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County approves immigration pact

Sheriff's department joins on ICE agreement

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department has entered into an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to assist in federal efforts that have been stepped up against immigration, joining eight other Wisconsin counties that have signed agreements with ICE.

The sheriff's department signed on as part of the 287(g) warrant services officer model. Under the agreement, ICE trains, certifies and authorizes local law enforce-

ment to serve and execute administrative warrants on noncitizens in jail. ICE provides deputies with eight hours of training for detaining undocumented immigrants facing felony criminal charges.

Sheriff John Matz said the program does not diverge from its current policy on handling arrests that involve citizenship status.

"We're going to keep doing what we've always done," Matz told the Herald when asked about the new agreement.

He said when someone is arrested, the department processes criminal charges and uses a citizenship portal to check statuses.

"If we are unable to determine their status and they are here illegally, we report

them to ICE and they make a determination if they should be held," Matz said.

If ICE determines individuals should be held, they are put on a 48-hour administrative hold, giving federal officials 48 hours to pick them up from the jail.

"All the 287(g) does is gives our deputies training for administering these administrative holds," Matz said.

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel did not know about the agreement before it was announced, but said he trusts Matz to make these decisions.

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Conservation efforts stymied by DNR process

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

County supervisors and department heads are voicing frustration over delays when working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on conservation projects.

At a county board meeting last week, Chad Casper, director of the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department, said some conservation projects are being held up for months or years due to delays in the DNR permitting process and inconsistent decision-making.

One project involved the construction of a breakwall in the Winnebago County waterway system. Casper said Land and

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The Oshkosh Public Museum has opened its newly renovated second-floor space with separate exhibitions including one highlighting Winnebago County recreation activities.

Museum exhibits share renovated space

Second-floor updates add options for OPM

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

There are many city institutions that have existed along with the stories behind those institutions, but not many tell their stories quite like the Oshkosh Public Museum. The second floor of the museum recently reopened after major renovations to continue telling more of Oshkosh's story.

The museum celebrated 100 years in the

community last year with several events that saw new people enter the space. Many noticed that the second floor was under renovation and could not be visited.

Not anymore. In November, the second floor opened new exhibits and the museum has plans for a third gallery in that space, allowing for four exhibits at once.

Museum director Anna Cannizzo gave the Herald an inside look at the second floor.

"We know there is a want and desire in this community to learn – learn more about the city and the people and their stories," Cannizzo said. "Our job is to make those sto-

ries accessible to everyone. We know that is a part of the excellent quality of life that people need and learning about cultural heritage is what we do."

The second floor currently hosts "This is Winnebagoland," an homage to recreation in Winnebago County. The exhibit spotlights everything people do in this region, from deer hunting to sailing to sturgeon spearing.

"People have been spearing sturgeon on the lake for over a thousand years," Cannizzo said.

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Retirement community buys Fox Crossing site

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh-based Evergreen Retirement Community has acquired a 43-acre space in Fox Crossing that formerly served as corporate headquarters for Kimberly-Clark Corp.

Preliminary plans for the existing 178,000-square-foot office building include independent-living apartments and assisted-living accommodations with the addition of more housing, a fitness and aquatic center, and a worship and performance space.

“Evergreen has been exploring opportunities to expand into the Fox Valley for quite some time,” said Ken Arneson, Ever-

green president and CEO. “With the support of the Evergreen board of directors, this acquisition is our opportunity to grow and serve a new community.”

The 401 N. Lake St. location on Little Lake Butte de Morts is close to area parks and amenities. It was the home base for K-C Corp between 1956 and 1985 before it closed in 2020 and the property was listed for sale for just under \$10 million.

Evergreen is gathering public feedback and will be planning in collaboration with Fox Crossing, AG Architecture from Wauwatosa, and Varsity, a senior living marketing and sales consulting agency.

“We know there is considerable demand

as the 55-plus demographic continues to grow and we’re looking forward to breathing life back into such a beautiful campus and building,” said Theresa Brockman, Evergreen vice president of marketing and business development.

A senior living provider for residents 55 and older, Evergreen offers different levels of independent living along with assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing services at its Oshkosh area locations. Its most recent housing projects have included the Courtyard Apartments in Appleton in 2018 and the Oshkosh pocket neighborhood of Linden Oaks that opened in 2022.

Herald, Neenah News win statewide awards for 2024

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News received a total of 12 awards in the 2024 Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) Foundation’s 2024 Better Newspaper Contest that were announced Friday at the annual convention in Madison.

Division C first-place honors for General News went to staff writer Bethanie Gengler for a Herald story about the state’s judicial ethics complaint process and a Neenah News story about school safety policies in the Reporting on Local Education category. Freelance contributor Patti

Lee was awarded first place in the Feature Story Profile category for a story about a Menominee tribal elder.

Second-place honors went to Herald reporter Jonathan Richie in the Local Education category, freelance photographer Michael Cooney for Feature Photo in the Herald and David Hall for Spot News photo in the Neenah News.

Other third-place awards went to Gengler for General News Story, Feature Story Non-Profile and Reporting on Local Government, and an honorable mention for Localized National Story.

Lee also took a third place in the Localized National Story for a story about educational programs in the Fox Valley related to Earth Day.

The Herald staff was recognized for General Excellence among Division C weeklies with an honorable mention award.

The 2024 Newspapers of the Year were the Superior Telegram (weekly) and Wisconsin State Journal (daily).

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

March 19, 1886

Day of Darkness Blankets Sawdust

City: It was Friday and a bright, windless day in Oshkosh. That was until midafternoon when the city experienced an eerie phenomenon. Around 3 p.m., the city suddenly found itself in total

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Source: “We Shall Never Pass This Way Again” by Randy R. Domer

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Family law center offers clearer path through court system

By Jennifer Parmley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As someone who has spent a good portion of her career working in the Winnebago County family court system, Lisa Krueger has seen how the process can sometimes overwhelm the people it is intended to serve.

The attorney mediator recently opened Krueger Mediation & Family Law Center in Neenah to make the process easier for clients.

With offices at 48 Jewelers Park Drive, Suite 110, the center helps litigants work through and understand the family law system with services including mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, pro se divorce assistance, supervised visitation, process service and form completion. The services can be performed in any Wisconsin county, but mostly serving Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Brown and Waupaca counties.

Krueger said the journey to open the center has been a couple of years in the making. As a former Winnebago County court commissioner, "I could see that people who didn't have an attorney needed help," she said.

Those pro se clients – those who represent themselves – were spending more time and money in the system and getting frustrated by the process.

"I really wanted to figure out a way to help people without attorneys that would make sense for them and not cost them as much as an attorney," she said.

She also noticed a need for more area mediators – neutral parties that direct discussions on issues such as physical placement and custody of minor children.

"There are many benefits to mediation,"



Former county court commissioner Lisa Krueger recently opened Krueger Mediation & Family Law Center in Neenah.

Krueger said. "People don't like the unknown, and there is never a guarantee in litigation. Coming to mediation allows them the opportunity to control their destiny."

She said mediation can save clients time, money and energy.

"We can be pretty creative (in mediation). The judges and court commissioners can only do so much as they are bound by the law," Krueger explained. "Here, as long as we're meeting the statutory re-

quirements, we can do a little more than a judge or court commissioner can do."

Krueger said she has always had a passion for family law. After graduating from Marquette University Law School, she began her career at Van Lieshout Law Office in Little Chute, specializing in family law and estate planning. She had been Winnebago County Family Court commissioner since being appointed in 2012.

Attorney Teresa Basiliere, a former Winnebago County Circuit Court judge,

said the center provides a needed element to the family court system.

"For many years, the courts in family cases struggled with the proper action to take in cases where supervision of placement was necessary and there was no involvement by the Department of Health and Human Services," Basiliere said. "The center will offer alternatives for pro se litigants to get assistance in processing their cases while being educated on the system and procedures. The mediation provided will assist couples with contested issues and give the opportunity to resolve their disputes outside of a court trial."

