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# City narrows federal fund projects

## School district, housing requests fall short

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The saga of federal money allocated to local governments to help with setbacks from the COVID-19 pandemic continues in Oshkosh.

The city received more than \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funds in 2021 and the council voted to put 25% into non-infrastructure projects that would benefit the community. These funds had been allocated over time, but federal guidelines state the funds need to be dispensed by the end of 2024 and projects completed by the end of 2026.

Last week the council discussed how the remaining \$2.3 million will be divided. The city opened the application process up to businesses and nonprofit groups. In response, 51 organizations submitted ap-

plications.

Among those removed from ARPA consideration was the Oshkosh Area School District, which was seeking \$77,500 to support its second language program for refugee support services. Refugees receive federal support for 90 days and City Manager Mark Rohloff said the recommendation noted the federal government is falling short in supporting communities like

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Sounds on the square

Brent Bel and the Boys performed Wednesday evening in Opera House Square downtown at the weekly Music on Main presented by Manila Resto with the Oshkosh Herald as last week's sponsor. Music on Main happens every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. through September.

# Diver makes a splash with local waterways cleanup



Submitted photo

About a dozen volunteers picked up trash along the shoreline in Menominee Park during a recent visit from Ed the Diver.

## Trash, fishing line removal part Ed Bieber's mission

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A diver who gained a social media following by posting videos of his efforts to clean up trash, untangle wildlife and recover lost property from waterways in the Midwest recently made stops in the Lake Winnebago area.

Ed Bieber, known on social media as "Ed the Diver," visited Menominee Park in Oshkosh, Kimberly Point Park in Neenah and Jefferson Park in Menasha in mid-June where he and about a dozen volunteers removed a bicycle, fishing lures, cans, cigarette

butts and other debris from lakes and shorelines. He also visited waterways in Fremont and New London.

Equipped with diving gear, Bieber rescued a smallmouth bass that was stuck on a line and lure underwater in Kimberly Point Park.

"I get to save him; he won't be hooked up anymore," Bieber said in a video that quickly amassed more than 8,000 views.

Bieber has a following of more than 300,000 among his Ed the Diver social media channels. Millions of viewers have watched him recover fishing lures from waterways which he untangles, cleans and sells. One year, Bieber and diving partner Jason Younk (who goes by "Silent J") recovered more than 16,000 fishing lures.

Recycling is at the forefront of Bieber's mission, with salvageable items listed for sale on eBay and edthediver.com. He works with local municipalities to dispose of the garbage he removes.

Bieber got his start by teaching his children how to fish, losing lures and wanting the lures back. While searching for the lures, he also began collecting trash. In 2020 he became scuba certified and obtained two kayaks to bring to shore the anchors, tires and other items he'd recover while diving "and it just kept growing."

As the owner of Bieber's Underwater Recovery, traveling the Midwest, cleaning waterways, recovering lost property and

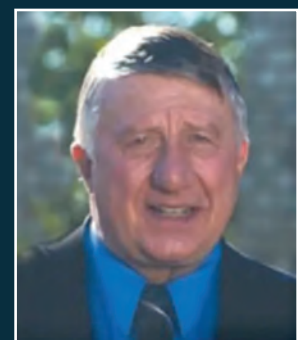
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# Bike program rolling into City Center

Oshkosh Herald

The Community Bike Program has been offered a new location in City Center that it plans to move into around July 17.

Launched in 2010, the program has been housed at Sadoff E-Recycling on 10th Avenue for the past eight years. Longtime program member Steve Sagmeister said the Lasky family has generously donated that space with no rental cost and is now expanding its business operations.

The 250 S. City Center location will be

accessible off Pearl Avenue through the double doors between Trillium and Manpower with hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesdays by referral. Bikes can be dropped off by the Pearl Avenue ramp next to the Community Bike Program Sign.

The program provides vehicle distribution, repair services and bicycle access for those without the means or eligibility for a driver's license. In its first year, the program distributed 100 bicycles. That number grew to 576 last year.

The program receives bike donations from individuals, apartment complexes, the Oshkosh Police Department and businesses, and relies on a team of volunteers who bring their time and skills to restore bicycles, ensuring they are safe and ready for use. The refurbished bikes are distributed through a referral system involving schools, religious institutions and social service agencies.

For more information, contact ssagmstr@aol.com.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### July 8, 1907

**Thistle Begins Its Trips:** Sunday afternoon (July 7) the steamer Thistle made its first regular excursion trip

to Calumet Harbor. There was a good-sized crowd of people aboard the boat and the trip was greatly enjoyed. The Thistle left here at two o'clock and returned here around six-thirty p.m. It is planned to run an excursion to Calumet Harbor every Sunday afternoon during

the remainder of the season. After arriving at the harbor, two young ladies accepted a ride from a friend in his buggy when suddenly the horse became frightened and ran away, leaving the buggy overturned and its occupants were all thrown out. Except for some bruises, some badly torn clothing and a damaged buggy, all the riders escaped serious injuries.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 8, 1907



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The steamer Thistle is shown in this 1894 photo.

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## New charter cruise service opens in city

Oshkosh Herald

Summer Fun Cruises has launched a charter cruise service on the waterways of Oshkosh.

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For more information go to [summerfuncruises.com](http://summerfuncruises.com).

## Sober boating practices get emphasis on holidays

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advises boaters that they will see more conservation wardens and area law enforcement on the water July 4-6 as part of the national Operation Dry Water campaign.

Wardens and other participating law enforcement agencies will educate boaters about safe boating practices, including sober boating, across the country.

Alcohol use is a leading factor in recreational boating fatalities, and 85% of those who drowned in a recreational boating incident were not wearing life jackets. So far in 2024, there have been four state boating fatalities.

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# City ordinance proposal targets abuse of 911 calls

## False emergencies could now lead to fines

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council will vote at its next meeting on implementing a new ordinance that will go after people reporting false emergencies using 911.

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley told the council there is a small group of people calling 911 for emergencies and when EMS personnel arrive they are asked to do home health care or other tasks around the house.

“This is in no way a measure to try to limit services to 911 or to try to discourage people to call 911 when they have an emergency,” Stanley said. “It’s for people that are falsely reporting.”

Residents have called 911 to say they have chest pain or smell natural gas. The dispatcher then sends the proper response and it turns out to be a different circumstance when first responders arrive.

“When we get there, either the police department or the fire department arrives and (the caller says) ‘No I’m not really having chest pains but I’d like you to feed my cat, pull up my socks, help me clean up waste from an accident.’ Things of that nature and they repeatedly call,” Stanley said.

“We’ve got seven people that have called 911 137 times ... this year. It’s a very disproportionate outlier. They’re asking for nonemergency type services.”

City documents show one person called 104 times to 911 over the last 18 months.

That person was transported for an emergency on 21% of those calls but would often call for a medical emergency and when EMS arrived would demand services like changing batteries in a remote control.

Stanley calls these people “super users” who are abusing critical resources.

“They’re tying up the city resources from public safety so they cannot be able to respond to other emergencies in a timely fashion,” he said.

The ordinance change developed with the city attorney’s office mimics the existing state statute.

There are only two people in the fire department who will be able to issue citations: the fire marshal and EMS division chief. They are developing that process between the fire department and city attorney’s office.

People who violate the proposed ordinance will be fined between \$100 and \$500.



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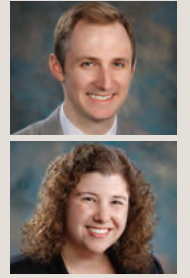
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# Merrill school to make way for Vel Phillips space

## Elementary, middle school will be removed

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The 120-year-old Merrill Elementary and Middle School will be deconstructed this fall.

