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### Post-pandemic federal funds coming through

By Bethanie Gengler

Months after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of millions in Spirit Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to municipalities and nonprofits, the distribution process is substantially complete, with most recipients having received their disbursements.

At a meeting in June, County Execu-

tive Jon Doemel emphasized the need for signed grant contracts before the funds



nanced by the Spirit Fund if needed. Some initial confusion surrounded

the grant contracts,

a new requirement that entities such as the Omro Community Center weren't required to follow before disbursement. Other concerns included that some entities were required to complete the funded projects and then be reimbursed by the county.

In addition, director of administration Mike Collard, who retired earlier this year, said in 2022 that the purpose of designating the entirety of the county's \$33 million in ARPA dollars as lost revenue from the pandemic and transferring it to a newly created Spirit Fund was to remove federal requirements for the money.

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

### Aerial spectacle

EAA AirVenture's Saturday night air show filled Oshkosh skies with colors and sounds for the week's final big performance ahead of Sunday's closing of the annual event that drew record crowds. See more coverage on Pages 6 and 7.

# Proposed storage facility needs to clear zoning hurdle

### Mayor not sold on plans for City Center conversion

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

Office space could soon become storage space in downtown Oshkosh.

City Center owners have applied for a zone change at 400 City Center that would shift the space from offices to indoor storage units.

"The market for large office space is virtually nonexistent due to COVID and people are working at home," Kurt Koeppler told the Plan Commission at its recent meeting. He is one of the managing partners and owners of City Center.

Koeppler said the building has been vacant for two years and does not believe it will find a tenant large enough for the 75,000 square feet space. He said his plans would dramatically change the exterior of the building and said people may not even notice the proposed storage business.

"It will completely change the exterior of that side of our building," said Koeppler, who estimated the building rehab could cost up to \$850,000.

Koeppler described the operation as people being able to drive their vehicles directly into the space with no outside storage.

"You will not see any storage cubicles from the exterior. The windows will be blocked out with a film to match the existing coating," he said.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said he wasn't sure storage units are the best option for that space.

"I don't believe that this fits within that space down there," he said.

City Center sits on a tax increment financing (TIF) district that is set to expire within five years.

"I have a hard time with a TIF being on a storage center," Mugerauer added.

Koeppler doesn't anticipate getting a major tenant and said the space cannot be divided to draw multiple tenants.

"We need tenants. Sure, I'd like to be picky - but in this market that's impossible," he said.

The building is zoned central mixed-use

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# Using AI tools focus of workforce event

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWBD) will present a Winning With Wisconsin workforce event in the region from 8 to 10 a.m. Aug. 8 at the Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Riverside Campus in Oshkosh.

Employers and community leaders are invited to join state and local workforce leaders in the latest of a series of events dedicated to relevant workforce topics. Kurt Wismer, an educator from North Fond du Lac, will lead a session on the essentials of AI and how these new tools will save time and make days more productive.

During the session, attendees will be led on an exploration of the fundamentals of AI, its mechanics, prompt generation techniques, and crucial ethical considerations.

"Following record-breaking job numbers and historically low unemployment, Wisconsin employers and education leaders need workforce development resources and programs now more than ever," DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek said.

The 11 workforce development areas have integrated business service teams that work with employers on strategies to recruit qualified workers, retain employees, access workforce planning resources and attract a broad pool of skilled candidates.

The 2024 series will build on the events offered in 2023 and cover new topics, including youth employment, artificial intelligence, and innovative ways to attract, develop, and retain top talent development programs.

The two-hour educational session is free and breakfast will be provided, but preregistration is required at foxvalleywww. eventbrite.com. For more information, call/text Bobbi Miller at 920-470-0837 or email bmiller@fvwdb.com.

# Success of UWO graduates tracked in report

Oshkosh Herald

Nearly eight of 10 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduates in the class of 2022-23 crossed the stage with their Wisconsin-based career opportunity secured and in line to earn an average starting salary 2.7 percent higher than the preceding class, according to a new university report.

The latest UWO First Destination Outcomes Report tracks new alumni successes through surveys sent to baccalaureate degree candidates before graduation and through follow up emails six months after. The latest data tracked the 1,566 who received degrees in 2022-23.

Some of the report's findings:

- The majority of new Titans alumni continued to get hired and launch careers before graduation: 76% of the 2022-23 class secured their outcome before graduation, 6.6 percent higher than five years ago.
- UWO graduates' average starting salaries continue to climb, surpassing \$55,000 for the class of 2022-23. The UWO College of Nursing continues to be a university leader, seeing its graduates, on average,

eclipse \$70,000.

• Of the 2022-23 class, 84.4% of Wisconsin residents remain in Wisconsin after graduation; 30.9% of nonresidents remain in state and become new Wisconsinites.

"UWO talent drives growth and supplies leadership in the Fox Valley region and beyond," UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt stated. "Thank you to the hundreds of organizations and partners who provide internships and classroom connected learning experiences for our students."

The First Destination Report is managed by UWO Career & Professional Development, the university's provider of career information, advice and occupational guidance.

### DNR seeks volunteer hunter education instructors

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers to promote safe and ethical hunting practices as hunter education instructors.

Since the program's creation in 1967, more than 20,000 volunteer instructors have trained and certified more than one million hunters across the state of Wis-

Interested volunteers can serve as apprentices under a sponsoring instructor for at least two complete courses or attend a certification training session hosted by a DNR Outdoor Skills Trainer.

For more information, contact the area outdoor skills trainer.

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

### July 28, 1990

Queen of the Air Arrives: The sleek British Airways Concorde arrived at Oshkosh's Wittman Regional Airport Saturday for its third visit to the EAA Fly-In. Hundreds of event goers and spectators crowded the flight line to welcome the majestic aircraft to the convention. Three Concorde flights are scheduled for those wishing to experience the supersonic flight for themselves at \$895 per seat. The aircraft, which can fly at twice the speed of sound, carried about 60 passengers to Oshkosh from Toronto, Canada. Roger Mills, who piloted the Concorde to Oshkosh, said the plane reached a top speed of .95 Mach during the 50-minute flight. He continued to add "Thev wouldn't let us go to supersonic speed over land – something about air space violations." Having a light load out of Canada resulted in a powerful and memorable takeoff reaching a speed of 280 knots in about 20 seconds (280 knots equals about 322 mph). The Concorde would later retire in 2003.





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# **Business news roundup**

**Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Spe**cialists, a doctor-owned orthopedic, sports medicine, rheumatology, and pain

management practice, has added spine surgeon Dr. Jack **Leschke** to its team in Neenah and Oshkosh. Board certified in neurosurgery and neurology, Leschke received his medical degree completed his residency in neurolo-



gy at the Medical College of Wisconsin followed by a residency in neurosurgery at the University of Minnesota. Leschke treats neurological conditions of the spine including neck and back pain, spinal fractures, spinal tumors, spinal stenosis, spondylolisthesis, degenerative spine disease, spinal arthritis, pinched nerves and sciatica.

The Wisconsin Innovation Awards announced 31 finalists for its 2024 awards, including InMEDBio LLC in Oshkosh. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony Oct. 8 in Madison. The Wisconsin Innovation Award recognizes the state's most innovative and forward-thinking companies and individuals, spotlighting those who are making significant contributions to their fields and driving the future of Wisconsin's economy.

Aurora Medical Center - Oshkosh has received national recognition by the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) as an Energy to Care Sustainability Champion. ASHE is a program of the American Hospital Association. The award reflects Aurora Health Care's commitment to sustainability, as well as the efforts of each hospital's operational team to track and manage energy, water and emissions reduction efforts. The Sustainability Champion Award is the program's highest distinction and given to just 21 health care facilities nationwide. To qualify, a hospital must achieve an Energy Star score of 75 or higher.

### Voter ID information available from DMV

Oshkosh Herald

Ahead of the Aug. 13 primary, the state Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds U.S. citizens how to obtain free identification that is valid for voting for those at least 18 years old by the next election.

Forms of identification include a driver's license, identification card, military or student ID card. There is no separate voter ID and a federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification or qualification meets the requirements can visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission at bringit.wi.gov.

A list of the required documents to bring to a DMV Customer Service Center is available at wisconsindmv.gov. If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available, DMV has a process for U.S. citizens to obtain the necessary information.

Questions can be answered at DMV's toll-free hotline at 844-588-1069. Information regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to elections.wi.gov.

Start the application at wisconsindmv. gov or at the DMV Customer Service Center at 2301 Omro Road.

### Unemployment rate rises in county for June

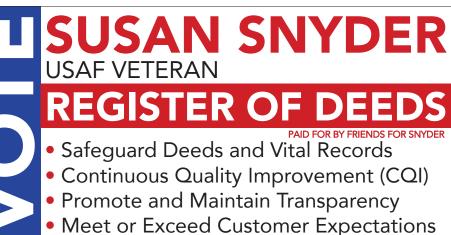
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The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a jump in its unemployment rate from 2.8% to 3.1% between May and June, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last June's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and Winnebago County was 3.3%.

The non-seasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas rose in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month but were still lower or unchanged compared with the previous year.

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# District could lose \$5 million in federal funds over Title IX

# Board votes against new U.S. regulations

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

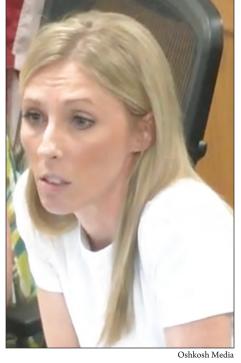
The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education earlier this month voted against new Title IX regulations in a move that could cost more than \$5 million in federal funding.

