Community groups gain funding help

City on time to allocate its final ARPA money
By Jonathan Richie

The city has just over five months to allocate the remaining $27,303 in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward infrastructure projects before the federal deadline hits in December.

Oshkosh has allocated the remaining $2.3 million of ARPA funding that will be distributed to community organizations. In 2021, the city received more than $20 million and the council decided to set aside 25% of the funds for non-infrastructure projects.

A plethora of groups that included nonprofit organizations have applied for funds since 2021 and last year was opened up to all organizations for the application of one final round of allocating the remainder of the ARPA dollars. The city received 51 applications totaling more than $12 million in requests. The council directed city staff to prioritize four areas when analyzing the applications: affordable housing, homelessness, child care capacity and under-represented populations.

Sixteen applicants were approved for funding last week:
- ADVOCAP – $217,660 for child care incubators to help launch start-ups around the city.
- Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) – $150,000 will go toward growing the organization.
- COTS Inc. – $100,000 to convert

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Enchanted walkways
Jim Piechowski (left) speaks with a visitor to his garden on Wyldewood Drive in Oshkosh that he developed with his wife, Linda, over the past two decades with lush fieldstone pathways that lead to a secluded garden with a special pond. It was one of five stops Sunday on the annual Oshkosh Garden Club event.

AirVenture 2024 honors D-Day, Air Force command team

Oshkosh Herald

World War II heroes, the U.S. Air Force’s weapons system command and an honor flight for Vietnam veterans are among the highlighted themes for this year’s Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture set for July 22-28 at Wittman Regional Airport.

Aircraft that played key roles in D-Day and throughout WWII will be featured in the daily airshows that highlight the world’s most popular aviation convention that draws more than 600,000 visitors annually to the Oshkosh area. EAA will pay tribute to the heroes and sacrifices made during the Normandy landings with an 80-year Turning the Tide commemoration July 23 and 24.

A collection of C-47s from the D-Day Squadron will be on display as part of the commemoration. The squadron features unique C-47 aircraft from throughout the United States. Many were part of a commemorative mission to Europe in May and June.

“We’ll have about 600,000 people and about 10,000 airplanes showing up, big and small, from the smallest ultralight all the way up to huge military cargo airplanes, passenger jetliners and a lot more,” said EAA communications director Dick Kraupinski.

Here are some of the highlights and programs on the AirVenture schedule.

Air Force weapons team
The B-52 bomber and C-17 Globemaster highlight the aircraft representing the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) on display at Boeing Plaza. The AFMC handles the discovery, development, testing and production of all weapon systems used by the Air Force on all its aircraft.

On display will be a B-52H Bomber Stratofortress, F-15EX Eagle II, C-17 Globemaster III, Beechcraft C-12 Huron and X-40 Space Maneuver Vehicle.

The AFMC will have personnel on hand to describe their mission and plans for the future. The AFMC will also be featured during a July 27 evening program at the Theater in the Woods.

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YMCA child care at UWO marks year

Oshkosh Herald

The YMCA Childcare Center at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh marked its first anniversary July 1 of serving the community as a licensed provider at a time of high demand for accessible care.

“As we reflect on this milestone, we are proud to celebrate the success and positive impact the center has had on our community,” the YMCA stated in its weekly newsletter.

The Oshkosh Community YMCA stepped in after UW Oshkosh announced in April 2023 it would be closing its Children’s Learning and Care Center at 608 Algoma Blvd. effective June 30. The center was established in 1971 for children of UWO students, employees and the community.

The YMCA Childcare Center at UWO has since been providing licensed child care services to up to 138 children and YMCA officials said it has become a cornerstone for many families. At the time the center opened, nearly 1,000 children were on waitlists in Winnebago County.

“We are proud of the difference we have made in the past year and are eager to build on this success in the years to come,” the YMCA added.

Jennifer Colvin, who had been the YMCA’s downtown child care director, was named to lead the new child care center.

The YMCA noted that the Bipartisan Policy Center estimates the economic impact of Wisconsin’s child care crisis to be between $4.2 billion and $6.4 billion, and that half of all families in the state live in child care “deserts” where care is difficult to find.

The care center provides early literacy and numeracy skills, physical activities and social-emotional learning for children as part of their experience.

Oshkosh Area School District sets two employment fairs

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) is holding two job fairs with on-site interviews from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 1 at the administration office, 215 S. Eagle St.

The district is looking to fill openings in certified elementary, middle and high school teachers, specialist teachers, special education teachers, school counselors, substitute paraprofessionals/teacher assistants, special education paraprofessionals/teacher assistants, clerical, food service, custodial and maintenance. Part-time and full-time positions are available.

Job seekers will meet with HR staff, principals, supervisors and educators to learn about open positions with immediate start dates. No pre-registration or sign-up needed.

For more information, visit oshkosh.k12.wi.us/jobs or call 920-424-0124.

Sixth District candidate sets listening sessions

John Zarbano, a Democrat running for Wisconsin’s 6th congressional district, is holding public listening sessions from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Oshkosh Public Library and 6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Neenah Public Library.

Zarbano, who is challenging U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, a Republican who ran unopposed for his fifth term in 2022, has scheduled 10 listening sessions throughout the district before the August primary. For more information, go to johnzarbano.com.
County housing units for violent offenders completed

By Jonathan Richie

Winnebago County now has housing available for violent sex offenders and just needs some furniture.

The county was one of the first in the state to move quickly when counties were put in charge of housing released individuals. The original trailer has been joined by three newly constructed units but won’t be furnished until they have a person moving into.

Chapter 980 housing is designed for the most violent sexual offenders and Wisconsin moved the burden from the state to counties in 2018 to house these formerly incarcerated people. Guidelines state they can’t live within 1,500 feet of a child care center, school, house of worship, youth center or nursing home.

Counties that don’t find housing options can be fined $1,100 per day or more than $400,000 annually.

Each ADA-compliant unit is 12 by 28 feet with a kitchen and living room area, full bathroom, bedroom and laundry facilities. There is now capacity for five of these individuals, two to live in the trailer that has been on County Y since 2018, and one person can occupy each of the three new units.

The original plan was for the county to build 11 units on County Y with a budget just over $1 million. The county ended up building three units for around $820,000, or about $273,000 per unit.