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education were split on the vote between those wanting to keep the historic building and those wanted green space and an adequate track and field site for Vel Phillips Middle School.

Demolishing the school was part of the conversation during the 2020 referendum process.

Merrill School, 108 New York Ave., was built in the early 1900s and designed by noted architect Henry Auler. When it was announced the district was exploring tearing down the school, a group banded together and started a petition to try to save the school.

The group's savemerrill.com website states the referendum never said Merrill would be demolished. The group isn't trying to save the entire school, just the original sections built in 1901 and 1932.

They proposed two solutions, including building a 200-meter track – the standard being 400 meters – that would allow for parts of the school to be saved.

It will cost the district \$911,219 to demolish the building and will be paid for by funds from the 2020 referendum. This falls in line with a 10-year facilities plan to replace older schools with new and more efficient buildings capable of teaching more students.



Photo from OASD

Merrill Middle and Elementary School will be demolished this fall after more than 120 years in Oshkosh.

Board member Tim Hess noted that 1,300 people signed the Save Merrill School petition.

"That means something," he said.

Board member Kelly DeWitt went to Merrill Elementary and Middle School along with her parents and grandparents.

"I just don't have it in me to vote for this," she said.

Hess also said that an upcoming referendum would call for South Park School to be demolished.

"It has the same art deco features and so I really hope for us to try and find a way to memorialize that building a little better," Hess said. "We've got two months."

He questioned if there was a way to preserve some parts of Merrill school. Superintendent Bryan Davis said the administration will look into preserving some elements.

Board member Barbara Herzog spoke of the importance of having a proper track for students at Vel Phillips. She said she saw the track & field team practicing the high jump with the landing space in the parking lot.

"I don't see that as a safe situation," she said. "I saw kids running on the hard surfaces of the sidewalks. That's not where they would conduct a meet and it's really important when kids are practicing athletics that they have the same kind of facility that they would use in a sports event. We wouldn't think about shortening a football field."

She noted it was an equity issue and compared it to North High School's swimming pool that is not the right size to hold meets.

Herzog said she respects the people who are passionate about keeping Merrill in the district but the money has already been earmarked in the referendum that allocated

part of funds to take down Merrill.

She pointed out that before the referendum vote, the public was told that Merrill would be taken down as part of the process. She noted that some of the 1,300 signatures to save the school were from people out of town.

The 2020 referendum passed with about 57%, or 22,000 voters, being in favor of the proposal. Herzog noted that number is far more than the 1,300 that would like to see that building saved.

"When we say students first, the right thing to do today is to vote yes on this resolution," Herzog said.

Board member Christopher Wright said the time to save Merrill was before the referendum was passed. He noted the decision is between providing a green space for kids to play and preserving a historic building.

"Right now kids have no green space. They're in the parking lot or they're in the gym and that's not fair to them," Wright said. "Once the referendum passed, the way that it passed, we had a huge facility that was going to get built with virtually no green space. That's not fair to those kids."

Board members Liz Szilagyi and Beth Wyman said there is an apparent need on the north side of Oshkosh for a place for children to play.

"It's about the whole neighborhood having a place for kids to play," Szilagyi said.

The resolution carried 5-2 with DeWitt and Hess opposing deconstruction of Merrill. District documents show the school could be demolished anytime between Aug. 19 and Nov. 29 so the track can be built in 2025.



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# School district cuts 20 positions among tech and substitutes

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education has cut 20 employee positions to save more than \$1 million, including building-based substitute teachers and several technology coaches.

The staff cuts include 11 substitute teachers, six technology integrator coaches, a dean of students, social worker and a school counselor.

As the district approved 4.12% wage increases as part of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget to match the consumer price index, the gap in the budget became \$1.1 million.

There were several comments opposed to the staffing cuts, with some staff calling the cuts disheartening, a colossal mistake and would lead to a mass exodus of teachers. Several staff members were at a technology conference when they received the call saying their position might be eliminated.

Matt Callahan, who has been a technology integration coach for more than 10 years, spoke to the board about the importance of the positions.

"Technology isn't going away and we continually hear reports about how stressed out and overwhelmed the staff

are," he said. "If we want our students to be college and career ready, I don't know how we can remove almost all of the supports for technology use and say we are putting students first."

The district will have at least two technology integration coaches after eliminating the six positions. Board member Beth Wyman said she was concerned about the cuts to technology as the board and district have received frequent emails about how tech coaches are already overworked.

Julie Conrad-Peters, assistant superintendent of operations, said dealing with technology coach cuts would be challenging.

The district is offering all affected staff positions within the district that match their certification. Sabrina Johnson, executive director of human resources, said the district looked at seniority of those staff members.

"No one is losing their jobs in this proposal," board member Chris Wright said.

Conrad-Peters said reducing staff was the most viable option when looking at how to bridge the gap in the budget to

maintain financial stability without compromising educational quality.

She said the cuts were made to staffing positions as the district focuses on key performance indicators related to improving in the areas of reading, math and social emotional learning.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said a major reason for the staffing cuts is that OASD spends significantly more on instructional staff per pupil than any other district in the area, one reason being the decreased enrollment the district is experiencing.

Board member Barbara Herzog said the board and district need to recognize the district no longer has 10,000 students and now stands at 9,100.

Documents provided by the district show Oshkosh spends \$9,751 on instructional staff per pupil, Fond du Lac spends \$8,057 per pupil, Appleton spends \$7,821 and Neenah spends \$6,988.

Board member Liz Szilagyi asked whether these cuts will close that gap to a rate closer to that of Fond du Lac. Exec-

utive director of business services Drew Niehans told the board that even with these cuts Oshkosh will still be spending more on instructional staff per pupil than any district in the region.

He said the district would need to cut 132 instructional staff positions to get to Fond du Lac's numbers.

"As we work on trying to do a slower, more planned out and strategic look on how we can start our way towards that plan, no one has the thought or wants to try to get there as quickly as possible, but we need to start making progress to that," Niehans said. "It's not sustainable with our staffing levels."

Board member Kelly DeWitt said the district should have done a deep dive on the budget and said the \$1.1 million could be found somewhere else. She called for more transparency by the administration and said the move will lose trust among teachers and community.

The resolution passed the board with two opposing votes from DeWitt and Herzog.

## Public museum finds its new director here

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Museum's assistant director was named by the city last week to lead the institution in overseeing its exhibitions, programs and staff as it marks its centennial year.

Anna Cannizzo has been with the museum for the last 10 years, initially serving as the curator of collections for six years



Cannizzo

and assistant director for four years before being named interim director in May. She previously served as curator of collections and interim director at the Denison Museum at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for seven years.

She replaces Sarah Phillips, who announced in April that she had accepted the position of director of the Idaho State Museum where she had worked before taking the director role in Oshkosh in December 2021.

"I am pleased that Ms. Cannizzo will be joining our senior leadership team at the city of Oshkosh," stated City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Anna's background and experience are a natural fit for her to step into the role of director of the Oshkosh Public Museum."

Cannizzo earned her bachelor and master's degrees in anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology along with a master's certificate in museum studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I am honored to continue to serve the Oshkosh community and lead the Oshkosh Public Museum during this exciting time in the museum's history," Cannizzo said in a statement. "I look forward to building on the museum's strong legacy of celebrating the region's unique heritage by developing meaningful exhibitions and programs that create a space for learning, reflection and belonging for all people."