Title IX was established in 1972 to ensure female athletes had the same opportunity as their male counterparts. The new regulations expand the scope of the law's prohibition on sex discrimination and also applies to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

It is also intended to streamline processes schools use to investigate and respond to complaints of Title IX violations and directs them to use a "preponderance of the evidence" standard to evaluate sexual harassment, assault and discrimination claims rather than a higher legal threshold.

"The final regulations advance Title IX's promise of ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment or sexual violence, in federally funded education," the DOE said in a statement in April. "The final regulations restore and strengthen vital protections for students and provide schools with information to meet their Title IX obligations while offering appropriate discretion and flexibility to account for variations in school size, student populations and administrative structures."

Board members Kelly DeWitt and Tim Hess questioned the new regulations. They both noted that these protections



School board member Kelly DeWitt questioned what would happen if the district does not comply with new Title IX regulations. The answer is the district could lose millions of dollars in funds allocated by the federal government.

for students currently exist in district policy, which was confirmed to the Herald by district officials.

DeWitt asked at the meeting what the repercussions would be if the district was no longer compliant with the new regulations. Executive director of human resources Sabrina Johnson said the consequences are unclear for not approving the regulations.

DeWitt also asked what these changes would mean for the district. Johnson explained there will be a broader scope for receiving Title IX complaints. In the past the district would only act on complaints received that were events in the school buildings. The broader scope would apply to things that happen on social media and then brought into school, or if something happens on a field trip.

District communication director Katie Nieman explained that repercussions could include, and may not be limited to, losing federal funding and being subject to costly and time-intensive auditing and corrective actions.

"The district currently receives \$5.4 million in federal funding annually. In order to receive federal funding, K-12 public school districts must sign federal assurances, stating they comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, which includes complying with Title IX regulations," she said.

Hess said he could not find evidence of a school district not receiving federal funds for not updating Title IX regulations and called the move by the federal government a veiled threat.

"I see this as the executive branch of the federal government trying to rewrite existing law through rule making by using a bureaucratic office of the department of education and that they are doing so under the threat of removing federal aid," he said.

Eight lawsuits have been filed in response to the new Title IX regulations that 26 states have joined. Defendants in the case include the federal government, U.S. Department of Education and Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

In three of the federal cases judges have sided with the states, which will prevent the Department of Education regulations from taking effect in 15 states – Alaska, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming – on Thursday.

Hess, DeWitt and board president Beth Wyman voted against the regulations. She told the Herald after the meeting that she was looking for more information regarding the new regulations.

"This is a national topic and since the meeting, there has been additional information that has come forward which should be incorporated into the board's decision," Wyman said.

The Board of Education is set to vote again on the new Title IX regulations at its Aug. 14 meeting.

### Vel Phillips Middle School principal resigns

Oshkosh Herald

After one year of being open, Vel Phillips Middle School will need to find a new principal before students return to the classroom in September.

Kristi Levy is stepping down as principal about a month away from the fall semester. She said it was a difficult decision to resign the position in a letter to Vel Phillips students and families that the Herald obtained.

Superintendent Bryan Davis will be

recommending current Jefferson Elementary School principal Amanda Patza to be appointed to Vel Phillips principal. The Board of Education will vote on the recommendation at a special July 31 meeting.

The district closed Webster Stanley and Merrill middle schools and combined the students to attend Vel Phillips. Levy was appointed in 2021 to serve as its first principal after previously being principal at Washington Elementary School.





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Native treasures of Sawyer Creek on display for nature walk

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To celebrate years of native plant restoration and natural beauty along the banks of Sawyer Creek, the Wild Ones organization is offering a tour of the area around Evergreen Retirement Community and the magnificent green space found here.

On Aug. 15, Wild Ones is offering a tour of new and existing native plantings, including the spectacular restored oak savannah habitat now thriving on the grounds along Sawyer Creek.

"This is an opportunity for people to enjoy the beauty of this native landscape oasis, right in the city of Oshkosh," said Shannon Davis-Foust, Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter president.

Over the past several years, several sections of native plantings have been installed on the grounds at Evergreen and along Sawyer Creek.

Evergreen residents and Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter members Carol and Bob Niendorf organized the effort.

"We moved to Evergreen in August 2020 and noticed that the berm along Sawyer Creek near the pier was bare, except for a few plants," Carol said. "Although it was a very different spot from the prairie we had had at our home west of Oshkosh, we thought it could be a possible site for a prairie planting.

"Through Barbara Bowlus, Chairperson of the Evergreen Residents Grounds Committee, we got permission to do a planting. Funding was provided by the Evergreen Grounds Committee budget."

All that was left to do was purchase native plants and install them on the grounds.

"We ordered plants from Prairie Nursery and did our first planting on the west side of the south end of the berm on Oct.



Summer wildlife can be explored around the Evergreen Retirement Community during an upcoming nature walk.

1, 2020," she said. "Planting helpers included Evergreen resident and fellow Wild Ones member Ed Potempa and other Grounds Committee members.

"That first planting was a success and was followed by smaller plantings on the east side of the berm in May of 2022, 2023 and 2024, with funding from Wild Ones and Evergreen. The latter planting was done to replace some plants that were lost in the drought of 2023."

With plentiful rains, the native wildflowers are looking beautiful this summer and ready to welcome visitors on this specially organized walk of the grounds.

"The plantings have been very colorful in this summer's early rains and should be ready to welcome our visitors on Aug. 15," she said.

August brings peak bloom among the prairie wildflowers and visitors are guaranteed to see a lot of color. Native wildflowers such as purple coneflower, goldenrod, prairie coneflower, wild bergamot, orange milkweed and more should be in beautiful bloom during the walk.

The adjacent trail system at Sawyer Creek is open to the public for exploration

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and a place to relax and get away from the sights and sounds of urban life, if only for a temporary escape.

In addition to the beautiful wildflowers in bloom, enjoy the sweeping native grasses, as well as a variety of songbirds that are present throughout the year. Goldfinches, indigo buntings, several different sparrows, green heron, great blue heron, great egret, belted kingfisher and others call the area bordering the creek home.

Registration for the exploration is available on the Fox Valley Chapter of Wild Ones' website.



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# AirVenture draws another record crowd, sparks economy

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EAA Air Venture 2024 wrapped up Sunday with another successful and potentially record-breaking attendance similar to last year when more than 677,000 visitors attending the seven-day gathering.

AirVenture is credited with bringing an estimated \$170 million into the Fox Valley economy each year, according to the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. Dates for next year have been set, with opening day July 21 and wrapping up on July 27.

Some highlights of the week:

### **Young Eagles leader**

NFL All-Pro tight end Jimmy Graham was named last week as chairman of EAA's Young Eagles Program, which has introduced more than 2.3 million young people to aviation since 1992 through free introductory flights. Graham succeeds champion aerobatic aviator Sean D. Tucker, who served as chairman since 2013. Graham is the seventh person to hold that position, along with Cliff Robertson, Gen. Chuck Yeager, Harrison Ford, Sully Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles.

"There is so much in aviation that can serve as inspiration and motivation for everyone, and especially young people," said the former Packer, who flies a variety of airplanes and his own Huey helicopter. "I've seen it in the faces of kids I've flown, as they understand perhaps for the first time that these dreams are possible for them. Young Eagles is a superb platform to bring that message to even more young people, and I'm eager to continue."

### Air incidents

First responders were dispatched to a single-plane crash in a farm field south of



Saturday's night air show at AirVenture Oshkosh treated a record crowd to a multitude of colorful displays generated by planes, drones and fireworks.

Wittman Regional Airport at 12:15 p.m. July 22 that took the lives of its two passengers. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office identified Sean M. Tommervik, 37, of Philadelphia, and James G. Sullivan, 32, of Brooklyn, N.Y., as those who died in the single-engine four-seater kit plane. The Lancair Super ES owned by Tommervik crashed near Nekimi Avenue and Old Knapp Road two miles south of the airport.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office reported a plane making an emergency landing in a farm field Sunday in the Town of Hubbard after reporting engine issues.

The 28-year-old pilot told officers he was losing engine power on his way back to Georgia as he was leaving EAA. There were no injuries of property damage during the emergency landing.

### Friends to the north

The Royal Canadian Air Force's 100th anniversary was marked at AirVenture with the return of the Canadian Snowbirds military demonstration team for the first time since 2016, along with a rare appearance of the RCAF's most modern fighter jet, the Avro Lancaster Mk. X Bomber. The Snowbirds had aerobatic

performances Friday and Saturday during the daily air shows with their Canadair CT-114 Tutor jets.

### **Old Glory Honor Flight**

Vietnam War veterans returned to the AirVenture grounds early Friday evening after a day trip to Washington, D.C., for EAA's 10th annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight. Approximately 100 Wisconsin veterans toured war memorials in the nation's capital and received a hero's welcome upon their return at the conclusion of the Friday air show. See the story on Page 7.



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Photo by Jim Koepnick

The Canadian Snowbirds, the Royal Canadian Air Force's military demonstration team, returned to Oshkosh last weekend for the first time since 2016.



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# Old Glory flight honors Vietnam vets with a special day

Oshkosh Herald

Vietnam War veterans from the area and state returned to a welcoming crowd at AirVenture early Friday evening after a special day trip to Washington, D.C., for EAA's 10th annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight.