There are a lot of factors that led to the cost being high for these units, according to county executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger, such as being ADA-compliant, single-occupancy units and the city of Oshkosh not wanting the units to be trailers.

“The city didn’t want a trailer park out there,” he said.

Another cost was site preparation and installing utilities in the area. Hollenberger said the county followed the state bidding process for public works projects.

The county will provide the furniture as part of the agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Hollenberger said this allows the county, as the owner of the units, to charge the state more for rent.

“The state pays the rent and provides other services, often medical, to the people living in the units,” he said.

Mika Elder, county director of facilities, reported to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee in June that the housing was completed except for the furniture.

“Houses are habitable and ready to go,” he said.

Elder told the committee there is one person living in the trailer on County Y with the new units still empty.

County Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke said she was confused by the decision to not buy furniture at this time.

“Things aren’t going to get any cheaper,” she told the Herald.

Hancock-Cooke said the county has been informed that someone will be moving into one of the new units sometime around September or October and furniture will need to be purchased.

The furniture going into the units will be on the low end and nothing like a $5,000 couch, Elder said.

Hollenberger said Winnebago County has been at the forefront of Chapter 980 housing in the state. The process for finding out about these offenders begins with an official notice, which starts a 120-day timeline for the county to find housing.

“Most counties take much longer than 120 days,” he said. “We have a place for them as soon as they are set to be released. With these units we are giving these people some dignity and privacy while also providing public safety with the sheriff’s office being able to be at the units in 45 seconds. We’re also maintaining these people’s constitutional rights under 980 laws.”

Suspect in 1963 gas station murder identified with DNA

By Bethanie Gengler

It’s been 61 years since the lifeless body of 24-year-old Wayne Pratt was found in a gas station between Neenah and Oshkosh, but now DNA has helped investigators identify a suspect in the brutal stabbing.

On June 12, 1963, Pratt and his wife were inside the station watching television about 8:45 p.m. and went to service the vehicles. Pratt exited the home around 8:55 p.m. and went to service the vehicles.

About 15 minutes later, his wife became concerned when she noticed the station’s lights were still off. Upon investigating, she discovered Pratt’s body face down, partially covered by a blanket.

Authorities found signs of a struggle in the back room – a pile of used tires were in disarray and a battery charger was tipped over. Initial media reports indicated the station was robbed of an estimated $250, but later reports suggested the amount missing was closer to $50.

Pratt was hit on the head with a shovel and stabbed more than 50 times in the head, neck, back and side. The blood-stained shovel was found at the scene but the knife was not recovered.

Doxtator, who was born in Fond du Lac and later moved to Bowler, was considered a suspect since the beginning of the investigation, according to his daughter.
Man facing trial in death of fellow inmate at prison facility

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

An inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) who allegedly punched and stomped a man’s head until he was unconscious and later died is now facing a life sentence after being charged with homicide.

Inmates at the WRC at 1505 North Drive is a facility that provides state prison inmates specialized mental health services. It was established in 1983 and is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police responded to the WRC around 2:30 p.m. on May 21 after a report that Lipscomb had attacked another inmate in a courtyard. The attack was captured on video and reviewed by officers.

The video showed the victim and Lipscomb sitting at a picnic table when Lipscomb abruptly got up and put the victim in a headlock, appearing to strangle him.

The victim was able to get away and began running up a ramp when they fell to the ground. Lipscomb punched and later kicked the victim in the head repeatedly as the victim was on the ground. At one point Lipscomb appeared to check the pulse of the victim and continued beating him.

The attack ended when WRC staff members entered the courtyard. One employee told police they heard Lipscomb say the victim was plotting to attack him and Lipscomb needed to protect himself. Lipscomb said he was not taking his medication and was not doing well.

The complaint continues, “(Lipscomb) stated, ‘I ain’t been sleeping. I told you all that and all I’m getting is melatonin.’ As Lipscomb was being put into handcuffs, he stated, ‘Staff’s good around here. Y’ll are good.’”

A WRC employee was unable to identify the victim due to the severity of the injuries. He was transported to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, where doctors reported his injuries were life threatening with both orbital bones fractured.

Officers spoke to other inmates who said Lipscomb had been acting strangely on the day of the incident. They said he and the victim seemed to have a friendly relationship and were seen eating, talking and watching TV.

Inmates reported Lipscomb’s mental health had recently declined and he had been giving away personal items in the days leading up to the event and had shaved his head.

Lipscomb had been at WRC for about two weeks and the victim had been there for an extended period.

Medical records show that on June 5 a doctor at ThedaCare said the victim was in a persistent coma and not expected to recover.

Two days later the victim was removed from sedation and remained in a persistent coma state before dying June 10.

Lipscomb pleaded guilty to first-degree reckless injury, robbery with use of force and forceful abduction of child in 2017 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Fox 6 TV news in Milwaukee reported at the time Lipscomb stabbed his father with a screwdriver before carjacking a woman. The woman’s 3-year-old daughter was in the vehicle and prompted an Amber Alert.

Lipscomb also pleaded guilty to robbery with use of force in 2018 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 12 years in state prison. He is scheduled to have his initial appearance Aug. 5 in front of a court commissioner.

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Nearly all 5,000 public-use airports in the United States have runways and taxiways with standard surface markings. Oshkosh’s hometown airport has its own colorful way of safely welcoming aviators from around the world each July.

In preparation for the Experimental Aircraft Association’s annual AirVenture, Wittman Regional Airport staff repaint the seven dots and two squares that are a hallmark to visitors arriving by aircraft for the event. Each dot measures 50 feet in diameter – a third of the width of the 9/27 and 18/36 runways. Additionally, two large squares are painted on Taxiway A, which is repurposed and repainted each year into a temporary-use runway.

Airport director Jim Schell said that with Wittman Regional becoming the busiest airport in the world by traffic count for 10 days each year, accommodating that level of activity necessitated inventive ways to ensure the safe arrival and departures of around 10,000 aircraft.

AirVenture has called Oshkosh home since 1970 but it wasn’t until 1998 that the dots were instituted. Schell said that as years went on and the system has been proven invaluable, that more dots – and squares – have been added to their current total.

At peak inbound traffic flow, the dots allow multiple aircraft to land on the same runway simultaneously. The dots and squares become aiming points for landing aircraft.