"The center finally provides the resource this community has needed and certainly gives the alternatives in a time where there is uncertainty in the court and addresses rising costs of litigation."

Krueger acknowledges the challenges of the judicial system.

"The court system is busy and is limited in how much time they can give to a case," she said. "It's a court of law, not a court of emotion. People have to take time off of work, they're stressed, it impacts their health and it impacts their relationships with their kids. We try to reduce all of that and put them in an environment where they can control their destiny."

In addition to running the center, Krueger recently accepted an offer to be a family court commissioner for Calumet County one day per week.

"I'm really honored to be chosen as Calumet County's Family Court commissioner," she said. "I truly believe I have the best of both worlds right now being able to serve family law litigants both through the center and as FCC."



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School board candidates outline priorities

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Herald contacted each of the candidates running for Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education seats with questions meant to educate voters and keep them informed on who is asking for their vote in the April 1 election.

Three candidates are running for two board seats that have three-year terms.

Candidates Michael Ford, Molly Smiltneek and Jacob Wolf responded to the questionnaire. Smiltneek is serving on the board after being appointed to fill a vacancy last summer. Stephanie Carlin, who has been on the board since 2016, is not seeking re-election.

Michael Ford

Age: 43

Education: Ph.D. in Urban Studies from UW-Milwaukee



Ford

Occupation: Professor of public administration at UW-Oshkosh, director of the Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue at the Universities of Wisconsin.

Civic/community involvement: Clarity Care Inc., Oshkosh Plan Commission and Oshkosh Long Range Finance Committee (former), president of Miller's Bay Neighborhood Association (former), First Congressional Church, former member of the Oshkosh United Way Women in Poverty Committee and Financial Health Committee.

Held public office: Oshkosh Common

Council, 2020-2024

Why are you running for this office?

I am running for school board because the future of our community requires a strong OASD, and that only happens with a high-functioning school board. I have dedicated much of my professional career to education reform, policy, finance and governance, and I believe my unique background can be an asset to OASD. I am also a parent of two children in the district (one goes to Vel Phillips and one goes to Oshkosh North) and have personally experienced the successes and challenges facing OASD. I believe we can and must reverse open enrollment trends, reduce teacher turnover, and build a destination district that educates all our children in a manner consistent with the values of our community. If elected that will be my focus.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

- 1) Improving academic outcomes for all OASD students.
- 2) Addressing racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps.
- 3) Increasing trust and transparency between OASD and its stakeholders.

I will pursue these priorities by professionalizing our school board governing practices. Specifically I will:

Align our board around a data-driven approach to setting and tracking student achievement goals.

Work to build a fiscal transparency dashboard that demystifies education finance.

Work to streamline communication so that all information is presented in an easy-to-understand format.

Empower parents to be partners in cre-

ating district goals that align with their values.

Empower teachers by giving them the freedom they need to engage in high-impact practices.

Balance the needs of the district with the fiscal realities facing taxpayers.

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In short, I will work to build the high-functioning school board that a successful school district demands.

Molly Smiltneek

Age: 46

Education: graduate of Stevens Point Area High School, BA from UW-Madison, JD from Marquette University Law School



Smiltneek

Occupation: immigration attorney, currently contracted with World Relief Wisconsin

Civic/community involvement: Oshkosh Allies in Literacy, OASD Literacy Committee, Dr. Eric's Skate Club, REAL Oshkosh,

SEPO, Oshkosh Food Co-op, Emmeline Cook PTO, Peace Christian Preschool, ESTHER Fox Valley, 2022 Oshkosh Area United Way Sue Panek Community Impact Award Recipient

Held public office: Appointed to OASD school board in 2024

Why are you running for this office?

I believe in empowerment through education. I am running for a full term on the OASD School Board to ensure that every kid in our district has an opportunity to read, learn and succeed. We must move all students toward proficiency and eliminate opportunity gaps and disparate academic outcomes as well as disparities in discipline and exclusion from class. I will always use my voice and my vote to protect students and their right to an education.

I have long been active in our district and believe in public education. Our leaders must do a better job of telling our story and responding to criticism. We must listen to students, staff, parents and community members in order to reach the best outcome for our taxpayers, but more importantly, our students. Rebuilding trust will lead to better outcomes for students and a stronger Oshkosh.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

As a school board member, my core beliefs are:

- Every child has a right to learn to read in our public schools;
- Every student deserves a learning environment where they feel welcome, safe and protected; and,
- Every family, staff member and taxpayer in the Oshkosh Area School District is owed full transparency, responsible fiscal management, timely responses to frustrations and clear communication.

I am a driving force encouraging OASD to embrace the science of reading through high-quality curriculum, updated teaching practices and staff support. Students and staff deserve high-quality modern facilities. However, no matter their physical surroundings, we must create an environment where all kids are engaged in learning. Finally, "engaging" stakeholders includes real discussions (and disagreements), actively listening and responding to frustrations, and clearly outlining non-negotiables.

Centering on these key issues ensures that administration and the board are held accountable for promised improvements in communication and education outcomes.

Jacob Wolf

Age: 37

Education: high school graduate



Wolf

Occupation: fiber optic technician

Civic/community involvement: Basketball coach for Oshkosh Recreation Department and softball coach for Oshkosh Fast Club.

Held public office before: No

Why are you running for this office?

As a blue-collar dad, my family is my world. I am deeply committed to being involved in my children's lives and doing whatever I can to support them. Currently, I coach basketball through the Oshkosh Rec Department for my son's team and softball for my daughter's Oshkosh Fast Club team. When several people approached me about running for the school board, I took time to discuss the idea with my wife and close friends. Ultimately, I decided this would be another meaningful way to not only support my own kids but also to represent the voices of other families in our community.

What are the key issues in the district and how do you plan on addressing them?

As a member of the Oshkosh School Board, I will work hard to amplify the voices of parents, students and teachers in our community. My goal is to help provide students with the tools and opportunities they need to grow into confident, capable leaders—not just in Oshkosh, but wherever life takes them after graduation. Improving test scores and literacy rates is not only important, it is essential. I would work with the board to find solutions to improve these scores and make the OASD a desired educational destination for families. I would also put an emphasis on budget transparency and fiscal responsibility. It is essential that every tax-paying citizen knows how their money is being spent, and should have all of the information readily accessible. Thank you for your support, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Business theft suspect charged with additional crimes

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh woman who allegedly stole more than \$100,000 from a medical clinic in Oshkosh is now facing additional business theft charges and drug-related charges in Winnebago County.

The new charges against Katie M. Niemuth, 41, include theft in a business setting between \$2,500 and \$5,000, possession of methamphetamine, and possess/illegally obtain prescription. She was charged with theft – false representation and misappropriating identity information to obtain money in August.

In that case, Niemuth allegedly made fraudulent billings totaling almost \$300,000 from her former employer, Os-

hosh Wellness Center.

The new charges allege she used a business account to make more than \$4,000 in unauthorized purchases before being fired. Niemuth is also charged with two counts of felony bail jumping for violating the conditions of her signature bond that has kept her out of custody for the last seven months.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police were contacted by a business alleging Niemuth, a former office manager there, was using an Amazon business account to make unauthorized purchases.

The employee said Niemuth was supposed to use the credit card in October 2023 to buy an electrical cord and a broom

or shovel for the office but ended up spending more than \$500 on the credit card.

Company records show Niemuth also spent just over \$4,000 with the Amazon account along with the credit card purchasing totaling \$4,623 in unauthorized spending.

A human resources employee spoke to Niemuth about the investigation on Jan. 9, 2024, and at that time denied any involvement in the unauthorized spending. The next day Niemuth called in sick to work and the following day her employment was terminated.

The Amazon purchases were linked to multiple gift cards, photography paper, a camera and two jackets. The credit card purchases were at Festival Foods and Tar-

get.

The IT department of the business traced the Amazon deliveries to the home of Niemuth's boyfriend.