Old Glory Honor Flight, based out of Appleton since 2009, carried out its 69th mission of gratitude with the help of American Airlines and other sponsors to treat 98 military veterans, including a Medal of Honor recipient. Volunteers and veterans groups were on hand all along the way, from the early-morning bus ride to the airport throughout the event-filled day that concluded with a heroes' welcome at Wittman Regional Airport for the air show finale.

For Oshkosh resident Mike Sohm, who served on the USS Constellation supercarrier with the Navy in Southeast Asia, it was a return visit to Washington as he looked forward to going back with fellow service veterans while accompanied by daughter Kendra.

"It was just amazing," Sohm said of the experience. "I knew nothing about it as far as what happens."



Old Glory Honor Flight

Mike Sohm was accompanied by his daughter Kendra on the Old Glory Flight to Washington, D.C., Friday.





Photo by Jim Koepnio

An AirVenture crowd gathered to welcome back the Honor Flight on Friday evening.

The veterans' journey began before 5 a.m. with a bus ride to the airport terminal, were greeted by members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 led by its president Duane Canon among others, enjoyed Dunkin' coffee and doughnuts, presented with a commemorative coin while getting on the plane, treated to a meal on board and a few hours later at the capital for another round of welcoming assistance.

Sohm said the sincere efforts of everyone from Oshkosh to Washington and back were more than he and his fellow travelers could have expected.

"Everybody who could do something did something," he said. "It was so overwhelming but in such a positive way."

Sohm joined the U.S. Navy in 1968 and was on the Constellation as it operated from a fixed coordinate in the Sea of Japan called Yankee Station along with other U.S. Navy aircraft carriers and support ships. The supercarrier was frequently deployed for nine years of the Vietnam War.

"I was there when our POWs were returned when the war ended," Sohm recalled from 1973. "Every aircraft carrier put every plane we had in the air and they told the Vietnamese if we so much as see a fly on the radar screen ... we're sending everything in.

"They had made it a point of telling us, the crew, that once our guys were on the aircraft there was no way they were not coming home."

The group visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial among other military recognition sites, along with the Smithsonian's American History Museum, before returning home to another rousing reception. That included a mix of public officials, veterans group leaders, an Air Force general and U.S. Air Force band, along with Honor Flight and EAA officials.





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The changing of the guard is witnessed by Vietnam War veterans at the American History Museum in Washington last Friday.

"That was unbelievable because – I can speak for myself – we never had a welcome home and that was amazing," Sohm said.

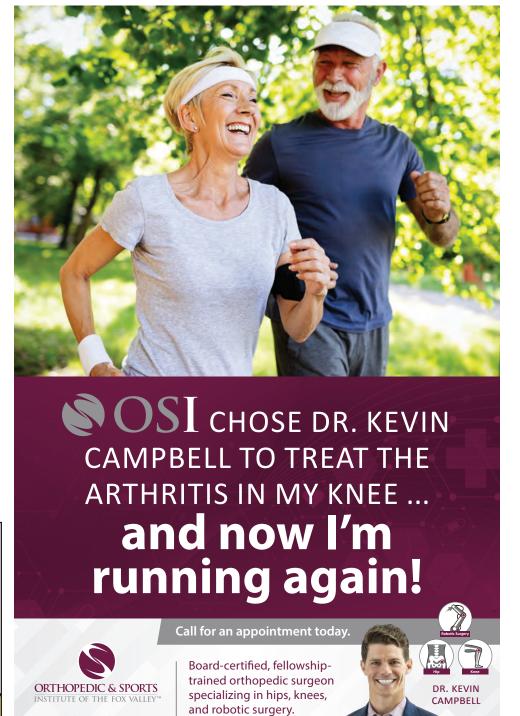
Other veterans from Oshkosh who took the trip included Sohm's former recruiting partner Chuck Schumacher, Jonsey

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Adkins, Randy Brooks, Chuck Butzlaff, Lyle Conrad, Larry Didlo, Dennis Dimmett, Dennis Galecki, Butch Mathe, Lynn Resop, Al Strauss Jr. and Mike Utech.

"It was the most emotional day in my life," said Sohm, "I will never forget it."



Seeing patients in

Oshkosh and Appleton.

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# Hard cider specialists committed to fresh, spirited creativity

By Lee Reiherzer Herald Contributor

Doug Post and Spencer Morse are on a mission to introduce Oshkosh to a proper hard cider.

Their base of operation is the tasting room at Sunken Paddle Ciderworks, 544 W. 17th Ave., the home of Oshkosh's first cidery, and what's made there shares little in common with the overtly sweet, mass-produced hard ciders one typically encounters.

"We get a lot of people coming in here who haven't had ciders like these before," said Morse, "so we like to start with some education. The first thing is that these ciders are dry, like certain types of wine. But once people begin to understand it and the complexity of it, they begin to realize that there's depth to cider and a variety of flavors. They're usually shocked by how much they love it. It ends up being pretty easy to convert them."

Morse and Post, both now 40, went through their own conversion experience almost a decade ago. The longtime friends were homebrewing together and kicking around thoughts of opening a brewery. Then Morse took a trip to Oregon. There he encountered dry ciders like those he now makes at Sunken Paddle.

"It just blew my mind," he said. "I came back and said, Doug, we've got to start making cider. After that, we just immersed ourselves in it. We basically turned my basement into a working cidery."

Post said the hobby grew into a full-blown obsession.

"We were driving around the state sourcing apples from all these different orchards. We were coming up with different blends and experimenting with yeast and



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Spencer Morse (left) and Doug Post started Sunken Paddle Ciderworks two years ago in Oshkosh.

then all of a sudden we've been doing this for like six years," he recalled. "That's about when we decided to focus on commercial processes and commercial equipment. We were still in the basement, but when Spencer spent two grand on a pump, I was like... uh, OK, this is really happening."

They opened Sunken Paddle in July 2022 in a former auto repair shop in a mixed-use neighborhood near the corner of 17th and Ohio. Morse and Post adapted the 1500-square-foot space to match their vision of an urban cidery, with a tasting room cradled by the production area.

"We had to start small," Post said. "We still wouldn't be off the ground if we were going for a larger version of this. We didn't even know if there would be a market for this kind of cider. But we found there are pockets of people who are begging for this kind of a product.

"We made 1,000 gallons that first year and last year we were over 2,500 gallons. That's about the most we can do with our current situation."

The scale of production has grown but their approach to making artisanal cider remains unchanged. "Our No. 1 rule is whole ingredients," Morse said. "It's all natural, it's all whole ingredients. We're not using fake anything. And there's zero water in these; it's all juice. That's part of what makes these ciders a little more expensive.

"We're not cutting corners. I mean if we're making a blackberry cider, we could go out and get blackberry flavoring. We're not going to do that. We're going to use real blackberries and we're going to try to source them locally. We've felt strongly about that from the beginning."

Their 60-gallon batches use about 900 pounds of apples, and can take up to eight months to produce. Their Heirloom Blend uses more than 300 varieties of Wisconsin-grown apples, some of which have a lineage dating to the 1600s.

"We're picking the apples, we're crushing the apples, we're doing it all by hand," Morse said. "I can't go to the gym, but there's something about picking apples that works for me."

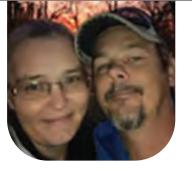
Both Morse and Post continue to work full-time jobs in addition to their cider making.

"It's a lot of work, but it's also very rewarding," Morse said. "We had to do this. I mean our biggest fear was that we'd end up old men without ever having taken a shot at it. You got to give it a shot. We knew we would regret it if we didn't try."

The best place to sample their work is in the tasting room at Sunken Paddle Ciderworks, where there are often six or seven cider varieties being served from bottles or on draught. Most hover around 6% alcohol by volume, about the same strength as a typical craft beer.

The tasting room is open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Their bottled cider is also available in Oshkosh at Wagner Market and the Oshkosh Food Co-op.

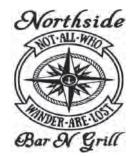
Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



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# Teen homicide suspect's phone found with bullet hole

By Jonathan Richie
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When authorities apprehended Daniel T. Wilson earlier this month in relation to a homicide in Oshkosh, they noted his cellphone had a bullet hole in it that led one detective to believe he had intentionally damaged the phone.

Wilson, 18, is facing life in prison after the shooting of a man on the night of July 2. He is being held on \$1 million bond for charges of first-degree intentional homicide.

Oshkosh police detective Jeremy Krueger testified during a preliminary hearing last week in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood that two witnesses were with Wilson at the time of the shooting.

Court documents allege Wilson shot a man in the chest multiple times outside an Oshkosh residence after the victim had asked Wilson and the two others if they wanted to buy marijuana from him.

Wilson was later arrested after a traffic stop by Fond du Lac police.

When Assistant District Attorney Amanda Nash asked Krueger about Wilson's cellphone, he said it was recovered from his vehicle with a bullet hole in it and was severely damaged. "He was attempting to damage the phone," Krueger said.

Wilson's girlfriend told Krueger that Wilson possessed three guns and that he most likely used his Glock in the shooting.

Defense attorney Emma Blankschein asked Krueger questions about the two witnesses who had slightly differing stories.

Heywood found probable cause and bound the case over for future hearings in Branch 2.