“Each aircraft cleared to land at OSH during those 10 days is given a dot to aim for. Instead of landing close to the end of a runway, air traffic controllers may clear lighter aircraft to fly down as much as half the runway to land on the famed green dot, for example,” Schell said. “That would have them landing at roughly the midpoint of Runway 27 and ensure another aircraft could be landing on the same runway, behind them, when cleared to land on the orange dot.”

He said the spacing of the dots at 1,500 feet apart also ensures a safe lateral separation distance among all the simultaneous landings. When aircraft get too close to one another and cannot keep the proper separation distance, the dots are a visual cue for air traffic controllers to have one or more aircraft “go-around” and make a second attempt at a safer landing.

An EAA story in 2018 said the first runway markings appeared in 1998, with two designated touchdown points painted on Runway 27, which the following year became the orange and green dots with a white dot added on Runway 9.

A blue dot was added to Runway 18 in 2004. Then in 2005, at the behest of the FAA tower chief, a pink dot was added to that same runway, raising the total count to five.

“In 2008, the purple dot and yellow dot were added to Runway 36 Left, bringing the count of dots to seven and prompting wags to comment about a Wisconsin polka-dot airport,” longtime EAA volunteer Fred Stadler said in the story.

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Packers pro-bowler, alumni help Oshkosh Kids Foundation

By Jonathan Richie

The Oshkosh Country Club was covered in green and gold for a golf outing that raised funds for the Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

The fourth annual OCC Classic last week was held with host T.J. Rodgers joined by Green Bay Packers legend Jerry Kramer and current offensive lineman Elgton Jenkins for the fundraiser golf outing.

Funds went to the Oshkosh Kids Foundation Tiny Homes Village Project and Clarksdale High School Athletics in Mississippi where Jenkins grew up.

“Jerry had the best equipment, so this will help them,” Jenkins said. “We’re trying to make it a high-class program.”

Kramer played right guard for Vince Lombardi and five-time NFL champion Kramer if he had won any titles when playing for Green Bay.

“Yeah, we won five,” Kramer said of the NFL championships the team won in the 1960s before he scratched the side of his face with the hand wearing a Super Bowl ring. “And we won two Super Bowls.”

Kramer said he didn’t visit Oshkosh much during his playing days but certainly drove through the city enough as the team would travel to play some of their home games in Milwaukee at County Stadium.

“By just a beautiful city,” Kramer said of Oshkosh.

Jenkins, a 2020 and 2022 pro bowl selection, plays left guard and NFL Hall of Famer for the fundraiser golf outing for Green Bay.

Rodgers lives in Silicon Valley most of the year but makes time to visit Oshkosh where he owns the Oshkosh Country Club, TJ’s Harbor Restaurant, Andy’s Ed’s Drive In and is currently remodeling the former Northwestern newspaper building into a restaurant and boutique hotel.

“Like it here and I like the people,” said Rodgers who still owns the house he grew up in and visits the city often to check on his businesses.

Rodgers said operations at the Tiny Homes Village are going well with people having success with the financial literacy programs required by residents to help them become economically stable and knowledgeable.

“We call it tough love,” Rodgers said.

“They get 18 months and it’s not a handout.”

The 32 homes in the village provide a temporary place for people to live while tackling the homeless problem in the city.

Jenkins said he is getting ready for the season a few short weeks away and commented on both the young talent and experience of the team.

Jenkins is also focused on giving back and said it means a lot to him.

“I’m working towards being a pillar in the community,” he said. “Giving back is important because I grew up less fortunate and it’s a big thing for me to be able to give back.”

Packers lineman Elgton Jenkins stands with T.J. Rodgers inside T.J.’s Steakhouse at the Oshkosh Country Club during the OCC Classic.
Fond du Lac teen held on $1 million bond in homicide

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

A teenager has been charged in connection with a shooting that left a 19-year-old dead in Oshkosh on July 2.

Daniel T. Wilson, 18, of Fond du Lac is facing life in prison if convicted of first-degree intentional homicide with charges filed by the Winnebago County District Attorney’s office last Tuesday.

Court documents state a woman called police late at night to report a person lying in front of her house and not moving. After first responders arrived the victim was pronounced dead. The name of the victim has not been released but media reports indicate he was from Michigan.

At his initial appearance, Wilson appeared by video from the Winnebago County Jail. Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set his cash bond at $1 million.

According to the criminal complaint, Wilson, who was known as Baby D by witnesses with him July 2, was playing video games at a home near Wisconsin and Prospect avenues.

Wilson and the two witnesses heard the victim, unknown to all three, asking if they wanted to buy marijuana. The group responded no to the victim.

The witness told police that Wilson pulled a handgun and saw him shoot at the victim. The witness then reportedly ran from the scene.

The victim was lying on the sidewalk when first responders arrived. There was blood on his upper torso and face and at least two gunshot wounds to his chest. Although the victim was not breathing, first responders attempted lifesaving measures but were unsuccessful.

The witnesses with Wilson said they went into the house and Wilson did not follow. One of the witnesses told police they heard four or five gunshots before running back into the house.

Wilson was later arrested by Fond du Lac police around 1:30 a.m. as he was driving his girlfriend’s car in the area of her apartment.

Wilson allegedly told her he was scared because he just shot someone. She said Wilson returned from Oshkosh between 1 and 1:30 a.m. and was acting “sketchy and terrified.”

She also said to police that Wilson told her a similar story of a guy approaching him trying to sell marijuana and that he shot the person in the stomach.

An autopsy was conducted in which a doctor told an officer the victim had five gunshot wounds. Police found six 9mm spent shell casings at the scene and when he was arrested with the vehicle another 9mm shell casing was located on the floor.

Wilson is also facing a count of bail jumping linked to an open Fond du Lac County case where he is charged with battery and disorderly conduct.

Wilson is scheduled to be back in front of Heywood on July 25 for his preliminary hearing.

Photos by Michael Cooney

Osprey banding

Ripon College biology professor and Oshkosh resident Memuna Khan (left) and other volunteers from the Winnebago Audubon Society weighed and banded osprey chicks recently that have a nest on top of a light pole in the Sunnyview Expo Center parking lot. Mike Gauger from Gauger Tree Service volunteered to take and return the chicks to their nest while their parents flew anxiously about.
District purchasing homes around South Park School

Board member doesn’t endorse ‘land banking’
By Jonathan Richie

The Board of Education approved purchasing another home near South Park Middle School in hopes of expanding the school campus as part of a future referendum.

