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City pitching new downtown plan

Opera House Square, City Center updates eyed

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new plan could see changes to downtown Oshkosh that is more welcoming and better utilizes space for public gatherings. Part of the plan calls for looking at City Center and possibly expanding Opera House Square.

City planning manager Mark Lyons said the new downtown redevelopment

plan is an update to the 2000 action plan and looks at what the downtown area could look like to be more accessible and functional.

The city is working with local stakeholders along with the downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Oshkosh Community Foundation, Discover Oshkosh, and the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp.

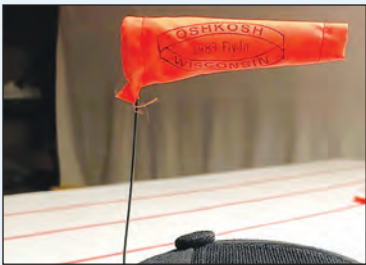
This plan is similar to the 2017 Imagine Oshkosh and the 2020 Sawdust District Master Plan that were developed with

public/private partnerships. It is also an expansion of the 2000 Downtown Action Plan, which was a partnership between the city, Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the chamber.

"We all come together to see what we can do together to implement these larger projects," said Kelly Nieforth, who serves as the city's community development director. She said one example of these larger projects is the building of the Leach Amphitheater.

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EAA returns

EAA AirVenture kicked off Monday with crowds filling the grounds. The centerpiece of Boeing Plaza was the strategic bomber B-52H Bomber Stratofortress that can be traced back to 1945. The B-52H is capable of carrying 80,000 pounds with a range of 8,800 miles.

County Fair back with more affordable entertainment

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Fair organizers want visitors "Strollin' the Fair Without a Care" at this year's event set for July 31 through Aug. 4 while pointing out the entertainment value it offers to families.

A \$12 advance daily ticket available until July 30 is a pass to grandstand shows, live bands, family entertainment, unlimited carnival rides, exhibits and barns, and free parking. Tickets can be used for any one day of the fair.

Compared to the price of an average movie or concert ticket, or admission to

many events or venues, fair organizers said with Family Entertainment offerings included with the price of admission in recent years it has become one of the best summer fun deals around.

"We understand that families have a lot of options for where to spend their money, so if they choose to spend it at the Winnebago County Fair we want to provide the best value possible for their

money," said Jody Bezio of the Winnebago County Fair Association. "We now have more than 10 daily acts that perform two to three times daily included in the price of admission."

Bezio said this year they're bringing back fan favorite Royal Legacy Family Circus and adding magic shows to a daily lineup that also includes pig, duck and goat races, Nick's Kids Shows & Barnyard Adventure, trout pond fishing, chainsaw woodcarving and mini-golf.

Fair organizers are promoting another deal through the Winnebago County

Veterans Services Office that gets military veterans a free ride pass and \$8 family tickets if they go to the Veterans Services offices in either Oshkosh or Neenah before the fair starts. These are reduced from the \$12 advance and \$15 gate prices and include unlimited carnival rides.

Gate charges begin at 9 a.m. daily when the exposition building opens. Family and children's entertainment begins by 11 a.m.

The grandstand lineup includes traditional county fair acts – rodeo, tractor

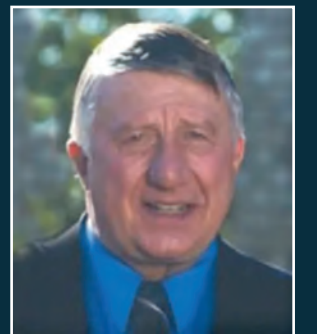
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Plane crash claims 2 on AirVenture opening day

Accident occurred two miles from airport

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office reported two occupants of a plane died Monday afternoon after their plane crashed in a field south of Wittman Regional Airport.

The sheriff's office received reports at 12:15 p.m. of a plane crash south of the airport.

First responders reported the plane was engulfed in flames when discovered in a farm field near the intersection of Old Knapp Road and Nekimi Avenue about two miles south of the airport.

The sheriff's office confirmed the two occupants in the plane were deceased. The

names were not released by the Herald's press time. Assisting at the scene were the Oshkosh Fire Department, Nekimi Fire Department and First Responders, Van Dyne Fire Department, Wisconsin State Patrol and members of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Online records show the plane left the Hartford area around 11:45 a.m. and headed toward Oshkosh. The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating the cause of the crash.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased occupants," the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Despite the crash Monday, AirVenture continued with the scheduled air show on Monday afternoon.

Last July 29 there were two separate fa-

tal crashes during AirVenture on the sixth day of the event. Around 9 a.m. the sheriff's office had received reports of a plane crashing into Lake Winnebago, where both occupants died.

At around 12:30 p.m. the same day, there was a midair collision between a gyroplane and a helicopter.

Both people in the helicopter were killed and the gyroplane pilot suffered head injuries.

Monday was opening day of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024 with more than 600,000 people from all over the world expected to attend the weeklong event, which features experimental aircraft, military aircraft with demonstrations, exhibits and forums.

This year's event marks the 71st AirVenture celebration.

Salvation Army biking, walking fundraiser set

Pedal Out Hunger 2024, organized by the Salvation Army of Oshkosh, is set to ride Aug. 10 for a day of fun, fitness and philanthropy from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting at 417 Algoma Blvd.

Whether cycling or walking – there are 6- and 10-mile bike routes and two walking routes of 1.3 and 3.3 miles – participants can show support for feeding programs at the Salvation Army. All money raised goes into providing meals and support those in need. Register for Pedal Out Hunger 2024 today and join us in feeding hope, one mile at a time.

Go to pedalouthunger.org for signup information or contact patricia.zastrow@usc.salvationarmy.org. There is a \$5 discount before Aug. 1.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

July 25, 1973

Man Climbs WOSH Radio Tower: A 37-year-old patient at the Winnebago State Hospital, whose "hobby" it is in his "off-time" is climbing high towers, did it again. Wednesday evening when he climbed to the top of the 345-foot WOSH tower. The man who spent about 45 minutes on the tower, thrilled the crowd with "acrobatics" as he descended the tower while several hundred onlookers watched from various vantage

points on the ground and from their cars parked along County Trunk A. A neighbor reported seeing the man and called the radio station around 6 p.m. This same man climbed this tower last spring and had removed the light bulb from the beacon atop the tower. Power was turned off as a safety precaution while station staff members tried to convince him to come down. Oshkosh police were summoned and arrested the man (with consent of the State Hospital) on charges of disorderly conduct and jailed him overnight. When asked by Judge Mueller why he climbed the tower, the man said, "I don't know. I like to climb things."

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Two state referendums on August primary ballot

Oshkosh Herald

Two questions on the Aug. 13 primary ballot will ask voters if they think the state constitution should be amended to give the Legislature more control and limit the governor's power when it comes to federal funds.

Republican lawmakers are backing both referendum questions as the Democratic party and voting rights groups are asking state residents to reject the questions and vote no next month.

State Rep. Robert Wittke (R-Racine) introduced the questions in February with a handful of Republican supporters in the state Assembly and Senate. Wittke has said under the current constitution Gov. Tony Evers has the ability to allocate federal funds without any say from state lawmakers.

"Billions of federal dollars pour(ed) into our state in the last couple of years. These supplemental federal funds were important to our state's economic well-being, but only Governor Evers made the determination for allocation of all that money without legislative consideration," Wittke said.

Question 1 is, "Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?"

Question 2 reads, "Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?"

Voting yes on question one would ensure the legislature has control over how

federal funds are appropriated. The second question would prohibit the governor from allocating federal funds accepted by the state without the approval of the legislature.

Both questions received unanimous support from voting Republicans when being considered by the Legislature. State Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) was one of the supporting votes, stating the amendment to the constitution will add transparency.

"This resolution increases accountability, efficiency, and transparency in the expenditure of funds received from the federal government by restoring the Legislature's role in approving those expenditures," Marklein said.

Opponents to the questions point out that these funds are often allocated during emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic and could hurt vulnerable populations.

"(The measure) would amend the Wisconsin Constitution to add another level of government process during times when we are most vulnerable and depend on efficiency

and a smooth process to receive much needed support," said Jennifer Giegerich, who is government affairs director for Wisconsin Conservation Voters.

"Our current system of the governor and Legislature working together to fashion a timely state budget, with known deadlines and a long deliberative process, is not effective when dealing with emergencies."

Animal rescue event offered at library

Oshkosh Herald

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, in collaboration with the Pet Advocacy Network and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes, is holding an Exotic Pet Surrender Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Pet owners who are no longer able to care for their exotic pets, including fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals and plants, will be able to turn them over with no questions asked.

Domestic pets and farm animals will

not be accepted; for assistance with these types of animals, contact a local Humane Society. Native animals taken from the wild also cannot be accepted and owners should refer to the state Department of Natural Resources.


All surrendered animals will be available for adoption after a brief quarantine period. Pets should be brought in a secure container.

For further information regarding the event, contact John Moyles at J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue at adoptions@jraar.org.




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AirVenture souvenir maker found the right direction

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

EAA AirVenture visitors look for keepsakes to remember their time at the world's most popular airshow, something Jim Kress took measure of more than 40 years ago with his iconic mini-windsock.

The longtime pilot and aviation enthusiast came up with the popular souvenir with his wife, Evie, when they moved here in 1983 and were immediately impressed with the number of visitors to what was called the "Oshkosh" event.

Having become an EAA member himself, Jim thought there should be a way for visitors to remember the event and the city.

