by restructuring debt. This sets us up nicely for the next phase of the referendum. We have proven we can make fiscally smart decisions while also working toward our long-term facility goals.



Karns

Wright: I am currently serving on the Oshkosh school board as treasurer. Throughout my tenure, I have gained a tremendous amount of experience by being a very active board member. I have served on and chaired most school board committees. Prior to my service on the board I served two terms as an elected Town of Algoma supervisor. Before I served as a town supervisor I represented the city of Oshkosh as an elected Winnebago County Board supervisor. In my professional work life I've spent the past 15 years working with and advocating for people who have disabilities in the Oshkosh area. This work has had a tremendous impact on me and it helps guide me as an elected official. I've coached numerous youth sports teams and I've served on many local boards. I believe that I'm an asset to the school board because of my vast experience. I've always strived to use my community experiences and local government knowledge to better Oshkosh.



Wright

Wyman: I have 35 years of leading not-for-profits as a community volunteer and advocate for our public schools. I was one of the founders of Oshkosh4Educa-

tion, which reconnected our community with our public schools and chair of 2017 Project Curb where we beautified (landscaping, benches, paint, etc.) every exterior of every public school in one morning. I am finishing my first three-year term on the board where I have served as treasurer, vice president and president. I have been on every committee gaining precious knowledge in all parts of the board experience.



Wyman

**What role does the board have in increasing literacy and math scores?**

Hess: The school board must demand accountability. If we were seeing positive results this might only entail reviewing the data on an annual basis. However, with less than 36% of students being proficient in literacy or math we need to be far more critical of plans brought before us. The use of logic models prior to implementation of any plan will help the board see potential shortfalls ahead of time while ongoing reviews of data will help detect early any potential failed intervention so that we can bring the most effective resources to help our students in a timely fashion.

Karns: Our current board decided to put our literacy goals in policy, which is not typically done. We wanted to create accountability from the boardroom to the classroom so everyone understands where we are focused. Our administration has already moved forward with substantial changes in the next year to push us closer to achieving our goals (we were up 3% last year). We do have work to do, but much of the urgency we are feeling is because the board has decided to put these goals in policy. We want to be a part of the solution and work toward a better Oshkosh. While math scores have not been added to policy yet, they will be in the future.

Wright: Since I was elected as a school board member, literacy has been and it will continue to be my No. 1 priority. Throughout my tenure on the board, literacy expectations have been written into policy and expectations have been established for OASD administration. This work resulted in a 3% increase in literacy scores last year. But so much more work still needs to be done. Achievement gaps need to be closed and year-over-year growth needs to occur. The Oshkosh School District will never reach its full potential if we don't have profound literacy and math success. The board sets standards and expectations, and the superintendent and administration are tasked with achieving them. Since I have been on the board, we have certainly made literacy and math scores a primary focus.

Wyman: The board has put literacy goals into policy to ensure that everyone keeps the goal in the forefront of everything they do. We need to ensure that there are

adequate resources to meet the needs of struggling students in literacy and math. Retention, a positive work environment, adequate training and providing materials for teachers are vital to the success of the program. We also will be approving a literacy K-5 curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year that focuses on the science of reading, which is based on phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and phonics.

**How will you engage the community to improve public schools in the district?**

Hess: Through basic common courtesy. Last fall the board approved increasing the referendum tax levy to 4.5 times the rate they told taxpayers to secure their vote in 2020. I called all the board members and emailed to discuss. Only two of them returned my call or got back to me in any way, including incumbent Chris Wright. It seems that our board's frequent practice is to simply not engage anyone with views that are opposed to their own. I may not agree with everyone, but if elected I will at least pick up the phone or respond back.

Karns: It is important for us to have conversations with our constituents and stakeholders often. By having those conversations and being transparent with our goals and direction, we can increase support for our school district. Oshkosh is a special place and we have lots to offer. We are close to making generational changes in our community and we can only do that by having community support. Each of our schools has their own unique challenges and we need to be engaged in our community so we can understand what our community is seeing, hearing and feeling. Education is powerful, and it starts

with community. Wright: I am a very active school board member that engages with the community on a regular basis by attending many school functions and co-curricular activities. I have three children who currently attend schools in OASD. They go to school at West High School, Carl Traeger Middle School and Perry Tipler/ALPS. I am acquiring firsthand knowledge of our school operations on a regular basis. I am continually looking for ways to increase the community's engagement with OASD. I believe that having good communication is crucial to increasing engagement. In my opinion the district's communication with stakeholders has improved greatly over my tenure on the board. In addition, the community needs to be given the opportunity to engage with the district. For example, our recent Oshkosh Area School District Volunteer Fair and Strategic Plan Update was a great opportunity for the community and district to improve communication and provide opportunities.

Wyman: We recently had a volunteer fair at Vel Phillips. There was an outpouring of interest from community members to help at our schools as reading enthusiasts and math tutors. Our CTE internship program is gearing up. This will allow our high school students to share time between the classroom and the workplace. The OASD and the Chamber have reignited their partnership program between individual schools and business/organizations. We need to continue to promote opportunities and the value that comes from engaging our community members, our businesses and CTE opportunities for our youth.

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# Quilted heart project spreading its joy in Valley

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Small quilted hearts have begun appearing around Oshkosh as part of a global movement intended to spread kindness to strangers.

Participants in the “I Found a Quilted Heart” (IFAQH) project sew and decorate a palm-sized heart and hide it in a public place. The hearts are made of fabric, typically have a layer of batting or fiber-fill and decorated with ribbons, buttons, sequins and other embellishments. The mysterious little hearts include only a tag that says, “I need a home!”

The hearts are intended to brighten the day of the finder, who keeps the heart and may also report it to the IFAQH website. Photos, locations and stories of the special finds are posted to the website and the IFAQH Facebook page, which has more than 83,000 followers.

IFAQH was started in 2014 by three sisters who were vacationing in Nevada and found a quilted heart in a remote area near a cave with nothing to identify the maker

other than a tag that said, “I need a home,” according to its website. After unsuccessfully searching for information on the little heart, the sisters decided it brought them so much joy that they should do the same for others, and IFAQH was born.

In the first few months of this year, five quilted hearts have been reported in Oshkosh, 16 in Neenah and 14 in Menasha. IFAQH estimates that only about 5% of the sown hearts are reported.

A finder in Oshkosh wrote, “I’ll keep this heart tucked in my coat pocket for a while to remind me, every time I reach into my pocket, that there is good will in the world.”

A heart with a firefighter theme was placed across from a Neenah fire station in late January.

“The three jingle bells for the siren and the silver heart on the firefighter vest really highlights the passion and love for the work that the firefighter serves the community,” the finder wrote.

A heart decorated in a Scooby Doo theme was recently reported March 4 by a nanny and child who spotted it in a tree in a local park.

“I gave it to the little girl I nanny,” the finder wrote. “She’s 4 years old and was very happy.”