725 W. South Park Ave. will be purchased by the district for $235,000 with the deal closing Aug. 1. Drew Niehans, Oshkosh Area School District executive director of business services, said it will be an additional $25,000 to raze the home, making the total cost around $250,000.

“I think a quarter of a million dollars for one property is insane,” board member Kelly Dewitt said.

The district plans to go to referendum for the second phase of the 10-year facilities consolidation plan. One part of the plan is to expand South Park Middle School.

The school sits at 1551 Delaware St. on the corner of Florida Avenue. The block consists of the school and five properties the district owns on Georgia Street and West South Park. 725 W. South Park Ave. will be the sixth property the district owns as it prepares to expand the school.

The district has already purchased properties at 1504 and 1520 Georgia St. and 747, 751 and 755 W. South Park. Niehans said the prices of those properties ranged from $160,000 to $250,000.

Since 2021, the district has spent $800,000 purchasing these properties and with acquisition of 725 W. South Park the total spent will be $1.035 million.

The cost of razing the properties is expected to be around $111,280.

Board member Tim Hess said the district was “land banking” in hopes of expanding the school.

“People are happy with spending this amount of money; they’re buying up these houses under the hope that the referendum is going to pass,” he said. “Nobody in their right mind, with their money, would do something like that. Maybe buy one less house next year and maybe you have the money to fund this.”

School district communications director Katie Nieman said the board will be discussing details of phase two of the four-phase long-range facilities plan in August.

“The district remains committed to implementing our community-developed, board-approved four-phase long-range facilities plan. This plan serves as our road map for addressing the district’s facility needs in a thoughtful and strategic manner,” Nieman said in a statement. “As part of this process, the board will evaluate the need for and timing of the next capital referendum. The decision to proceed with a referendum rests with the school board.”

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“Just to reemphasize,” Nieman said, “if a referendum doesn’t pass that would allow expansion of South Park Middle School, Nieman said “we will work with the community to make the best use of the space.”

Board member Stephanie Carlin said at Wednesday’s meeting that the consolidation plan was proactive. She said even if a referendum doesn’t get passed the space around South Park is desperately needed for the students and teachers.

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Hess’ comments are similar to what Oshkosh Common Council member Paul Esslinger recently said when the district applied for American Rescue Plan Act funds.

“They just passed a one hundred million and some million-dollar referendum; it’s my understanding that maybe this April or next April there’s going to be another referendum north of $200 million,” Esslinger said at the June 23 council meeting.

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Empowering connections: Explore networking opportunities

By Brianna Gonnering
Special events coordinator

One of the most crucial aspects of building a thriving community and helping businesses prosper is networking. As special events coordinator at the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, a significant part of my role is facilitating these connections. Every event I plan incorporates opportunities for networking, enabling members to share information about their businesses and discover ways to support each other within the Oshkosh community.

**Sturgeon spearing application deadline set**

The deadline to apply for Upriver Lakes sturgeon spearing tags is Aug. 1, the state Department of Natural Resources noted in a recent press release.

Only 500 license holders will be selected to spear a sturgeon from lakes Poygan, Winneconne or Butte des Morts during the 2025 season due to a higher success rate on the upriver lakes.

Tags will be issued through a drawing where priority is given to applications with the most preference points. Those applying as a group will have their point value based on the individual with the lowest points within the group. Spearers can also choose to purchase a preference point instead of applying for a tag.

Applicants selected will be notified by Oct. 1 and any license holder not selected will be awarded a preference point toward future drawings and can purchase a spearing license.

The 2025 spearing season will begin Feb. 8 on the four lakes. The season is authorized for a maximum of 16 days or until any of the annual biologically based harvest caps are reached.

One of the most crucial events the Chamber puts on every month is Business After Hours presented by Fox Communities Credit Union. Business After Hours creates a casual setting for informal networking and gives members the opportunity to help build and strengthen professional relationships. Building professional relationships can lead to finding new clients, partners and collaborators to help with any type of business.

Not only can our networking events help a member find new clients, but it also is a great opportunity to gain insight and advice from peers and industry leaders. Knowledge sharing is a powerful tool to help build community and ensure every business success. Gaining a mentor or a mentee can be an incredible learning experience to grow both personally and professionally and enhance communication and social skills.

We offer a variety of networking events to cater to different needs and preferences. Social events like Business After Hours and AM Oshkosh take members to different businesses around Oshkosh, creating a dynamic environment for networking. Our seminars and the Economic Outlook Breakfast provide educational opportunities with built-in networking sessions.

The Business Expo allows businesses to showcase their products and services while connecting with potential clients and partners. Additionally, our golf outings combine fun with community building, offering a relaxed setting to form meaningful connections.

When attending these events, it is important to bring business cards and set clear goals for what you are hoping to achieve. We have a variety of them coming up, including an AM Oshkosh event at the Winnebago County Fair from 7:45 to 9 a.m. July 31 to meet the leaders and get a look behind the scenes.

Lastly, our Oshkosh Corporation–Bank First Chamber Golf Classic is coming up Aug. 19 at Lake Breeze Golf Club.

I love that we offer a wide variety of networking events to suit the diverse needs and interests of Oshkosh businesses. To learn more or to register, please contact me at brianna@oshkoshchamber.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

**THE KITTENS ARE COMING!**

Community Cat Connection is having their first ever KITTEN adoption event

When: Saturday July 20, 2024 from 1-4 PM
Where: Christ Our Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin Street, Oshkosh

Come and meet these adorable bundles of sweetness. Double your fun and adopt two!

All kittens have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and dewormed. They have been in loving foster homes and are ready for their forever homes.

Come in, fill out a short application form. After we process it, we will call you to discuss picking up your new kittens.

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EAA AirVenture
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Daily air shows
Afternoon air shows July 23 and 24 will feature warbirds from both the Pacific and European theaters including the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team. The team will be jumping from their own C-47 using traditional round canopy parachutes, reminiscent of the paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions who risked their lives in Normandy.

The schedule includes daily afternoon air shows plus night shows July 24 and 27. Find the complete schedule at www.eaa.org.