The drug-related charges stem from a Jan. 25 traffic stop on Interstate 41 in which a sheriff's K-9 unit detected the presence of narcotic odors. The complaint does not give the reason for the traffic stop.

Niemuth's purse allegedly contained 1.48 grams of methamphetamine and a prescription Adderall capsule. Niemuth said she did not have a prescription for the Adderall.

There is a plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for the 2024 case in April in front of Circuit Judge Michael Gibbs and the new case is set for an initial appearance.

Business news roundup

Girbau North America (GNA), a provider of commercial and industrial laundry solutions based in Oshkosh, is being acquired by EVI Industries (EVI), a publicly traded laundry industry company. GNA, formerly a subsidiary of Spanish-based Girbau S.A., will conduct business as usual without changes to leadership, staff, services, support or culture, according to GNA President Mike Floyd. EVI is the largest distributor of commercial laundry products and provider of related technical installation and maintenance services in North America.

MK Lofts is holding an open house at its new apartment building from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at 8 W. 9th Ave. The newly renovated, four-story complex in the historic Miles Kimball building can be toured during that time and has two-bed-

room apartments available.

Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS) has implemented a new online pre-check-in system and introduced a self-check-in process to their clinic locations. Patients can complete this process via their smartphone an in-office iPad, or a self-check-in kiosk in the reception areas at OSMS Green Bay, Marinette, Neenah and Oshkosh.

Forbes recently released its national best employers list, which includes large and midsize businesses in northeastern Wisconsin. Oshkosh's **4imprint** was ranked No. 36 in the midsize list. Forbes interviews workers across the country to see which companies are the best to their employees.

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Musical film transforms to stage production

'Ed Gein' play takes on grisly subject at Time

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

"Ed Gein, the Musical" is set to make its world premiere in Oshkosh next month as a theater production, 15 years after the original film was released.

Dan Davies is an actor, writer and producer who wrote the original screenplay for "Ed Gein, the Musical" and produced the film, then returned to the subject to adapt the film into a stage play. The stories revolve around the central Wisconsin grave robber and suspected serial killer in the 1950s. In the theater production, Davies will play the role of Sheriff Murdock.

He doesn't want the audience to have sympathy or empathy for Gein, whose crimes loosely inspired the 1960 movie "Psycho," but does hope the audience goes into the performance with an open mind.

"He's a cannibalistic, necrophiliac, murdering grave robber. We don't expect peo-

ple to leave feeling empathy for Ed but to have a better understanding of how he became evil," Davies said.

The film and stage play, both written by Davies, dive into how Gein became evil as he was beaten and possibly molested as a child. Davies stressed the production is full of gallows humor aimed at Gein.

"We never put Ed in a sympathetic light and we don't make any jokes about the victims," Davies said.

This is not new subject matter for Davies as he spent more than three years researching Gein for the film. Some of that knowledge came from Davies's grandfather, who knew the Waushara County sheriff when Gein was arrested.

"He would tell my father and me that the sheriff, who arrested Ed, was never the same after that day," Davies told the Herald. "He had walked into a house with body parts and other horrors that were in that house."

Davies said his grandfather would tell him stories about Ed and the sheriff and other officers that knew Gein.

"This was the first capital crime that had happened in Waushara County," he said. "They had never dealt with anything like that before."

The film came out in 2010 and had more than 500 screenings, mostly at independent theaters such as the Time Community Theater in downtown Oshkosh.

The stage production can tell the story with different aspects highlighted compared to the film. The production will split the stage into two, with one side devoted to Sheriff Murdock's interrogation of Gein and the other diving into Gein's imagination, where most of the songs will be performed.

"The music and the songs are all taking place inside (Gein's) head," Davies said. "It's all in his imagination."

Deborah Lee is directing the production with Ezekiel Drews portraying Gein. Davies played Gein in the 2010 film.

"She's a great director and Ezekiel is a triple-threat," Davies said.

The theater production will have its world premiere at the Time on April 4-6. Davies believes it is important to support

local cinemas.

"The Time is one of the last independent cinemas. It's one of the few cinemas that isn't operated by a large corporation. These cinemas are keeping independent films alive," Davies said. "Most of the corporate theaters will show \$250 million movies."

One important aspect for Davies is giving back, and that includes supporting nonprofit organizations such as the Time. All money earned from concessions and a portion of ticket sales will be given back to the Time.

"It's been an amazing experience so far and we've got a spectacular cast and crew working on this show," Davies said.

The show could travel to bigger markets due to the recent interest in serial killers, specifically in Hollywood.

Later this year Gein and his life could become a national topic of discussion as Netflix is set to release a show titled "Monster: The Original Monster" that previously focused on the lives of Jeffrey Dahmer and the Menendez brothers who killed their parents.

More information on the show and tickets are at edgethemusical-play.com.

Series key on prehistoric village, native culture

Workshops will be offered on Native American arts

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

In 2023, the city's reconstruction of Pratt Trail around Menominee Park stalled in the summer after an ancient village was discovered beneath the trail. A new program series features lectures and workshops to give more insight into the people who lived here before Europeans arrived.

Bridging Past and Present: Exploring Native American Cultural Heritage is a series that will educate and stimulate the curiosity of people wanting to know more about indigenous history and current culture in the area. The series is funded by a Wisconsin Arts Board Grant from the National Endowment of the Arts and is a partnership between the Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center and Oshkosh Public Museum with support from Discover Oshkosh.

The convention center was packed for the first lecture in February for the series that provided an overview of what was found at Menominee Park as well as how it relates to the Menominee and Ho-Chunk tribes.

The Native American village was dated between AD 900 and 1400, a time period that overlaps what archaeologists consider the Woodland period and Oneota period in North America.

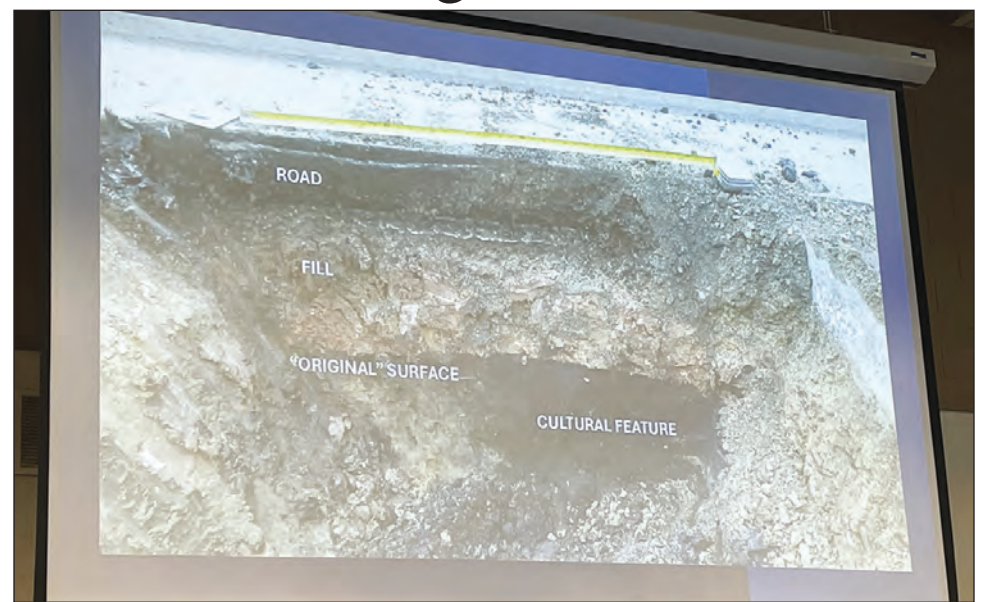
Jennifer Haas, director of the Archaeological Laboratory Research Center at UW-Milwaukee, led the project and said city projects have been encountering this village for almost 100 years.

Sewer lines being installed in 1927 was the first time the city learned of the cultural significance of the area. This was a year after the park was renamed Menominee Park from North Park.