Now more than 100,000 windsock sales later, their popularity continues while Kress is already working on the 2025 order from his Elmhurst Lane home.

"The windsock is kind of a symbol of aviation so it kind of fell into place," Kress said in an interview.

Windsocks are conical textile tubes that resemble a giant sock and indicate wind

speed and direction, historically used at airports for the benefit of pilots.

The souvenirs were originally designed to be a bit larger, but Jim said Evie convinced him they should be small enough to be displayed on a baseball cap.

AirVenture visitors have been self-advertising them on their hats ever since. Sales boomed and lines to purchase them were sometimes three deep and six wide in front of the Fly Market sales booth.

Kress used to rent a booth for sales but they're now sold in official EAA merchandise tents for about \$4.

Evie passed away two years ago and Jim said he's not sure how much longer he will be keeping his cottage industry business going.

"This just might be the last year, I don't know," said Kress, who needs to work ahead for the 5,000 created annually – with some help from a few neighbors and friends – due to the uncertainties of available materials and supply chain.

"There's a lot of different stuff that goes into making that," he said. "It's a handmade process, and 5,000 of anything is a lot."

Kress expects some collectors may have the full 40-year set while admitting he may not have one from all of the years himself. Having been a private pilot who used to fly for the DNR to help with fire detection, Kress stays busy in retirement with this part-time job that remains popular with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

"When you've got nothing going on and you're tired of watching TV, or you do some of the stuff while you're watching TV, it works out pretty good."



Photo from Jim Kress

A mini-windsock commemorating each year's AirVenture can be seen worn by aviation enthusiasts.

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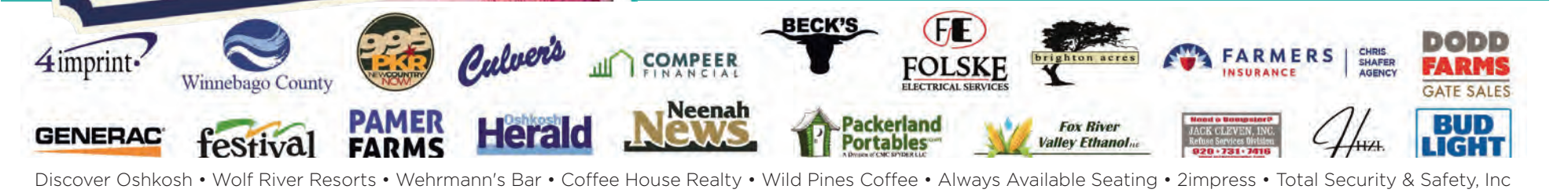




Photo from Public Works Department

A photo showing the water meter and connected piping is one of the images requested of homeowners for the city to determine potential lead lines.

Water pipe service information requested

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh Public Works Department has launched a Self-Submit Your Service Line form online to simplify the way property owners can find out if their water pipe is made of lead.

The department needs to locate all the city's lead pipes by Sept. 1 to meet a federal mandate.

Property owners are asked to go to oshkoshwater.com fill out a brief form and upload photos of their water meter and service line, including a broad view of the area, meter connections, building entry

point and clear picture of the water meter serial number.

Utility staff will review the information, identify the water service line material and send owners their findings and any next steps.

The self-submit process may eliminate the need for an in-person inspection.

The Sept. 1 deadline stems from a mandate by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, who will then have a database of known and unknown lead water service lines.

Oshkosh man charged with threatening court officials

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man who up until recently was a Waupaca County assistant district attorney was arrested last week and charged with two felony counts for threatening a judge and prosecutor.



Szilagyi

Benjamin Szilagyi, 42, was employed for 12 years at the Wisconsin State Public Defender Oshkosh office and resigned in January 2023 to accept a position with the Waupaca County district attorney's office. A warrant was issued for his arrest July 15 and he was apprehended in Illinois.

According to the criminal complaint, Szilagyi is accused of sending a text mes-

sage to a Waupaca County judge that stated "you are on my (expletive) list" and, "If I hear your name again you're gonna be sorry. Have a nice life."

Documents say the judge felt it was a legitimate threat based on a July 1 court hearing during which the judge called out Szilagyi for being unprepared and later that same day he sent a text to the judge stating his displeasure.

Another incident allegedly occurred July 10 when Szilagyi called a Waupaca County prosecutor and "began shouting in a very loud and forceful voice" and stated "that I should keep his name out of my (expletive) mouth or things are going to get a hell of a lot worse for me."

He also tagged the prosecutor in a social media post that included a song the prosecutor thought was "very threatening."

Community, creativity on display at library

Oshkosh's art scene will be on display Aug. 3 as the public library hosts Art After Hours under the Dome from 6 to 9 p.m.

Adults and teens ages 16 and older are invited to an evening of artistic expression with a Community Art Showcase and stations designed to inspire the inner artist with coloring and crafting, creating spin or string art, making a personalized bookmark or painting a mini-canvas with an original design among the offerings.

The public is invited to submit original creations for the showcase featured during

the event. Contact community engagement librarian Sandy Toland at toland@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Ahead of the event, a Drop-In & Create session will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and a Bad Art Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 1.

Art After Hours is made possible by a grant from the Donald Hansen Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and UWO Go is offering promotional support and providing transportation for UWO students.

Technical help program continues for seniors

The Oshkosh Seniors Center continues to offer its Connect Through Tech program for older adults with the support of Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act funds.

Connect Through Tech classes and support helps with technical challenges so people can connect with family, friends and resources. Assistance on cellphones, virtual

meetings and emails are some of the activities supported through the program.

The grant funds were awarded to offset the impacts of the pandemic. The funding supports staff salaries and software to continue the program.

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Grant helps Advocap deliver more than meals

Advocap's Home Delivered Meal Program for seniors has received a \$5,000 grant from the Ladies Benevolent Society: Advocates for Older Adults Fund within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Program leaders said the funding will help with the diverse needs of meal recipients beyond nourishment, providing them with companionship, support and essential household items such as walkers, blankets, can openers and even toilet paper.

Drivers not only deliver meals but conduct wellness checks, identifying and responding to the needs of seniors. This can range from household essentials to minor appliance repairs.

"The funding we received has allowed us to do things beyond providing meals that make a significant impact on the quality of life for our meal recipients," said Dawn Paterson, food and nutrition director at Advocap.

One of the program's beneficiaries, 83-year-old Robert Herrmann, shared his story.

"I never imagined life without my wife, but when COVID took her from me, I felt lost. I couldn't even make a sandwich," he said. "Thankfully, my neighbor connected me with the meal program. They gave me more than just food, a microwave, and some Tupperware; they gave me back my independence and dignity. It's like having a family when you need it most."

A 2023 survey found that for nearly half of the meal recipients, the delivery driver is the only person they see during the day. Some participants live in isolation without anyone to ask for assistance.

Dana Stolley, a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society: Advocates for Older Adults grant committee, reflected on the history and impact of their work.

"More than 150 years ago, members of the Ladies Benevolent Society gathered donations and delivered them in baskets to the needy along with a friendly visit," she said. "Advocap's approach to ensuring essential supplies reach those in need is just like our humble deliveries back then. It's heartening to see this tradition of compassion and kindness still in action today."



Photo from Advocap

Amanda Weichman isn't just delivering food, she's delivering essential items and companionship, ensuring Robert Herrmann's well-being and independence.

FoodShare participation remains above pre-pandemic levels

By Margaret Faust
WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO

More people rely on food assistance than did before the pandemic, according to a new report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

According to the report, more than 700,000 people were participating in FoodShare in March, a 16% increase from pre-pandemic levels.

"There is a lot of reason to believe that this elevated count may in fact, be the new normal," said Mark Sommerhauser, a researcher at the policy forum.

FoodShare is the state program that distributes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, the federal food assistance program formerly referred to as food stamps.

As of March, Sheboygan, Milwaukee

and Shawano counties had the highest FoodShare participation rates in Wisconsin. Thirty percent of Sheboygan County residents and 26% of Milwaukee and Shawano County residents were enrolled, according to the report. Five tribal nations had participation rates of 25% or more.

Winnebago County had 17,334 residents receiving FoodShare benefits in June, including 10,134 adults and 7,200 minors. The average monthly earned income of employed FoodShare members, which is about 22% of the adult total, was \$1,702 last month.

Enrollment increased during the pandemic and peaked in May 2021. The report said high unemployment rates early in the pandemic may have led people who would have previously qualified for the benefit to apply for it for the first time.

At the same time, awareness of the program grew and stigma surrounding the use of this public welfare program may have lessened. Allen Castillo, FoodShare Advocacy Program manager at the Hunger Task Force, said people saw family and friends enroll.

During this time FoodShare eligibility temporarily expanded and benefit payments increased. Although the pandemic exemptions have ended, a work requirement exemption still applies to the cities of Milwaukee and Racine as well as certain counties, tribal lands and reservations.

The report said higher enrollment levels are lingering as the cost of living and food prices remain high. The federal government ended extra FoodShare benefits last year and as other federal pandemic aid programs expired, many Wisconsin households struggled to make ends meet.

"The pandemic still has a lasting impact on low-income families throughout Wisconsin," Castillo said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer prices rose 21% from March 2020 to March 2024. From 2020 to 2023, the cost of groceries rose by 24%.

"Ultimately families are ... having to make hard financial decisions on some of their basic needs like housing, energy assistance, food," Castillo said.