The victim was found lying on the sidewalk when first responders arrived and attempted lifesaving measures but he was pronounced dead. Wilson's girlfriend told police that Wilson told her a similar story of a guy approaching him trying to sell marijuana and that he shot the person in the stomach.

An autopsy at Aurora Medical Center determined the victim had five gunshot wounds. Police found six 9mm spent shell casings at the scene.

Wilson is also facing a count of bail jumping linked to an open Fond du Lac County case, where he is charged with battery and disorderly conduct. He will be back in court Aug. 26 for his arraignment in front of Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt.

### **Public library calendar**

Some programs require registration. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for details.

### Aug. 1

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.

AniMangaClub, 1 p.m., teens Bad Art Night, 5-7 p.m., adults Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 2

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

### Aug. 3

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-noon Saturday Surprise, 11 a.m.-noon, ages 5 and older

Art After Hours, 6-9 p.m., ages 16 and older

### Aug. 5

Book Buzz, 8 a.m., YouTube
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

### Aug. 6

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

Drop-in Tech Help, 1-3 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 7

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

### Aug. 8

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.

Animanga Club, 1 p.m., teens

### Aug. 9

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2

### Aug. 10

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9-noon

Exotic Pet Surrender Event, 9-noon, all ages

### Aug. 12

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.

### Aug. 13

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

Adult DIY: Wooden Barn Quilt, 6 p.m. Stitch Together, 6:30-7:30 p.m., adults

### Aug. 14

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

### Aug. 15

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 p.m., grades K-2

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

### Aug. 16

Librarian Learns, YouTube, 9 a.m. LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.

Tween S.T.E.A.M., 4:30 p.m.

Kelli Dunham's "Second Helping: Two Dead Lovers, Dead Funny," 7 p.m., adults

### Aug. 17

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

Sober Scribes: Creative Writing Workshop with Kelli Dunham, 10-11:30 a.m., adults

Open Mic Night, 7 p.m., adults

### Aug. 19

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

### Aug. 20

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

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

### Aug 21

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-

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Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

### Aug. 22

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

AmiMangaClub, 1 p.m., teens Chess Club, 5-7 pm., all ages

### Aug. 23

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.

### Aug. 24

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

### Aug. 26

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

### Aug. 27

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

Banned Book Club: Maus, 6:30 p.m., adults

### Aug. 28

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

Job search assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

### Aug. 29

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

AniManga Club, 1 p.m., teens Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

### Aug. 30

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.

### Aug. 31

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



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# Foundation scholarships awarded to students

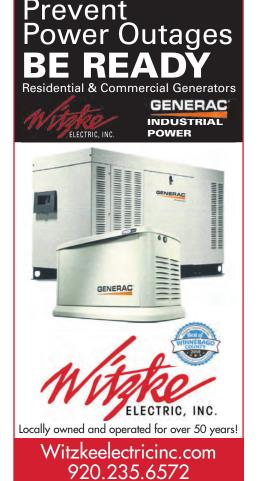
The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has awarded nearly 200 scholarships totaling \$243,850 to graduating high school seniors and college students.

The awards were presented to students during individual school ceremonies in May. A grand total of \$444,150 was awarded to more than 350 students, including the scholarships from the Omro Area Scholarship and Education Foundation (\$57,150), Neenah Joint School District (\$63,700), Ripon Education Foundation (\$44,500) and Winneconne Area Community Foundation (\$34,950).

A list of recipients can be found at OshkoshAreaCF.org/blog.

For more information about applying for a scholarship or starting a scholarship fund, go to OshkoshAreaCF.org/apply-for-a-scholarship or call 920-426-3993.





### Federal funds

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"Our objective is to free ourselves from those entanglements, which is perfectly in accordance with the law and regulations that they have for use of ARPA money," he said at a meeting in 2022. "So if we just call it the Spirit Fund, we kind of know what that means but the auditors won't look at that and see that it's governed by the federal regulations on grant distributions."

Doemel said designating the money as the Spirit Fund allowed the county to fund projects that wouldn't meet ARPA requirements, citing the \$3.03 million that the county allocated for future conservation projects.

"We follow the Fed rule to a 'T' to allocate our ARPA dollars based off their purview," he said.

At the board meeting last month, Doemel told supervisors there has to be accountability and that the county can't just cut checks.

"Maybe that's on me, maybe I have too high of a standard on that; I want to make sure that the dollars that we're giving are guaranteed to go where we're making sure it goes," he said.

Supervisor Conley Hanson told Doemel

that he doesn't understand the embarrassment the county has gone through.

"We did the Spirit Fund for a specific reason to help facilitate that and I think we've messed it up," he said.

Doemel disagreed, stating the county is doing a fine job but acknowledged that communication could be better.

Concerns arose in late May when it was discovered that some entities were still awaiting their allocations approved in March and April. Prompted by email inquiries from the Oshkosh Herald, an email was circulated by volunteer ARPA commission member Beth Oswald indicating that 18 nonprofits and municipalities were collectively due nearly \$7 million.

Officials said the delay in receiving the funds hampered their ability to deal with pressing community needs ranging from infrastructure improvements to social welfare programs.

Though he didn't identify the city by name, Doemel alleged at the county board meeting last month that Neenah officials criticized the county's disbursement of Spirit Funds to the media but "shared zero of their ARPA dollars."

"We've shared more of our money with community members and municipalities than they have," he said.

Aside from funding government and

individual projects for nonprofits and municipalities, the county also sent \$145,000 to each of the 16 municipalities primarily within Winnebago County.

Doemel confirmed the cities of Neenah and Menasha have both received their Spirit Fund disbursements that were approved in March - \$300,000 and \$185,000 respectively – to be used for traffic safety barriers for parades and large events.

Assistant Police Chief Jeff Bernice thanked the city of Neenah, Common Council and Winnebago County Supervisors "for approving this additional layer of defense for our citizens."

Vinnie's Pantry has also received the \$500,000 it was awarded for its expansion completed in Neenah last year after concerns that a 2017 state attorney general decision may prevent the county from disbursing the funds.

Doemel said he didn't find out about the attorney general opinion until after approving the funds for the pantry, but said the county is contracting to use the nonprofit's space if needed.

"If we ever have to come up and do program hours at St. Vinnie's, that is the space that we would do program hours in," he

St. Vincent de Paul director of operations Jeremy Pingel said Vinnie's is grateful to the county board and committee members for the Spirit Funds.

"This gift will help us in our effort to fight food insecurity for all those that are struggling right here in the Neenah/Menasha communities," he said.

Municipalities awarded Spirit Funds earlier this year include the Village of Winneconne which received \$324,500 to upgrade parks; Town of Algoma which received \$387,500 for a roundabout; and City of Omro which received \$343,000 to update water and sewer lines under the Fox River.

Nonprofits included the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, YMCA locations in Neenah and Oshkosh, Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity, NOVA Counseling and Solutions Recovery, which each were awarded \$500,000.

Doemel confirmed last week that all of the entities that returned signed contracts have received their money and four entities were still awaiting funds. He added that the county is in the process of launching a Geographic Information System (GIS) map that will show where the Spirit Funds have been used.

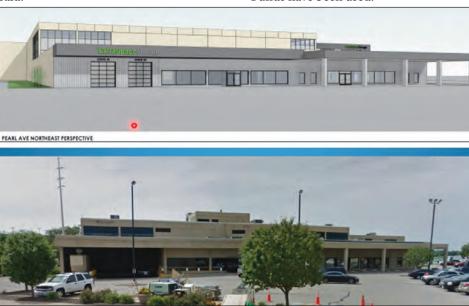
### Search Wisconsin's waters for invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Madison Division of Extension invite the public to help search for aquatic invasive species across the state Aug. 10.

Snapshot Day monitors designated sites for invasive plants and animals that may threaten the state's wildlife and water ecosystems. Coordinated by UW-Extension in partnership with the DNR and the Cit-

izen Lake Monitoring Network, Snapshot Day is entering its 11th year of collecting data to help inform and guide management and control activities.

Volunteers will meet at a local training site of their choosing to learn how to identify invasive species before heading out to monitoring sites with event partners. Go to dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom for signup information.



Newly released plans show 400 City Center transforming into office space. The top drawing would be the new view of the Pearl Avenue side of the building compared with the existing structure.

# **City Center**

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district with riverfront overlay (CMU-RFO) and Koeppler is requesting it be changed to central mixed-use district with riverfront and planned development overlay (CMU-RFO-PD). The change would allow more flexibility in the uses and allows for a personal storage business.

The zoning change received its first reading at last week's meeting. The second reading and vote on the zoning change will come at the next council meeting set for Aug. 14, which was moved to a Wednesday because the Aug. 13 primary election.

The council will also be asked to approve the site's general development plan for Extra Space Storage coming to City Center.



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# Calendar of events

### 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

Growing Up Today with Sami Boehm, 6 p.m., Father Carr's Place 2B

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

History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

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

Poker run for Kris and Sherrie, 9 a.m., Northside Bar & Grill, 2126 Algoma Blvd. 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.

### Tuesday, Aug. 6

National Night Out, 5 p.m., Boys &

Girls Club of Oshkosh Hyde Family Community Center parking lot, also other locations

### Wednesday, Aug. 7

Wildlife Wednesdays: Who Eats What? 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Rainbow

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

### Thursday, Aug. 15

Live at Lunch: Natural Satellite, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Better Than Ezra, Alex Mc-Murray Band, Lil' Davy Max, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

### Saturday, Aug. 17

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Freemasons and Oshkosh Masonic Center community fair, noon, Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washing-

"The Great Muppet Caper," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.