Then, in 1993, a UW-Oshkosh Field School also identified the area as a late Woodland and Oneota period village. During the recent study of the site, archaeologists found bone tools such as arrowheads and pieces of cookware.

Haas said soon after the UWM team confirmed there was an extensive prehistoric village and cemetery in the area.

Haas' team worked with the Wisconsin Historical Society, state DNR and the



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Many cultural features were found when archaeologists searched the area of Pratt Trail. This image shows how a hearth or cooking pit was discovered beneath the road at Menominee Park.

tribal nations to ensure the project complied with state laws designed to protect Wisconsin heritage.

David Grignon is tribal historic preservation officer for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. He gave an overview of the Menominee and the first interaction with Europeans in 1634 when Jean Nicolet arrived in the Green Bay area and eventually made his way down the Fox River and into the Lake Winnebago region.

Grignon said some cemetery remains were relocated from the Pratt Trail site and reburied on the Menominee reservation near Legend Lake.

"What our ancestors left behind, it's sacred," Grignon said.

Bill Quackenbush is a tribal historic preservation officer and resources division manager for the Ho-Chunk. Last year, Quackenbush was part of a team that made a dugout canoe using fire and other tools to turn a cottonwood log into a 22-foot canoe that traversed parts of the Mississippi River.

"Since the last glacial episode - we thrived on this land," Quackenbush said. "The Ho-Chunk saw the land change over time... From Green Bay to Lake Winnebago, we watched the landscape transform."

He said protecting and preserving sites that show the Ho-Chunk way of life is important. He compared digging up the site near Pratt Trail to people digging up residential backyards in 10,000 years.

"That's your culture," Quackenbush said. "That tells the story of who you are."

Haas said the official report will be released soon, outlining what was found at Menominee Park and what has happened to the site.

The series will continue through the spring and include interactive art workshops, such as an Indian Story Stick workshop with Debra Morningstar, a Oneida Nation citizen, on April 1. There also will be workshops where participants can make pottery, craft pendants or pins with long-leaf pine needles, and create using porcupine quill and glass bead earrings.

"This series is meant to be educational and to stimulate curiosity," Oshkosh Public Museum director Anna Cannizzo said.

Native arts advocate and Oneida Nation member Karen Ann Hoffman will give a lecture titled "Tightrope: Cultural Appropriation versus Appreciation" at 7 p.m. April 10 at the four-seasons building at Lakeshore Park.

There is also a book club led by Sandra Toland of the Oshkosh Public Library. The community is reading "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Toland is the community engagement librarian and will lead discussions on the book with two sessions at the library and two sessions at the seniors center. Those interested can register for the book club at the library or Oshkosh Seniors Center.

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Algoma Boulevard UMC music series feeds the soul



Photo from milwaukeeerecord.com

Valley Fox, an acoustic folk trio based in Milwaukee, performs this Sunday at Algoma Boulevard UMC's monthly 12:34 concert series.

Oshkosh Herald

A lunchtime concert series featuring original music has been welcoming residents downtown for the past year with monthly performances and traditional potluck offerings.

Travis Worth is music director at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church and is preparing to launch its next 12:34 concert series show Sunday with Valley Fox, an acoustic folk trio based in Milwaukee.

January's show marked a year that Algoma Boulevard UMC has been running the event and Worth said it has been gaining popularity every third Sunday at its 150-year-old 1174 Algoma Blvd. location.

Natural Satellite, an indie cello/sax duo from Menasha, returns to the series May 18. There will be a month off in-between

due to the Easter holiday.

"What I think makes the artists we showcase here special is that while they're all out of Wisconsin," Worth said. "Often-times folks have never had a chance to see them around Oshkosh before - and sometimes they leave with a new favorite band."

The events start with a community potluck at 11:30 a.m. and the concert at exactly 12:34 p.m. Worth said they welcome, but don't require, people to bring a dish to pass with a list of ingredients for the benefit of those who may have allergies.

"The basic motive behind this series is providing a free meal and a culturally enriching experience to our neighbors in the community," Worth said. "It's a chance to make real connections, and offer up food for the body and the soul to anyone who may need it right now."

District update, volunteer fair set

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District is holding its annual Strategic Plan Update and Volunteer Fair at 6 p.m. March 20 at Vel Phillips Middle School for all parents/guardians, students, staff and residents.

Superintendent Bryan Davis will provide an update on the district's 2025 strategic plan and outline opportunities for the community to get involved with schools. Davis will also explain this year's evolution in the district's approach to improvement, which now includes each school monitoring three key performance indicators (KPIs) aligned with the overall strategic plan: reading achievement, SAE-

BRS and staff engagement.

Principals and district leaders will be available to discuss their KPI documents and specific volunteer opportunities within each school - reading with students, assisting with an after-school club or serving on a committee.

The strategic plan identifies and monitors four core areas that represent the overall health of the district: learning and academics, finance and operations, safe and healthy schools, and engagement and communication.

For more information and to preview the proposed 2025-2026 Strategic Plan, visit oshkosh.k12.wi.us/district/strategic-plan.

Student art contest winners announced

Oshkosh Herald

An exhibit of artwork by Oshkosh seventh- and eighth-grade student-artists can be viewed in the Youth Department at the Oshkosh Public Library during Youth Art Month in March.

The exhibit includes winning entries in the GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, locally sponsored by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club.

The 98th annual memorial contest honors Mears (1872-1916), a sculptor born and educated in Oshkosh whose works are in the U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian, Metropolitan Museum, Wisconsin Capitol and Wisconsin museums.

Seven schools in Oshkosh participated in class A and B with the winners going to district competition in Plymouth on April 24 ahead of state judging May 2 in Janesville.

Oshkosh area legislators have chosen a student's artwork to display in their offices in the state Capitol.

Winners from Oshkosh middle schools:

Class A

- 2D (painting and drawing)
- 1st - Yeeleng Vang, South Park
- 2nd - Maci Swanson, Vel Phillips
- 3rd - Jack Schinkten, Vel Phillips
- 3D (sculpture)
- 1st - Lars Kroll, Vel Phillips
- 2nd - Claire Schuster, Carl Traeger
- 3rd - Ava Gehrman-Thompson, Carl Traeger

Class B

- 2D
- 1st - Georgia Jahnke, Grace Lutheran
- 2nd - Elizabeth Hunke, Grace Lutheran



Photos from Library Youth Department

Some examples from the recent GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest.

3rd - Grace Rieke, Grace Lutheran
 Honorable mention went to Jocelyn Heuchert and Harrison Loewe, Perry Tipler; Vivienne Schade and Cami Johnson, Lourdes Academy; Stella Victor and Regan Dorn, South Park; Thatcher Schwindt, Parker Green, Carl Traeger; and Charlie Rogers, Grace Lutheran.

State winners of the GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest will be exhibited in the summer at the Oshkosh Public Museum where "Helen Farnsworth Mears: Genius of Wisconsin" is on exhibit through June 21.

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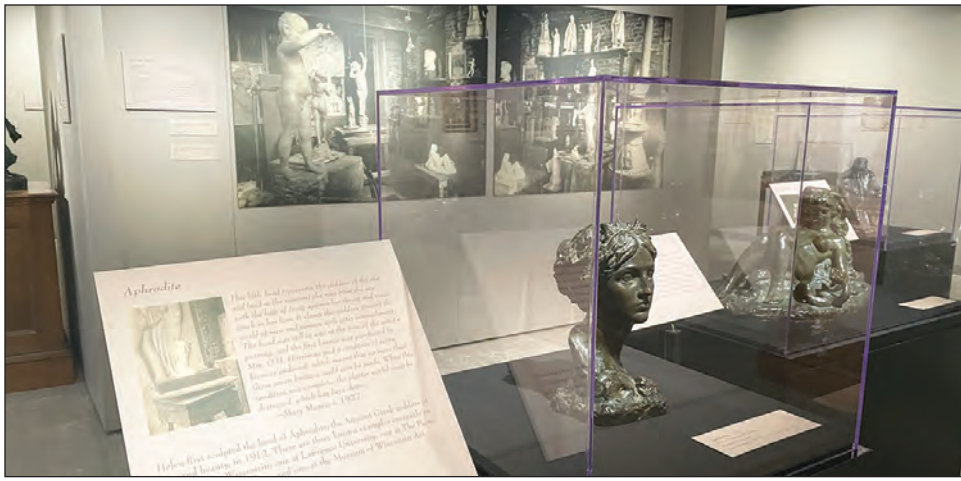
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The Oshkosh Public Museum's renovated second floor includes an exhibition on noted artist Helen Farnsworth Mears.