Vintage in Review
An informal and interactive presentation series July 22-26 showcases unique airplanes built between the dawn of powered flight and 1970 adjacent to the Vintage Hangar. This year’s headline presentations will focus on antique and classic aircraft from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Three pilots will be interviewed each day with their unique aircraft. Each day will also see a performance by Ladies For Liberty at 10:45 a.m. followed by antique engine runs at 11 a.m.

WomenVenture to ‘Be Bold’
“Be Bold” is the theme and focus of WomenVenture activities this year, celebrating the 15th year of programming that encourages and supports women in aviation. New this year is a dedicated WomenVenture Center throughout the week. The center in Aviation Gateway Park will feature exhibitors and networking events as well as other resources for women currently in aviation fields or seeking to be a part of them.

Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight
One of the most poignant moments of AirVenture returns as 100 Vietnam War vets will take a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on July 26. Veterans will be honored as they travel to the nation’s capital to tour war memorials and return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show with thousands of people welcoming them back home.

This is the 10th year that the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at AirVenture under the auspices of Old Glory Honor Flight of Appleton.

Other highlights:
• Three World War II-era warbirds – the Supermarine Spitfire, Hawker Hurricane and North American P-51 Mustang – will represent Canadian wartime aviation as Vintage Wings of Canada brings those aircraft as part of the “Victory Flight.” The aircraft will be part of the centennial celebration for the Royal Canadian Air Force. They will join the Canadian Forces Snowbirds aerial demonstration team in attendance.
• The Frecce Tricolori, the military aerobatic team representing the Italian Air Force, will be making its first Oshkosh appearance since 1986. The Italian team, formally known as the 313th Aerobatic Training Squadron, is scheduled for July 23 as part of the third North American tour in its history.
• The aerial art form of lighted drones is featured as Starlight Aerial Productions brings its displays to night air shows July 24 and 27. Up to 500 state-of-the-art drones will take to the sky for the performances.

Ongoing construction work on Interstate 41 is being adjusted this week and all three lanes will be open next week to accommodate the volume of traffic for AirVenture.

Daily and weekly ticket and camping information can be found at eaa.org.

EAA Quilt Show returns to Seniors Center
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“Friendships Around the World” is the theme for the 34th annual EAA Quilt Show sponsored by Lakeside Quilters Guild from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 25 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N. Campbell Road.

There will be bed-sized quilts, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings and challenge quilts. Quilted items will be available for purchase at a marketplace with local vendors along with the guild’s boutique of handmade items.

A highlight of the show will be a bed turning at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when guild members and guests share stories of quilts not hung in the show.

Tickets will be available for a raffle quilt and a lunch will be offered for purchase from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission and parking are free.
3.99 ea
Whole
Seedless
Watermelon

5.99 lb
Top Sirloin
Steak
Price without Digital Coupon $7.99 lb

59¢ lb
Sold in 10 lb Bag $5.90

1.59
Sugar Free
Hot Dogs

2/$5
1 lb California
Premium
Strawberries

7.99
22.6-25.9 oz
Folgers
Coffee

2/$3
Old World
Creamery
Cream Cheese

3.49
1 lb
Old World
Creamery
Butter

2/$5
6 oz
Crystal Farms
Sliced Cheese

4/$5
4.5-8 oz Select
Knorr Rice or
Pasta Sides

3/$12
6 pk Half-lb Bottles
7UP, RC Cola or
Dr. Pepper

3/9.99
6.5-8.5 oz
Cheetos

$2.49
1 pound
Limit one with separate
$25.00 purchase
Good at Red’s Piggly Wiggly in Omro and Oshkosh only

$2.99
48 oz
Limit one with separate
$25.00 purchase
Good at Red’s Piggly Wiggly in Omro and Oshkosh only

$2.99
2-pound bag

2/9
16 ct
Magnum Bars,
Ben & Jerry’s
or Breyer’s
Ice Cream

3/$899
Must buy three. Limit three
with separate $25.00 purchase
Good at Red’s Piggly Wiggly in Omro and Oshkosh only

$299
Assorted flavors, 20 oz. bottles

2/5
15.2-16 oz
Ben & Jerry’s
or Breyer’s
Ice Cream

2/$9
15.5-26.9 oz
Select
Screamin’ Thin,
Sicilian Style or
Urban Pie
Pizza

2/3
8 oz
Old World
Creamery
Cream Cheese

2/$5
15.5-26.9 oz
Select
Screamin’ Thin,
Sicilian Style or
Urban Pie
Pizza

3/$9.99
6.5-8.5 oz
Cheetos

21.49
10 pk 12 oz Cans
Busch Light

$3.99
16 oz
Select
Food Club Shredded Cheese... min. 5.99

2/$2.00
Less Digital Coupon Offer

$2.49
1 pound

$4.99
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**fresh favorites**

- **3.99 ea** California Jumbo Cantaloupe
- **1.69 lb** California Cauliflower
- **2.99 lb** California White Flesh Peaches or Nectarines or Black Plums
- **2.49 lb** Sliced White Mushrooms
- **2/$7** Plus Fresh Express Organic Tender Greens Salad Blends
- **1.79 ea** California Celery
- **1.29 ea** Bai Bubbles Matchstick or 1/4 Chips

**pig points**

- **$19.99** Alstro Rose Bunch
- **$13.99** Barely Blush Bouquet
- **$11.99** Wildgarden Rose Bouquet

**fresh floral**

- **2100 pig points**
- **$12.99** 6 inch Sorbet Mum Bouquet Plant
- **$6.99** Simply Done Facial Tissue
- **$4.29** Simply Done Trash Bags
- **$3.99** Simply Done Plates or Bowls
- **$2.19** Simply Done Sandwich Bags
- **$2.29** Simply Done Plates or Bowls

**health, home & pet**

- **$10.49** Tide Simply Detergent
- **$6.99** Cottonelle Facial Tissue
- **$5.99** Kleenex Facial Tissue
- **$2.99** Simply Done Plates or Bowls
- **$2.29** Simply Done Plates or Bowls

**beverage center**

- **$10.99** Pepsi or Dr. Pepper
- **$7.29** 7UP, RC Cola
- **$5.99** Pepsi or Dr. Pepper
- **$3.50** Bai Bubbles
- **$4.99** Bobbi’s

**From the Deli**

- **$7.99** Fried Chicken
- **$3.99** Per pound
- **8 pieces**

**From the Bakery**

- **$3.99** Per pound
- **$2.99** 2 count

**Ekrich Hard Salami**

- **$3.99** per pound

**Vollwerth Brats**

- **$3.99** per pound

**Ekrich Hard Salami**

- **13.75 oz.**

**Bacon & Cheddar Brat Patties**

- **$3.99** per pound
dairy & frozen

10/$5
6 oz Food Club Yogurt

2.99
16 oz Almond Milk

4.69
12 oz Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sandwiches

2.99
12-24 pk Family Size Eggs

3.99
30 oz Blue Bunny Bomb Pops

4.99
32 oz Bellatoria Personal Pizza

3/$9.99

2/7
10 oz Tampico Family Size

Summer Fresh Produce!