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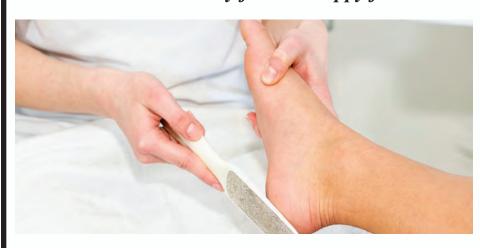


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# Better Than Ezra replaces **Mavericks at Waterfest**

The Mavericks' upcoming show that was set for Aug. 15 at Waterfest has been canceled due to health-related reasons within the band.

Filling that headline slot at the Leach Amphitheater will be Better Than Ezra, an alternative rock band based in New Orleans formed in 1988 with nine studio albums and the No. 1 Billboard hit "Good."

Those seeking ticket refunds are directed to info@hometowntickets.com and will be honored through Aug. 12. All other tickets for the Aug. 15 show will be honored for



Alternative rock band Better Than Ezra joins the Waterfest lineup Aug. 15 after The Mavericks canceled their scheduled show.

the appearances of Better Than Ezra; Alex McMurray Band and Lil' Davy Max.



KennyHoopla performed at the recent Stellar Summer Music & Vintage Festival at the Leach Amphitheater.

# Stellar Summer vintage fest adds musical celebration to gathering

By Jenny Grunwald OSHKOSH HERALD

Stellar Summer Music & Vintage Festival continues to expand with its recent annual event adding live music to accompany vintage vendors from the around the

Starting in 2019 as a pop-up gathering with vendors selling vintage merchandise at Fifth Ward Brewing Co., this year's festival was held July 20 at the Leach Amphitheater and had a musical lineup.

"I wanted to bring something fun and different to the community, to create a space that promotes sustainability, (and) artistic expression – a space that everyone feels welcome," said founder and Oshkosh resident Kinni Peters.

The festival was known as the Fox Valley Vintage Festival until Peters came up with the concert idea while watching the fireworks last Fourth of July. She reached out to Jordan Wilcox of Beats2Go, an event production company and from there they

made it all come together.

Peters said there were 27 vendors and more than 600 attendees in the vintage festival's first year and has grown every year since.

"Stellar Summer has been met with tremendous support from the entire community, for which I am so grateful. I really can't wait for next year," said Peters, adding she is planning to make more event changes and add activities.

The day featured people selling vintage fashion, toys, used vinyl records and home decor, along with 11 food trucks. Live music included Milwaukee-based artists Sulestial and Social Cig, along with area bands Smoke Free Home, Shoobie and headliner KennyHoopla from Oshkosh.

"(Events like) Stellar Summer are important because they bring the community together to celebrate sustainability, personal style and artistic expression in a way that our community needs," said Peters. "I wish we had events like this when I was growing up in Oshkosh.













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### Local college graduates

These Oshkosh residents recently received college degrees from various universities:

The **University of Wisconsin Oshkosh** celebrated the achievements of more than 1,300 students in two ceremonies May 18. Among those from Oshkosh:

Alan Acuna, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work

Duaa Ahmad, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Babatunde Ajao, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration

Savanna Alvarez, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Alexander Anderson, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work

Natalie Anderson, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering Technology

Jeffrey Annis, Master of Social Work, Advanced Direct Practice

Aida Barahona Marquez, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Spanish

Micki Benz, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science

Peter Berry, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Physics

Mario Biendarra, Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems

Anthony Blando, Bachelor of Science, Exercise & Sport Science

Logan Bodoh, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science

Samuel Bogan, Bachelor of Science, Ra-

dio-TV-Film Amanda Borgwardt, Bachelor of Sci-

ence, Philosophy Sean Thomas Bougie, Bachelor of Busi-

ness Administration, Management Abbey Braker, Bachelor of Science, An-

thropology

Kimberly Brawer Macter of Science in

Kimberly Brewer, Master of Science in Eduation, Special Education

Michael Buckner, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fine Arts

Nicholas Burnett, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling

Dani Jo Burns, Bachelor of Applied Studies, Leadership and Organizational Studies

Marcus Burr, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Michayla Butler, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Layken Calo, Associate of Arts and Science

Will Carlisle, Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems

Courtney Carpenter, Associate of Arts and Science

Abby Cheesebro, Bachelor of Science, Human Services Leadership

Brandon Clark, Bachelor of Science,

Radio-TV-Film
Carter Clavette, Bachelor of Science,

English
Lilly Clifton, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fine

Arts Gabriela Craig, Bachelor of Science, Anthropology

Guyon Cyprian Jr, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice

Brianna Davis, Bachelor of Science, Bio-

medical Science Mercedes Dempsey, Master of Science

in Education, Professional Counseling
Erin Deppe, Doctor of Nursing Prac-

tice, Doctor of Nursing Practice
Martina Dosu, Doctor of Education,

Doctor of Education
Tiffani Driessen, Graduate Certificate,

Post Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Marisa Ebertz, Master of Business Ad-

ministration, Business Administration

Kaleah Eslinger, Associate of Arts and Science

Kathleen Ferrito, Master of Science in Education, Teaching and Learning

Kyle Freund, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology

Seth Frevert, Bachelor of Science, Software Technology

Emily Gage, Bachelor of Science in Education

Elizabeth Gill, Bachelor of Social Work Ria Green, Bachelor of Science, Psychology Devin Hable, Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics and Finance

Dylan Hamilton, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Benjamin Harbor, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science

Lauren Hardy, Associate of Arts and Science

Haley Hayze, Bachelor of Social Work Logan Heimbruch, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance

Joshua Hill, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Joshua Hoffman, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Matthew Holst, Master of Science, Athletic Training

Jenna Hopfer, Bachelor of Fine Arts Kyleigh Huebner, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Kristle Jackson, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling

Rayna Jansky, Associate of Arts and Science Vanessa Jenneman, Bachelor of Science, Public Relations

Erin Johnson, Master of Business Administration

Hannah Jungwirth, Bachelor of Science, Human Services Leadership

Dana Kalepp, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science and Medical Laboratory Science

Erik Kallio, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling

Shabbar Kazmi, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Jacob Keller, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies

Frances Kerkhof, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology

Angel Kleist, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

David Kohl, Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics and Finance

Chelsey Krofta, Bachelor of Science in

Cooper Krokstrom, Bachelor of Science, Rehabilitation Science

Kevin Kropp, Master of Social Work,

Mental Health Care Practice Faith Kules, Bachelor of Science in Ed-

Danielle LaLuzerne, Master of Social

Work, Mental Health Care Practice Joseph-Henry Laux, Bachelor of Busi-

ness Administration, Management

Griffin LeDioyt, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management and Marketing

Amelia Lehman, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Joshua Lehman, Associate of Arts and Science

Emma Leib, Bachelor of Business Administration, Human Resources Management Kimberly Liptow, Bachelor of Science,

Human Services Leadership Madison Maher, Bachelor of Science,

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Olivia Mahoney, Bachelor of Science,

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Jerris McDermott, Bachelor of Science,

Psychology

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Emily Messer, Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education

Chase Millam, Bachelor of Science, Multimedia Journalism

Zachary Miller, Bachelor of Business Administration, Supply Chain Management

Danielle Moeller, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling

Katherine Mulvey, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Grace Munig, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Kaitlyn Schulz, Bachelor of Science, Geology

Cassee Schuyler, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling

Vincent Seichter, Master of Science, Data Science Austin Skenandore, Bachelor of Sci-

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Nursing Jessica Smith, Bachelor of Social Work Natalie Stawarski, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Carly Steinert, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Richard Stille, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

Sean Stille, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
Jessica Swapp, Associate of Arts and Science

Alizabeth Szilagyi, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling Chuefue Thao, Bachelor of Applied Studies, Medical Imaging

Javit Thao, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science

Lee Thao, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Hao Tran, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Samuel Troudt, Bachelor of Science,

Microbiology Zachary Vajgrt, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Julia van Veldhuisen, Master of Science in Education, Special Education

Allison Wagner, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management

Cheyanne Wagner, Bachelor of Science, Human Services Leadership

Elizabeth Walla, Bachelor of Arts, French and International Studies

Madison Wendt, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing Carter Wesenberg, Bachelor of Business Administration, Supply Chain Management

Ryan Wilkening, Master of Business Administration Brett Wilkins, Bachelor of Business Ad-

ministration, Marketing Ryan Willis, Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations

Hannah Wilson, Master of Social Work, Advanced Direct Practice

Paige Wilson, Bachelor of Arts, Music and Psychology Yi Yang, Associate of Arts and Science

Arts, Political Science Acelyn Zierke, Bachelor of Science in

Jamie Zavala-Martinez, Bachelor of

Education Nicholas Ziglinski, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

A total of 8,586 students received degrees from the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** on May 10-11, including these students from Oshkosh:

Madeline Anderson, Bachelor of Science, Biological Systems Engineering

Sophia Averkamp, Bachelor of Arts, International Studies

Katrina Chang, Bachelor of Science, Human Development and Family Studies Kayla Chervenka, Master of Social Work Evan Draxler, Master of Science-Chem-

Connor Foust, Bachelor of Science, Astronomy

Samuel Geffers, Bachelor of Science, Data Science, Information Science

Yianni Giannopoulos, Bachelor of Science, Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies

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Lindsey Knepfel, Bachelor of Science, Human Development and Family Studies Maggie Konig, Bachelor of Science, Community and Organizational Develop-

Anna Kossolapov, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies, Political Science

Keegan Miller, Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

Andi Pieczynski, Bachelor of Science,

Biology, Global Health Braeden Remy, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance, Investment and

Jackson Schneider, Bachelor of Science, Political Science

Jesse Steinke, Master of Engineering Brandon Stevens, Doctor of Pharmacy Bennett Whiteley, Bachelor of Science, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Envi-

ronmental Studies Olivia Youngbauer, Bachelor of Arts, Biology

Jack Zangl, Bachelor of Science, Nursing

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# WO radio TV film alumnus to be honored by university

By Laurie Schlosser UW Oshkosh Today

Alan Freitag, professor emeritus with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and retired from an esteemed military career, will be presented with a 2024 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Distinguished Alumni Award on Homecoming weekend this fall.