The report found FoodShare benefit payments in Wisconsin fell from their peak amount in 2022 but still remain higher than pre-pandemic levels, both because of the permanent benefit increases and the increased number of recipients.

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Neenah teen faces armed robbery and meth drug charges

Three are accused in Oshkosh incident

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 17-year-old allegedly robbed a teenager in Oshkosh at gunpoint and is facing up to 50 years in prison stemming from the robbery and a traffic stop where the teenager tried to get rid of more than 300 pills containing methamphetamine.

Keyontae J. Harris is charged with armed robbery, physical abuse of child – intentionally causing bodily harm, burglary and misdemeanor obstructing an officer.

Harris remains in custody on a \$50,000 cash bond after his initial appearance July 5 in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police responded to a home in the 600 block of West 6th Avenue on June 4 around midnight. The 15-year-old victim told officers they had been pepper sprayed and robbed. They could not provide any description of the suspect other than a Black male wearing all black and a ski mask.

The day before the victim was trying to sell a sweatshirt online. Police learned that an individual entered the residence to buy the sweatshirt, then Harris allegedly came into the room holding a handgun. Harris said something about taking the victim's personal things and then pepper sprayed him.

The victim was dragged through the kitchen of the home where he was pep-

per sprayed more and kicked.

The suspects allegedly returned to the home around 10:48 a.m. on June 4. A city garbage collector called police saying he had seen three young Black men wearing hoodies and face masks pull up to the residence and then came running out of the home "carrying an armful of items."

The victim reported being pistol whipped and that the suspects stole multiple pairs of shoes and a gray safe.

An Oshkosh officer found a vehicle matching the description the garbage collector gave in a parking lot on North Sawyer Street. The officer saw a sweatshirt matching the description of the one the victim was trying to sell online in the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

When the police re-interviewed the victim they identified Harris and Jaysean Bridges as the ones that pepper sprayed him and kicked him.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Jaysean L. Bridges, 17, who is facing felony charges of armed robbery, child abuse-intentionally causing harm and burglary.

A third teenager is named in the complaint but has not been charged yet. The three suspects had been identified during the investigation.

On July 2, a Neenah police officer made a traffic stop after observing a car going 92 mph on Interstate 41 near Breezewood Lane. Harris was in the car



Harris

and allegedly gave a fake name to the officer before being detained and identified through a fingerprint scan.

In a separate case, Harris has been charged with felony possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and receiving a stolen firearm. He is also charged with misdemeanor counts of possess/illegally obtain prescription, possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18 and two counts of obstructing an officer.

Court documents in that case allege Harris was a passenger in a vehicle during a traffic stop for a registration violation in January in the 700 block of West 5th Street in Oshkosh. During the stop Harris was reaching around in the car and an officer told him to stop and had him step out of the car.

While the officer was searching another person on the scene, Harris al-

legedly threw a small baggie that landed on the sidewalk, making a loud noise. Harris was searched and officers found a prescription bottle that Harris said belonged to a relative. Officers also reported finding a loaded 9mm handgun.

The plastic bag Harris allegedly threw contained 304 MDMA pills. The gun was reported stolen out of Neenah in December.

A random selection of 12 of the MDMA were tested, and the results returned positive for the presence of methamphetamine. In that case Harris was given a \$2,000 cash bond.

The charges of armed robbery and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine both carry a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

Harris is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for further proceedings in front of Heywood.

Bowler man named as suspect in 1963 gas station murder

Oshkosh Herald

An unsolved 61-year-old murder in Winnebago County has been connected to a man who died in 2022 through modern DNA technology, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office announced last week.

Wayne Pratt was found stabbed to death in a gas station between Neenah and Oshkosh on June 12, 1963, and the case has eluded investigators until now with the District Attorney's Office saying it has sufficient evidence to pursue a homicide case against William A. Doxtator if he were alive.

After several leads and interviews the case went cold in the late 1960s before it was formally reopened in 2011 and evaluated for potential DNA evidence. The Sheriff's Office received tips on Doxtator in 1968 and 2009 but it wasn't until 2018 that a warrant was signed to obtain his DNA.

Doxtator's DNA was submitted for testing along with those of others using advanced technology that linked him to DNA recovered from a blanket that was covering Pratt's body at the crime scene.

"The District Attorney's Office commends the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office for its ongoing investment in this case over a long period of time, showing dedication to securing some sense of finality and resolution for the families impacted," District Attorney Eric Sparr said in a

statement.

The Sheriff's Office credited the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, Sorenson Forensics in Utah and Cybergenetics in Pennsylvania for their work on the DNA evidence, as well as the reporting work of former Post-Crescent reporter Andy Thompson.

Pratt, 24, owned and managed an Enco gas station near U.S. 41 and 45 and lived in a home about 50 feet away with his wife and young son. Media reports said the station was robbed and Pratt was hit on the head with a shovel and stabbed 53 times.

Three years before Pratt was killed, Doxtator was convicted of burglarizing a drug store and country store in Stockbridge and stealing gasoline from area farmers and the Stockbridge Machine Co., according to historical news archives. He also spent nine months in jail in 1968 for a charge involving statutory rape of a 14-year-old girl.

His daughter confirmed on social media that Doxtator, who was 27 at the time Pratt was killed and died at age 86, was considered a suspect from the start of the investigation and was identified as the source of DNA recovered from the crime scene.

Doxtator was born in Fond du Lac and spent time in Hilbert, Oshkosh and Menasha in the 1960s before later moving to Bowler. He was employed for many years as an auto mechanic, according to his obituary.

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Drunken boat charges, civil lawsuit still pending

Oshkosh Herald

The jury trial is over and sentencing is awaited for a high-profile boat crash case in Winnebago County, but the defendant is still facing a civil lawsuit and an intoxicated-while-boating case.

Jason Lindemann was found guilty of two counts of recklessly endangering safety, one count of negligent operation of a boat and 11 counts of failing to render aid in a June jury trial. He drove his

powerboat into a paddle wheeler carrying more than 40 passengers on the Fox River in Oshkosh in July 2022.

The Winnebago County District Attorney's office did not prosecute the boat crash case after requesting a special prosecutor due to a perceived conflict of interest. The Wisconsin Department of Justice prosecuted the case.

The owners of the paddle wheel boat filed a civil lawsuit against Lindemann

that is going through the system with Winnebago County Judge Bryan Keberlein set to preside a status conference in October.



Lindemann

During a July 16 status conference Lindemann's attorney Christopher Wolske said he does not know if the guilty verdict in the boating crash case will be appealed and asked the court for a new status conference after the sentencing hearing scheduled Aug. 22.

Lindemann could face a maximum of up to five years in prison followed by five years of extended supervision for each recklessly endangering safety count.

During the trial, assistant attorneys general Tara Jenswold and Emily Thompson asked several people who were on Lindemann's boat if they had seen him

drinking alcohol.

Witnesses also were asked if Lindemann was drinking alcohol on the day of the crash but no one who testified said they saw or could remember seeing him drink alcohol that day.

When one witness testified Lindemann had been drinking water when the group was at Dockside Tavern, Thompson asked if the water was amber colored with a frothy top.

Court documents filed in the intoxicated-while-boating case show witnesses spoke to sheriff's deputies after the crash. One alleged seeing Lindemann drunk near Streich's Sandbar around 1:30 p.m. the day of the crash. Another witness said Lindemann was rowdy and drinking shots at Dockside Tavern the night of the crash.

Witnesses who were on Lindemann's boat confirmed they were at Streich's and Dockside Tavern the day of the crash before going back on the Fox River and crashing into the paddle wheeler.

Judge orders competency hearing in hit-and-run death

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man accused of striking a man with his car and driving away will have to submit to a competency evaluation.

Mark P. Radley, 70, is charged with hit-and-run involving death. He allegedly struck and killed a pedestrian while delivering pizzas in January.

Radley's attorney Tim Hogan and Adam Hero said in a letter to Judge Michael Gibbs they have reason to doubt Radley is competent to stand trial. The letter, which was filed with the court July 9, states Radley has a degenerative neurocognitive disorder.

The disorder "prevents him from understanding the proceedings and from assisting in his own defense," Radley's attorney wrote.

In court last week, Hogan requested a specific doctor in Wausau to administer the competency evaluation. Assistant District Attorney Adam Levin objected to the defense doing its own evaluation and noted that the usual process is to go through the Wisconsin Forensic Unit.

Gibbs agreed with Levin and ordered a competency evaluation be conducted through the Wisconsin Forensic Unit.

According to the criminal complaint, police were dispatched to the area of Ohio Street and Third Avenue just after 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10, where an officer located Zachary Hagar, 38, in the southbound lane of Ohio Street with a head injury. When EMS personnel arrived with the Oshkosh Fire Department, they attempted lifesaving measures but Hagar was declared deceased shortly after.

Authorities reviewed surveillance camera footage showing a vehicle traveling south on Ohio approaching Third. Officers were able to identify the silver minivan with a license registered to Radley.

Officers located the vehicle and noted damage to the front. Radley told police he did not drink alcohol and was not under the influence of drugs.

Radley was a pizza delivery driver and his manager reported Radley had several deliveries that day. Video shows Radley leaving with pizza boxes at 6:11 p.m. and returning at 6:40 with "significant damage" to the front end of his vehicle. He allegedly got out of the vehicle and inspected the damage before going into the restaurant.

Police asked Radley about damage to the van and he acknowledged striking something while driving. When officers asked what happened after he hit the object, Radley responded, "Just kept going, I guess, didn't know what it was."