Museum update

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The exhibit includes a miniature bowling lane for people to play. Cannizzo said the interactivity of exhibits remains key to OPM and people enjoying playing the game.

Stepping outside of Winnebagoland in the Winnebago Room is an exhibit on loan that tells the Menominee Clans story, which highlights the five clans that make up the Menominee tribe.

The final exhibit seen when going through the second floor is the award-winning exhibition "Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin." In 2023, the Wisconsin Historical Society's board of curators gave it a Statewide Exhibit Award. When the award was announced, the exhibit had already been packed away.

"We had people coming in wanting to see our award-winning exhibit but had to tell them we packed it away," Cannizzo said. "This was the perfect time to give people another opportunity to see the collection."

The exhibit originally commemorated the Oshkosh sculptor's 150th birthday. New facts about Mears' life were discovered with the acquisition of an archival collection once belonging to Mears' sister.

The future of the second floor is being planned with consideration for how the exhibits will interact, which ones will become permanent and which could be brought in

on loan.

One will focus on the city of Oshkosh from the time of the U.S. Civil War to modern day. Cannizzo said it will continue the story that is told on the first floor of the museum when you first walk in and experience "People of the Waters."

A critical aspect of the second phase of the renovation is the new freight doors installed on the second floor. These will allow the museum to bring in bigger collections that would not fit going through regular doorways, as exhibits are usually moved in large, heavy crates that cannot be accommodated in regular elevators. Ultimately, the renovations will allow for more access to the history of Oshkosh.

"Every couple of months there's a change in the exhibits in the Sawyer House," Cannizzo said, referring to the original house donated by the Sawyer family to serve as a museum in Oshkosh. "In a few months we'll have a new exhibit here."

Another exhibit coming to the museum will focus on beer culture and drinking glasses, including large beer steins and other elaborate drinking vessels. Currently in the library of the Sawyer house is a collection of decoy ducks and fishing lures, some dating back to prehistoric days before Europeans were on the continent.

"We know that beer culture is very strong in the area and across Wisconsin," Cannizzo said. "We're very excited to bring that exhibit into this space."

Conservation

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Water has completed 27 similar projects, encompassing almost seven miles on the Winnebago system.

The county secured nearly \$1 million in funding for the breakwall and received support from various DNR divisions, but the permit approval process dragged on for 18 months. By the time the permit was finally issued late last month, it was too late in the season to complete the work, jeopardizing the entire project.

Supervisor Chuck Farrey noted that if the breakwall project had been completed this year, it would have cost about \$900,000, but delaying it until next year could increase the cost to between \$2 million and \$3 million or make it infeasible to complete.

"So this is the quandary that the DNR has put us into," he said. "It not only delays the project, it could, in essence, eliminate the project; or if we were to proceed using another process, it would triple the cost."

Casper said the DNR's enforcement-focused approach has created unnecessary obstacles.

"That's just one example, but I can tell you, one after the other, as far as like, ag projects, where we have work land, we're trying to restore wetlands and do work and they're making us jump through a lot of hoops, doing expensive delineations on land that is what they call indicator soils – it could be a wetland," he said.

Supervisor Steve Binder said other projects impacted by DNR permitting delays included the county's construction of a new morgue and evidence storage garage adjacent to the jail in Oshkosh, and the Waukau Dam renovation and improvement project.

"And anytime there's a delay, it usually costs more money, and things don't go down, they just go up, you know. And they make you jump through a bunch of hoops, and eventually they approve your project, but nothing changes," he said.

The problem isn't limited to Winnebago County, with Casper noting the issue began statewide about two years ago and is amplified regionally and locally.

"There's issues across the entire state with other land conservation departments, other nonprofit organizations, and even internally within DNR, where they're having issues, as well, with the water regs in issuing permits for conservation work," he said.

Supervisor Doug Nelson said one of the issues is that the DNR was without a secretary for nearly a year. Karen Hyun was appointed to the position and assumed the office Jan. 27.

"It's been 50 years since they went without a secretary for a year," he said. "So there was nobody on top even handling serious, serious flaws."

The county board voted at the meeting to pass a resolution urging the state Legislature to reform land and water conservation permitting within the DNR for county-sponsored projects.

An item report submitted with the resolution states that because counties are authorized to implement, administer and enforce state laws on behalf of the state, "it makes sense to allow counties to permit our own projects."

"So what we're hoping is to reform this and streamline the work that's being done for getting conservation on the land, to get it moving again," Casper said. "There should be exemptions for a land to be able to do conservation work and just better ways to do it that are more efficient and more consistent."

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Calendar of events

Thursday, March 13

Candidates forum, 6 p.m., Oshkosh City Hall

Author G. Anthony, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Friday, March 14

Wisconsin HER Day, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wisconsin Herd vs. Cleveland Charge, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Lourdes Academy's "Seussical the Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, March 15

Weaving a Legacy: Ho-Chunk Black Ash Basketry exhibit opening, Paine Art Center (through June 29)

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

AmazSpring Shopping & Craft Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts & Communication Building

Lourdes Academy's "Seussical the Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Tangled," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, March 16

Shamrock Lunch & Luck of the Irish Bingo, 11 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall at 3125 S. Washburn St.

Valley Fox, 12:34 p.m. (potluck at 11:30 a.m.), Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd.

Lourdes Academy's "Seussical the Musical," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Tuesday, March 18

Wisconsin Herd vs. Long Island Nets, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wednesday, March 19

Oshkosh Chamber Business Expo, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Open Creative Flow workshop series, 10 a.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Thursday, March 20

Wisconsin Herd vs. Long Island Nets, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

EAA Speaker Series: The C-130 in Combat, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, March 21

Ladies of Country, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, March 22

Plant the Seed, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Food Co-op

Journey Together Service Dog Bowling Fundraiser, 1 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

"Point Break" (1991), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Supertramp Tribute Show, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sunday, March 23

The Big Thaw Craft & Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Poplar Creek Barn

Friday, March 28

Wisconsin Herd vs. San Diego Clippers, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 29

Oshkosh Farmers Market (Kids Day), 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh Memorabilia Club Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

Spring Fling Quilt Show, 9 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St., Lourdes Academy

Oshkosh Chamber Singers concert, 4 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Wisconsin Herd vs. San Diego Clippers, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"Little Shop of Horrors" (1988), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Monday, March 31

Author Hannah Morrissey, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Symphony ends season with 'Lavender Chai'

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra concludes its 83rd concert season at 7 p.m. Saturday with Lavender Chai, featuring two singers and multiple choirs, at the UW-Oshkosh Arts & Communication Building.

Music director Dylan Chmura-Moore calls the music selections "complex and sonorous, cardamom and air. This is installment two of a four-year Dvorak symphony cycle. The music will surely leave you with notes of honey and spice."

Soprano Erin Bryan debuts with the orchestra by singing Franz Schubert's "Miriam's Song of Triumph," which tells the story found in Exodus where the Israelites

'Seussical' to be staged at The Grand by Lourdes

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy High School presents "Seussical the Musical" with performances Friday through Sunday at The Grand Oshkosh.

"Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in a musical caper. "Seussical" follows the Cat in the Hat telling the story of Hor-

are led out of Egypt. Bryan is an associate professor of music at Ripon College.