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# Mid-century modern architecture found near Millers Bay

By Jacob Floam  
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Oshkosh is a tapestry of history that is woven into each part of town. Evidenced by architecture and design, each neighborhood is a snapshot in time in our city's history.

No better is this exemplified than in the houses of the Millers Bay neighborhood and their neat mid-century modern homes.

The end of World War II brought the onset of large housing demand in cities all over America. Oshkosh was no different and the history of Millers Bay highlights that.

Postwar growth in Oshkosh pushed development north. Before the Millers Bay neighborhood was developed, this part of town was mostly farm and marshland. The space north of what is today Murdock Avenue was occupied by a dairy farm and the land south of it lay the marsh. This marsh was used briefly as a landfill by the Town of Oshkosh before development began, but the land was annexed in the early 1950s after being purchased by a developer named Louie Graber.

Homes were built fast on what is now Menominee Drive, White Swan and Graber streets, and the neighborhood built up to a point where a new school was required, which resulted in the building of Emmeline Cook Elementary in 1954.

When walking up and down Menominee Drive and adjacent streets you see low-slung, elegant homes that have their own distinct look that you don't find in other parts of the city. According to



Architectural Digest columnist Rachael Davies, mid-century modern was inspired by Wisconsinite Frank Lloyd Wright and Bauhaus design in inter-war Europe. The style is known for its elegant and expressive layout with open floor plans, tall windows, wood paneling, and new building materials such as concrete and insulated glass.

Mid-century modern inherently embodies postwar optimism, a bold break from past American housing designs and prizes functionality and openness. When looking at the plat maps for the neighborhood you will see that it is dominated by homes built from the late 1940s to the early 1980s. Mid-century modern style is most often found in homes built in the 1950s and 1960s.

The neighborhood today is a picturesque tribute to postwar architecture and a popular location for families. The trees lining the streets provide a canopy to these well-kept homes and Menominee Park is only a short walk away, as well as the new Menominee Middle School.

The 2006 Oshkosh Historic Resources Survey acknowledges mid-century modern as a historic architectural style. While the survey lists the style as "contemporary" the description matches the one for mid-century modern in both style and timeframe of building.



Submitted photos

The Emil Reichow home on Menominee Drive (above) and the Russell and Jeanette Williams home at 1416 Menominee Drive (below) are examples of mid-century modern architecture in the Millers Bay area.



The survey also notes two properties that are potentially eligible to be nominated for the State and National Register of Historic Places that are located in Millers Bay: the Russell and Jeanette Williams home, 1416 Menominee Drive, and Emil C. Reichow home, 1906 Menominee Drive. Built in 1955, 1416 Menominee Drive was designed by local architects Theodore Irion and Leonard Reinke. Their firm, Irion and Reinke had their office on North Main Street across from St. John's Lutheran Church.

1906 Menominee Drive was also

designed by a local architect, Robert Pokrandt.

The Oshkosh Landmarks Commission is dedicated to preserving our city's architectural heritage as a part of telling our story as a community. We encourage continuing dialogue, education, research, and action so that our city retains its architectural gems where it can.

Mid-century modern is part of Oshkosh's history, so next time you're around the north end of Menominee Park, look around and enjoy the architecture.

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# Firefighter-themed playground dedicated at Read school

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Read Elementary School unveiled its new playground after almost two years of planning and building that features a firefighter theme to promote fire department work as a potential career choice.

“We want the students to know that being a firefighter is a valuable career,” Jennifer Skolaski said. “We need more firefighters, especially women and people of color. This way, students will see themselves on a playground fire truck and that will help them see themselves on a real fire truck.”

Skolaski is a Read parent and Read Rocket booster who led a tour that started in front of the school where there’s a new open space outdoor classroom. She explained the walkway around the area was a story walk with pages from a children’s book.

The books in the walk will change regularly and the current one on display is “Duck! Rabbit!” by author Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrator Tom Lichtenheld.

Read Principal Emily Eisenschink, who worked with Skolaski on planning the playground, was blown away by the community support.

“It’s overwhelming when you actually see how many people helped with this project. That amount of money is baffling,” Eisenschink said. “It means the world that the teachers feel this support from the community.”

The new playground cost more than \$500,000 to build and was funded by donations. Last week a private tour was given to donors along with community partners that made the playground possible.

“The students have a place that is so



Residents got a look at the new Read Elementary playground last week that allows students to use their imagination on possibilities for play.

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beautiful,” she added. “Read didn’t have a lot of things the other elementary schools had. We caught up through this project and we now have a 21st century learning space on the exterior of our campus.”

A free library in the shape of a fire truck in front of the school will be regularly filled with books for children to enjoy. There is also a Cedar House where the kids can lose themselves in imaginary worlds of working in a kitchen or running a business. The house was built by retired workers from Oshkosh Corp.

Those weren’t the only volunteers that made the playground possible. Last summer Women’s Build Day invited more than

100 women and children to work on the playground.

“Not only is this a beautiful space to play but we were really proud to involve our community partners,” Skolaski said.

Throughout the playground are tulip chairs built by a company in the Netherlands. The chair provides support for your back and your bottom, Skolaski said, and helpful for children with sensory issues.

Students can also use a stage that is positioned near the school and some outdoor musical equipment.

“It’s a great project. It’s a model for future community partnerships,” District Superintendent Bryan Davis said. “Most impor-

tantly I’m excited for the kids and neighbors to share in the excitement for this new equipment.”

The playground has a firefighter and fire station theme with equipment accessible for all students in front and behind the building.

“Students in wheelchairs can now swing along with the other students,” Skolaski said.

As the tour meandered around the building the new and bright murals caught people’s attention. Appleton-based artist Neo Medina worked with the student body of more than 350 to create the inclusive mural in April.



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# Jail term ordered for bedroom shooting range

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

An attempt to turn a bedroom into a shooting range landed an Oshkosh man in jail for four months followed by years of probation.

Anker Kleis, 26, plead no contest to felony second-degree recklessly endangering safety and two misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property. He has been in custody since April when he was arrested.

Winnebago County Circuit Judge Daniel Bissett found Kleis guilty after his no-contest plea and proceeded to sentence him at the June 17 hearing to four months in jail followed by four years of probation. He is also ordered to pay restitution in the case.

The case had seven victims identified and statements submitted to the court showing the impact it has had on their lives.

"My inability to complete work tasks due to the stress, anxiety and fatigue through just a short few weeks has cost thousands of dollars in lost income/wages," one victim wrote.

Another victim impact statement asked for Kleis to receive the maximum sentence, which could have been up to five years in prison for the felony count.

"The impact from all this will be felt for years to come," the victim wrote. "I believe Mr. Kleis deserves the maximum sentencing for his actions. What he did was an extreme threat to public safety and he should be held accountable for his actions."

Police received a weapons complaint April 24 at the home in the 800 block of Central Street from residents who told dispatch they believed their roommate was shooting a gun in his upstairs bedroom. When officers arrived, they entered Kleis' room through an exterior window after being told of a firearm rigged to face

the doorway.

Officers found a string on a hanger from the ceiling tied to the doorknob, which was connected to the trigger of a .22 long rifle on a tripod aimed at the door. There were dozens of spent shell casings on the floor along with dozens of bullet holes in the drywall, the complaint states.

Earlier that day one of Kleis' roommates confronted him about popping noises and told him to stop. When Kleis left, one of them saw the spent casings on the floor and called police.