Information on participating and reporting found hearts is available at ifaqh.com.

A local school counselor who found a heart while taking a walk in Neenah after an emotionally challenging day said it best: “It gave me a wonderful reminder that there is so much love in the world and although there are hardships and traumas that happen every day, a little love can go a long way.”



IFAQH photo  
Decorative hearts have been spotted in Oshkosh as part of the I Found A Quilted Heart project.



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# Chamber launches new, renewed initiatives in education

By Shannon Seaman  
EDUCATION AND TALENT COORDINATOR

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce aims to connect students with fulfilling career paths and foster stronger partnerships within the community by launching our first-ever Senior Talent Track and re-launching our Adopt-A-School program.

The Senior Talent Track is a hiring event specifically designed for graduating high school seniors who haven't finalized their post-graduation plans and are seeking full-time employment. The April 24 event at the Oshkosh Convention Center will showcase entry-level positions with benefits that pay a minimum of around \$16 per hour and provide opportunities for advancement.

We are still filling employer spots and are looking particularly for businesses in the skilled trades and technology sectors

## Jobless rate dips in January for Oshkosh-Neenah

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a drop in its unemployment rate from 2.5 percent to 2.3 percent between December and January, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The January 2023 jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and Winnebago County overall was at 2.4 percent.

The non-seasonally adjusted data shows



to help offer a diverse range of career paths to explore.

Students will be helped with resume completion, interview and employability skills before the event and can apply in an on-site application center. We are excited to give these bright young minds the chance to build rewarding careers and encourage them to participate in this event.

An equally important and exciting initiative in the Education and Talent Development Department is the re-launching of the Adopt-A-School program. Formerly known as Partners at Learning (PALs), the Adopt-A-School program seeks to create and foster valuable partnerships among local businesses and organizations and the Oshkosh school system.

Every school has a unique set of needs and challenges that are always changing. Adopt-A-School provides a platform for businesses to directly connect with the schools to help fulfill some of the needs while also gaining a better understanding of the current landscape of the educational system. The benefits to the schools speak for themselves, but the benefits to businesses are numerous as well including brand recognition, building relationships with the future workforce, and contributing to the education and development of Oshkosh youth.

We are seeking business participation to enable us to create partnerships with

every school in the system and have additional support on a community level to help fill in where gaps may occur.

The Senior Talent Track and Adopt-A-School programs are designed to empower both students and businesses. By connecting graduating seniors with rewarding local careers and fostering collaboration between schools and community partners, we are working to lay the groundwork for a brighter future for Oshkosh.

For further information on how to participate in either program, contact Shannon Seaman at shannon@oshkoshchamber.com.

## State of the City to air on Oshkosh Media

The annual State of the City address to highlight major accomplishments in 2023 and what to look forward to this year will be aired at 6:30 p.m. March 27 by Oshkosh Media, available at Oshkoshmedia.org under Government TV or on Oshkosh Media's YouTube channel.

City projects and programs will be highlighted and recognition will be given to public officials and residents. Residents can offer input on what they would like the city to work on this year by visiting the Polco survey at [https://lnkd.in/gREs\\_6Qs](https://lnkd.in/gREs_6Qs).

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# Investigation leads to arrest of man selling fentanyl

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh police investigation has resulted in a man being charged with multiple felony drug counts that included several controlled buys of fentanyl made by confidential informants.

Jerry Slack, 33, Milwaukee, has been charged with possession with intent to manufacture, distribute and deliver fentanyl (between 10 and 50 grams), manufacture and deliver cocaine (less than 1 gram) and four counts of manufacturing and delivering fentanyl (less than 10 grams) in Winnebago County.

If convicted on all counts, Slack could face up to 60 years in prison.

The investigation included the Oshkosh

Police Vice and Narcotics Unit, criminal investigation division, police SWAT team and the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group.

During Slack's initial appearance Feb. 26, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set cash bond at \$10,000. On-line records show Slack remains in custody awaiting his next court appearance.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police set up several controlled buys of fentanyl and crack cocaine with confidential informants. The buys took



Slack

place in late January and mid-February. The informants did not know Slack's name as he was often referred to as "Highway Jay."

The complaint alleges a total of 12.3 grams of fentanyl and a half-gram of crack cocaine were purchased during the four controlled buys.

On Feb. 19, the vice and narcotics unit, criminal investigation division and SWAT team had planned to execute search warrants at two residences connected to Slack, one in the 200 block of W. 16th Avenue and the other an apartment on Evans Street. Slack was seen walking near Jefferson Street and Irving Avenue and as he approached his vehicle an officer in an unmarked police vehicle told Slack he was

under arrest.

Slack allegedly began to run away but was caught and taken into custody. Officers found almost \$4,000 in cash and two phones when searching Slack. Inside the vehicle, officers found a marijuana blunt and a set of brass knuckles.

When officers searched the home on West 16th Avenue they allegedly found a firearm and ammunition. In the Evans Street apartment police allegedly found 11.7 grams of fentanyl and 2.8 grams of fentanyl pills. A woman inside the apartment told officers Slack would have her package the drugs for deliveries.

Slack is set to be in court on April 4 for an arraignment hearing in front of Judge John Jorgenson.

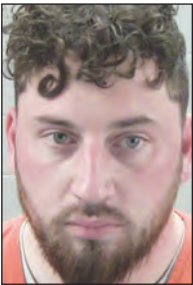
# Oshkosh man charged with child pornography possession

Oshkosh Herald

A former Oshkosh man is facing 12 felony counts of possession of child pornography in Winnebago County, a case linked to a high-profile federal case involving multiple parties in the Fox Valley.

Jacob J. Boudreau, 30, is currently in custody on a cash bond of \$200,000. If convicted on all counts, he could face up to 180 years in prison.

Leading to the arrest was a Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation report stating the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department was investigating Preston Kite, a former Racine County sheriff's deputy,



Boudreau

for receiving videos of child pornography.

Kite allegedly received the videos through Snapchat from Adam Westbrook, former Outagamie County human resources director, who previously was Neenah's city attorney before taking a position with an Oshkosh nonprofit organization.

Westbrook is facing federal charges of distributing child pornography. Kite is facing several felony counts in Racine County, including child sexual exploitation and possession of child pornography.

While investigating Kite and Westbrook, another snapchat user later determined to be Boudreau allegedly sent explicit photos and videos to Westbrook.

Boudreau, who owns Show Worthy Pet Salon and Boutique in Menasha, was tak-

en into custody March 6 in Appleton. He was questioned by officers and told officers Westbrook was a client of his and acknowledged there were explicit Snapchat images that were taken inside his business.

The complaint alleges Boudreau's cellphone was recovered as part of the warrant, on which at least 10 images of child pornography were found.

During an initial appearance, Court

Commissioner Eric Heywood set Boudreau's cash bond at \$200,000 and ordered Boudreau to have no contact with minors, no use of electronic devices, no use of internet or social networking websites, not to possess or have contact with any animals.