Acclaimed for his romantic tenor, Phong Nguyen makes his debut with the orchestra by singing Schubert's "Indende voci," text from Psalm 5:3-4. Nguyen is choir director at Vel Philips Middle School and lecturer of voice at UW-Oshkosh.

UWO Choirs, under the direction of Kristin Ramseyer, will also perform with singers from the UWO Chamber Choir, Heritage Gospel Choir, Tenor/Bass Choir and Treble Choir, accompanying the guest on the music of Schubert.

Also on the program is Dvorak's seventh symphony. The Czech composer came to America in the late 1800s, working in New York City and vacationing in Iowa.

ton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos. Horton's challenges double when he finds himself not only trying to protect the Whos from a world of danger but also guard an egg that was abandoned by Mayzie La Bird.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at thegrandoshkosh.org.

County arrests

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tee meeting last month, Matz indicated he would be signing agreements under the 287(g) warrant services model and the jail enforcement model, though no agreement under the jail enforcement model was signed as of early this week.

Under the jail enforcement model, local law enforcement agrees to cooperate with ICE to identify, process and remove undocumented immigrants with pending criminal charges who are arrested by state or local law enforcement.

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke noted that if the federal government asks for assistance in immigration enforcement, the county has the right to refuse compliance.

She questioned whether noncitizens who have already served their sentence could be targeted for arrest.

Matz responded that based on his belief, noncitizens who have completed their sentence would be arrested, adding that the sheriff's office will follow lawful orders and he doesn't believe they will be given any unreasonable requests.

Matz said the county has no intention of starting to do raids and roundups, such as visiting farms or businesses and demanding documents from workers, or stopping people on the street.

"ICE at this time is only interested in

those who have committed a felony and that's it," he told the committee.

The ACLU of Wisconsin criticized the actions of Winnebago County and Washington County, whose sheriff's department also entered into the agreement last week, joining those in Brown, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Marquette, Sheboygan, Waukesha and Waushara counties.

"Trump's chaotic, unfair and inhumane immigration policies will harm and destabilize Wisconsin's families, communities and economy – especially in parts of Wisconsin where local law enforcement agencies collaborate with ICE," said ACLU senior staff attorney Tim Muth.

The ACLU urged local sheriffs not to enter into more 287(g) agreements and to withdraw from existing agreements.

"The reality is that cooperation with ICE makes our communities not only less welcoming to immigrants, but also makes us all less safe," ACLU wrote on its website.

Matz called those views fearmongering and advised people not to believe unverified stories on social media.

"Please know that we're going to continue doing the right thing as we've done for years," he said.

ACLU Wisconsin officials said the agreement can embolden police to engage in racial profiling, such as arresting and jailing a driver instead of issuing a ticket, based on the driver's perceived race or immigration status.

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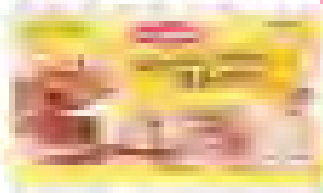
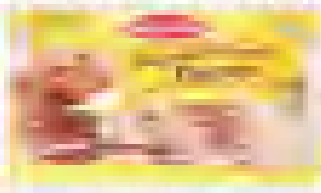


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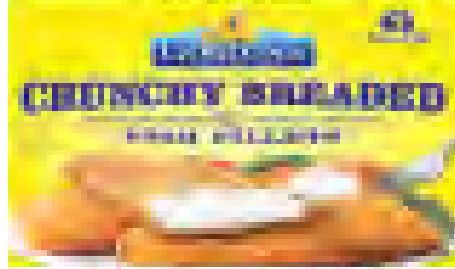
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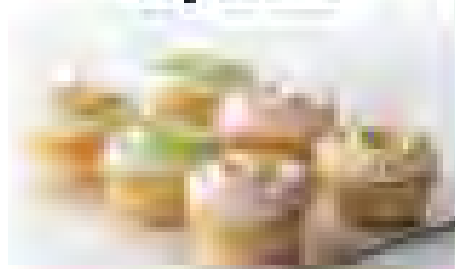
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Knights headed to girls state tournament

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Allie Huizenga attempted only one shot Saturday night.

But it left a huge imprint on everything that happened for the Lourdes Academy girls basketball team.

After defending state champion Albany/Monticello charged to its first lead of the second half, Huizenga came through with a 3-pointer from the left corner that sparked an 11-0 run to propel the Knights to a 57-43 victory in a WIAA Division 5 sectional final at Beaver Dam High School.

“In games like this, you think there are a lot of turning points and there are, but when I look back in my memory for this one, it’s going to be Allie sticking that 3,” head coach Ali Starr said. “That gave us the momentum and it was like, OK, now we are rolling.”

Lourdes Academy will be making its second trip to the state tournament, having previously qualified in 2012 in Starr’s first stint as the Knights’ head coach. Lourdes Academy will face Barneveld in the second of two state semifinals in the morning session, which begins with top-seed Assumption facing Owen-Withee at 9:05 p.m.

The Knights had reached the sectional level of the tournament the last two seasons, but lost each time in the sectional semifinals.

This year, led by a strong nucleus of seniors, the Knights were not only able to get over that hump when they beat third-ranked Sheboygan Lutheran on Thursday, but took the final step to get to the Resch Center by beating the second-ranked Comets.

“I was trying to contain my excitement. I was trying to sit in my seat and we were getting yelled at for standing up but I was cheering on the girls that were in,” Delaney Ruedinger said about the final 37 seconds of the game when both teams cleared their benches. “There are not too many words to describe right now, just excited. Beyond excited even.”

Heidi Olson’s 3-pointer with 10:07 remaining gave Albany/Monticello a 39-37 lead – the Comets’ first lead since late in the first half – but it was the next Lourdes Academy possession where Huizenga got open in front of the Knights’ bench and



Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Lourdes Academy girls basketball team celebrates after winning its WIAA Division 5 sectional final game over Albany/Monticello on Saturday night at Beaver Dam High School. The Knights earned its second trip to the WIAA state tournament in program history.

without hesitation launched the tide-turning 3-pointer that put Lourdes Academy ahead for good.

Ruedinger followed with another 3-pointer on the Knights’ next possession before another long-range make from Aubrey Schettle and a basket by Adhieu Liabwill gave the Knights a 48-39 advantage with 5:22 left.

“(Huizenga’s shot) was a spark,” said Ruedinger, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds. “We played good defense in the second half. We hit big shots. We just put it all together.”

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Knights nearly make run to regional title

Lourdes Academy, seeded 15th in its WIAA Division 5 regional, notched a pair of wins and led in the second half of the regional final before falling to Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, 66-54, Saturday afternoon.

The Knights had knocked off second-seeded Niagara and seventh-seeded Suring – both on the road – to reach Saturday's game.

After trailing the Resorters 26-22 at halftime, the Knights had a surge to start the second half and then took the lead on back-to-back 3-pointers from Braden Studinski and Jackson Buttke followed by a driving layup from Brady Bauer to give Lourdes Academy a 32-26 advantage.

But after a timeout, the Resorters turned a pair of Lourdes turnovers into points to tie the game and ignite a 24-6 run that gave Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah control of the game.

Harlan Kuehn finished with 19 points, including a 7-of-7 performance at the free-throw line, to lead the Knights, while Studinski added 12 points. Bauer chipped in 10 points in the loss.

Lourdes Academy advanced to the regional final with a 56-39 win over Suring, holding the Eagles to just 14 points in the first half en route to the win.

Studinski and Lucas Neuens each had 10 points to lead the Knights, while Kuehn and Bauer finished with nine and eight points, respectively.

In the regional opener against Niagara, Lourdes Academy outscored the hosts 30-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Braden Studinski puts up a shot between a pair of defenders in Saturday's WIAA Division 5 regional final against Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah.

22 in the second half to pull out a 53-44 win.