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New county software aimed at better government access

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County executive's office recently completed installation of new software aimed at modernizing the county's digital infrastructure and improving transparency.

The installation process was finalized in March, with County Executive Jon Doemel expressing optimism about the software's potential to streamline operations and enhance user experience.

"I wanted to make sure that people have a right to know what we're working on and what we're discussing," he said.

The new CivicPlus software is commonly used by local governments for website management, online payments, community engagement and emergency notifications. The integration is expected to simplify access to government services and foster greater participation in local governance.

"You can actually go in and instead of having to watch a two-hour committee meeting or three-hour committee meeting, you can click on the agenda item,

and it'll bring you to that conversation," Doemel said. "So as far as transparency and figuring out what government is doing and what the conversation was about, it's so much easier for somebody to follow."

At last month's county board meeting, Supervisor Thomas Swan questioned Doemel on why the county executive's office implemented and administered the software rather than the internet technology (IT) department.

"Would you consider this a one off or is this going to be an ongoing purview of the executive to ... essentially get out ahead or take control of such software implementation that would normally be the purview of IT?" Swan asked.

Doemel said the IT department works at the direction of his office and with the county clerk, who was also involved in the process.

Supervisors said when they called the IT department to inquire about challenges with the software, they were directed to the county executive's office and the issues weren't tracked, a system that IT depart-

ments use to resolve technical problems.

Doemel said that executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger and deputy county clerk Cassie Gregor "were really on the ground floor" of implementing the software and that's why calls were directed to his office.

"They are the most versed of the actual technical aspects of the software, not so much where it is, just how does it fit in our network; how are the data connections applied; but the actual ins and outs of using it," Doemel said.

He added that the IT department wouldn't be a part of that because "that's not their purview" and his office didn't track issues because they were resolved immediately.

When asked who in his office has experience in installing software, Doemel said CivicPlus has the expertise.

"We work with the vendor, we work with IT, we work with the clerk, we work with the administration to make sure that the whole flow process flows together," he said. "And it is my job to ensure that we are working together as a team, which we did."

Looking forward, Doemel said the county will continue to evaluate its digital presence, with plans in the works to update its website.

"I'm excited for the future that people will have an easier time following government," he said. "That is important. We need to turn the lights on."

Tech For Vets raffle supports veterans programs

Tech For Vets, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of military veterans through education and recreation, is holding a raffle that includes premium tickets to a Green Bay Packers game and a luxury stay at Lodge Kohler.

Five winners will each receive two suite tickets to the Week 18 Packers vs. Bears game at Lambeau Field and a two-night stay at Lodge Kohler for the game weekend.

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The drawing will take place at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and will be livestreamed on the Tech For Vets' Discord channel.

Proceeds support programs throughout 2025 and fund the opening of its first unmanned gamer cafe, a community space to provide veterans and supporters with a modern, tech-centric environment.

For more information, contact Zach Zabel at techvetzwi@gmail.com or 920-376-5075.



Photo from Trinity Episcopal

Parishioners at Trinity Episcopal Church check out the new blessing box that offers nonperishable food and health and hygiene items to the community.

Neighbors invited to help stock blessing box

Since installing a blessing box in April, parishioners at Trinity Episcopal Church Oshkosh, 203 Algoma Blvd., have been scrambling to keep it stocked with nonperishable food and other necessities to assist downtown neighbors in need.

"We appreciate all the donations that have been coming in to help us fill the blessing box. Many people in the community have benefited from this generosity," said the Rev. Chris Corbin, Trinity's rector.

"If you are willing and able to help, we'd love to see it filled with things, such as individually wrapped, nonperishable food; canned food items with pop-top lids; new, unopened health and hygiene products; gift cards; books; and information about community resources."

Trinity joins First Presbyterian Church at 110 Church Ave. in offering assistance through a blessing box in the downtown

area. Following the "Take what you need, leave what you can" motto, members of the wider community are encouraged to stock items as well as take them.

Donations should be placed directly in the box, which is accessible on the Algoma side of the church building.

Trinity is also offering cold water, snacks and free parking on Saturday mornings during the summer to support the Oshkosh Farmers Market crowd and by hosting the ecumenical Loaves and Fishes feeding program at 11:30 a.m. on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month.

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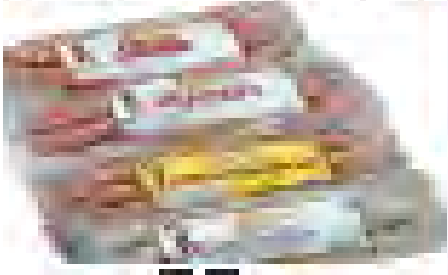
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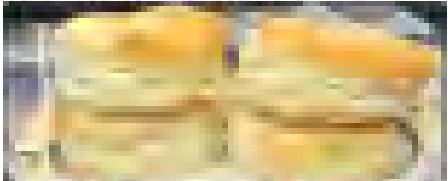
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Calendar of events

Ongoing

EAA AirVenture, EAA and Wittman Regional Airport grounds (through Sunday)

Wednesday, July 24

Music on Main: Erin Krebs Trio, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
Oshkosh Community Drum Circle, 7 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, July 25

34th Annual EAA Quilt Show, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center
Live at Lunch: Music with Mr. Crowe, noon, Opera House Square
Author Francis Gary Powers Jr., 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Friday, July 26

Family Outdoor Movie Night: "Elemental," 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
"Night of the Living Dead (1968)," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, July 27

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Christmas in July Carnival and Craft Fair, noon, Beaming Ranch, 2692 County GG
"Ocean's 11," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Monday, July 29

Oshkosh Area Community Band Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Lakeshore Park pavilion

Wednesday, July 31

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds
Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park
Music on Main: Janet Planet, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
Oshkosh Jazz Fest Preview with Jane Monheit, 7:30 p.m., The Howard
Caramel Crisp Book Club: "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store," 6 p.m., 200 City Center

Thursday, Aug. 1

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds
Live at Lunch: Brady Lee, noon, Opera House Square
Waterfest: Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket and Vertical Horizon, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, Aug. 2

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds
Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church St.

Saturday, Aug. 3

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds
Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., Opera House Square
Wisconsin State Qualifier BMX Race, 10 a.m., 4650 Jackson St.
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown
"Big Trouble in Little China," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds
Wisconsin State Qualifier BMX Race, 10 a.m., 4650 Jackson St.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Wildlife Wednesdays: Who Eats What? 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo
Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park
Music on Main: Natural Satellite, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, Aug. 8

Live at Lunch: Brewer Street Brass Band, noon, Opera House Square
Waterfest: British Invasion Night, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.

Friday, Aug. 9

XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.
Oshkosh Food Truck Friday fundraiser, 5 p.m., South Park

Saturday, Aug. 10

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Summer Garage Sale, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Historical Society, 234 Church Ave.
XRoads41, 2:30 p.m., XRoads41 Festival Grounds, 4125 S Washburn St.
"The Goonies," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Oshkosh Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Live at the Leach: Pink Houses, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest names president

The Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest selected a new president recently and honored outgoing president Karlene Leatherman at its Changing of the Guard meeting.

Erik Gialdella was welcomed as club president for 2024-25. He is the proprietor of Revs Bowl Bar & Grill in Oshkosh and the 300 Club of Green Lake, and active on the state and national level within the bowling proprietors' group.



Gialdella

"Serving in Rotary has been encouraging and educational. It's very uplifting to serve with others in the community who all share a passion for Rotary's motto of Service Above Self," Gialdella said. "There are so many ways to be involved in serving as a Rotarian, and there are always needs. I encourage anyone interested in Rotary to attend our

meetings as a guest."

Gialdella has volunteered on behalf of Rotary by serving as the Greeting and Invocation Chair, serving on the Club Social Committee, participating in the Oshkosh Area United Way's Day of Caring, building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, preparing food for Hope Fridge, and assisting with Parent Connection's Christmas party.

Gialdella also was named Rotarian of the Year. Others honored were Luke Geoffrion, New Rotarian of the Year; Sara Moyle of Olson Legal Group, Corporate Rotarian of the Year; and Jessica Benesh, Nicole Peterson Service Above Self Award.

Those who will be serving as officers on the board of directors include Karen Boehm and Todd Slagter, co-presidents-elect; Leatherman, immediate past president and secretary; Kathy Hanson, treasurer; and Jim Chitwood sergeant at arms.



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Beyond-the-bin recycling a focus of local center

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 6-foot-tall teddy bear, underwear, open-back chaps and a mannequin head are not recyclable but are some of the peculiar and unexpected items that have passed through the doors of Tri-County Recycling's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) recently.

Curbside recycling collected by Winnebago, Outagamie and Brown counties is transported to the MRF in Appleton where each day 800,000 pounds of materials are sorted, processed and prepared to be made into new products.

Attendees of Tri-County's Recycle Right Master class were given a tour of the MRF last week, aimed at educating residents on what can be recycled beyond the conventional bin and highlighting the challenges of disposing of items that are banned from landfills and non-recyclable.

Jordan Hiller, program coordinator for Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste, said it's a running joke that every time he gives a tour of the MRF he spots a shoe mixed in with the recyclables. A few minutes later, an old shoe slid by on a conveyor belt.

It's so common for items that are non-recyclable to end up in recycling bins that there's a term coined for it: "Wishcycling."

Well-intentioned individuals who wish-cycle may want to avoid sending items to the landfill without realizing that by putting them in a recycling bin they end up in a landfill anyway, while also increasing recycling program costs and reducing efficiency.