1.99 ea
1 lb Fresh Blueberries

1.69 lb
Extra Large Red Seedless Grapes

1.99 lb
California Suncrisp Premium Peaches

2.99 lb
Washington State Sweet Red Cherries

4/$2
2 lb Giant Vidalia Onions

99¢/lb
2 lb Imported Bi-Color Sweet Corn

69¢/ea
1 lb Bolthouse Farms Baby Carrots

3.99 ea
2 lb Imported Sweet Clementines

grocery essentials

9.99
20-30 pk K-Cups or 11-12 oz 8 O’Clock Coffee

2.99
11-12 pk Post Cereal

2/5
8 oz Select Sunbelt Bakery Cookies & Wafers

2/5
6/2 oz Select Hi-O or Kool-Aid Liquid Enhancers

2.29
10 oz Tampico Punch

2/5
16 oz Hervez or Chi-Chi’s Salsa

3.99
10-12 ct 100% Whole Wheat Bread

2/5
10-12 ct Hill’s Bros. Coffee

2/5
8-10 pk Village Hearth Cottage Bread

2.69
18-30 oz Heinz Ketchup

3.99
12 oz Food Club Mayonnaise or Salad Dressing

2/5
20-50 pk For the Love of Snacks

5/5
5-16 pk Starbucks Tonic

4/$2
Great on the Grill Bi-Color Sweet Corn

99¢/lb
5 lb Jumbo Vidalia Onions or Beefsteak Tomatoes

69¢/lb
1 lb Bolthouse Farms Baby Carrots

3.99 ea
2 lb Imported Sweet Clementines
SAVE $3 WHEN YOU BUY MULTIPLES OF TWO.

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SAVINGS AFTER $2 INSTANT SAVINGS.

Topo Chico Hard Seltzer
12 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles
Leinenkugel’s Craft
6 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles

Beer & Liquor

Miller High Life
6 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles

Coors Light
6 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles

Redd’s Apple Ale
6 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles

Lemon Lemon Cream
18 pk, 12 oz Cans of Bottles

Coors Banquet or Miller Lite
6 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles

Belgian Miss
12 pk, 11.2 oz Bottles

Danish Delight
6 ct 8 in

Lemon Lemon Cream
18 pk, 12 oz Cans of Bottles

Coors Banquet or Miller Lite
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Model airplane fly-in, swap meet set

The Winnebago RC Flyers (WRCF) model airplane club is holding a radio control fly-in and tailgate swap from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the club’s flying field southwest of Oshkosh off State 26.

Radio control model aircraft flying demonstrations will be featured. RC pilots will be available to answer any questions about the RC hobby, model aircraft, radio systems and model construction.

The swap meet section will feature new and used RC items for sale. WRCF has been an organized club since the 1970s and affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Admission is free and food and drinks will also be available for purchase. Specific driving directions and more information about the club can be found at wrcf1269.com.

Wisconsin indie-rock group Redshift Headlights completed tracking their fourth studio album in March with the late recording engineer Steve Albini. The self-released “If You Are Around Still” came out Friday on the redshiftheadlights.bandcamp.com page and via online platforms.

The nine-song album is described as blending influences from rock, country, progressive rock genres and explores life, love, loss and nostalgia. The album from the Oshkosh-based group marks a shift away from the more layered and orchestral pop arrangements from previous records.

All songs were written collaboratively by the four core longtime members of the band, Stephen McCabe (vocals/guitar), Dean Hoffman (vocals/bass), Jay Spanbauer (guitar) and Justin Mitchell (keyboards). Chris Sasman joined the band in summer of 2023 after most of the songs had already been written but he contributed to each recording.

The single “If You Are Around Still” will be accompanied by a music video recorded at Electrical Audio and featuring the band and all engineers, including Albini, who passed away two months later.

Additional recording was done at Julie’s Beauty Salon and Big Garage Studio in Oshkosh.

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Oshkosh-based band Redshift Headlights releases new album

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Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St. • St. Vincent Church, 1225 Oregon St.

Join us for worship online or in person!

**Sat-Sun**

**Saturdays**

4:30 pm. St. Vincent (available on Facebook and Youtube)

**Sundays**

7:30 am. Sacred Heart

9:30 am. St. Vincent

11:00 am. Sacred Heart

**Saturday Events**

11 am. Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St.

7 pm. Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp St.

**Sunday Events**

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ARPA funds
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The former Father Carr’s on Koeller Road into 20 transitional housing units.
• Covey Inc. – $75,000 toward improvements to its Respite House.
• Day by Day Shelter – $105,000 toward security deposits to assist guests in finding transitional housing that could free up 30 beds at the shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness.
• Habitat for Humanity – $300,000 will be used in partnership with the city to acquire Washington School property and convert it into 19 lots for workforce housing. Half the lots will have Habitat homes and the other half will be private builder homes.
• Hooper Community Center – $60,000 for infrastructure updates to the 150-year-old building at 36 Broad St., which has eight nonprofit tenants.
• Jericho Road Ministries – $48,100 for its food pantry, which is in need of a replacement refrigerator and electric-powered lift truck.
• Lakeside Packaging Plus – $90,000 for a wheelchair-accessible outdoor recreation area for clients including walkways, raised garden beds, pavilion and native plants.
• Operation Dream North – $126,000 for free youth programming Saturdays at the Boys & Girls Club.
• Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods – $150,000 to support grants and programs for homeowners.
• Oshkosh Pride – $17,500 for event security and logistics such as walkie talkies and a speaker system.
• Salvation Army of Oshkosh – $120,147 to support an increase in demand for services and funds and will be used to replace fleet vehicles.
• SEPO – $300,000 to continue efforts to provide services to Black, brown, African, immigrant and refugee communities. This includes mentoring and literacy services.
• Commonwealth Development Corporation of America/Oshkosh Child Development Center – $354,900 for the Corridor affordable housing project that will offer child care for first- and second-shift families.
• Learning Collaborative – $122,000 to structure a literacy program that targets Black, low-income students with lower-than-average literacy proficiency in the Oshkosh Area School District. The program will also focus on students with dyslexia and other disadvantaged groups.
• Winnebago Area Literacy Council – $25,708 to restore services shut down during the pandemic by buying educational materials and workbooks.