Kleis told officers that the landlord had entered his room without prior notice and felt his privacy was being invaded. He also told police he often goes to a firing range in Appleton but that had gotten too expensive so he turned his bedroom into a

shooting range.

Kleis admitted that he shot at a Kevlar vest in his room that was placed in front of a fabric cushion and a piece of wood. He believed the cushion, wood and vest would be strong enough to stop the rounds.

Kleis set up a security camera and booby trap that he said was just for show and a threat and that the gun wasn't loaded.

Police reported finding bullet holes in the south wall of the room and an outside search of the house revealed a 4-inch hole in the exterior siding where police believe bullets were exiting.

Several rounds allegedly struck a house south of the home with two bullet holes going through a window of a neighboring home.

## Altrusa awards scholarships to 5 students

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh has announced its 2024 scholarship winners with five students receiving \$1,500 each.

Riley Jerger plans to pursue a degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering. He has volunteered for numerous organizations in Oshkosh and helped build playgrounds for Costa Rican children. Riley's love of STEM has allowed him to participate in STEM-based learning programs at the US Coast Guard Academy and UW-Madison this last summer.

Gulsom Rezaim, who escaped from the Taliban in 2021 and came to Wisconsin suffering hardships along the way, was encouraged by two teachers at Oshkosh North High School and plans to pursue a career in dentistry.

Joshua Rucinski, born in Heidelberg,

Germany, where he attended public school until he moved to America at the end of ninth grade, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a degree in biochemistry. He aspires to work in pharmaceutical research.

Angelina Vu, the daughter of two Southeast Asian refugees, will be pursuing degrees in acting and finance at the University of Minnesota, hopes to use the performing arts to create positive changes in her community while becoming a financial adviser.

Katrina Goodwin is studying for an office administration associates degree at Fox Valley Technical College that will help her thrive in her future career goals.

Area students interested in applying for 2025 scholarships can check for information at [districtseven.altrusa.org/Oshkosh](http://districtseven.altrusa.org/Oshkosh).

## Military museum earns national honor

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The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) in Nashville has named the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Oshkosh as a recipient of an award of excellence for its Souvenirs of Service: the Things They Kept exhibit.

"I am so proud of the folks at the museum who consistently come up with engaging, compassionate and unexpected stories," said Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary-designee James Bond. "We're lucky to have such excellent stewards of history working on behalf of our state's veterans."

The Souvenirs of Service exhibit shows the humanity behind the history through

artifacts not normally on display at a military museum. Museum staff aimed to bridge the expanding military-civilian divide and encourage a deeper understanding of military service.

"It is the culmination of a few years of hard work by our talented staff who set out to tell the story of our Wisconsin veterans from a unique and relatable perspective," said WVM director Christopher Kolakowski.

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# Public library calendar

Some programs require registration. Visit [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org) for details.

**July 3**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
Paint Along with Ms. Katie, 1:30 p.m., grades K-2

**July 4**  
Library closed

**July 5**  
Archive Dives, 9 a.m., YouTube  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.  
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8  
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

**July 6**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Surprise, 11 a.m.-noon

**July 8**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Teens Write! Six-word Memoir, 1 p.m.  
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

**July 9**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Drop-in Tech Help, 1-3 p.m., adults  
Adult DIY: Wooden Fruit Coasters, 6 p.m.  
Stitch Together, 6:30-7:30 p.m., adults

**July 10**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10 a.m.: 15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults  
Art Adventures, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5

**July 11**  
Baby Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
AniManga Club, 1 p.m., teens  
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m., adults  
Chess Club, 5 p.m., all ages

**July 12**  
Art Adventures, 10 a.m., grades 3-5  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.  
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2

**July 13**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon  
DIY Instruments with Dr. Kickbutt's Orchestra of Death, 10 a.m., children and families

**July 15**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Teens Write! Blackout Poetry, 1 p.m.  
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5 - 12

**July 16**  
DIY Tie-Dye for Teens, 11 a.m.

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

**July 17**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

**July 18**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
AniManga Club, 1 p.m., teens  
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages  
Wonderlab, 5:30 pm., grades K-2  
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

**July 19**  
Librarian Learns, 9 a.m., YouTube  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.  
Tween S.T.E.A.M., 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5

**July 20**  
Craft Swap, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., adults  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon

**July 22**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Teens Write! Story Starters, 1 p.m.  
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5 - 12

**July 23**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.

**July 24**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

**July 25**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
AniManga Club, 1 p.m., teens  
Francis Gary Powers Jr., 6 p.m.

**July 26**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.  
Teen Lock-in, 7-10 p.m.

**July 27**  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon

**July 29**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Teens Write! Writing Haiku, 1 p.m.  
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

**July 30**  
Drop-In & Create, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., all ages  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Banned Book Club: Nineteen Minutes, 6:30 p.m., adults

**July 31**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

## Area's jobless rate for May was 2.8%

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The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a slight increase in its unemployment rate from 2.6% percent to 2.8% percent between April and May, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last May's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and the county was 2.5%.

The preliminary non-seasonally adjusted

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# Fireworks to launch at Menominee Park

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh will celebrate Independence Day at Menominee Park on Thursday with a parade, food trucks and fireworks.

Earlier in the day the Fourth of July Parade will go through downtown starting at 9 a.m. with festivities at Menominee Park starting at 3 p.m. The Menominee Park Zoo opens at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

The parade will start at Otter and North Main streets and head north to East Irving Street, then east on Hazel Street where it

ends at the park.

Starting at 3 p.m., there will be 19 different food trucks throughout the park for people to sample different cuisines and scope out a spot to watch the nighttime show.

Oshkosh is one of 32 Wisconsin communities with fireworks shows sponsored by Festival Foods. The displays are set to start at dusk or about 9:45 p.m. In case of inclement weather, fireworks will be moved to Friday.

# First responders emphasize safety with fireworks

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire and Police departments remind residents to play it safe with fireworks this Independence Day.

There has been a 25% increase in fireworks-related injuries over the past 15 years, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In 2021, there were 11,500 emergency room-treated injuries and nine deaths involving fireworks nationally, most due to misuse. Adults ages 20-24 had the highest

rate of injury.

Fireworks were also responsible for an average of 19,000 fires annually, according to the Nation Fire Protection Association.

Going to a public display put on by experts is recommended as a better option, but those using their own are encouraged to only use legal fireworks. Permits that can be purchased at some firework stands are not valid in the city with potential fines of \$232 for use of illegal fireworks.