Boudreau will be back in court on April 11 after waiving time limits for a preliminary hearing on Monday.

## Pedestrian struck, killed on Westhaven Drive

A pedestrian who was struck Wednesday morning in Oshkosh by a vehicle that was backing out of a driveway died of the injuries Thursday at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

Police were notified at about 1:35 p.m. March 13 of an accident in the 300 block of North Westhaven Drive. An 89-year-old

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**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.

**Saturday, March 30**  
Breakfast with the Bunny, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center  
Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center  
Power Play 3, 7 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.  
"Dracula: Dead and Loving It," (1993), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Thursday, April 4**  
Oshkosh Community Players "Death of a Salesman," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

**Friday, April 5**  
Oshkosh Community Players "Death of a Salesman," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

**Saturday, April 6**  
Oshkosh Community Players "Death of a Salesman," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center  
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown  
Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn  
Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club  
Girls on the Fly, 8:30 a.m., EAA Youth Education Center  
"The Untouchables," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Sunday, April 7**  
Oshkosh Community Players "Death of a Salesman," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn  
Bridge Tenders Breakfast with Oshkosh Boat Club, 10 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co.  
Red Hot Chilli Pipers, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Ramadan observance underway with student accommodations

Oshkosh Herald

With Ramadan now underway and expected to conclude at sunset April 10 or 11 marking the commencement of Eid Al-Fitr, the Oshkosh Area School District accommodates Muslim students observing the monthlong observance of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

For students observing Ramadan, district staff are expected to provide an alternative location for them during lunchtime, ensuring they have a quiet and respectful space for reflection and prayer; minimize physical activity and exposure to heat, particularly during warm weather; and provide alternative options regarding swimming classes during fasting hours.

"In our dedication to ensuring all OASD students feel safe, seen and celebrated, it is essential that we wholeheartedly embrace the wide variety of cultural backgrounds within our community," stated Anthony Miller, district director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Ahmadiyya Muslim community member Ayesha Zafar Ullah said two common questions regarding Ramadan include how it works and whether children fast.


Typically fasting is described as not eating or drinking for the entire day, but Ullah said there is more to the fasting ritual.

"Fasting is one of the five pillars or duties in Islam that is obligatory for healthy adult Muslims. At dawn, Muslims eat a prefast meal known as suhoor. They can break their fast when it hits sunset. That dinner meal is called iftar," she said. "Generally you start with reciting a prayer and eating a date, milk or water. This is followed by dinner. At night, between the prayers, eating a snack and hydration is encouraged."

Children who haven't hit puberty yet, the elderly or those who are not physically or mentally able do not have to fast, according to Ullah, and pregnant women are also exempt from fasting. Those in early teenage years may not be physically prepared to fast but can still join adults in predawn or evening meals.

Ramadan is a time of spiritual discipline that highlights the suffering of those less fortunate and shows gratitude for the things others have, according to Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community.

"When fasting is based on righteousness, it produces a beautiful society, creating a spirit of sacrifice for each other," he stated. "This becomes a source of removing anxiety from society and creates feelings of empathy for the less fortunate among those who are well-off; and feelings of love and gratefulness in the hearts of underprivileged believers for their well-off brothers."



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# Students showcase undergraduate research at state Capitol

UW Oshkosh Today

Five students from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh took their research to a big stage—inside the Madison Capitol—at the 20th Annual Research in the Rotunda showcase March 6.

The event provided an opportunity for undergraduate researchers to showcase their subjects and discoveries in poster displays. Attendees included students representing the 13 UW four-year universities, many of their faculty advisers, staff, administrators from campuses and state legislators.

Featured projects conducted by UWO student researchers:

Student researcher: Olivia Klessig, senior communications studies major from Howards Grove; Faculty adviser: Ryan Allred, Communication Studies; Title: Does this Count as Phubbing?: The Role of Bias and Attributions on Perceptions of Phone Usage During Face-to-Face Conversations; Abstract: Several studies have concluded that phubbing (phone “snubbing” when favoring a smartphone versus a companion) negatively influences communication. Using Attribution Theory as a framework, the present study explored the parameters of phubbing using a four-condition experimental design. Findings demonstrated that individual biases and attribution errors influence perceptions of phone usage during face-to-face conversations.

Student researcher: Juan Padilla Mendez, senior biomedical science major from Milwaukee; faculty adviser Maria Graf, nursing; Title: Racial and Ethnic Concordance between Latino Patients and Health care Providers in the American Midwest;



UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt looks at a student project feature in the Research in the Rotunda showcase in Madison.

Abstract: This study analyzes the role of racial concordance on America’s health care disparities, specifically within the Midwest Latino community. Findings indicated the need for a diversified American health care workforce.

Student researchers: Lorena Reid, senior psychology major from Fond du Lac, and Makaylee Stewart, senior psychology major from Menomonee Falls; faculty adviser Justyna Olszewska, psychology;

Title: Ideal College in Current Students’ Perception; Abstract: The purpose of this project was to discover UW Oshkosh students’ needs in higher education. A focus group identified students’ expectations in relation to their experiences with in-class teaching, campus infrastructure as well as on campus dormitory living conditions.

Student researcher: Kaleb Walter, sophomore economics and finance major from De Pere; faculty adviser Marianne John-

son, economics; Title: Richard T. Ely’s Census of Public Utilities; Abstract: Almost everyone relies on public utilities. This makes it important to understand the historical evolution of their economic organization. I reconstruct Ely’s census of public vs. private utilities (1890-1930) and use regression analysis to identify which state demographic and economic characteristics were associated with higher rates of public utility ownership.

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“This partnership will help us to achieve our goal of making Oshkosh a better place to live and a place to live better for our older adults,” said Fire Chief Mike Stanley.

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“As a Denver-based company, we are thrilled to be expanding our offerings outside of Colorado by partnering with the Oshkosh Fire Department, to enable older adults to improve their balance in their own homes,” said Ed Likovich, chief executive officer of Nymbl. “We’ve had great outcomes while partnering with fire departments throughout Colorado.”

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The Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show will be at the at the EAA grounds next week.

### WPS Farm Show coming to EAA grounds

A springtime tradition in America’s Dairyland returns March 26-28 with the Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Farm Show at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) grounds in Oshkosh.

Tens of thousands of farmers and exhibitors are expected at the 62nd Farm Show that provides a close look at innovations and products that can help farms grow and be more efficient. Nearly 400 exhibitors from across the United States and Canada will take part with products that include robotic milking equipment, precision planting technology and large farm machinery.

Among the offerings:

- The WPS Farm Show Food Tent, featuring dishes and treats prepared by non-profit groups.
  - The WPS booth, featuring modern farm wiring displays. WPS agricultural services consultants will be available to meet and talk with customers.
  - A three-day silent auction benefiting the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.
  - Kids’ tractor pull at 12:30 p.m. March 27.
  - Free health screenings from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh nursing students and ThedaCare Rural Health Initiative.
- Admission is free. There is a \$5 charge to park on the EAA grounds.