Studinski finished with a team-high 13 points in the win, while Bauer finished with 10. Jackson Buttke and Kuehn chipped in nine and eight points, respectively.

Warriors can't rally from rough first half

Reedsville exploded for 64 points in the first half and built a 41-point lead at intermission as Valley Christian fell on the road, 92-44, in a WIAA Division 5 regional tournament game last week.

Derek Wallace hit all three of his 3-point attempts and finished with 13 points to lead the Warriors. Mathias Behling chipped in seven points in the game and Cade Krause finished with six.

Wildcats drop regional tournament opener

Oshkosh West was held to a season-low point total and fell to Manitowoc Lincoln, 54-30, in a WIAA Division 1 tournament game last Tuesday.

West was held to just 15 points in each half and trailed 28-15 at intermission.

No other stats were available from the game.

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North tops Bay Port, Homestead to claim regional title



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Oshkosh North's Xzavion Mitchell drives to the basket in the second half against Bay Port on Friday night. Mitchell finished with 29 points in the 72-67 win.

Oshkosh Herald

Xzavion Mitchell has scored plenty of points this season for the Oshkosh North boys basketball team.

But it was when he found the scoring touch that helped the Spartans tame Bay Port in a regional tournament game Friday.

Mitchell tallied 17 of his game-high 29 points, including six straight points in a key stretch with less than four minutes to play, to help propel the Spartans to a 72-66 win over the Pirates inside the Oshkosh North fieldhouse.

The Spartans, seeded seventh in the sectional, went on to beat second-seeded Homestead on Saturday night, 71-66, to claim a WIAA Division 1 regional title and stretch their winning streak to seven games. Oshkosh North will face conference rival Fond du Lac on Thursday night at Oshkosh West.

The second half Friday was a seesaw affair as there were 10 lead changes in seven minutes, with the score tied on three different occasions.

With the game knotted at 48, Mitchell scored six points in an 8-1 run and North never trailed again, although the Pirates never let the Spartans break the game open.

An Owen Weber 3-pointer answered five straight points by the Pirates to push North's lead to 59-54 before a basket by Bryce Ott and a jumper from Mitchell with 3:07 to play earned the Spartans their biggest lead of the game at 63-56.

Bay Port answered with four straight points to get back within three before Mitchell scored off a drive to the basket and then finished off a fast break with a



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Jackson Anderson gets fouled while driving to the basket against Bay Port on Friday night.

dunk to give the Spartans a 67-60 advantage with 1:04 remaining.

Jackson Anderson and Mitchell combined to go 5-of-7 from the free-throw line in the final minute to preserve the win for the Spartans.

Mitchell added 14 rebounds and four steals to go along with his scoring, while Ott with 19 points and Stefan Stolicovic with 10 points also reached double figures. Anderson finished with seven points but tallied 11 assists in the win.

Mitchell and Ott each posted double-doubles in the victory at Homestead on Saturday night.

Mitchell had a huge game with 36 points, 11 rebounds and four steals, while Ott finished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

The Spartans, who have won 10 of their last 11 had a strong night at the free-throw line going 20-of-26, including 8-of-11 by Mitchell, to make up for a rough 1-of-14 night from 3-point range.

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Oshkosh co-op squad places ninth at state meet

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh West/North gymnastics team finished ninth in its return to the WIAA Division 1 state tournament held in Wisconsin Rapids last weekend.

The Oshkosh squad finished with a total of 133.150 to finish just behind the West Salem Co-op squad among the 10 teams that competed at the meet. Chippewa Falls Co-op won the Division 1 state title



N. Schlies

with a team score of 143.550.

Oshkosh posted its highest apparatus score on the floor exercises where the team earned a total mark of 33.9, which was the ninth highest total among the teams. Oshkosh had the eighth-highest totals on both the vault and the uneven bars.



Drexler

Lydia Barr posted the highest score for Oshkosh in two events, earning a mark of 8.917 to lead the way on the balance beam, while her score of 8.533 was the high mark on the uneven bars.

Neva Schlies paced Oshkosh with a 9.183 on the floor exercises with Ja'nyah Ford earning the team's best mark on the vault with an 8.617.

Oshkosh had a total of 10 different gymnasts compete in at least one event at the state meet, which was the most of any of the 10 teams. Schlies, Barr and Ford



The Oshkosh West/North co-op gymnastics team placed ninth at the WIAA Division 1 state meet last weekend in Wisconsin Rapids. It was the first time the program qualified as a team since 2012.

competed on all four apparatus, while the Oshkosh team also used Mia Drexler (bars, beam), Parker Asen (vault), Henna Kaiser (vault), Kendall Irwin (bars), Jazmine Blustin (floor), Joselyn Macias (floor) and Ahna Schlies (beam) to round out its lineup.

It was the first time that the co-op program had qualified for the state meet since 2012 and it was just the fourth time the program had participated in the state meet overall.

The team's highest finish in a state competition was a fourth place in 2011 when

the co-op was formed from Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North and Lourdes Academy. It was just the second time that the West/North co-op has advanced to the state meet, with the other coming in 2010 when it finished eighth.

In the individual competition, Neva Schlies earned a top-10 finish at the meet tying for eighth place in the floor exercises with a score of 9.117.

She tied with Hailey Schuneman of Brookfield East for eighth place and finished just one point away from earning a top-five finish.

Both Neva Schlies and Drexler competed on the balance beam where Neva Schlies finished 15th with a score of 8.8 and Drexler tied for 17th with a mark of 8.65 among the 27 competitors.

Neva Schlies was also 24th out of 27 competitors in the vault with a score of 8.5 and took 15th among the 25 all-around gymnasts with a total of 35.333. She was only about six-tenths of a point out of sixth place in the all-around.

The team will return the bulk of its lineup next season with only Ford, Kaiser and Blustin being seniors.

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West, North bowlers have strong showing at state

Oshkosh Herald

Three Oshkosh bowlers made the semifinals at the state bowling tournament last weekend.

Oshkosh West's Cheyanne Hanford advanced in the girls competition, while Logan Egnoski of Oshkosh West and Griffin Resop of Oshkosh North moved on in the boys field. None of the trio advanced to Sunday's finals.

Hanford was in position to advance after an impressive 690 series in preliminary qualifying where she rolled games of 233, 220 and 227. She started off the semifinal round with a 210 and finished the set with a score of 553 for a total of 1,243.

That mark left her 10th overall among the 15 semifinalists, only 32 pins short of making the top five.

Hanford's teammate Mackenzie Anderson finished 33rd among the 61 bowlers in preliminary qualifying. She posted a 582 series with a high game of 236, but ended roughly 40 pins short of making the semi-

finals.

Led by Handford and Anderson, the Oshkosh West girls team finished sixth in team qualifying, missing out on advancing to the semifinals by 86 pins.

West racked up a total of 2,646 pins in its 15-game qualifying stretch, posting a high game of 221 in game 14, which had them in fifth place. Kenosha Tremper bowled a 225 game to surpass Oshkosh West in the final round.

Egnoski finished one position shy of making the finals putting together a huge 723 series in the semifinal round. Egnoski posted games of 256, 210 and 257 to move up five places after rolling a 700 in the preliminary round of qualifying.

Egnoski was one of only four bowlers to reach 700 in both qualifying series, but finished 19 pins short of earning a spot in the finals with a six-game total of 1,423.

Resop finished his two rounds of qualifying with a total of 1,323 pins, placing him 17th among the 28 semifinalists. He

was 25th going into the semifinals.

Resop scored above 200 in all six of his qualifying games with a high mark of 247.

Oshkosh North's Jacob Seager missed advancing to the semifinals by nine pins after rolling a 663 series in preliminary qualifying. Seager rolled games of 216, 225 and 222 for his total.

Keegan Kinzfolgl of Oshkosh North bowled a 632 series in qualifying with a high game of 239, while Oshkosh West's Jonathan Redman had a 598 series with a high game of 214 and Nathan McWilliams had a 561 series with a high game of 217.