Some of the items are also dangerous. Last July, fireworks came through Win-



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Jordan Hiller with Outagamie County Recycling is shown holding a large stuffed bear that was placed in a curbside recycling bin and transported to the Material Recovery Facility.

nebago County recycling and one of them went off, starting multiple small fires inside the building.

Hiller said that earlier this month an in-

dustrial battery that was placed in a curbside recycling bin in Outagamie County cracked and caught fire.

"We're very thankful that it was just surrounded by metal so it didn't burn, you know, catch fire inside the facility and that it was able to be pulled out and extinguished," he said.

The tour showcased the inner workings of the recycling facility and emphasized recycling items that cannot be placed in curbside bins due to size, material or safe-

ty concerns, yet are crucial to divert from landfills.

Various materials are recyclable but must be brought to a local recycling center for disposal, with some requiring a fee. Those include freon appliances, tires, rigid plastics, bulbs and styrofoam.

Electronics such as cellphones, computers, printers, DVD players and televisions may also be dropped off in person at recycling centers, with some accepted for free.

Winnebago County education and outreach professional Kelly Reyer said that handling the substantial volume of electronic waste (e-waste) remains an ongoing challenge, citing a UN report that only 22.3% of the e-waste generated in 2022 was recycled and the growth in e-waste is outpacing recycling rates.

The tour also addressed the challenges posed by items that are difficult to dispose of including fireworks, neon lights, vapes and e-cigarettes, ammunition and smoke detectors.

Reyer said fireworks are a hazard whether they are used or unused.

"So the only thing that we can offer is to advise residents to soak their spent fireworks overnight in a bucket of water – at least overnight if not longer – before putting it in a garbage bag and then into their (garbage) bin," she said.

Reyer said there are no regulations on disposing of neon lights, some of which contain chemicals. Though Tri-County Recycling has a vendor that will accept the lights, it's at a cost of \$65 each.

"It's not convenient for regular customers, it's not cost-effective," she said. "So what happens when things are inconvenient and expensive? They end up going in the garbage. They're disposed of in a way that's not great."

She added that neon lights are an example of an item "that you want to think of the end of life of this product before purchasing one."

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Staff members sort recyclables and remove non-recyclable items during a tour of Tri-County Recycling's Material Recovery Facility.

Recycling

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Though vapes and e-cigarettes are marketed as disposable, they contain rechargeable batteries that are not disposable and Reyer said the only local facility accepting them at this time is in Brown County.

"So how many people do you think that use these on a regular basis are going to drive up to Brown County and properly dispose of their vapes?" she asked. "Very few. Maybe one if I'm being positive about that."

When it comes to disposing of ammunition, Reyer said some sheriff's departments will accept it but Winnebago County does not.

"We don't have a great answer for residents," she said. "When somebody asks us

about it recently, our best response is to take it to a local gun shop and see if they would accept it and take it off their hands."

Smoke detectors are also difficult to dispose of due to containing small amounts of radioactive material.

"Because of that we don't prefer them to be disposed of in the garbage or the landfill, the best option is not a great option, which is to try to return it to the manufacturer," she said.

Tri-County Recycling partners with specialized vendors that use innovative technologies to reuse items. Each year, Tri-County diverts about 5,480 semitrailer loads of materials from the landfill.

Feedback from tour participants was positive, with many taking photos, asking questions and gaining a deeper appreciation for the importance of a circular economy aimed at eliminating waste and promoting reuse by recycling.

Training session keys on teen mental health

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NAMI Oshkosh, local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offered youth mental health first aid classes earlier this month to teach family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, health workers and other caring residents how to help an adolescent experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or crisis.

The training is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development and teaches a five-step plan on helping young people in crisis and non-crisis situations.

Topics included anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

Tracy Aliota and Cindy Czarnik-Niemeyer used various teaching methods to prepare class members to deal with a teen in crisis. Although some time was spent watching video clips, much of the class was spent with interactive activities.

Roleplays exhibited good and bad listening techniques.

Class members came from across Wisconsin with Winnebago County employees, nonprofit organization workers and church youth group advisers among the attendees.

"I know that I will be responding and approaching situations differently because of this training," said one of the class members.

County Fair

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pulls and a demolition derby – along with local music cover bands play nightly in the Music Village.

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A Winnebago County Fair Association membership/weekly pass is \$30 until July 30, then \$35 after the fair starts. The five-day admission includes WCFA annual membership but does not include carnival rides.

Senior Citizens' Day (ages 55 and older) is Aug. 2 with \$5 admission from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children 3 and under get in free unless riding carnival rides, where height restrictions apply.

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Downtown plan

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The plan has been called a redevelopment plan in some instances and a downtown visualization plan in others but the goal seems to be the same: What is possible to make downtown more welcoming.

"We did a lot of stuff in that 2000 action plan – now let's start to look for what's next for the city and its downtown redevelopment," Lyons said.

Lyons has presented the plan several times to various groups including the Oshkosh Common Council and Park Advisory Board, and is set to present to the Plan Commission at the Aug. 6 meeting.

The focus of the plan is North Main Street from the Fox River north to Irving Avenue. The 17-page plan is available for viewing on the city website at oshkoshwi.gov/PlanningServices/Plans.aspx.

The city has used similar plans to redevelop along the river as the city transformed from industrial to residential, retail and recreational.

Lyons explained earlier plans paved the way for various projects around the city including building the 101 N. Main St., Opera House Square and the Riverwalk. The most recent example is the former Morgan Door site turning into the Froedtert ThedaCare health care campus named Aligned Medical Oshkosh, which is set to open next year.

Nieforth said about 50 stakeholders along with the five groups and city staff developed the plan and focused on a few core areas. The plan remains just a vision and has the potential to change as the group explores options.

Expanding Opera House Square is an option that would make the area a larger open outdoor space for planned events. It was established in 2002 and the plan calls for potential expansion of the area that would require closing High Street from Market to North Main streets.

The plan calls to put in a small amphitheater for concerts, adding a splash pad or fountain, install a flex surface to allow ice skating in winter and an outdoor vendor area potentially for food trucks or a cafe. The Bull Run statue would need to be relocated as part of that plan.

Lyons said the plan is a marketing tool for what could be in the downtown space and in the coming months there will be more conversations on how to make any



City of Oshkosh

Expanding Opera House Square is one option in the city's new redevelopment plan. The space could grow from one acre to almost three with more space for planned and passive programming such as ice skating in the winter and a place for food trucks year round.

of these opportunities a reality.

It would call for razing a few buildings currently sitting one block south of Opera House Square, 217 N. Main St. and 50 Pearl Ave. Lyons said public and private investments would be necessary to make this possible.

Opera House Square is just over an acre and the expanded space would be about three acres for planned and passive programming.

A lot would go into this expansion, including rerouting trucks as High Street from Jackson Street to North Main Street is the designated truck route for U.S. 45. The city would also need to acquire buildings on North Main.

Another area the plan looks at is City Center, formerly the Park Plaza Mall, that has in the last 20 years transitioned from a mall to more office space.

"There's a number of opportunities and ways that redevelopment in City Center could take place," Lyons said of the privately owned space on the Fox River.

The first option would be to maintain the current building and parking configuration. Another option would be to conduct a thorough assessment of the City Center Mall to identify which portions of the building should remain.

"The existing site as it sits today could be successful and a full redevelopment could be successful," Lyons told the Advisory Park Board.

sory Park Board.

Redeveloping the area would include adding mixed-use purposes to the area such as residential, office space and retail space.

"The site is so large we wanted to have different options looking at it," Nieforth said. "As we are looking at redeveloping and investing in our downtown, we need to make sure our ideas our aligning with what's being approved and what we want to see (in the area) long term."

The Plan Commission is investigating indoor storage facilities as part of City Center that will be factored in if the Plan Commission moves forward with any recommendations.

The third option would be to remove City Center but keep the 4imprint building and the city parking deck along the Fox River. Lyons said the site line from the river into downtown is often obscured by City Center.

"How could we improve that sightline and kind of incorporate it into downtown?" Lyons asked.

The plan also includes recommendations for improving landscape and adding greenspace around the city like at 600 N. Main St., 300 N. Main, 200 Waugoo Ave./219 Washington Ave. and 311 Division St. by putting in canopy trees and making enhancements to parking lots.

Parts of the plan are already in place such as the Algoma Alley Activation Project and William Waters Gazebo and pocket park across the street from the Oshkosh Public Library.

Stakeholders continue to see the revised plan as Nieforth is certain parts of it will change. In the future the council will be asked to weigh in on opportunities that are short-term and long-term priorities.

Nieforth told the council, "We fully anticipate that some of the aspects of this will change but we want you to be aware it is something we're looking into with our community partners."

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Oshkosh Legion tops Little Chute in regular-season finale

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Carson Steinbeck tossed four innings of scoreless relief and Colin Nigl hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as the Oshkosh Post 70 Legion team scored a 15-8 win on the road over Little Chute in the back end of a home-and-home pair of games Friday.

Oshkosh took control of the game with a nine-run third inning, highlighted by Nigl's grand slam. Carson Palmquist and Steinbeck each added RBI-singles in the inning, while Evan Brandl drove in a pair of runs with a base hit to give Oshkosh a 14-7 lead.

Oshkosh also posted a five-run second

frame to answer a Little Chute first inning run.