### Art in the Garden event set at Hilton

Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh presents its 16th Art in the Garden art show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 and 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Original photography, oils, watercolors, fiber, jewelry, glass and wood will be on display. All entries are juried. More than 30 Midwest artists are vying for awards that the public will determine by their voting. More than 20 of the artists will have

additional pieces available for purchase.

There will be a special display of outstanding art by area high school students also vying for awards.

General raffle prizes include \$895 diamond earrings, cash and a glass plate sculpture. A special raffle features items donated by the artists, Friends of Altrusa and businesses.

Altrusa fundraising proceeds benefit literacy, local nonprofits and other programs.

### Military History Day features re-enactments

World War II and Vietnam War battle re-enactments will be featured during Military History Day set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 at the Military Veterans Museum and Education Center at 4300 Poberezny Road.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m., with a flag

raising at 10 a.m., naval history presentation at 10:45 a.m., WWII re-enactment at 11:30 a.m., weapons demonstration at 12:30 p.m., Vietnam War re-enactment at 1:30 p.m. and raffle winners announced at 2:15 p.m.

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Fishing tournaments that are statewide or regional, seasonal without specific fishing dates or have fewer than 20 boats or 100 participants will be required to register with the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) starting April 1.

DNR officials state they regulate fishing tournaments or organized competitive fishing events where money or prizes are awarded to protect fish populations from overharvest and to avoid crowding or conflicts among waterbody users.

Larger tournaments and some specialized tournaments are monitored and regulated through a paid permit system, but there is little information on unpermitted tournaments.

Tournament organizers will be able to submit their free registrations using online or paper forms that ask for organizer contact information and event information, including waterbodies to be fished, dates, target species and expected number of boats or participants.

## Ending stigma

FROM PAGE 1

While he was experiencing success, he started using recreational marijuana but shifted to drinking alcohol. First it was social. It quickly shifted from drinking every weekend to every day.

“After finishing probably my best year ever as a professional – that summer I became an alcoholic,” Baker admitted. “Like literally a switch turned on and it was no longer recreational – I needed to do it every single day.

“I needed to drink every waking moment of the day. I started to understand I needed the alcohol to function throughout the day and to function throughout the games.”

In Seattle he thought he was good at disguising his habit until contract negotiations started and the organization told him they thought he had a problem. He denied he was an alcoholic and signed a multimillion dollar contract with the team.

He was traded to the Boston Celtics, who also noticed Baker had a drinking problem and added an addendum to his contract that he could not drink for a year. He broke that agreement and was released by the team.

Baker’s playing career wound down with short stints with the New York Knicks, Houston Rockets and Los Angeles Clippers. He then worked at Starbucks for a brief time to get back on his feet.

During a question-and-answer session with the crowd, Baker was asked how loved ones should talk to someone they think has an addiction.

“The number one thing is to come from a place of love and make sure they know you’re not coming from a place of judging,” Baker said. “When you speak to someone in that space, speak from a place of empathy. And they have to feel your empathy.”

When asked about mental health, he said, “We have to remind people it’s OK to not be OK.”

Baker gave a piece of advice for people dealing with early addiction: “Don’t be afraid and don’t be ashamed to ask for help.”



APLs Charter School student Thatcher Schwindt’s drawing and sculpture work both took top honors in the GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest.

## Middle school student artists on exhibit

The paintings, drawings and sculptures from Oshkosh middle school artists are on exhibit in the Youth Department at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Featured are winning entries in the annual GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, sponsored by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women’s Arts Club, on display through March 31. The contest honors Mears, a sculptor (1872-1916) born and educated in Oshkosh, whose sculptures are in the U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian, Wisconsin Capitol, museums and public spaces.

The Oshkosh Women’s Arts Club is a chapter of the WI-General Federation of Women’s Clubs, which inaugurated the annual memorial state contest in 1927 to

honor one of Wisconsin’s premier sculptors. This historic art contest was re-introduced to Oshkosh seventh- and eighth-grade students in 2004.

Seven schools in Oshkosh participated this year and place winners continue to district competition April 23 in Green Bay.

The 2024 winners, who will be presented with their awards at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the library, are:

- Class A**
- Two-dimensional art (painting and drawing)**
- 1st: place – Thatcher Schwindt, APLs Charter
- 2nd place – Brianna Brammer, Valley Christian
- 3rd place – Cici Enli, APLs Charter
- Three-dimensional art: (sculpture)**
- 1st place -Thatcher Schwindt, APLs Charter
- 2nd place – Katie Wilson, Perry Tipler
- 3rd place – Carmen Tornow, APLs Charter
- Class B**
- Two-dimensional art**
- 1st place – Haley Schuh
- 2nd place – Joeie Pucker
- 3rd place – Marissa Toll
- Legislator Awards went to Marissa Bustillos, Vel Phillips – Rep. Lori Palmeri; and Carmen Tornow, APLs Charter – Rep. Michael Schraa.

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# Habitat housing

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Simon pointed to the housing market, stagnant wages and government regulations. The solution is partnering with builders who will focus on affordable and workforce housing.

“This will be the model for the subdivision in Omro,” Simon said. “The subdivision will have 16 houses – six will be private built houses and 10 will be Habitat houses.”

Another Habitat for Humanity project that may be coming to Oshkosh’s east side has Simon and city officials excited.

The school district is selling the Washington Elementary School property on Winnebago Avenue. There have been conversations between City Manager Mark Rohloff and schools Superintendent Bryan Davis. The sale would need to be approved by the Common Council and Board of Education.

The city would purchase the property from the district for \$75,000, according to district officials.

If the sale is completed, there is a plan to demolish the existing building and construct small lots on the site. Simon said Habitat would build half of the homes and private builders would build the rest.

“These wouldn’t be cheap Habitat homes, they would be homes that fit into the neighborhood,” Simon said. “Then you wouldn’t be able to tell these are Habitat houses as they are just houses.”

In this plan, Habitat will split its focus between building houses and working with government entities.

“You’ve got these builders who don’t have the time to go through all the things that need to be taken care of with the city,”

Simon said. “We can put our efforts into helping get the proper approvals from the city and let the builders focus on building homes.”

Instead of houses costing almost \$400,000, the builders will focus on more affordable options. The plan is for these private builders to build at about half that price to pass along savings to homeowners.

“This is because five to seven families will live in that house over time,” Simon said. “These families know this isn’t the house they will spend the rest of their lives in but is used as a starter home.”

Homeowners gain equity in a Habitat home and eventually have the ability to move into another home. Then, as designed, a new family moves into the starter home and build their equity.

“There’s something about being able to say I don’t like that color and being able to paint the walls,” Simson said.

It’s a choice that many people in Oshkosh don’t get to make as renters. One Habitat homeowner recently built a garden outside.

“It was February, and she was putting a garden together,” Simon said. “But she always wanted a garden in her yard and now she can have one.”