A resident of Denver, N.C., Freitag retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1995 as a



**Freitag** 

lieutenant colonel after 22.5 years of service, including nearly 10 years in Europe, four years in the Pentagon and two years in Ha-

Upon return to civilian life, he earned a doctorate in mass communication, specializ-

ing in public relations, from Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism in 1999 and went on to serve as a professor and eventually an assistant dean at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte until his retirement in 2021.

He began his education by earning an associate degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1971, before earning a bachelor of science degree in radio TV film from UW Oshkosh in 1973 and a master's in business administration and public administration from Webster University in 1977.

"In both the academic and professional practice arenas of his discipline, he is recognized as a thought leader and innovator," said UNC Charlotte Chancellor Emeritus Philip Dubois in an award nomination. "Dr. Freitag has built a ster-



Photo from UW Oshkosh

Alan Freitag works in the control room at KFIZ-TV.

ling reputation, first as an Air Force officer and subsequently as an educator of the highest mark, achieving senior rank in both spheres—a rare individual who has dedicated his efforts to excellence and service."

Professor Dean Kruckeberg said he relinquished his full professor position at the University of Northern Iowa to join UNC Charlotte based on the strength of the public relations program that Freitag had built in the 10 years prior - one Kruckeberg considered to be among the "finest in the world."

Freitag's resume is immense. He has

conducted numerous workshops and been a guest lecturer in the U.S. and in Poland, has been the subject of numerous interviews and story features. He has a long list of community service efforts - many in Charlotte - including hosting several dinners at his home in 2001 for State Department-sponsored visits to Charlotte by Indonesian leaders; Bulgarian business leaders, their escorts and officials of the Charlotte International Visitors Bureau; and for visiting Mongolian dignitaries. He has traveled to 68 countries, is skilled in French and German languages and is studying Polish.

Freitag said he is most proud of serving in senior military positions at the Pentagon and with NATO; completing his doctorate and reaching full professor rank; building and supporting the veteran student community at UNC Charlotte; and partnering with his wife in leading lives of obedience to God.

He said he credits the instructors at UWO with providing the encouragement and inspiration to raise his sights and demand more of himself than he thought he was capable of.

"I had very limited aspirations at that time in my life, but faculty at UW Oshkosh, and particularly in the radio TV film department, led me to see a more distinct horizon," he said. "Moreover, they equipped me with the knowledge, skills and abilities with which to pursue higher goals. They were unselfish with their time and genuinely sincere in their commitment to their students. I'd like to think that I brought those qualities with me when, more than 25 years later, I assumed a similar role."

Freitag said he credits the late Robert "Doc" Snyder, whom he called "architect" of the UWO RTF department.

"He remained a counselor and mentor many years after I graduated, Freitag added, "and it was a privilege to call him an academic colleague when I eventually followed in his imposing footsteps."

The UW Oshkosh Alumni Association will honor 13 alumni during Homecoming weekend Oct. 18-19. There are four, including Freitag, receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, two recognized with Outstanding Young Alumni Awards and seven being honored with the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.







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Oshkosh Legion rolls to regional tourney title

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team rolled to three convincing wins at the Class AAA regional tournament last weekend to claim the title and advance to the state tournament.

The state tournament began Tuesday in Wisconsin Rapids with eight teams competing for the crown. It will be Oshkosh's 31st appearance at the tournament and the team was looking to secure the program's eighth state title.

Oshkosh earned the trip with its three regional tournament wins, beating host Watertown, 10-0, in six innings in the first game before scoring 9-2 and 4-2 wins over Hartland in the double-elimination format.

Shaun Gavin threw a one-hitter in the opener against Watertown, striking out nine without walking a batter. He retired the first eight batters he faced, including striking out the side in the second inning, while the lone hit he surrendered was a two-out double in the third inning.

Gavin got plenty of offense backing, keyed by Mason Dorn and Evan Brandl, who combined to go 5-for-8 with three runs scored from the No. 8 and No. 9 spots in the batting order, respectively. The duo also reached base in all eight plate appear-

Brandl opened the third inning with a single to ignite a three-run rally, while the two each reached base on errors to start the fourth inning to spark a four-run out-

Oshkosh then plated three runs in the

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team went 3-0 to clain the Class AAA regional tournament title in Waterford last weekend and advance to the state tournament this week in Wisconsin Rapids.

sixth inning as Greyson Spanbauer and Carson Steinbeck notched RBI-singles before Brandl's two-out run-scoring single ended the game.

In the first matchup against Hartland, Steinbeck gave up two runs in the top of the first and then allowed nothing else as Oshkosh secured the win.

Steinbeck pitched 5 2/3 innings, scattering eight hits and four walks while striking out four. Ryan Williamson closed out the win, notching a pair of strikeouts in 1

1/3 innings while allowing just one hit.

Oshkosh racked up 15 hits in the win as Alex Duel, Fisher Mackenzie and Spanbauer each finished with three hits, while Mackenzie added a pair of RBIs. Steinbeck and Dorn also chipped in a pair of hits at the plate.

The Legion trailed only after the top of the first inning as Mackenzie and Colin Nigl picked up RBIs in a three-run rally in the bottom of the first before Oshkosh added two more runs in the bottom of the second to pull ahead 5-2.

Steinbeck's RBI-single in the third gave Oshkosh a 6-2 lead and the Legion closed out the win with a three-run sixth inning, highlighted by a two-out RBI-single from Spanbauer.

Hunter Stelzer went five innings in the clinching win over Hartland, allowing just three hits, before Williamson pitched the final two frames.

Oshkosh managed just three hits in the game but took advantage of a couple of Hartland errors and three walks to score three runs in the fourth inning to take the lead and then got a clutch two-out single in the sixth inning from Mackenzie to plate an insurance run.

Gavin, Mackenzie and Nigl had the only hits in the game for Oshkosh, while Gavin reached base in three plate appearances and had a sacrifice bunt.

# New record for Chicago Mackinac Race

The Andrews 80 Maverick, owned by Sanford Burris, William and Ward Kinney, set a new elapsed time record in the recent Chicago Mackinac Race, completing the 289.4-nautical-mile course in 22 hours, 24 minutes, 23 seconds, breaking Roy Disney and Pyewacket's record by more than one hour, six minutes and 11 seconds.

Kevin A. Savitt of Sailtec USA in Os-

hkosh was a member of the 20-member winning crew.

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### **Obituaries**

### **Gary Wright**

On July 21,2024, Gary began his greatest adventure surrounded by his loving fam-



ily. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Hildegard and In-laws Russel and Fern Shafer. Those who keep his memory alive include his beloved wife, Lynn (Shafer); his furry companion, Kona; brothers,

Ed (Jan) of Lincoln and Robert (Jenaffe) of the Philippines; sisters, Renate Stanton (Bill Nicholl) Fort Collins Colorado and Patricia (Kirk) Stewart of Redlands, CA, brothers and sister-in-law, Russel (Debra) Shafer, Collette (Gary) Ilk and Kurt (Jenny) Shafer; nephews and nieces Jami, Wendi, Will, Hanni, Jackie, Asia, Bobbi, Zoffi, Rumi, Russel, Melissa, Shaun, Virginia, Elizabeth, Emily, Geoff, and Nicole.

Gary grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska. He graduated from Central Technical College with an associate degree in Electrical Construction. In 1978 he was lured to Colorado due to his love of skiing. There he found a job as an electrician at New Electric where he worked for the next thirty-six years. In those years he met and enjoyed working with many co-workers. Those were very special and fun times for Gary. He was very proud of the many construction projects he helped to build. In a way these buildings are monuments to all the people that created them.

In 2014, he and Lynn moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to help Lynn's aging parents. There Gary created Wright Electric. He had many clients that he very much enjoyed working for. He loved his work.

We would like to thank Aurora at Home Hospice and every nurse (angel) that touched our lives.

Gary loved the mountains, the lake and music. I hope when we remember Gary we think of a happy song and love.

In lieu of flowers the family requests the memorials be made to Oshkosh Humane Society in Gary's name. https://www.oahs.org





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### **Mary Ann Jones**

Mary Ann Jones, 99, of Friendship, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, July



21, 2024, at Villa Pines Living Center in Friendship, Wisconsin, after a brief illness.