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# Calendar of events

## Wednesday, July 3

Music on Main: Julio Reyes, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Fireworks Over Fisk, dusk, Town of Utica

## Thursday, July 4

Oshkosh Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m., downtown

Fourth of July Celebration, 3 p.m., Menominee Park

## Friday, July 5

Morgan House tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

## Saturday, July 6

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

"O Brother, Where Art Thou," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Tuesday, July 9

Live at the Leach: Boogie and the Yo-yoz, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Wednesday, July 10

Music on Main: Alex Wilson, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

## Thursday, July 11

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sale, 8 a.m., various locations

Live at Lunch: Valley Jazz Institute Students' Jam, noon, Opera House Square

Lifest, noon, Sunnyview Expo Center

Waterfest: ARRIVAL from Sweden: Music of ABBA, The Pocket Kings, Salsa Manzanera, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Friday, July 12

Lifest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Waupaca Boatride/U.S. Open Grass Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Brighton Acres

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sale, 8 a.m., various locations

Bag & Brews Cornhole Tournament, 5

p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co. Park Dance, 5 p.m., South Park

## Saturday, July 13

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Lifest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Waupaca Boatride/U.S. Open Grass Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Brighton Acres

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

River East Neighborhood Association rummage sale, 8 a.m., various locations

Butte des Morts Lions Summer Bazaar, 9 a.m., Lions Park, 5069 Washington St., Butte des Morts

"Conan the Barbarian," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, July 14

Lifest, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Waupaca Boatride/U.S. Open Grass Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Brighton Acres

## Monday, July 15

Oshkosh Yacht Club X-Boat Xtreme Regatta, 12:15 p.m., Menominee Park

## Tuesday, July 16

Oshkosh Yacht Club X-Boat Xtreme Regatta, 10 a.m., Menominee Park

## Wednesday, July 17

Music on Main: Noah Harmon Trio, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Community Drum Circle, 7 p.m., Opera House Square

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

## Thursday, July 18

Live at Lunch: Ross Catterton, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Voices of Rock Radio, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Friday, July 19

DeerFest, 2 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

## Saturday, July 20

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

DeerFest, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

BBCubed & Brighton Ride to Cure Diabetes, Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Stellar Summer Music & Vintage Festival, noon, Leach Amphitheater

"The Lego Movie," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, July 21

DeerFest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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# City request to dismiss road lawsuit denied

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A civil lawsuit filed against the city by a group of nine residents in a recently annexed neighborhood is moving forward after a judge threw out a motion to dismiss the case.

Winnebago County Circuit Branch 1 Judge Teresa Basiliere ruled that even though a process server may not have delivered the entire complaint and sum-



Basiliere

mons in the case it was not the fault of the plaintiffs.

Clairville Road residents are suing the city over the high price of special assessments they received as the city installs utility lines in the recently annexed area.

The residents are represented by attorney Jeremy Vanderloop and the city has retained the services of Remzy Bitar and Samantha Schmid of Municipal Law and Litigation Group. Schmid and Vanderloop attended the meeting remotely.

The defense argued that the city clerk did not receive the entire complaint and that the case should be dismissed due to the fundamental error.

Basiliere gave an overview of the events based on filings from each party. She said an experienced process server reported printing out the entire summons and complaint in the court to be given to city clerk Diane Bartlett.

The city alleges it was not the complete document. Basiliere ruled it is not the fault of the plaintiffs that the entire document wasn't served. She also said the city had accessed the electronic filing of the complaint and summons, which means officials had the entire document they were supposed to be served.

Basiliere said it came down to an argument of whether it was a fundamental or technical error. She ruled it was a technical error and denied the motion to dismiss.

In a response to the city's motion to dismiss, Vanderloop argued it was a technical error and that the defendants were wasting time and money with their motion.

"So now the plaintiff's money and this court's time are being wasted by that decision," he said. "This is why people hate lawyers; in no world would it be equitable for these poor people living in Clairville to have to pay this shocking and ridiculous assessment due to this kind of alleged mistake."

Basiliere is leaving the bench at the end of her term and the case will be passed on to incoming Judge-elect Michael Rust, who will preside over a telephone conference call in the case Sept. 3.

Earlier this year the lawsuit was filed to challenge high special assessments that Clairville Road residents received.

Court documents filed in Winnebago County last month allege the residents were not properly annexed out of the Town of Algoma into Oshkosh, among other allegations.

"The costs of the special assessments are astronomical," the lawsuit states. "Though the final numbers are not published properly by the city, normal residences are being assessed in excess of \$70,000."

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# Funding requests

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Oshkosh.

Rohloff said the OASD is supplementing what World Relief does for refugees in the area and said in his opinion the federal government should be investing more for these people as they establish a home in Oshkosh.

“World Relief should be getting more funding from the federal government,” Rohloff said. “I think Oshkosh bares a large burden of the refugee community and I think the fed ought to be doing a better job.”

Rohloff said OASD, the Winnebago Area Literacy Council and SEPO (sustainability, education and progress as one) had all submitted applications to serve the refugee population here.

City staff recommendations were made with four areas of need in mind: housing, homelessness, child care and DEI/underrepresented populations.

For housing, the recommendations were \$300,000 for Habitat for Humanity and city efforts to build affordable housing on the site of the former Washington Elementary school and \$300,000 to build workforce housing on Farmington Avenue.

The council discussed both of these applications and council member DJ Nichols asked whether the city being the applicant gave it preferential treatment.

It was decided that the Farmington project would be able to go forward without the ARPA funds and the city would be



Rohloff

able to find another funding source.

For homelessness, three recommendations were made totaling \$325,174 with funds going to the Salvation Army, Day by Day Shelter and COTS.

There were two recommendations for improving child care capacity. The Corridor project is a proposal that will have second-shift child care, which Rohloff said is virtually nonexistent in the city.

ADVOCAP was the second recommendation for child care needs, a proposal that calls for business incubators to be established in the city to help launch child care startups.

More than \$850,000 was recommended for DEI/underrepresented populations applications. These included funds for SEPO to provide services to underrepresented populations in Oshkosh.

Operation DREAM North is an extension of a youth program started in Milwaukee by Rodney Bourrage, who noted there was an alarming lack of youth programs available in Oshkosh.

DREAM North is renting office space at the new Hyde Community Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. Bourrage is hoping to rent out other space at the club, such as the gym and indoor play space for free on Saturdays.

Lakeside Packaging Plus is planning to build an outdoor recreation area to be used by its clients. Other groups getting recommendations for the funds came from Covey, Jericho Road Lutheran Food Pantry, the Learning Collaborative and Winnebago Area Literacy Council.

Council members discussed options for the \$300,000 that will not be going to the Farmington Avenue housing project and \$77,500 not going to the school district.

New recommendations will give \$150,000 each to the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District and Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods. The Hooper Community Center will be recommended to receive \$60,000 and Oshkosh Pride to receive \$17,500.

Nichols, who is gay, said Oshkosh Pride is doing good work and said the group is quieter in Oshkosh than in other communities.

“Supporting this organization is a powerful stance by this council to tell people that you belong here and we’re going to make sure that you feel that you belong here too,” he said.

The council will meet July 9 to approve the recommendations and at that point will have almost all ARPA funds allocated. Rohloff said if there are any funds left they will go to city infrastructure projects.

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## Business news roundup

Froedtert ThedaCare Health has named Dr. Robert Cavagnol as president of its North Region, responsible for its overall leadership, management and strategic direction.

Cavagnol has been with St. Luke's Health System in Boise, Idaho, where he has held various leadership positions, including clinic president. He also held leadership roles with Mercy Health System in Missouri. Cavagnol was a surgeon in the U.S. Navy from 2005-2008 as a lieutenant commander. He begins his new role July 29.



Cavagnol

Periwinkle Poppy Boutique, featuring women's apparel and accessories, is moving downtown to 665 N. Main St. Owner Cari Kerl said a grand opening is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13 and also will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14. Regular store hours will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. According to Kerl, “Our mission is to empower women to feel beautiful and confident in everything they wear.”

The U.S. Army Contracting Command in Detroit has placed a \$27.3 million order for 57 medium equipment trailers (MET) from Oshkosh Defense as part of its five-year contract with the Army in partnership with Broshuis B.V. The six-axle drop deck trailer is interoperable with the Oshkosh Enhanced Heavy Equipment Transporter System (EHETS) tractor. Combined with the EHETS, the MET can transport combat vehicles weighing up to 60 tons and has a 70-foot-long trailer with a hydraulically adjustable suspension. The primary mission of the MET is to load, secure and transport Bradley Fighting Vehicles, armored multipurpose vehicles, Paladin and field artillery ammunition support vehicles.