The fundraiser highlighted the success story of Terza Chol, who recently moved into a Habitat house after emigrating from Sudan to a refugee camp in Egypt, then settled with her siblings in a small apartment in Appleton.

Chol said she loved living in Oshkosh because it’s a place where her children can learn in school and play sports in a safe community.

“We are really enjoying life here,” Chol said.

# Leonard Point Road project workshop set

The Town of Algoma’s proposed reconstruction of Leonard Point Road in 2026 will be discussed during an open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 4 at the Algoma Town Hall, 15 N. Oakwood Road.

The town has hired engineers from McMahon Associates to prepare a draft concept design of the new roadway from State 21 to Highland Shore Lane. An open format workshop will present the draft plans for Leonard Point Road and allow for public input.

Town Administrator Richard Heath said input and ideas from property

owners on Leonard Point Road within the project area are especially important. He said the reconstruction will be focused on commuter safety, enhanced pedestrian accommodations, and improvements to stormwater quality and management.

A project specific webpage is being created and will be available at townofalgoma.org and updated periodically until the road is completed in late 2026.

If unable to attend the meeting, comments can be sent to townadmin@townofalgoma.org.

# Powerboat poker run event to be launched

Registration is open for the inaugural Mercury Racing Bago Big Bet poker run set for June 20-23 in Oshkosh.

The weekend will include a boat show, powerboat street parade downtown, a concert at the Leach Amphitheater and a daylong performance boat poker run on Lake Winnebago. Participants will run from Oshkosh to stops along the lake, including Winneconne and Fond du Lac, in a boat poker run format.

“Registration for this event will be capped at 100 boats, and we anticipate a sellout,” said Jeff Broman, director of category for Mercury Racing. “We are thrilled

to be bringing this event to the Oshkosh area and sharing our passion for high-performance boating with the community where we live and work.”

Portions of the event will be open to the public but the poker run requires registration using boats running Mercury Racing or Mercury Marine power in order to be eligible.

Shannon Higgins of Offshore Wench is promoting the Mercury Racing Bago Big Bet and invites individuals of all skill levels to register.

For more information visit bagobigbet.com.

# AMVETS annual contest for students offered

Oshkosh AMVETS Post 7 is again sponsoring the AMVETS National Americanism contests for area students in kindergarten through 12th grade, including home-schooled children. This year’s theme is “Why is it Important to Vote?” and the entry deadline is July 1.

Students compete for a first-place prize of \$50. Kindergarten and first-grade stu-

dents compete in a flag coloring contest, grades 2 through 5 in a poster drawing effort and grades 6 through 12 in essay writing.

Local winners go on to the state levels and state winners go on to the national level. Ninth- and 10th- grade winners can qualify for a paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.



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# All-conference roundup

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Hanson, Seckar earn all-FVA first team honors

Seniors Ava Hanson of Oshkosh North and Paige Seckar of Oshkosh West garnered spots on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Hanson, who earned honorable mention honors last season, averaged a team-best 17.5 points and 3.8 assists per game for the Spartans this season, while also picking up 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per contest. She reached double figures in points in 23 of 25 games this season and hit the 1,000-point milestone in her final prep game.

Seckar is a two-time first-team selection and was a second team choice as a sophomore. She was the lone Wildcat to average double figures in points this season at 14.5 points per game, while also leading the team in rebounding at 8.1 caroms per game. She finished the season shooting 87 percent from the free-throw line (90-of-103) and had six double-doubles.

Seckar was also named to the conference's all-defensive team.

The rest of the first team consisted of seniors Allie Ziebell of Neenah, Kayla Werner and Kallie Peppler of Hortonville and juniors Torie Neubauer of Appleton East, Rainey Welson of Hortonville and Kate McGinnis of Kimberly.

Both North and West also had a player earn honorable mention honors.

For the Wildcats, senior Brenna Gehri earned the honors for the second straight year after averaging 6.8 points and 3.0 assists per game. Freshman Awut Alic garnered the recognition for the Spartans after putting up 13.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game this season.

Ziebell was named Player of the Year in the conference for the second straight year, Hortonville's AC Clouthier was named Coach of the Year.

### Bauer named POY for third straight year

Lourdes Academy junior Hailee Bauer capped off another outstanding season by heading up the Trailways East all-conference by being named the league's Player of the Year for the third straight season.

Bauer finished the season averaging a team-high 18.4 points per game while knocking down 81 3-pointers in 27 games. She also led the team in assists per game (4.7) and steals per game (4.2). Bauer reached double figures in all but one game this season, registering a season-high 32 points against Oakfield.

Bauer was joined on the first team by teammate Delaney Ruedinger, a two-time first-team selection. The junior averaged 12.4 points per game and 4.7 rebounds while helping the Knights to the Trailways East title.

Valley Christian also landed a player on the first team in its return to varsity play this season as senior Anna Y. Giannopoulos garnered the honors. Giannopoulos led the conference in both scoring (19.4 ppg) and rebounding (11.4), while also averaging a team-best 2.7 steals per game. She finished the season with 16 double-doubles.

The rest of the first team consisted of senior Stella Hofman and junior Jorja Hofman of Oakfield and senior Lucia McGuinness of Wayland Academy.

Lourdes Academy senior Ella Slusarski earned second-team honors after averaging 12.0 points per game and leading the Knights with 6.4 rebounds per game. Senior Charley Mullen was an honorable mention selection for the Knights after putting up 5.1 points per game.

Valley Christian added a pair of honorable selections in sophomores Lizzie Fink and Anna E. Giannopoulos. Fink averaged 10.3 points per game, while Anna E. Giannopoulos scored 8 points per game.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### North's Mitchell earns Player of the Year honors

Oshkosh North junior Xzavion Mitchell was named the Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association.

Mitchell finished second in the conference in scoring at 25.7 points per game and was third in rebounding at 8.7 caroms per game. He posted eight double-doubles over the course of the season and reached double figures in points in every game, including nine when he scored at least 30 points. Mitchell was also named to the league's all-defensive team for the

second straight year.

Mitchell was named to the all-FVA first team for the third straight season.

Senior Stevie Clark was also named to the top squad in the FVA after averaging 22.4 points per game – third highest mark in the FVA – 6.1 rebounds per game and 4.2 assists per game. The two-time first-team all-FVA selection posted a season-high 39 points in a win over Appleton West and had a huge 32-point, 17-rebound double-double in a win at Hortonville.

Joining the North duo on the first team were seniors Brady Corso of Neenah, Thomas Meyers of Kimberly, Joey LaChapell of Appleton East, junior Keegan Van Kauwenberg of Kaukauna and sophomore Ethan Joling of Hortonville.

A trio of area players earned honorable mention honors.

Senior Carter Strange and sophomore Bryce Ott were named to the team from Oshkosh North, while Oshkosh West's all-conference selection was senior Dylan Taylor.