The Legion took advantage of two Little Chute errors and two hit batters – one with the bases loaded – in the inning, while Evan Brandl knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly and Nigl capped the inning with a run-scoring single.

Palmquist added an RBI-single in the fourth inning to cap the scoring for Oshkosh.

Steinbeck made the offensive outburst stand up, pitching the final four innings to close out the win. He allowed just three hits while striking out five.

Steinbeck also finished 3-for-4 to lead

Oshkosh's 12-hit attack. Nigl, Brandl, Palmquist, Shaun Gavin and Fisher Mackenzie each chipped in two hits in the win, while Mason Dorn scored three runs in the game.

Oshkosh knocked off Little Chute, 5-3, Thursday in Oshkosh, despite getting just four hits in the game. Nigl, Steinbeck, Dorn and Max Kese tallied the hits for the Legion.

Gavin struck out eight over six innings, while allowing only two runs to earn the win on the mound. Ryan Williamson surrendered one unearned run in the seventh to notch the save.

Also last week, Oshkosh downed Green Bay Southwest, 15-5, in six innings, with Nigl and Landon Ubrig each finishing 3-for-4 to lead Oshkosh. The duo also combined for six RBIs in the game.

Greyson Spanbauer chipped in a pair of hits for Oshkosh and Alex Duel drove in a pair of runs as Oshkosh broke the game open with an eight-run fifth inning.

Dorn got the win on the mound for Oshkosh, pitching 3 1/3 innings in relief

of starter Avery Mosloski.

Oshkosh was set to play in Class AAA regional tournament action in Watertown this week, with a grouping that includes Fond du Lac, Hartford, Germantown, Oconomowoc and Watertown. The Class AAA State Tournament will be held in Wisconsin Rapids starting July 30.

"For a lot of these kids, this will be the last time they wear their Legion uniform and I am hoping they understand how important that is," Oshkosh head coach Brian Burgert said. "We will be at full strength pitching wise for the first time this season and that is going to be very important for us to have the success we want to have."

"We will need a solid week of baseball to come out on top at regionals. We have played pretty well on the road this season, which will be important in this tournament as all of our games will be on the road. If we can continue to build off these last three games and play the way I know we can play, we can make a run at winning regionals."

Rec league softball

July 16

MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

LeRoy's def. Wyldewood Baptist Church, 9-2
Oshkosh Trophy def. Community Church, 12-4
Jerry's def. Molly's, forfeit
Oshkosh Trophy def. Jerry's, 14-1

Standings

LeRoy's 10-1
Oshkosh Trophy 7-3
Wyldewood Baptist Church 5-4
Molly's 4-5
Jerry's 4-6
Community Church 0-11

MONDAY VETERANS

Mr. Vinyl Enterprises def. Game Time, 10-4
Pete's Garage def. Ratch & Deb's, 14-7
Pete's Garage def. Ratch & Deb's, 12-6

Standings

Pete's Garage 6-3
Ratch & Deb's 5-3
Game Time 3-5
Mr. Vinyl Enterprises 2-5

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Winkler's Westward Ho def. Evil Roy Slades, 14-5
Jerry's def. T&O Lanes 5-4
Evil Roy Slades def. Jerry's, 14-6

Standings

Winkler's Westward Ho 7-2
Evil Roy Slades 7-3
T&O Lanes 4-6
Jerry's 2-9

July 17

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Winners def. Associated Appraisal Consultants, forfeit
Oblio's def. Evil Roy Slades, 22-17
Terry's def. Players 12-3
Jockey Club def. Backdoor Sliders, 7-4

Standings

Evil Roy Slades 10-1

Winners 9-2

Oblio's 7-4

Backdoor Sliders 6-5

Jockey Club 6-5

Terry's 4-7

Associated Appraisal Consultants 2-9

Players 0-11

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Houge's def. Winkler's Westward Ho, 16-3
Camera Casino def. Pioneer Marine, 11-10
Fletch's def. Terry's 14-10

Standings

Fletch's 10-1
Houge's 9-2
Terry's 6-5
Camera Casino 6-5
Pioneer Marina 1-10
Winkler's Westward Ho 1-10

July 18

THURSDAY COED

Revs def. Mr. Brews, 17-7
The Underdogs def. Big Daddy's-Miller 3-0
Houge's-Hoffman def. LeRoy's, 8-5
Jerry's def. Houge's-Westphal, 22-10
Big Daddy's-Heisler def. Mabel Murphy's, 10-5
4Imprint def. Fifth Ward Brewing, 11-4
T&O Lanes def. Oakbrook Church, 12-1
Big Daddy's-Heisler def. Fifth Ward Brewing, 9-1

Standings

T&O Lanes 10-0
Jerry's 9-1
Big Daddy's-Heisler 8-2
4Imprint 7-3
Revs 6-4
Mabel Murphy's 5-4
Mr. Brews 4-6
Houge's-Westphal 4-6
Houge's-Hoffman 4-6
The Underdogs 4-6
Big Daddy's-Miller 3-7
LeRoy's 2-7
Fifth Ward Brewing 2-8
Oakbrook Church 1-9

Supple to host youth softball camp in August

Former Oshkosh North and Northwestern University standout Sydney Supple will be holding a youth softball camp Aug. 17 and 18 in Oshkosh.

The Sydney Supple Inaugural Hometown Softball Camp is open to participants up to 18 years old, with campers in the 10U and 12U age groups going on Aug. 17 while those players in 14U, 16U and 18U participating Aug. 18.

The camps will be held on Supple Field at Rainbow Park.

The camp will start at 9 a.m. each day with a session for pitchers, while a hitting/infield/outfield session will begin at 10

a.m. To attend both sessions, the cost is \$100 per participant, while the cost is \$75 to attend just the hitting/infield/outfield session.

All campers will get a softball, a poster for autographs and a notebook containing advice from the camp staff.

The camp will be led by Supple and will include a staff of seven current or former Northwestern players as well as alumni from Clemson University and the University of Minnesota.

For more information on the camp or to register, go to www.sydneyssupple.com.

Fox Valley Technical College graduates

Fox Valley Technical College announced its spring 2024 graduates. Among those from Oshkosh:

- Zandalrahman Al Rawi, Culinary Arts
- John Alvarenga, Diesel Engine Service Technician
- Selena Alvarez, Substance Use Disorder Counseling
- David Bajek, Project Specialist
- Drew Baldwin, IT - Cybersecurity Specialist
- Susan Banner, Business Management
- Tracy Berg, Business Management
- Isabelle Braasch, Agri-Business Dairy Technician
- Jamal Brakefield, Natural Resources Technician
- Sierra Brown, Nursing - Associate Degree pathway
- Bryce Butzlaff, Marketing
- Katelynn Cantwell, Business Management
- Cody Clark, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
- Chloe Cortes, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Vitor Cunha Alves, Technical Studies-Journeyworker
- Darwin Davis, Food Service Production

- Kiana Davis, Foundations of Teacher Education
- Amanda Dawson, Dental Assistant
- Sabrina Douglas, Digital Court Reporter
- Joshua Downs, IT - Software Developer
- Jermaine Edmonds, Business Management
- Dale Eichhorst, Digital Marketing
- Nathaniel Flauger, Hospitality Specialist
- Vladimir Flores, Automated Manufacturing Systems Technology
- Genevieve Fogleson, Industrial Welding Technology
- Austin Fritzing, Food Service Production
- Konala Frohrib Bagoyo, Accounting
- Reina Gonzalez, Accounting
- Reina Gonzalez, Small Business Entrepreneurship
- Maryjane Granditzke, Neurodiagnostic Technologist
- Jacob Gumz, Automotive Technology
- Tramaine Hardy, Food Service Production
- Dan Hass, Diesel Engine Service Technician
- Timothy Headrick, Horticulture Technician
- Christopher Holaday, Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics
- Jeramiah Housworth, Electricity
- TomasJay Hoyle, Food Service Production
- Lewis Huenink, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
- Abigail Jaber, Web Design
- Jezay Johnson, Practical Nursing
- James Keliher, Automotive Technician - Imports
- Helena Kitz, Practical Nursing
- Christian Klapper, Food Service Production

- Christopher Knox, Food Service Production
- Kevin Kohfeldt, IT - Cybersecurity Specialist
- Brooklyn Komorowski, Marketing
- Nicole Krasny, Practical Nursing
- Allen Kruk, Food Service Production
- Dawn Kuhn, Therapeutic Massage
- Anthony Lang, Food Service Production
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- Mason Lee, Mechanical Design Technology
- Brandon Leipart, Criminal Justice Studies
- Paochoua Lo, Business Management
- Anjalique Lor, Business Operations
- Hlee Lor, Accounting
- Jay Lor, IT - Software Developer
- Ka Youa Ly, Health Information Technology
- Jared Martin, IT - Help Desk Support Specialist
- Shaquita Martin, Management Development
- Andrew Mcfarlane, IT - Network Systems Administration
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- Hunter Mckay, Metal Fabrication/Welding
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- Sonia Ochowicz, Business Management
- Colin O'Marro, IT - Network Systems Administration
- August Panske, Metal Fabrication/Welding
- Ryker Payne, Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics
- Dominic Peruzzi, Industrial Welding Technology
- Emily Pirwitz, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Andrew Pollom, Diesel Engine Service Technician
- Mark Raasch, Airframe & Powerplant

- Mechanics
- Isabel Ramirez, Early Childhood Education
- Heather Robinson-Kallas, Accounting
- Emma Rogers, Criminal Justice Studies
- Summer Ruff, Web Design
- Cem Saral, Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics
- Wah Say, Practical Nursing
- Abigayle Schilcher, Farm Operation
- Thomas Schmidt, Web Design
- Lundyn Smith, Practical Nursing
- Alexandra Mae Solaybar, Interior Design
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Obituaries

Marion B. Hetzel

Marion B. Hetzel (nee Kuczkowski) 91, of Oshkosh, formerly of Milwaukee and Brown Deer, passed away peacefully after weeks of being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and dear friends.