Each recommendation passed as a resolution to allocate the funds. The resolutions did not receive any opposing votes but some council members abstained from voting for a few resolutions due to conflicts of interest.

Council member Kris Larson abstained from voting on the downtown BID resolution as he serves on the BID board. Member Karl Buelow is operations director for Day by Day Shelter and abstained on that resolution’s approval and said he was not involved in conversations regarding funds going to Day by Day.

On Tuesday night, the council approved allocating $23,000 to update the Oshkosh Public Museum’s security system. That will leave the city with $27,303 to be spent on public infrastructure projects by the end of the year.

ARPA funds from Page 1

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The Corridor project is slated to bring affordable housing and child care services to the 600 block of North Main Street. It was one of several projects approved by the Common Council to receive ARPA funds to help with affordable housing and child care needs.
Steinbeck’s gem wasted in loss to Stevens Point

By Dustin Reese
Herald contributor

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The Legion was held to just two hits in the opener, striking out 15 batters while allowing just three hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Gavin walked only two in the game and didn’t allow Marinette a runner to get past second base.

Hunter Stelzer got the final out of the game.

Offensively, Colin Nigl had an RBI double in a two-run third inning before Osh-
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North alum Anderson signs to play professional basketball

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

Another Oshkosh North alum is set to play professional basketball. Earlier this month, Quincy Anderson, a 2018 graduate of North, signed a contract with the Landstede Hammers of the Dutch Basketball League and will begin his professional career when the league tips off its season this fall.

“I’m over the moon. I think this is going to be another great step in my journey,” Anderson said in a recent phone interview. “I just feel blessed to be able to continue to play basketball and continue to chase my passion and begin to make money doing it. Getting to see the world and experience new cultures, I’m really excited about it.”

The Dutch Basketball League is a 10-team league with all 10 teams located in the Netherlands. There is a 36-game regular-season schedule followed by the playoffs and another series of opportunities to play overseas but after meeting with the Hammers and a lot of great teams,” Anderson said. “This was a really good situation for me. Every injury I’ve gone through it was all in pursuit of being able to do something like this,” said Anderson, who signed with a team in the top four classifications in the country about an hour east of Amsterdam, to allow him to focus on his basketball career.

Once his season was complete, Anderson said that he began the process of signing with an agent and then delving into the opportunities of professional basketball.

“It was a league that we had initially expected to be in from the start. It is a very high-level league with a lot of great players and a lot of great teams,” Anderson said. “This was a really good situation for me.”

Anderson said he had considered other opportunities to play overseas but after talking to the team’s head coach and general manager, he felt that the Hammers were the perfect fit for him.

“They don’t just want to win here. They want to do something about it. They want to win here. They want to be professional. They want to have a level of professionalism that we want to bring to this opportunity,” Anderson said. “I’m excited about being able to support myself and my family and being able to play basketball,” Anderson said. “I haven’t made any dedicated plans as to where I want to play.

For me it’s just about continuing play and pursue a dream. That’s what I will continue to do and do it at the highest level for as long as I can. For right now, I’m just excited to play professional basketball and we will take it from there.”

Anderson said he always believed he could get to this point despite the adversity he faced with injuries he dealt with in college.

“Having the long-term vision was important. Trusting the process, trusting in God, trusting in myself. Every injury I’ve gone through it was all in pursuit of being able to do something like this,” said Anderson, who dealt with a torn ACL and a broken foot. “Having a good support system behind me with my family and my girlfriend and trusting in God is huge for me. It was always the plan and not only possible, but what I expected. I expected big things for myself and I put myself in the situation to chase those kind of things.”

Anderson becomes the latest Oshkosh North alum to play professionally, joining a group that includes U.S. Olympic Tyrese Haliburton, Taylor Cameron and Blake Marquardt.

Anderson said that it is no accident the program has produced that level of player as well as standouts at the collegiate level like Josh Dilling and Shane Wissink and future college players in Stevie Clark and Xavier Mitchell.

There aren’t a whole lot of high school programs that invest in kids as heavily as Oshkosh North does. I think that’s really rare,” Anderson said. “Having a program that not only identifies potential but then invests in the development of kids and their skill sets from such a young age is what propels Oshkosh North. That’s just a tribute to foundation that Coach (Frank) Schade built and that Coach (Brad) Weber has continued to run.”
West girls flag football team to compete at national event

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

A group of former and current Oshkosh West students will be representing the school on a national level this week. Put together by the Wildcats head football coach Joey Ray, the team of nine girls will be participating in the NFL–sponsored National Flag Championships in Canton, Ohio. The Oshkosh West group will be one of more than 280 teams competing in various age groups over the course of five days, with many of the games broadcast on the ESPN family of networks.

The team qualified for the tournament based on a regional tournament held in the Don Hutson Center in Green Bay in May. The Oshkosh West team finished second in that division, but the winning team from Kansas City was later disqualified.

“We got the call that the other team was disqualified, so we might as well go,” Ray said. “It will be a cool experience for the girls.”

The team that will be competing in Canton consists of Andrea Czerwinski, Decorah Vienola, Joely Schelholth, Julia Lott, Kyana Williams, Lauren Klinger, Paige Secker, Neva Schlies and Summer Zinoli. Although Ray coached the team at the regional tournament he will be unable to travel to the national tournament because he will be unable to make it to the regional tournament he will be unable to make it to the national tournament because of contact days with the Wildcats program. In his place, Alex Torres and Mari Ana Kodet – who both serve as coaches in some respect at Oshkosh West – will be leading the squad.

Getting the chance to compete at the national tournament is an impressive feat. But considering the group had only a handful of practices before the regional tournament and were learning on the fly in a lot of respects, it adds to the accomplishment.