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# Water cleanup

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creating social media content depicting his dives and the items he finds has become his full-time job.

The 42-year-old lives in Marinette and is currently on an 11-week tour of the Midwest that brought him to the Lake Winnebago area recently. Along the way he receives support from businesses, organizations and individuals that share his passion for aquatic conservation.

One of his biggest supporters is Nicolet Law, which is collaborating to provide hundreds of mesh bags that will be available for sale on Bieber's website to engage the public in cleanup efforts.

"Everywhere we go, people want to come out and help," he said. "They want to meet me because they love my content, my videos, what I'm trying to do to inspire, educate and bring people hope if they have lost property that I find."

In Oshkosh, Paul and Kathy Williams of Coot's Lures opened their home for Bieber and his girlfriend and helped with onshore cleanup efforts. A \$500 donation from the Sheboygan Walleye Club provided financial support.

Some of Bieber's more unique underwater finds include toilets, sewing machines and a rifle wrapped in plastic and electrical tape. He turned the rifle over to police but said they returned it when they couldn't find any crimes connected to it.

So far this year, Bieber has recovered more than 20 Apple watches.

"People call me to find cellphones, car keys, boat motors, jewelry, wedding rings, earrings," he said.

Diving also led him to love. Earlier this year he listed a 1990s Barbie for sale on

eBay that he recovered from the Wolf River. Though the Barbie was discolored and looked about how you'd expect a doll to look after being buried in river muck for decades, it sparked a bidding war and sold for \$1,225.

The buyer was 40-year-old Christie Barlament of Green Bay – and the couple have been together ever since.

"My coolest find was that Barbie because it led me to Christie and she's my biggest supporter and she really loves what I do," he said.

On a recent trip to Florida, the couple got tattoos together. Bieber's forearm now sports a mermaid with her name; Barlament's wrist showcases the Ed the Diver logo.

"He's just a phenomenal person and very selfless and humble," Barlament said of Bieber. "He's doing a really good thing for everybody. I hope it makes a huge difference."

Barlament is in the process of becoming scuba certified so she can join in on Bieber's dives. But Bieber noted that scuba diving isn't required to help clean waterways.

"You know, it's not hard at all to get out there and start picking up," he said. "You're going to see stuff. Usually the fishing line, you don't really notice it at first but once you have a trained eye, you notice it everywhere and getting it off the banks is really important to save wildlife. Like waterfowl, birds, all the little animals that crawl around the shores get tangled up in that line."

Diving and recovering debris from waterways have changed Bieber's views on conservation.

"I just don't really want to fish anymore," he said. "I'd rather be in the water seeing the fish face to face, setting them free, making their home safer."

His determination is changing the tide for Wisconsin's water resources and shows a cleaner planet is within reach – one dive at a time.



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Ed Bieber and Christie Barlament are shown in Menominee Park with items they removed from Lake Winnebago with the help of volunteers.

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# Oshkosh Legion picks up pair of wins last week

Oshkosh Herald

A pair of big innings helped back a strong pitching effort by Shaun Gavin as the Oshkosh Legion claimed a 7-3 win at Stevens Point last Thursday.

Gavin pitched six strong innings, allowing just four hits and striking out six. Only two of the three runs he allowed were unearned. Ryan Williamson pitched a scoreless seventh, including a pair of strikeouts, to close out the win.

The Oshkosh offense staked Gavin to the early lead in the top of the second, sending 10 batters to the plate and scoring four runs.

Three straight singles from Fisher Mackenzie, Carson Steinbeck and Greyson Spanbauer started the rally, with Spanbauer picking up an RBI on his hit, while a second run scored on a Stevens Point error. Max Kese then drove in a run when he reached on an error before Gavin capped

the innings with a two-out, run-scoring base hit.

After Stevens Point pulled within a run, Oshkosh answered with three runs in the top of the fifth to help secure the win.

Mackenzie, Steinbeck and Spanbauer each had RBI singles in the inning, which started with an Alex Duel base hit.

The middle of Oshkosh's batting order – Mackenzie, Steinbeck and Spanbauer – combined to go 6-for-12 in the game with four runs scored and four RBIs. Gavin also picked up a pair of hits, including a double, in the win.

Oshkosh was coming off a 14-2 thumping of Kaukauna on Wednesday, which was sparked by a nine-run first inning.

Williamson had a two-run single in the outburst, while Gavin also drove in a pair of runs and had two hits in the inning. Landon Ubrig, Steinbeck, Duel and Colin Nigl also drove in runs in the rally.

Gavin had a big night at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a sacrifice fly, three runs

scored and three RBIs. Duel and Nigl each added two hits in the game, while every starter scored at least one run.

Avery Mosloski turned in a strong effort on the mound for Oshkosh, allowing just one hit and three walks in hurling all five innings. He retired the first 10 batters he faced in the game and finished with six strikeouts.

Also last week, Oshkosh fell to Waupun, 11-4, with Gavin picking up a pair of hits and Spanbauer reaching base in three of four plate appearances.

The Legion also dropped a 1-0 decision to Green Bay Southwest last week, with Hunter Stelzer striking out four without a walk and allowing five hits in six innings in taking the tough-luck loss.

Duel and Mackenzie had the only hits in the game for Oshkosh.

The Legion are scheduled to play in the Stevens Point tournament this weekend, before returning home to host Neenah on Tuesday at EJ Schneider Field.

## Dragon Boat Festival returning

Oshkosh Herald

The Northeast Wisconsin (N.E.W.) Dragon Boat Festival returns Sept. 14 to Oshkosh, a cultural celebration along the Fox River based at the Leach Amphitheater.

Co-organized by the Northeast Wisconsin Chinese Association (NEWCA) in partnership with the city, the Dragon Boat Festival will have competing teams demonstrating their strength and synchronized paddling along with Asian cultural displays and performances that include dance, music and martial arts.

A Global Market and Affinity Fair will

be on the grounds along with street food, sweet treats and beverages from food vendors. A family-friendly night of activities will feature DJ Sushi Lor.

Proceeds from the event, which starts at 9 a.m., will benefit cultural and educational programs through NEWCA and the Oshkosh Area School District.

Team registration is open through Aug. 15. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite and through Festival Foods in the Fox Cities after July 15. For more information, go to [newdragonboat.com](http://newdragonboat.com), or on Facebook and Instagram.

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# Obituaries

## Fredric E. Kimball

Fredric "Fritz" E. Kimball, age 77, of Oshkosh, passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024. Fritz was born in Wausau on March 27, 1947 to the late Fred and Dorothy (Clark) Kimball. Fritz was united in marriage to Paulette "Polly" Piehl on March 27, 1971 at St. Michael's Church of Wausau and together raised three sons.

Fritz's life was one marked by dedication and service. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a Seabee in both Antarctica and Vietnam.

He was actively engaged in his community, serving the Millers Bay Neighborhood Association, and his Parish Council at Most Blessed Sacrament.

Always ready for an adventure, Fritz enjoyed exploring the state on scenic drives and finding off the beaten path curiosities. Fritz was active in scouting with his three children leading to a lifelong love of camping. He especially treasured sharing summers with his sons and grandsons camping, hiking, and fishing.



He loved animals, both pets and wildlife, and enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels followed by afternoon naps with a cat on his lap. Few things made him happier than a long afternoon grilling, a passion he honed throughout his life. His sense of humor was unmatched and brought joy and laughter to all those around him.