Ott finished third on the Spartans in scoring at 10.2 points per game, while Strange added 7.8 points per game. Taylor led the Wildcats averaging 13.7 points and 4.5 assists per game.

### Knights' McKellips earns top honors in Trailways East

Lourdes Academy senior JJ McKellips capped off his high school career by earning top honors in the Trailways East being selected as the Player of the Year.

McKellips, a two-time first-team all-league selection, finished fourth in the conference in scoring at 17.3 points per game, while leading the Knights with 75 3-pointers made this season. He also finished 86 percent from the free-throw line (80-of-93) and chipped in 5.2 rebounds per game in helping the Knights claim a share of the conference title.

Earning second-team honors for the Knights was senior Mitchell Wing, who finished third in the conference in assists at 3.9 per game, while also scoring 12.8 points per contest. Fellow seniors Calvin Tollard and Jok Machiros were honorable mention selections as Tollard averaged 11.4 points and a team-high 6.7 rebounds per game and Machiros chipped in five points per game and was the team's top defensive player.

Valley Christian did not have any players earn recognition.

Joining McKellips on the first team were seniors Brock Hoekstra of Central Wisconsin Christian and AJ Bushke of Horicon, juniors Mitchell Moser of Oakfield and Caleb Peplinski of Hustisford and freshman Isaiah Yuenger of Dodgeville.

## WRESTLING

### Fournier leads West wrestlers on all-FVA list

Junior Nelson Fournier was the lone Oshkosh West wrestler to land on the first-team all-Fox Valley Association roster.

Fournier was the conference champion at 215 pounds to earn the honor.

Three Wildcats were named to the second team in juniors Edwyn Schroeder (138) and Ryland Schneider (157) and senior Iban Heredia (190), while juniors Jaiden Fronczak (165) and Zach Bartels (175) were honorable mention selections.

Oshkosh North had a pair of honorable mention honorees in senior Hunter Gruse (175) and sophomore Jamond Thompson-Schreck (150).

Kaukauna's Lucas Peters was named Wrestler of the Year, while Jeff Matczak was named Coach of the Year.

### Carpenter leads Lourdes Academy wrestlers

Senior Mason Carpenter was named Trailways North Wrestler of the Year for the third straight season, while also garnering first-team all-conference honors for the fourth straight year.

The senior, who captured his first WIAA state championship earlier this year, was the only Knights wrestler to receive recognition.

## SWIMMING

### West's Bergin, North's Reeves earn top honors

Oshkosh West sophomore Caleb Bergin and Oshkosh North/Lourdes sophomore River Reeves each earn first-team honors on the all-Fox Valley Association list.

Bergin earned first-team honors on both the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. Reeves landed the first-team nod in diving and was named Diver of the Year in the conference,

Senior Dane Dodge earned second-team honors in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle for the Wildcats and joined Bergin, senior Jack Loper and sophomore Carter Crowe in earning second-team honors for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Netting honorable mention honors for West were Crowe in the 50-yard freestyle, senior Isaac Palomaki in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard medley relay.

Neenah's Drew Gaerthofner was named Swimmer of the Year and the Rockets' Carrie Raeth was named Coach of the Year.



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Obituaries

Dick Gruetzmacher

Dick (Gritz) Gruetzmacher was born March 18, 1953, in Oshkosh to parents, Herbert and Genevieve (Gurath) Gruetzmacher. On July 18, 1981, he married Lois Munson in Mondovi, WI. They shared 42 years together, blessed with two children and two grandchildren. Dick died March 11, 2024, at home surrounded by the love of his family.

Dick was a talented journeyman painter. He worked for Omni Paint and Glass and for many years for the Oshkosh Area School District. He always had a painting or home improvement project going either for himself or for a family member or a friend. He had a great sense of humor, once telling Lois that her knitting projects may yield one sweater but when he paints he gets two coats! Although



a painter by trade, he could fix, make or improve just about anything. His artistic flair was also expressed in sketching and watercolor painting. He had a passion for collecting and repairing Lionel trains and each Christmas he loved creating a beautiful Christmas village train layout- to his grandchildren's delight. He was an avid mountain biker and rode several times in the Chequamegon Fat Tire races. A day spent hunting in the woods was never a waste of time for him.

As the ultimate "do it yourself-er", Dick wrote the following before his death:

"Hello to all my dear family and friends. If you haven't heard, I am on my way to a better place. My heavenly reward will be an awesome journey unmatched by any experience I have had. Like so many good folks, my health took a nosedive. The haymaker, the knockout punch- whatever you want to call it- leaves you with quite a shiner! This came after an uphill battle with prostate cancer over many years. Still, I have no regrets. I found the

sweet spot in life for me was growing with my wonderful family. Indeed, my faith in God is front and center and enhances all in my life. I am survived by my loving and caring wife, Lois, who stuck with me every step of the way; my daughter, Lindsey (Shawn) McGuire and grandchildren Abigail and Evan McGuire; my son, Adam (Lindsay) Gruetzmacher; my sister, Marilyn (David) Frank; brother-in-law Mat Munson; nieces, Amanda, Amy and Kimberly and their families as well as many cousins and friends. I've made many friends who have given me so much happiness! An amazing and very special friend to Lois and I, Susie Clark, has been our guardian angel. Susie has given her unconditional support and love throughout our friendship; always having an optimistic view of the future and never looking back! Also, I would like to thank Pastor Dean Desilet for his spiritual support and friendship and the many health care workers at the VLCC Cancer Center in Oshkosh, the UW Health

Carbone Cancer Center in Madison and Aurora At Home Hospice. Without their dedication and work ethic my journey would have been unbearable! The many ladies and gentlemen who have kept me going on their prayer lists have touched me in a very profound way. I truly want my funeral to be a celebration of life. My hope is for you to help me in doing so and please remember me in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, please give to the American Cancer Society."

A memorial service and celebration of Dick's life will be held at noon on March 23, 2024, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 1072 Honey Creek Rd., Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am until the time of service.

Dick died quietly and peacefully, the same way he lived his life. The world has lost a kind and gentle soul who will remain in our hearts forever.



Roxanne Kovars

Roxanne Kovars passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, while receiving hospice care at Pine Valley Community Village in Richland Center, WI. She was born at the Richland Hospital, Richland Center Aug 23, 1941 to William Henry Kovars and Neilia Lucille (nee Wilson) Kovars who operated their family farm in the Town of Muscoda about seven miles south of the village. Roxie often spent much of her many summers coming home to help in the family farm work of milking cows and stacking hay bales in the haymow.

Graduating as the valedictorian of the Muscoda High School class of 1958, she then attended Wisconsin State College, now University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, earning a degree in Business Education. Roxanne was very proud of her long career of teaching business and law to the students at Oshkosh High School and later Oshkosh North High School. A colleague said that Roxanne "was a joy to work with" always having a positive attitude.