With the blessed assurance of the Lord's love and mercy, Marion was called home to the embrace of her heavenly Father and our Blessed Mother Mary on July 12, 2024.

Most loving and cherished mother of daughter, Dotti (Tom) Binder and sons, Andy (Stephanie), Larry (Lynn), Tony (Susan) and Dave (Cheryl) Hetzel. Devoted grandma of Jimmy (Andrea) Gavin, Dan (Heidi) Gavin, Alex (Erin) Binder, Christy (Kevin) Welch, Andy Hetzel III, Ben Hetzel, Alex Long, Jack Long; Jamie (Chad) King, Erin (Bryant) Fazer, Kaitlyn (Stew) Roberts, Zach (Katie) Hetzel, Adriana Hetzel, Brianne



(Brad) Culliton, Marshall (Alicia) Bryant, Brittney (Zach) Wallin, Justin (Haley) Hetzel and Christopher (Kaitlyn) Hetzel. Fun and loving great-grandma of Iris and Josie Gavin and Thaddeus Johnston; Ethan and Sophie Welch and Evie Hetzel; Everett, Eli and Avery King, Callie, Lillian and Julliana Fazer, Calvin, Marley and Baby Roberts; Analiese and Jerica Johnson and Davin Culliton; Betty and Ricky Wallin, Easton and Hayes Hetzel, and Jaxon Hetzel. Further survived by sisters-in-law Ann Kuczkowski (the late John) and Mary Froschmayer (the late Matthew) and many relatives and friends.

Marion is reunited with her loving husband of 62 years, Andy Hetzel; her parents, Henry and Frances Kuczkowski; brother, John Kuczkowski (Ann); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Andrew and Agnes Hetzel; sisters-in-law, Florette Knueppel (the late Donald), Dolores Knueppel (the late Norbert) and Margaret Kaczmarek (the late Mike); and brother-in-law, William Hetzel (the late Beatrice) and countless relatives and friends.

Marion was born on October 29, 1932, in Milwaukee. She graduated from St. John's Cathedral High School in 1950. Marion and Andy were married on April 11, 1953, and were blessed with their five children who she loved with all her heart and soul. She worked at the First Wisconsin Bank before starting her family and choosing to be a full-time homemaker. Later in life, Marion worked as an assistant for the Church of Good Hope in Milwaukee until retiring and relocating to Oshkosh in 1996.

Andy and Marion spent many years traveling together before and after retirement. They loved spending time at their condo in Fort Myers during the winter months. After Andy's passing in 2015, she traveled with her children and their families and made precious memories.

She had the best sense of humor and lit up the room with her laughter and beautiful smile. She loved gardening and flowers. She was talented in so many ways and enjoyed making beautiful floral arrangements for charity and family.

Another of her favorite things to do was playing bingo with family and special friends.

Her faith and family were most important in her life and she had a special relationship with each one of us. She was a dedicated parishioner of St. Raphael's in Oshkosh. Marion lived a life of service to those in need. She volunteered for 28 years at Fr. Carr's Place 2B, where she enjoyed the company of her spiritual counselor and close friend, Fr. Dave Duffeck, Sr. Grace, Sr. Angela, Sr. Matilda and many wonderful volunteers. Marion had a very deep devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary and proudly decorated the Chapel at Fr. Carr's.

She touched everyone she met and was loved by all who knew her. She was a supportive, strong, classy, fun-loving lady with a heart of gold and the matriarch of our family. She will be dearly missed until we meet again.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 South Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh. Mass of Christian Burial to follow, officiated by Fr. Tom Long and Fr. Dave Duffeck concelebrating.

A private burial will be held at Resurrection Cemetery in Mequon on Monday, July 29, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated in Marion's memory to: Fr. Carr's Place 2B, 1062 North Koeller Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

A special thank you to the Compassus Hospice team, Senior Stride Home Care, and Home Instead for their compassionate care of Marion and our family.

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Tom T. Eierman

Tom Thorson Eierman (1938-2024) passed away in his sleep on July 7, 2024.



Tom met his wife Lois in his freshman year of high school. He called her "Lamp" because she was the light of his life. After Tom returned from active-duty military service, they were married in 1960 and spent 64 wonderful years together.

Prior to becoming a teacher, he worked for the Blatz Brewery and as a night bridge tender in Milwaukee. He often told the story of how he almost wrecked the Edmund Fitzgerald because he had fallen asleep and woke up just in time to open the bridge before there was a crash.

His primary career was a math professor at UW Oshkosh. He worked there for 32 years, retiring in 1997. Tom also ran a successful rental business in Oshkosh.

Tom's passion was hunting. He bought his first hunting land with his best friend Roger Norbeck in 1970. He spent his life creating a wonderful hunting camp for his friends and family. He introduced his children, grandchildren, and many of their friends to hunting. He firmly believed that hunting kept the family together. The only thing that could interrupt the weekend hunt was getting home in time to watch the Packers. Aside from hunting, and its associ-

ated activities, Tom enjoyed travel and visited countless countries and continents after retirement. He always said his favorite vacation was his and Lois's annual ski trip to Vail.

Tom is survived by his wife, Lois; children, Michael (Theresa), Timothy (Stacey), Maren Ziegler (Chris) and Elizabeth Moore (Matt); grandchildren, Katie, Rachel, Dan (Molly), Lindsey, Meghan, Sam, Kyra, Allison, Amelia, and Sarah; great-grandchild, Lucy; sister, Betty Strowig; niece, Pamela Puls; nephew, Greg Strowig (Lynn); grandnephew, Matt Puls (Tuesday); grandnieces, Kristin Puls and Katherine Strowig; and great-grandnephew, Calvin. He was preceded in death by his nephew, Jeffery Puls.

The family will hold a celebration of his life at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St. on August 30, 2024, from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. The family will share stories of Tom and encourage others to do so also.

Thank you to the OPD, first responders, and EMT's that helped the family through a very difficult time.

Tom will be missed greatly by all the family and the many others his life has touched.

In lieu of flowers, please take a child hunting or contribute to <http://www.kidshuntingfoundation.com>. That's what he did and would have wanted.

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Ricky D. Rates

Ricky D. Rates, 70, passed away in Oshkosh, WI on July 19, 2024. He was born on December 7, 1953 to Louis and Garnet (McCue) Rates.



Rick enjoyed going hunting, fishing, camping, boating, ATV riding and generally spending time outdoors. He also enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas and Nashville. Rick was a handyman, and loved to woodwork, he even remodeled the home kitchen for Cindy and himself.

He will be remembered for his kind-

ness, helpfulness and his love of family.

Rick is survived by his wife, Cindy Rates; children, Chris Rates and Kelly Rates; and grandchildren, Alyssa and Connor. He is further survived by his best friend, Mark Hoppe; sidekicks, Rick "Too Tall" Osborn, Kevin Livernash, Mark Grochek and Dave Nickel; beloved dog, Mace; grand-dog Pieper; as well as many other cousins and other family.

Preceding him in death, his parents, Louis and Garnet; and sister, Sandy (Jerry) Hannis.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held and cremation will take place.

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Obituaries

Paul A. Tichonchik

Paul A. Tichonchik, age 68, of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh on Friday, July 12, 2024.



Paul was born in Oshkosh, on April 26, 1956, to the late Mike & Billie Tichonchik. He graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1974.

Shortly after graduation, he went on to discover that he didn't like working for others, so he did what any 18-year-old would do – bought a semi-truck and started his own business. For 50 years, Paul was the proud owner of Tich-co, Inc.

From a young age, Paul dreamed of being a farmer. It all started when he was just 6 years old – he convinced his old-

er brother to help write a letter to John Deere, sharing his love for tractors. Not long after the letter was mailed, the family was surprised by a knock on the door from a John Deere salesman asking for Mr. Paul Tichonchik. Truly the beginning of a life-long hobby and farming career. Paul cash cropped over 500 acres of land, including the family farm, for many years.

Paul, also known as Pauly T or Haney, was loved by all. He never met a stranger and truly had a heart of gold. Paul had a knack for wheeling and dealing, always looking for ways to make the next big dollar. Paul was a member of the American Truck Historical Society and Fox River Wheelers. He was often found spending time with friends and family, drinking a rye whiskey and water, and watching westerns. He loved spending time in his shop.

Anyone who knew Paul knew he was the most loving brother, uncle, and friend.

Paul is lovingly survived by his sister, Patsy Beck; sister-in-law, Kay Tichonchik; nieces, Stephany Beck and Anne (Luke) Linsmeyer; nephew, Tim Tichonchik, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Billie Tichonchik; brother, Jim Tichonchik; and brother-in-law, Randy Beck.

A celebration of life for Paul will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024, at Jasper's Bar, 6510 WI-44, Pickett, WI 54964. We invite you to join us in sharing your memories of Paul. A private family burial is scheduled the following day at Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established with the American Truck Historical Society and Fox River Wheelers. Please also consider donating to your favorite agricultural organization in Paul's

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Obituaries

Robert R. Mattice Sr.