Fritz is survived by his wife, Polly Kimball; sons, Paul (Sarah) Kimball, Eden Prairie, MN, Scott (Melanie) Kimball, Milwaukee, WI, and Adam Kimball, Oshkosh, WI; grandchildren, Aidan and Connor of Eden Prairie, MN; brother David (Kathleen) Kimball, Arbor Vitae, WI; sister-in-law, Mary Kimball, Wausau, WI. He is further survived by nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Fritz was preceded in death by his brother Jim, mother-and-father-in-law, and sisters-and-brothers-in-law.

A Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Fr. Jerome Pastors took place on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Peter site. Burial will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery at a later date.



## June Ann Lowther

June Ann Lowther, age 85, died peacefully June 26, 2024, at Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh. She was born on June 16, 1939, to Emanuel and Amalie Stieben. On September 10, 1960, she married Lawrence Lowther.



June is survived by her two sons, Mark (Nicole Frank) Lowther, and Matthew (Audry) Lowther; grandchildren, Jacob Lowther, Kaelyn Lowther, Konner Lowther, and Luke (Sara Tittel) Lowther; and her brother, Edwin Stieben of Las Vegas, NV. June is further survived by a large extended family with numerous nieces and nephews, and their children.

June was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence Lowther; son Frederick Lowther; brothers, Alex Stieben, Frederick Stieben, and Emil Stieben; sisters, Mary Stieben, Emma Stieben, Bertha Foster, Martha Tellock and Dorothy Gartman.

June was a beloved daughter, wife, mom, granny and aunt who was a homemaker for most of her life. June briefly worked at Oshkosh Telephone Company where she made lifelong friends. June made friends everywhere that she went. June enjoyed crafts, painting, playing golf, ice skating on Sawyer Creek, traveling when she

could and going "Up North" to the family cottage.

June was an incredible baker and cook. Nobody left her kitchen table hungry. June enjoyed preparing German food, baked dishes, casseroles and crockpot dinners. She also baked dozens of cookies, cakes and pies. June always sent leftovers and treats along with anyone who left her house.

June's kitchen table was a gathering spot for conversation for family and friends for several decades. Family dinners with June will be missed by many.

A Funeral service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at noon. A time of visitation will be held from 10:30AM until the time of service.

June's family would like to thank hospital staff at Aurora Medical Center-Oshkosh as well as Aurora Hospice for their care provided to June.



## Rose Ann Watkins

Rose Ann Watkins, a beloved member of the Oshkosh community, passed away peacefully at Country Villa in Omro, WI on June 26, 2024, at the age of 84. She was born on October 5, 1939, in Oshkosh, WI, and was the loving wife of Ralph Watkins and the devoted mother of Michael Watkins. She graduated from Omro High School in 1957.

Rose lived a life filled with love and passion for her family and community. Her garden, a sanctuary of colorful blooms and fresh produce, was her pride and joy, reflecting her vibrant spirit and nurturing nature. She was known for her generosity in sharing the bounty of her garden with others and for her culinary skills, always eager to experiment with new recipes and delighting those around her with her delicious meals.

Beyond her home, Rose was an active member of her church, where her caring presence and dedication shone brightly. Her kindness and compassion touched the lives of all who knew her, leaving a lasting impact on the community she cherished.

Rose is survived by her husband, Ralph; son, Michael; sisters Florence Diel and Mary Haasch; and sisters-in-law, Iris Diel and Betty Watkins

Rose is preceded in death by her parents, George & Mary (Macho) Diel; brothers, George E. (DeLaine) Diel and John (Sandra) Diel; sisters, Joan (Hubert) Doro, Ellen (Russell Sr.) Frees and Frances Diel;



Parents-in-law, Earl & Laura Watkins Sr; brothers-in-law, Francis Haasch, Earl Watkins Jr. and Ken (Judy) Watkins.

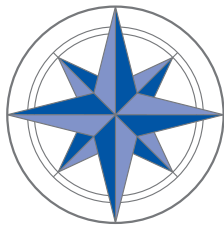
A visitation to celebrate Rose's life will be held at Martin Luther Lutheran Church on July 3, 2024, starting at 10:00 am, followed by a memorial service at 10:30 am. This gathering will provide an opportunity for family and friends to come together, share stories, and honor the memory of a remarkable woman who brought light and warmth to those around her.

Rose will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her love, generosity, and unwavering faith. May her legacy of kindness and grace continue to inspire all who knew her.

The Watkins family would like to thank the staff at Country Villa in Omro, as well as the staff with Compassus Hospice for their loving care of Rose.



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### Bernadine Carol Staggs

Bernadine "Bernie" Carol (Woldt) Staggs, age 75, of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh on Tuesday June 25, 2024, with her family at her side. Bernie was born on January 23, 1949, in Oshkosh where she lived most of her life and raised her three children.



Bernie will be missed by many, especially her special friend, Gary Jeschke; children, Shelley (David) Tank, Appleton, Tony (Amy) Reichenberger, Lakeville, MN, and Tim (Andrea) Reichenberger, Oshkosh; brother, Dennis (Fran) Woldt, Phoenix, AZ; sister Nancy Schumacher, Wausau; five grandchildren, Vanessa, Adalyn, Oscar Reichenberger, and Rachel and Devin Tank.

Bernie loved traveling and spending time with her family and friends for dinner dates. She had a huge heart and was often thinking of and helping others. Her entire life of hard work allowed her to enjoy her retirement years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Marvel Reischl, her nephew, Jerry Schumacher, and her niece, Wendy Woldt.

Per Bernie's request, a funeral service will not be held. A visitation for family and friends will take place, Monday, July 8, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Ave., Oshkosh. Waugoo Ave. is currently under construction, those attending should use Washington Ave. to access the Broad St. entrance.

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# Obituaries

## Tara Sue Johnson

Tara Sue Johnson (Schuelke), 49, passed away Friday, June 21st, 2024 at 1pm.



Tara was born November 12, 1974, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and was a lifelong resident. She was very organized and had a knack for finding a great deal! For the last two years, she was a dedicated employee at 2nd Chance Goods, located in Oshkosh.

Tara married her best friend, Scott Johnson, September 9, 2011. They were each other's person and rarely were seen without each other. They shared many precious memories and would always dance to their wedding song whenever they could and "in spite of themselves".

Tara was amazing. She was an extremely hard-working and compassionate person who took care of all those around her. She found passion in cooking and spending weekends with her family and friends at her trailer in Wild Rose. Tara was always the life of the party and was fluent in sar-

casim and her quick wit was appreciated by all. Despite her own struggles, she was always available and would give you her world if you needed it. Tara particularly enjoyed spending time with baby Hendrix who always was able to light up her face. She will truly be missed by all who had the great pleasure of being called her friend and family.

Surviving Tara are her husband, Scott; father and stepmother, Larry (Patty) Schuelke; sister Stacey; niece, Kaylee, uncle, Rick (Tina) Foley; and her fur babies Bug and Tator Tot.

Further survived by brothers and sisters-in-law; Mark, Rick, Ted, Julie (Brian), John, Wendy (Jeff), several nieces, nephews, cousins and her dear friends who all held a special place in Tara's heart.

Preceding her in death are her mother, Sandy Foley; father and mother-in-law, David and Connie.

In lieu of a funeral, Tara's loved ones will be having a celebration of life to be held at a later date.