Roxanne would have celebrated her 50th anniversary of membership in AAUW, American Association of University Women, Oshkosh Branch. She was a member



of the AAUW group that prepared a cookbook for the Branch's celebration of its 75th anniversary. She celebrated her Czech heritage with membership in the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. since its inception in 1978. Roxanne worked hundreds of hours in her part of writing two Czechoslovakian cookbooks, 1983 and 1996, to support the organization's scholarship program, which is still healthy and still supported in part with the cookbooks' proceeds.

Roxie loved to travel throughout the country in the company of her mother, friends, and sometimes her Grandma Wilson. She later was involved in extensive travel through Europe including the United Kingdom, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Germany.

Roxanne is survived at the farm by her brother Ron Kovars, her sister Patsy and Patsy's husband, Gary Ranum; as well as her beloved nephews Yuri Ranum, his wife Angela of Los Angeles, CA and Jesse Ranum and his wife Britany of Ramsey, MN.

Roxie will be interred at the Blue River Valley Cemetery, Muscoda following a future celebration of her life at the Blue River Valley Church. The Pratt Funeral and Cremation Service is assisting the family with their arrangements. prattfuneralservice.com



James Taylor Jr.

James "JT" Carry-Lee Taylor Jr., age 32, passed away unexpectedly on March 7, 2024, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with his family and close friends by his side. He was born on September 19, 1991, to parents James and Laynettie (Haney) Taylor Sr., in Illinois.

He graduated from Oshkosh West High School and soon after met the love of his life Breanna Wright. They were inseparable and could often be found on the beach or at a campsite spending quality time with their children.

JT most recently was employed as a Chef at the University of Oshkosh. He felt as if they were cooking as one big family. He was very passionate about cooking, especially making ribs and chicken wings on the grill. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends.



He will be remembered for being a kind, loving person, always willing to give a person in need the shirt off his back, or go the extra mile for them.

James is survived by his wife, Breanna Wright-Taylor; children, J-Lee Wright, Jayvion Wright, Nahlananna Taylor, James Taylor Jr. and Jace Taylor; parents, James and Laynettie (Haney) Taylor Sr.; his mother-in-law, Veronica Wright; brothers, Tony Carter and Lonnell Taylor; and many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maxine Taylor.

He will be truly missed by his wife, children, family and many friends that were lucky enough to come into his life.

A private Celebration of Life BBQ will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the UWO team for their care and compassion during this difficult time.



Michael T. Kramer

Michael T. Kramer, 73 of Oshkosh, passed away at his residence on Friday, March 15, 2024 following a 10 month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on September 14, 1950 to the late Orville and Myra (Spies) Kramer. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1968 and went on to earn Bachelor degrees in both Political Science and History.

Throughout his life, he held a variety of jobs from paperboy to Shakey's Pizza Parlor, H.C. Prange Co., Regional Manager at



Toys R Us, U.S. Bank, and ending his career as a cook at A&W. He also served on the Omro City Council and as Mayor of Omro.

Mike had a passion for baseball and especially enjoyed watching his beloved Cubs. He also loved hockey at any level from Mites to the NHL.

He is survived by his son, Casey; long-time companion, Lora Kitz, and numerous friends he made on his life journey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his request, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the Electric Lounge where he became "family" to special friends Tiffany and Ryan.



Ann Mary Steinert

Ann Mary Steinert, age 58 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully with family and friends by her side on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

A memorial service for Ann will be held at the Lake View Memorial Park chapel, 2786 Algoma Blvd. on Saturday, April 6,

2024 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

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**Catherine Zimmerman**  
Catherine “Cathy” Zimmerman, née McGillivray, aged 81, died on March 8, 2024 at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac. Her death came four years and four days after that of her beloved son, Karl Zimmerman, and was caused by complications of recently diagnosed cancer.

Cathy was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on September 16,1942 to Wilfred “Bud” and Marian McGillivray. She grew up mostly in Gillett, Wisconsin, graduating from Gillett High School. Cathy received her BS in nursing from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a master’s degree in public health from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Cathy was the retired Campus Director of Fox Valley Technical College, Oshkosh. Previously she held positions as Dean of FVTC’s Health and Human Services Division, Public Health Nursing Consultant for Wisconsin Division of Health, and Director of Fond du Lac County Public Health Nursing Service. In retirement, she added a third career working for Karl at his Chicago based internet services company Steadfast Networks.

She contributed her leadership skills and thoughtful insights through board service to multiple organizations. The

list includes Affinity Health System; Fond du Lac Women’s Fund, founding board member; chair, Children’s Health Education Center of Wisconsin and St. Francis Home, long term care facility in Fond du Lac. Cathy also served as a non-attorney member of the Wisconsin State Bar Board of Governors and was in her second term on the City of Fond du Lac’s Police and Fire Commission.

Cathy’s girlhood aspiration to be a missionary nurse, making a difference in the lives of people in need, found its match in August 1987. Cathy became one of the first women invited to join the Rotary Club of Oshkosh, shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision that Rotary clubs may not exclude women on account of gender. Cathy served as Rotary International District 6270 District Governor for southeastern Wisconsin. Rotary’s humanitarian service arm, The Rotary Foundation, provided Cathy the opportunity to find her inner missionary nurse. Her “boots on the ground” experiences in poor suburbs of Lima, Peru and Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa amplified her passion for international service. Cathy’s commitment to service was exemplified by her status as a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, recipient of multiple Paul Harris awards and her receipt of the prestigious “Service Above Self” award in 2021. Cathy was overjoyed when Karl joined Rotary Club of Chicago, also known as Rotary One – Rotary’s first club.

More important than all the accomplishments, it was Cathy’s character that will endure. Cathy was loving and devoted to her family, a true and faithful friend to all who knew her, and a mentor and role model to young people, especially young women. She believed in social justice, equity, women’s rights, and the democratic form of government, and lived her beliefs. Cathy’s kindness and caring concern, seen and unseen, were unparalleled. Her passing leaves a monumental hole in the hearts of many.

Cathy is survived by Jim Flaherty, her loving companion of over 22 years – described by Cathy as “my rock”; Jim’s sons Chris (Ann) and Dwight (Jessie) Flaherty and their respective children. She is further survived by her brother James McGillivray (Veronica); sister-in-law Joann McGillivray; her beloved late son Karl Zimmerman’s stepfamily: Christine Zimmerman; Ryan Zitlow (Kristin), their children Jayden, Brantley and Mayah; and Christy Zitlow; and much-loved cousins Mary Nyes Brindle and Michael Morrissey. She also leaves behind countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her son Karl; her cherished parents Wilfred “Bud” and Marian McGillivray; brothers Hugh and Angus (Joann) McGillivray, aunts and uncles.

Please join us celebrating her life on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Zacherl Funeral Home, 875 E. Division St, Fond du Lac

WI. The memorial gathering will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cathy’s memory may be made to The Rotary Foundation, online <https://www.rotary.org/donate>, or mail to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr, Chicago IL 60693, or Winnebago Lutheran Academy, 475 E. Merrill St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Online condolences may be shared at <https://www.zacherlfuneralhome.com>.