Robert Ronald "Bob" Mattice Sr., age 85, of Redgranite, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.



He was born October 24, 1938, at his grandparents' the Davenport farm, on Highway 49 in the Township of Aurora by Davenport School, the son of Henry and Lorena Davenport Mattice. Bob was a 1956 graduate of Wautoma High School and attended an ASI Course for Business & Auto Repair through the VA. He served in the Army National Guard from 1956-1964. On September 8, 1962, he was united in marriage to Wanita Lehr at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Fairburn.

Bob was well known in the surrounding communities as a talented guitarist and lead vocalist for his band, Bob Mattice & the Rainmakers, for over 63 years. Prior to starting his own band, he played and sang for two other bands, Phaetons and Catalinas. When he wasn't with the band, he stayed busy as owner-operator of Dahlke-Fraser Car Dealership in Poy Sippi. Not only did he have musical abilities, but Bob was a gifted painter, painting signs on semis, trucks, buildings, or anything he

was asked to paint on.

In his younger years, Bob was proud to be a flag-bearer for Pres. Kennedy's visit to Seattle, WA in 1961. He also worked as a Warranty Clerk at Speed Queen in Ripon. Never wanting to be idle, he enjoyed volunteering his time driving Amish from Wautoma, Kingston and Amhurst to their destinations from 1987-2023. Bob also found time to travel to every state except Maine and Rhode Island. He enjoyed woodworking, cutting wood, making birdhouses, and loved antiques and collectables, especially the auctions held in Wautoma each year. Bob was Town of Warren Clerk for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Wanita; four children, Robert Jr. (Amy) Mattice, Mike (Sharon) Mattice, Sherry Mattice (Keith) and Marsha Mattice; five grandchildren, Becky (Derrick) Hubatch, Sgt. Bobby (Jen) Mattice III, Brian (Alyssa) Mattice, Michael Mattice and Crystal Mattice; six great-grandchildren, Charlie, Ava, Bella, Sydney, Bryce and Gwen; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and 11 siblings, Ruth Quimby, Charles Mattice, Glen Mattice, Harold Mattice, Dorothy McClelland, Bernice Johnson, Peter Mattice, Alfred Mattice, Charlotte Boeck, Shirley Rodgers and Ralph Mattice.

Funeral services were held on July 13 at Barbola Funeral Chapel in Berlin, with Rev. Scott T. Piper officiating. Interment

Global Methodist Church, Neenah WI on Sunday, July 28 with visitation 1-3 pm and service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be established. See Fisk & Bills funeral home for complete obituary.

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Richard J. Blechl

Richard John Blechl was born on January 4, 1949. He passed away peacefully on July 16, 2024, at Aurora Hospital in Oshkosh, WI. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.



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with military honors performed by Wells-Krause VFW Post #2925 took place in Foster Road Cemetery in Redgranite. A memorial has been established. Anyone wishing to send a sympathy card to the

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Involuntary Plaintiff.

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Rebecca Sue Woodbury

Becky (Meyer) Woodbury, age 52 of Appleton, died unexpectedly on July 8th, 2024. Becky was born on February 9, 1972 in Oshkosh to John and Sue Meyer. Becky graduated from Oshkosh North High School, U-W Stevens Point and married Bryan Woodbury August 30th, 1997.



Becky is survived by her husband Bryan and son Andrew, fiancé Madelyn Bergin, parents John and Sue Meyer, brother Mark Meyer, sister Rachel (Rick) Kindschi, in-laws Ben and Debbie Woodbury, brother-in-law Steve (Melissa Fogo) Woodbury, nephews Nolan and Abraham Meyer, Teriontay Brown Kindschi.

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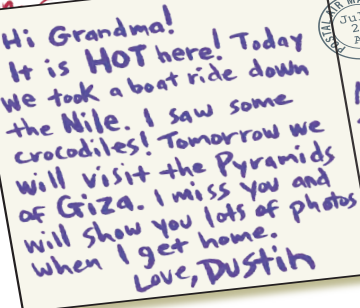
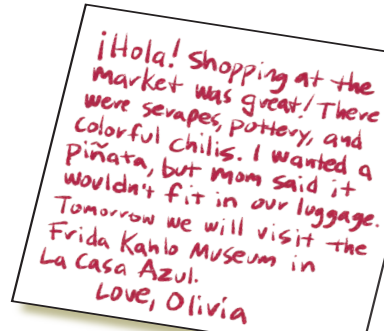
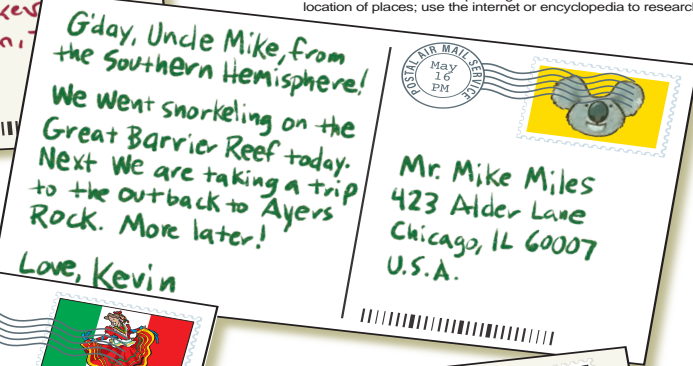
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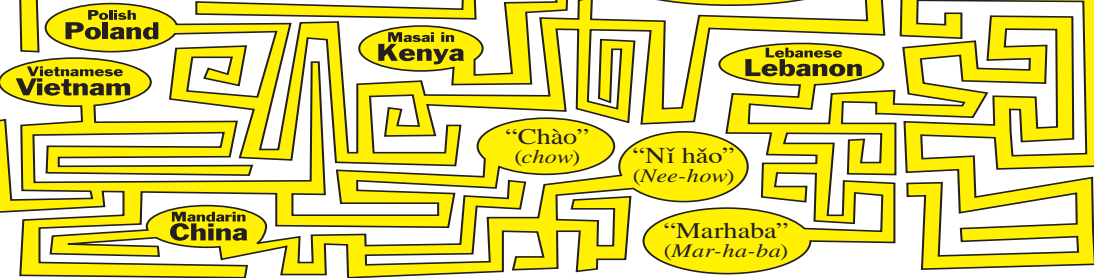
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What do dogs "say"? In English we imitate them by saying, "Bow wow!" People in other countries have their own ways to copy the sound a dog makes. Can you find each of the dog sounds in the word puzzle?



HINT: One of them is spelled around a corner.

- English: Bow wow!
- Chinese: Wang wang!
- Russian: Gav gav!
- German: Vow vow!
- Swahili: Wow wow!
- Hebrew: How how!
- Japanese: Wan wan!
- Swedish: Voff voff!
- Spanish: Gwow gwow!

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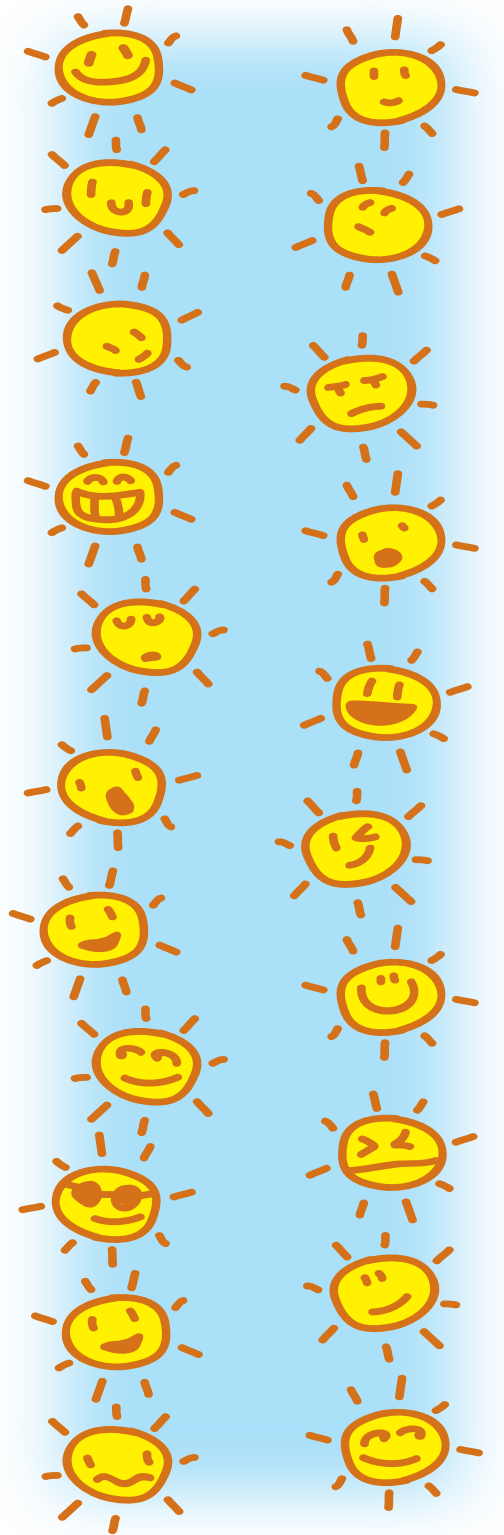
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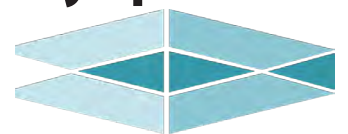
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