## Brian Charles Bradley

Brian Charles Bradley passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2024. He was born



March 6, 1948 in Oshkosh, WI, parents Howard H. Bradley, and Leone A. (Drexler) Bradley. Brian grew up in Oshkosh, graduated from Oshkosh High School 1966, and attended

University of Idaho, UW-O, FVTC, and extension courses. He married Lynn Wahlgren 1968, and had four children. He worked as a draftsman, and for 41 years at Mercury Marine in various departments retiring in 2009. He also was the owner of The Bradley Company of the Fox, a business as general merchant supplying historical re-enactors with all their needs from the late 1970's to 2013. In 1989 Brian married Linda Marin, and together they produced quality handmade items and grew their family business to in-

clude a retail storefront, international mail order, and a traveling operation to historical re-enactments all over the Midwest. Brian enjoyed traveling with their re-enactor friends, both primitive and modern camping, and being a long time member of Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders.

He is survived by wife Linda Marin, daughter Kelly (Todd) Tanner, sons Sean (Julie) Bradley, and Casey Bradley, six grandchildren Trevor and Mason Tanner, Samantha (Ryan), Rachel, Alex, and Gavin Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Michael Bradley, his sister-in-law Judy Bradley, one daughter Meghan Bradley, and the mother of his children.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Ridgeway Country Club in Neenah, WI. All re-enactors, if you are attending, please dress in period clothing.



## Gary Jon Luebke

Gary Jon Luebke, age 70, passed away on June 17, 2024, in Oshkosh, WI. He was



born on Feb 17, 1954, at Mercy Hospital, Oshkosh, WI to parents Marian and Allen Luebke.

He graduated as part of the last class at Oshkosh High School in 1972. He worked

many years as an over-the-road truck driver. Most recently, he retired from Winnebago Mental Health after 16 years of service as a Psychiatric Care Technician where he enjoyed working with special needs children.

Gary was a long-time member of the Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club. He inherited his lifelong love of horses from his mother and father. His mother, Marian, was a charter member of the Flying Mane. He enjoyed spending weekends trail riding with family and friends. Gary was the third generation of the Oleson family to farm the family homestead near Waukau, WI. He loved working on the land and spending time outdoors. His other hobbies included hunting, cutting firewood and drinking beer. Gary always remained loyal to IH tractors, Ford pickup trucks and Ski Doo snowmobiles.

Gary is survived by his son, Garrett of Pickett; his sister and brother-in-law, Julie

and Joseph Russo of Plainfield; his aunts, Joan Oleson and Mary Oleson of Waukau. He is also survived by Garrett's and Elizabeth's mother, Kathryn Luebke and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Florice Oleson; his parents, Marian and Allen Luebke; his daughter, Elizabeth Luebke; uncles, Erwin Oleson, Andrew Oleson and Frank Oleson; and aunt, Marion Oleson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson St., Omro, WI, on Monday, July 8 from 10AM - Noon. Service at Noon. His final resting place will be at Waukau Cemetery.



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## America's Independence Day

### Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

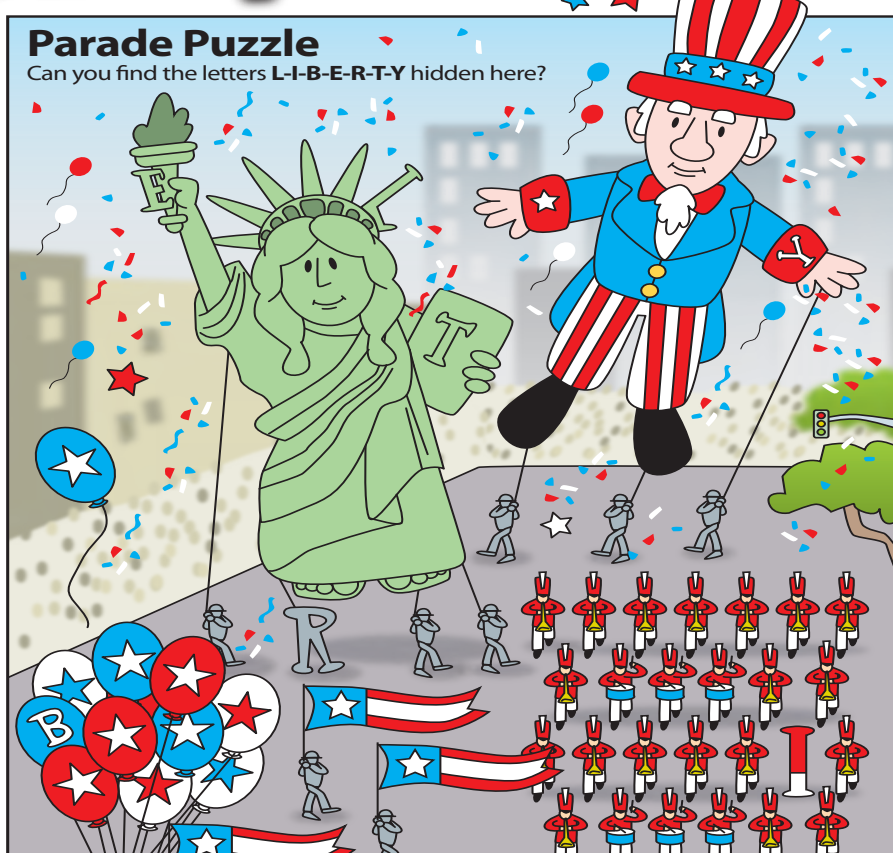
Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

**EFLI**  
**BILTEYR**

**PINESPHAS**

### Parade Puzzle

Can you find the letters L-I-B-E-R-T-Y hidden here?



How many stars can you find below?

**BONUS:**  
 How many stars can you find on this page?

Which two picnic pictures are the same?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**POP! BOOM! ZING!**

**Onomatopoeia** describes words that sound like the sound they make when you say them. For example, when you say, "Pop!" it sounds a bit like a pop. Look through the newspaper. Can you find three to five examples of onomatopoeia?

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Vocabulary development.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Founding Father Favorite Food

One of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence visited Europe and fell in love with pasta. He brought back a machine to make macaroni and later, he became the first president to serve macaroni and cheese as part of an official state dinner. Which Founding Father was this? Circle every fourth letter to find out!

ASDT**F**J**K**H**D**ZMOVWYMLNR  
 AQMP**S**L**W**B**J**V**C**T**E**K**O**L**F**D**Q**N  
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**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

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

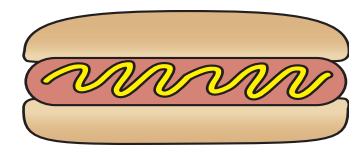
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

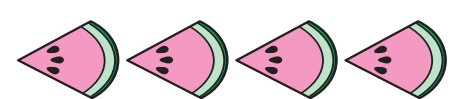
**Kid Scoop Together:**  
**Fourth of July by the Numbers**  
 Use this code to reveal some incredible Independence Day facts:

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	= 2		= 7
	= 3		= 8
	= 4		= 9



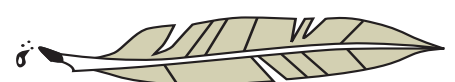
Number of hot dogs that are eaten by Americans on Independence Day:

million

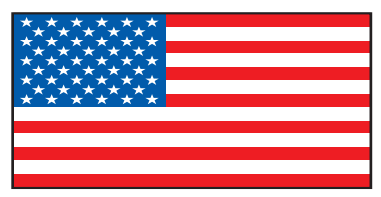


Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:

\$ million



Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:

%

Sources: History.com, WalletHub.com

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### My Best Birthday

Write about the best birthday you have had. What made it feel so special? Be sure to give at least five details.

**Standards Link:** Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.



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