Fred Auclair

It is with deep sadness that the family of Fred Auclair announces his passing on Saturday, March 9, 2024. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family, after an extended illness.

An obituary will be published in the coming days from Fox Cities Funeral & Cremation Services on its

website. An event to celebrate Fred’s life with family and friends is being planned sometime in May – an announcement will follow.

Fred’s family is grateful and would like to acknowledge the outpouring of support they’ve received at this time.



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Obituaries

Allen Hanford

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Allen Hanford, age 66, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh on Sunday, March 3, 2024. He was born in Oshkosh on October 23, 1957, to the late Claude and Alma (Krebs) Hanford. Allen was united in marriage to Linda Sosinski on May 21, 1994, in Oshkosh at St. John's Lutheran.

Allen lived a vibrant life filled with passion for bowling (T& O Out Boarders, The Roxy, and Mixed Animals) and soft-ball leagues (Barb's Blue Room and Terry's), where his competitive spirit shone brightly. He was known for his vibrant personality, always engaging in conversation and forming connections with everyone he met. Allen's blue Trans Am, lovingly referred to as George, was a symbol of his free spirit and love for the open road. He worked at the Hoffmaster Group for 43 years until his retirement.

Allen had a special affinity for the majestic eagle, a reflection of his own soaring spirit and adventurous nature. As a father to two daughters, he had a deep and unconditional love for his family, embodying the qualities of a great dad with every moment spent together.

Allen is survived by his wife, Linda Hanford; daughters: Samantha and Taylor Hanford; grandchildren: Cheyanne, Ire-

land, and Presley; and sister, Cheryl Hanford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Alma Hanford; brother, Kenneth Hanford; parents-in-law: Gerald and Lois Sosinski; and sister-in-law, Mary Sosinski.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Saturday from 12:00 pm until the time of service.



Jackie Winkelman

Jackie, 73, passed away at home February 13, 2024 surrounded by family. Born March 3, 1950, in Oshkosh.

A celebration of Jackie's life will be held at a future date. Updates, donations, and online condolences may be expressed online through Fiss & Bills Funeral Home.

Elaine Kossel

Elaine Kossel, age 98, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at the Residence.

Funeral Services are pending at this time.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: RYLAN ROBERT LARSEN

By (Petitioner): Nina Marie Larsen

By (Co-Petitioner): Melissa Ann Larsen

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2024CV000224

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Rylan Robert Larsen To: Rylan Rose Larsen Birth Certificate: Rylan Robert Larsen

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 531

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: April 18, 2024 Time: 1:30 pm

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

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 11, 2024 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Run: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: SAVANNAH ALEXIS LOPEZ

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2024CV000207

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Savannah Alexis Lopez To: Savannah Alexis Moreno Birth Certificate: Savannah Alexis Lopez

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 531

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: April 17, 2024 Time: 11:00 am

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

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 5, 2024 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Run: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024 WNAXLP

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## GOATS

### Goats and People

For 10,000 years people have been herding goats. Goats are one of the first animals people used to get

**M** Circle every other letter to fill in the missing letters.  
**O M Y I J L B K**

### Goats Get Lonely

Goats like to live in groups, or **herds**. In fact, if they live alone, they will become very sad. If you ever want a goat for a pet, you should get more than one.

Help this lonely little goat get back with the herd!

Can you find each goat's twin?

**FINISH**

### Can goats climb trees?

Yes! They are mountain animals and have been known to climb to the tops of trees!

Goats can be taught their names! And they will come when called.

**START**

How many goats can you find hidden in this tree?

### Grazers or foragers?

Foragers prefer leaves and the seeds on top of wild grass. They will also eat grass.

In nature, goats roam mountaintops and reach as high as possible to pick out tasty leaves and the grasses they enjoy.

### Do goats eat tin cans?

There is a myth about what goats eat. It claims goats eat anything and everything. Often, goats are drawn chewing on tin cans.

This is not true. Goats are very picky eaters. They only eat plants. But even then, they will refuse to eat dirty hay. They prefer to eat looking up and enjoy fresh leaves on trees.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have structures that aid in survival.

### Goat Art

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe a goat. Cut out these words and glue them onto a piece of paper. Decorate your paper with pictures of goats.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Identify adjectives as describing words.

### Goat Facts

Goats are burpers! When they digest their food, gas forms, and it escapes as loud, healthy burps.

This goat's big burp knocked some of the words out of these goat facts. Can you fill in the missing words?

**NANNIES** **MALE** **FOUR** **Baby goats are called**

**KIDS** **HORNS** **Both male and female goats have beards and**

**Goats have stomachs.** **goats are called billies.** **Female goats are called NANNIES.**

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have structures that aid in survival.



## Kid Scoop Together

### What Do You Know About Goats?

Try answering each of these questions. Then read *Kid Scoop* with a family member and find out which ones you got right.

If you got any wrong, you will learn something new!

- Goats can climb trees.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats pupils are round.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats like to eat tin cans.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goat burps are loud.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats are foragers.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats are one of the first animals tamed by humans.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats like to live alone.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats can learn their names.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Goats have one big stomach.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Baby goats are called kids.  
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Answer questions using evidence from text.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Look Into My Eyes

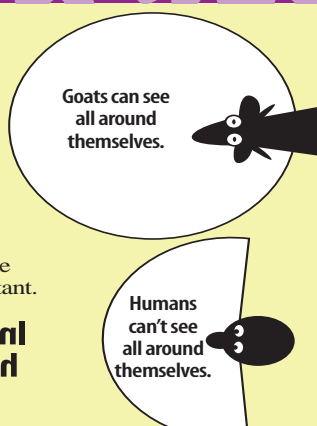
Look into a goat's eyes and you will see that their pupils are rectangular. Because of this, they can see almost 360 degrees, without turning their heads.

People can see about 160 to 210 degrees around them.

Hold this page up to a mirror to see why a goat's wide vision is important.

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**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.



Goats can see all around themselves.

Humans can't see all around themselves.

### Double Double Word Search

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

S	B	T	K	P	I	C	K	Y	L
I	L	E	A	V	E	S	I	T	W
G	A	T	N	E	C	S	D	V	J
H	S	E	O	A	B	A	S	Y	T
T	D	J	L	X	T	U	N	O	R
M	L	L	W	T	F	W	R	S	U
A	Y	Q	Y	R	A	V	O	P	E
O	M	T	S	D	R	E	H	B	S
R	L	V	H	P	R	E	F	E	R

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BURPS  
CALL  
CANS  
EAT  
HERDS  
HORNS  
KIDS  
LEAVES  
MYTH  
PICKY  
PREFER  
ROAM  
SCENT  
SIGHT  
TRUE

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### Write On! Goats in a Tree

Imagine you see three goats in a tree. What are they doing there? How did they get there? Write a short news article.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.



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