“We were kind of going in blind (to the regional tournament). We only had like four or five practices before that and not everybody was at those,” Secker said. “We never thought we would make it this far.”

Many of the team members compete in different sports at Oshkosh West and some participated in the fall Power Puff games.

“Yet, stepping into playing a 5-on-5 football game was a little different. Honestly, I thought I knew a good amount and I thought it can’t be that hard, but I have learned a lot of new stuff,” Williams said. “I’ve always had a love for football, so I was like this is an opportunity for me to actually do something with the passion.”

Ray said that the team’s opening game at the regional tournament was a bit rough.

“The first game, we probably had a penalty every other snap just from the girls learning,” Ray said. “The first game we didn’t know how many downs we needed to get a first down. We had to learn about things like the rush and penalties stuff. It was a lot of learning as we played and we got better every game. We took some of the schemes from high school and tried to make it work with five instead of 11. We saw other teams do some things in games and we installed that in between games.”

One of the things that helped the squad is that all of the team members play at least one other sport at Oshkosh West.

Having that athletic background – even if it wasn’t in football – was something the team could use to their advantage on the field.

“There are so many aspects of every sport that can translate to a different sport,” said Secker, who will play basketball at UW-Oshkosh next year. “For me, my basketball IQ really helps me with football, even though I don’t know much about football. I can use that to help me win in flag football.”

Ray said he banded on the athletic backgrounds of the players on helping the team improve.

“They are all athletes so they are used to getting coached up and they learn through experience,” Ray said. “Most of them play basketball so our defense we taught a basketball defense. This is a box-and-1 defense and basically this is a 3-2 zone and used some of those crossover terms.”

Since finding out the team would be making the trip to the national tournament – backed by a grant from the Green Bay Packers, who they will be representing – the team has had a couple of more practices to fine-tune their game.

According to Ray, the team will play essentially pool play against the teams representing the other NFC North teams Thursday and Friday before advancing to a tournament-type round beginning Saturday.

The team realizes they will be competing against teams that are likely more established and experienced playing flag football, but are excited about the chance to go and compete.

“A lot of the teams we will be playing have been playing flag football with each other growing up,” Secker said. “Obviously we want to do our best and try to win and we can definitely set goals, but the big thing for us will be having fun and learning more about the game.”

The Oshkosh West girls flag football team competed in a regional tournament at the Don Hutson Center in Green Bay in May and will next participate in a national event in Canton, Ohio, this week.
Linda M. Hollnagel

Linda M. Hollnagel, 75, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, July 13, surrounded by her family after a long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was born on September 21, 1948, to Albert and Marion (Borchardt) Leitermann, and she was the 11th of 13 children. Linda was united in marriage on November 21, 1964, to Keith Rhode, and they shared 50 years together. Linda was a woman of faith who capped her days celebrating Henry’s life. She touched numerous people through-out his life. He will forever live in our hearts and memories.

The family would like to thank the Mohave County Search and Rescue-Kingman Unit for their tireless and successful efforts to find Adam. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds can be made to the Mohave County Search and Rescue-Kingman Unit (mohaveesar.com) and/or the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (oahs.org) 
A time of sharing memories and honoring Adam will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at Lakeshore Park Pavilion, 1775 Punhoqua Street, Oshkosh, WI from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be held privately by the family. The family plans to plant a memorial tree and dedicate a park bench to Adam in Jones Park near his childhood home in Osh-kosh.

Handing holiday parties, and playing games until the sun came up. The relationship she had with her family was beyond most and one they will cherish forever. She was a true example of strength, resilience, and grace.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp Street, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will be held from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the same location.

Linda expressed a deep gratitude for the care and kindness shown to her by: Dr Hurley, Meghan Boll, and the other staff at Ascension Cancer Center, and Mary Jeczka, her ovarian cancer mentor.

Linda, an amazing Husband, Dad, Papa, and dear friend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church in Linda’s honor.
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2 siblings. Roxy graduated from Oshkosh North in 1972. While she lived in Oshkosh the majority of her life, post-graduation she attended the University of Montana for two years and then made the decision to move back to her hometown. In 1975, Roxy began working at Hofsmatter Group and was employed there for over 40 years until her retirement in 2017. Those that worked with her knew her to be a dedicated employee who was resourceful, helpful, and kind.

Roxy certainly enjoyed many of the simple pleasures that life had to offer, which included shopping with her closest cousins and friends, baking, boating, and watching her 2 favorite teams – the Packers and Brewers. While Roxy loved and cherished her time with all of those close to her, there was no doubt her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren, Zach and Luke, whom she said kept her young at heart. Roxy would love to go on little adventures with them, which included taking bus rides to the library, visiting zoos and pumpkin farms, and attending sporting events. Roxy also looked forward to having her grandchildren over for sleepovers, watching their favorite movies with them, and making them her special “French toast” for breakfast. Roxy’s recipe for her grandchildren was simple – love, fresh air, and making memories.

Roxy is survived by her husband Dar- yle Hazen; son Nathan (Jennifer) Hazen; brother Kurt Metko (Linda Hartman), nieces Brooke (Matthew) Zeamer, Kate Thompson (Samantha O’Dell), and grandchildren Zachary and Lucas Ha- zen. Roxy is further survived by her Aunt Christy and Uncle Jack Koch, as well as many other cousins and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents Kenneth and Janet Metko; sister Jodie Thompson; and nephew Jacob Beck.

In lieu of flowers, the family would establish to support the Christine Ann Center and The Salvation Army. Roxy was a generous soul and found much happiness in helping others. It was especially important to her during the holidays. A private burial will take place at a later date. Our family would also like to thank the staff, nurses, and doctors of Ascension Mercy Hospital for their care and compassion for Roxy these past few years.

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Darlene Kay Hamann
Darlene Kay Hamann, age 76 of Oshkosh, passed away at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton on July 17, 2024. She was born November 15, 1947 in Oshkosh to the late John and Julia (Schneider) Pfaffer, weighing just four pounds. Darlene was a fighter from the start, embodying strength and grace throughout her life.

In December 1969, she exchanged vows with her loving husband, Terry, at Zion Lutheran Church. They were forever grateful that their friend Carol introduced them 58 years ago, as it truly was love at first sight. Together, they raised two daughters and shared countless memories filled with love and laughter.

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