As per Mary Ann's wishes, she will be cremated, and her ashes will be interred

next to her husband Bill at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw, Wiscon-

Mary Ann was born on July 4, 1925, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Harry Foss and Margaret Behan. She grew up in Waukesha and graduated from high school there. A proud veteran of WWII, Mary Ann served in the Marine Corps in Washington D.C., doing payroll for the soldiers until the War ended. On April 10, 1948, she married William O. Jones in Waukesha. The family lived in Waukesha before locating to Oshkosh, Wisconsin in the 1950's. They raised their 7 children there and then when the children were all in school she began working at Sears Department Store in the catalog department. Upon their retirement, they first moved to Florida, but eventually returned to Wisconsin and settled in Rhinelander, where they enjoyed many years of retirement. They shared 64 years together, till Bill's passing in 2012. Shortly afterward, Mary Ann moved to Friendship where she had her own apartment until poor health led to her moving to Villa Pines Living Center.

Mary Ann was an excellent seamstress and an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers. She and Bill became Packers season ticket holders after Bill won the tickets in a raffle and the family still holds the tickets today. Mary Ann often talked of attending the Ice Bowl in

Mary Ann was also a valued member of the Rhinelander VFW.

Mary Ann is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Margaret; her husband, Bill; her sons, Bobby, Michael and Tommy; her son-in-law, Todd; her daughter-in-law, Judy; her four brothers: Bob, Dick, Jack and Terry; sisters-in-law, Ginny, Marge, Marian, Pat, and Harriet; mother-in- law, Isabelle; father-in-law, Lloyd; and brother-in-law, Johnny.

She is survived by her daughter, Patty (Greg) Kobs; her sons, Dan Jones and Peter (Leigh) Jones; her daughter, Peggy (Scott) Tomczyk and her daughterin-law, Mary Jones. Her grandchildren, Isabela (Derek) Fagen, Alex Kobs, Andy Jones, Kristin Jones, Arrin (Adam) Richter, Sarah (Paul) Selin, Jacie Jones, Jenna, Ross (DeLaney) Tomczyk, Ali (Mike) Shaw, Gary Wood, and Lynn Kutz. Her great-grandchildren, Eileen Tomczyk, James Tomczyk, Everly Richter, Eloise Richter, Charlie Richter, Makia Shaw and new baby Shaw, William Selin, Victor Wood, Maggie Wood, and Lee Kutz. Her sisters-in-law, Sue Foss and Barbara Foss and many nieces and nephews.

The family will gather at a later date at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw, Wisconsin, where her ashes will be interred with military honors.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Villa Pines Living Center for the wonderful care that Mary Ann was given. During her last years there she often referred to everyone at Villa Pines as her "family." Many of the staff called her "Grandma" and they made her 99th birthday on this past July 4th a special time for

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### **Ronald F. Nelson**

Ronald Fredrick Nelson has passed away on July 23, 2024, at 84 years of age.



Ron was born March 20, 1940, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, born to Earl H. Nelson and Eleanor L. Nelson (Friedrich).

Ron was a very proud U.S. Navy veteran, serving April

23, 1958, to April 19, 1962, on the USS Hazelwood for a short time before boarding the USS Randolph. After serving, Ron had married and had two children, Debra and Ronnie, but soon divorced then, after some time, met Judith Klabunde, who he married and had two more children, Susan and Robert.

Ron was a hard worker, a devoted husband, and always kept himself busy. He had many interests throughout his life-British and American motorcycles, classic cars and trucks (especially Ford), fishing,

### **Robert Rexford Reitz**

Robert Rexford Reitz, born on June 29, 1976, in Oshkosh, WI, passed away on July



24, 2024, at the age of 48. Fondly known as Rob, he was a beloved son of Douglas Reitz and Ann Albrecht, a devoted father to his children Morgan and Ben, and a cherished brother to Rich and

Rob was a maintenance technician at Mercy Medical Center, where his expertise and intelligence were unrivaled. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Rob was the life of the party, always with a joke ready to make everyone laugh. His love for golfing, hunting, and cheering on Wisconsin sports teams could brighten

With his creative spirit and exceptional handiness, Rob could build or fix anything with ease. His passion for the outdoors and knack for problem-solving made him

hunting, and socializing with friends and family. He will always be remembered for his helpfulness, generosity, and quick wit.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Judith (Klabunde) Nelson, of 56 years, as well as brothers John ("Jack") Nelson (Andrea), Steve ("Toby") Nelson (Vicki), and Earl Nelson; sister Patsy Spletter; daughters Debra Chase (Greg) and Susan Tank (Dan); sons Ronald Nelson (Tamara) and Robert Nelson (Tina); grandchildren Karly, Kelsey, Sarah, Trevor, Allen, Nancy and Patrick; and many great-grandchildren.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Eleanor; brothers Jerry and Donald; sisters, Sharon and Judi; and granddaughter Kami.

Visitation is set for Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 9:00 am to noon, followed by a military send-off at gravesite, at Lakeview Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh.

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a natural at his trade. His kindness and warmth touched the lives of all who knew

Rob is survived by his children, Morgan and Ben Reitz; parents, Douglas (Andrea) Reitz and Ann (Brian) Albrecht; brother, Rich (Christy Poeschl) Reitz; sister, Angie (Troy) Egan; grandmother, Donna Reitz; the mother of his children, Lisa Reitz; nieces and nephews, Gavin (Maddie) Reitz, Madelynn (Jordan Pemble) Reitz, Claire (Marc Kimball) Calkins, and Cole Calkins, as well as many aunt, uncles, cousins, and friends

Rob was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Gilbert and Leona Reichenberger and paternal grandfather, Rexford Reitz.

A memorial service for Rob will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on August 1, 2024, at 6PM. A time of visitation will be held from 3PM until the time of services.

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### James Steckbauer

James "Jim" Steckbauer, 71, passed away unexpectedly on July 26, 2024 at Ascen-



sion Mercy Medical Center. He was born on March 10, 1953 in Oshkosh to Eugene and Kathleen Steckbauer.

He was a graduate of Lourdes High School and spent the majority of his work-

ing years in the food service industry, most recently retiring from WI Resource Center in Oshkosh.

"Steck" spent some of his younger years living Vail, CO and was a talented skier. He was a proud member of the Ravinos Skiing Club. He was also a member of the Hank's Club in Oshkosh and enjoyed spending time there, especially during Packer games.

Jim was a proud grandfather to his four grandchildren and his grand-dog, Ollie.

Jim is survived by his children Bailey (Jarred Reeves) Steckbauer and Sam (Claire) Steckbauer, his grandchildren Penelope, Leo and Theodore Steckbauer and Millie Reeves. In addition, Jim is survived by his sister Carol (Jim Hoffman) Schuenke, niece Lexie (Ethan) Firgens, grand-nephews Hudson and Tucker Firgens, and sister-in-law Judy Steckbauer.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Tom Steckbauer.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.



### **Mathias Salzsieder**

Mathias "Matt" Salzsieder, age 78, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, July



23, 2024, at Lakeshore Manor after battling dementia for several years. He was born to the late Edward and Cecilia (Kempinger) Salzsieder on December 21, 1945, in Oshkosh, WI. A resident of the

south side of Oshkosh, he attended St. John's and Sacred Heart prior to graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1963. Following high school, he spent several years in the Army prior to marrying Sandra Ternes on April 1, 1968, in Oshkosh.

Matt held various masonry construction jobs including working for Black Cat Chimney Builders prior to obtaining his real estate license in 1975. He was a member and past president of the Oshkosh Board of REALTORS while operating Matt Salzsieder Realty for many years.

Matt was an avid outdoorsman and member of the Otter Street Fishing Club as well life-long member of the YMCA. He was also active in many local clubs including Hank's Club, Midnight Club, and Lakeshore Club. Matt loved to travel and frequently visited his second home in Florida.

Matt is survived by his sons Tim (Sue); Steve (Kari) and seven grandchildren; Alexis, Isaiah, Jacob, Jordan, Morgan, Luke, Abigail and two great-grandchildren: Nolan and Amelia. He is further survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Salzsieder.

In addition to his parents, Matt is preceded in death by his elder brothers, Edward (Karen) and Norbert Salzsieder. Matt and his two older brothers were a fun-loving bunch that left their mark on Oshkosh while growing up.

A service for Matt will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 3PM. A time of visitation will be held from 1:30PM until the time of service.

The family would like to especially thank the staff of Lakeshore Manor along with the Preceptor Home Health & Hospice. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to establish a local memorial in honor of Matt.

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### Judith Ann Stancer

Judith Ann (nee Brown) Stancer, known affectionally as "Judy", passed away on



July 20, 2024, at the age of 84 in Oshkosh, WI. She was born on March 7, 1940. Judy lived a life marked by kindness, generosity, and a joy for living that touched everyone she knew.

Judy spent most of her career in healthcare, dedicating herself to the well-being of others. Her caring nature extended beyond her professional life into her personal interactions, where she was known for her soft voice, infectious smile, and a heart that seemed to never stop giving. Judy was the epitome of selflessness and a genuinely fun-loving

A lover of nature, Judy found solace and joy in gardening, cherishing all flowers with a special fondness for marigolds. Her social spirit shone brightly during game days and coffee clutches with her friends at Briarwood Cottages clubhouse. Judy's presence was a source of comfort and happiness to all those around her.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and

kindness in her three children: Dawn Moore (Jason), Paul Buchholz (Jacque), Scott Stancer (Anna); and her best friend, Helen Thompson. Judy was a cherished sister to Deborah Benjamin. Her joy will live on through her eight grandchildren: Randy Ochoa, Erika Ochoa, Elias Stancer, Ashley Schrank, Jacob Schrank, Cody Moore, Raquel Moore and Tristan Moore; as well as her six great-grandchildren: Audrianna Ochoa, Hudson Vedeer, McKenzi Schrank, Austin Schrank, Wesley Kempinger and Maeli Kempinger. She is survived by nieces, Amy Counseller and Katie Benjamin, nephew, Chad Counseller, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Gladys Brown; her brother, Thomas Brown; and her granddaughter, Tiffany Ann-Marie Schrank.

Per her wishes, no services will be held. Judy was an angel in life and now in rest, remembered always as the angel she showed herself to be. Her memory will continue to inspire and influence all who had the privilege of knowing her.





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### **Obituaries**

### **Tom Scharpf**

Tom Scharpf, age 68, a beloved husband, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend,



passed away on July 13th, 2024, with his devoted wife, Debra, by his side. Tom was born on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1956, to Ray and Ruth Scharpf. On November 9th, 1985, Tom married Deb-

ra Gruse and they became inseparable. Tom's life was marked by his dedication to family and his entrepreneurial spirit.

Tom graduated from Oshkosh North

High School in 1974. Two years later, he began his career in the family business, Scharpf's Uniforms, which would become a significant part of his life. In 1978, he moved to Madison to manage the family's branch there, returning to Oshkosh in 1985 to help expand the business alongside his parents and his brother and sister-in-law Steve and Judy. When Ray and Ruth retired, Tom and Steve purchased the company. In 1993, the brothers divided the business, with Tom and Deb owning Scharpf's Identity Apparel, which they eventually sold to the Cintas Corp. After the sale of the company to Cintas, Tom and Deb, while in their forties, were

very fortunate to have been able to take off several years from working to enjoy life with family and each other. Spending this time together was very important to Tom and Deb and they often spoke of the good times and inseparable bond they created during this time.

In 2006 Tom started Thomas James Real Estate with Deb. Tom enjoyed this new business chapter in his life and working with his new commercial clients. Tom and Deb's first project in real estate was developing the HWY 44 Business Place. This was Tom's favorite project and he enjoyed the new business relationships he developed from this project. He often spoke of the wonderful tenants he had, and what a privilege it was to work with them. Tom was active in this business until his illness.

Tom enjoyed snowmobiling, bowling, tennis, golfing, cards, especially sheepshead, cribbage, traveling, and going to the casino with Deb. And in the summer, he enjoyed sitting by the pool with a Pina Colada and listening to music. Most of all he enjoyed family get-togethers.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Ruth Scharpf. His father-inlaw Ted Gruse and mother-in-law Reggie Gruse and nephew Sean Gruse.

Tom is survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law Steve (Judy) Scharpf, Mike (Sara) Scharpf, and Ben (Melissa) Scharpf. Nephews and nieces Aaron (Katie) Scharpf, Andrea (Andy) Dahl, God Child, Eric (Jeana) Scharpf, Emily Scharpf (Chris), Mary (Nick) Atkin, 5 great-nephews and 3 great-nieces. In ad-

dition, he is survived by his Aunt Shirley (Keith) Ellenberger and many cousins. Also, Sandy Wahamaki who helped take great care of all the Scharpf boys as they

Tom is also survived by his brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law. Larry (Julie) Gruse, Ron Gruse, Jenny Gruse, Kim Gruse, and Shelly (Rick) Peppler. Nephews and nieces, Matthew Leitz, Megan Leitz, Derek (Jenny) Peppler, Erika Peppler (Jeff) and God Child, Kayla (Peter) Grahl. Also 5 great-nephews, 12 great-nieces and 2 great-great-nephews and a great-greatniece.

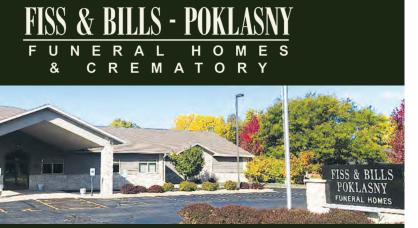
We would like to thank CarePatrol, Cornerstone Caregivers and their compassionate team who helped Tom and his family through this difficult time. ThedaCare Hospice who helped guide us through this journey. St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church and Father Quinn, Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes, Lakeview Memorial Park, and Oshkosh Trophy.

A special thank you to Tom and Deb's families for all their love and support during this difficult time.

Per Tom's wishes the family had a private service at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church. A memorial has been established for St. Raphael's Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

Tom's legacy of love, dedication, and passion for life will be cherished by his family and all who knew him.





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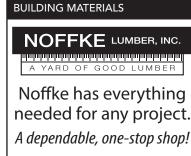
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### **Dennis D. Monroe**

Dennis D. "Deni" Monroe, age 90, passed away on July 17, 2024, in Osh-



kosh, Wisconsin. He was born to parents, Orville M. and Stella E. (Lipke) Monroe on March 17, 1934, in Waushara County Wisconsin. and his sister Joan (Junior) grew up in Hancock, WI and

he graduated from Berlin High School. On November 3, 1957, he married the love of his life, Lois Riemer, in Watertown, Wisconsin. They raised two children, Joseph and Cynthia, in the Oshkosh area and were able to spend over 52 years together before her passing in 2010. Dennis spent his entire working career at Morgan Door Company and retired after 46 years of service.

He and his wife were very active members in the Wesley United Methodist Church over several decades, and he had many fond memories of teaching Sunday School and other volunteer events. He enjoyed camping and taking extended road trips with the family during summer vacations.

In his later years Dennis volunteered

at the local humane society by spending time in the cat room and chose to adopt the most elderly cats available so they may have a home at the end of their lives. Dennis was a very loving, loyal, hardworking man of incredible faith. We are comforted to know he is at home with the lord and once again with his wife

He is survived by his son, Joseph (Anna) Monroe, granddaughter Ani; and daughter Cynthia Monroe; grandchildren, Penny, Christopher, Dustin, and Autumn; great-grandchildren Logan and Elvis; sister, Joan Junior; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Lois Monroe; and parents, Orville M. and Stella E. (Lipke) Monroe.

Services will be held at a later date. Please check the Seefeld Funeral home website for further information. His final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 54901.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 54902, in his honor.



### Tamara Lu Yoblonski

Tamara "Tammy" Lu (Schumacher) Yoblonski passed away on July 26, 2024



at the age of 64 after a short but hard-fought battle with cancer. Tammy grew up in

Van Dyne, Wisconsin with her parents and three sisters. As a child, Tammy developed a rebellious spir-

it and a curious mind. She learned early on that her love of people would take her to new and exciting places.

While attending Laconia high school in Rosendale, WI, Tammy was crowned "Peony Queen." This title was bestowed upon the person in the community who the people voted as most deserving based on the values of kindness, infectious energy, and loving spirit. It was of no surprise to anyone that Tammy won the title.

Tammy had a bad ankle as the result of a run-in with some stairs in her 20s. Because of this, she could semi-accurately predict the weather and sometimes get free perks on vacation. She dealt with that ankle for the rest of her life, but she never let it slow her down.

She met her husband, Rick, while working at Buckstaff in Oshkosh. After a bowling league, a coffee can filled with syrup and five dollars in pennies, and quite a few beers, the two realized they were in love and got married in August of 1983. They had three children just as rebellious and curious as her.

Tammy was a loving wife and a devoted



for her children. When her kids were young, Walt Disney World was quickly cemented as "the" vacation destination for the whole family. They went on many family trips there and it soon became a tradition that followed everyone into adulthood with her adult children often taking Tammy on trips with them. Tammy always took the trip, and she loved every second of it. Drinking around the world at EPCOT quickly became a favorite for the whole family. Tammy's favorite drink at Disney was the Black and Tan (Or, as her family calls it, the "Black and Tam Tam") from the UK pavilion at

Her family had shish kebabs on Christmas and wigs and wontons on "Nen" Year. They made traditions together that will last for decades. Everyone who met Tammy immediately fell in love with her. She will always be our Peony Queen and she will be deeply missed.

Tammy is survived by her husband Rick and her three children, Andrew (Alex Ives), Megan (Nate Faust), and David, as well as her sisters Cherrie (Gary) Abraham, Trisha (Joe) Birschbach, and Janae (Ray) Simon, and her father, Eugene Schumacher. She is preceded in death by her mother, Carol Schumacher.

In lieu of a visitation, there will be a celebration of life held at Oshkosh's Fox River Brewing Company's Taproom on August 10 from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. We encourage everyone who knew her to come and share their memories of Tammy.

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"Citius, Altius, Fortius" mean?

Smarter, Stronger, Faster

Swifter, Higher, Stronger ☐ Better, Bigger, Bolder

thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but ...

3. According to the Olympic Creed, the most important

4. Where is the Olympic torch

5. Women were first allowed to

compete in the Olympics in

6. The 2026 Winter Olympic

Games will be held in:

7. Which of the following is

NOT a color of one of the

8. All the participating countries sent female athletes for the

first time in which Olympics?

1. Five continents 5.1900 2. Swifter, Higher, Stronger 6. Italy 2. Swifter, Higher, Stronger 6. Italy

3. To take part 4. Olympia

1976 Montreal

2012 London

1984 Los Angeles

to play fair.

to win big. to take part.

first lit? Athens

Greece

what year? **1800** 

**1900 2000** 

Italy

☐ Germany

■ Norway

Olympic rings?

🖵 Blue

Purple

■ Black

Olympia

**Olympics mean?** Five Cities

☐ Five Countries

Five Continents

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