Both the West and North boys teams nearly moved onto the finals but finished seventh and eighth overall, respectively, after qualifying to fall just short.

Oshkosh West put together a 15-game

total of 2,987 pins to finish 26 short of advancing to the finals. The Wildcats, who were eight pins out of sixth place, rolled a 1,043 over its final five games to give themselves a chance, notching its high game of qualifying with a 248.

Oshkosh North finished with a team total of 2,974 pins, highlighted by a set of 1,033 in its first five games that left them in fourth place overall.

North posted a high game of 279 during qualifying and had three games of at least 230.

Muskego beat DC Everest in the two-game championship match, 459-404, to claim the boys title.

Indian Trail/Shoreland Lutheran topped Sussex Hamilton 376-357 to win the Division I girls title.

Titan women down Bethel to return to Sweet Sixteen

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's basketball team is in the midst of another "sweet" season.

The Titans topped Bethel University, 59-49, at the Kolf Sports Center on Saturday night to advance to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division III Tournament for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

UW-Oshkosh will face its toughest test of the tournament in the third round Friday night when it takes on fourth-ranked Illinois Wesleyan on their home court. Illinois Wesleyan is 28-1 on the season.

The other two teams in the pod are Centre College and Trine University.

The Titans held Bethel to just eight points in the second quarter to pull out to a 35-26 lead at intermission and held on in the second half for the win.

Sammi Beyer scored 16 points off the bench to lead the Titans, while Alex Rondorf added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Avery Poole and former Oshkosh West standout Paige Seckar each chipped in eight points, while Seckar led the team with five assists and three steals.

UW-Oshkosh posted a 61-52 win over Calvin University in the first round on Friday at the Kolf Sports Center, erasing a three-point halftime deficit en route to the win.

The Titans outscored the Knights 14-7 in the third quarter to seize control of the game and then pulled away in the fourth quarter to advance.

UW-Oshkosh had three players in double figures in the victory led by Kayce Vaile and Rondorf, who finished with 16 and 15 points, respectively. The duo combined to go 10-of-10 from the free-throw line in the game as UW-Oshkosh finished 16-of-21 from the foul line as a team.

Beyer also finished with 12 points in the game for the Titans.

UW-Oshkosh is one of three WIAC teams remaining in the tournament field.

UW-Whitewater and UW-Stout both advanced out of the four-team pods they hosted and will now meet in the third round in Scranton, Pa., on the campus of Scranton College. The other two teams competing are Scranton and Johns Hopkins.

North boys

FROM PAGE 17

With his 36 points Saturday, Mitchell moved past the legendary Mickey Crowe and into second place on the state's all-time leading scoring list with 2,735 points. He trails only Anthony Pieper, who finished his career at Wausaukee with a whopping 3,391 points.

Mitchell is also closing in on the top 10 of the all-time state list for points in a season. The Iowa State commit has scored 917 points this season, which is the 14th-highest total all time. He is three points behind Argyle's Travis Tuttle for 13th place and would need 23 points to surpass Milwaukee North's Darrell Riley to move into the top 10.

Mitchell will get at least one more chance to take the court for the Spartans

when they face Fond du Lac in the sectional semifinal.

The Spartans and Cardinals split a pair of games this season, with Fond du Lac winning 75-68 at Oshkosh North in mid-January, although Ott did not play in that game.

With Ott in the lineup, the Spartans beat the Cardinals 85-80 on Feb. 20. North has won eight of the nine games since Ott returned from injury this season.

Mitchell averaged 36 points in the two games against the Cardinals, while Anderson reached double figures in both contests, totaling 15 and 13 points.

The winner of Thursday's game will face either top-seeded De Pere or fifth-seeded Sheboygan North on Saturday. The game is slated to be played at Oshkosh North but would be relocated if the Spartans are playing.



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Lourdes girls

FROM PAGE 15

Albany/Monticello got within seven points with just under four minutes to play but Lourdes Academy never let the Comets get any closer, running a patient offense before turning things over to Hannah McDowell.

The senior went 7-of-8 from the free-throw line in the final 2:13 to thwart any hopes of a comeback for Albany/Monticello.

"It was nerve-wracking at first, but when I was hitting them, it was easy. It was fun," said McDowell, who led the Knights with 13 points. "It was so amazing at the end. It's a breath of fresh air just knowing your winning is great."

Starr knew the Knights were in a good spot with McDowell going to the line repeatedly.

"Big free throws. Every time she steps to the line, I look at her and say, 'I love this game' and she looks at me and says, 'I love this game too coach,' and then smiles," Starr said. "That's a kid that doesn't know how to quit. She's feisty and she hates losing. She's been working her tail off the last two years for this moment."

McDowell and Ruedinger were joined in double figures by the freshman Liabwell, who scored 11 points.

Liabwell and Sabur Machiros provided a strong inside presence for the Knights as they were effectively rotated in to give the Knights a notable size advantage.

"When we see opportunities to take advantage of our height defensively, we do," Starr said. "Sometimes in the heat of the moment we think about what we can capitalize and that's what we go with. And we don't want kids sitting too long."

Ruedinger praised the tandem of 6-foot-

ers, who had a 4-inch height advantage on the Comets' tallest player.

"Our two bigs, Sabur and Adhieu, stepping it up in practice and showing up every game were the key," Ruedinger said. "They played big for us."

Hailee Bauer finished with nine points and attempted just five shots – the second fewest she's had in a game this season – as Albany/Monticello played a box-and-one defense on the Knights' star.

She also had to sit for about four minutes late in the second half after picking up her fourth foul.

"I trusted my teammates and I knew they were going to pull it off, but I wanted to be out there with them, but I don't know how many Hail Marys I said then," Bauer said of being on the bench. "All of my teammates stepped up. When a team comes out and plays a box-and-one on me any one on the team can step up and hit a shot when we need it."

Bauer had the deciding points in the Knights' win over Sheboygan Lutheran, hitting two free throws with 7.9 seconds left to give Lourdes Academy the one-point lead.

The Crusaders had two free throws with just more than a second left to pull back ahead but missed both and the Knights got the rebound and were able to run out the clock.

Bauer, who just before her free throws hit a 3-pointer to give the Knights a lead, finished with 19 points, hitting five 3-pointers in the game.

McDowell added eight points while Ruedinger led the team with eight rebounds – including the victory-sealing carom after Sheboygan Lutheran's missed free throw.

That win set the stage for Saturday's win and now the Knights will look to finish off the season with the program's first WIAA state championship.



Photos by Andy Ratchman

Left: Adhieu Liabwill drives to the basket in the second half against Albany/Monticello.

Right: Delaney Ruedinger knocks down a 3-pointer in the second half Saturday night.

The Knights (24-5) enter the state tournament as the No. 2 seed among the four Division 5 teams and have won six straight games and 13 of their last 14.

Barneveld sports a 21-7 overall record and finished second to Albany/Monticello in the Six Rivers-East Conference.

The Golden Eagles are also riding a six-game winning streak, are making their 12th trip to the state tournament and won its four tournament games by an average of nearly 20 points.

But Barneveld will have to deal with a team on a mission to rack up two more wins.

"Knowing this is what we have been working to and we accomplished, it's a great feeling," Bauer said. "Every day we

have been working for it and looking forward to it. This was our goal, but we are not done yet. Our job is not finished."

There is also a unique connection involving this year's Lourdes Academy squad.

When Lourdes last won a state title, it was the Knights boys claiming the crown at the end of the 2020-21 season. That team featured Jack Huizenga, Preston Ruedinger and Josh Bauer – the older brothers of the three current seniors – as well as Malith Liabwell, who is the older brother of Adhieu.

They watched all their brothers do it," Starr said of the connection. "They saw how awesome it was and how fun it was and they wanted to get a taste of it for themselves and now they have it."

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Obituaries

Barbara Swan

Barbara (Drahn) Swan, 89, passed away on March 1st, 2025 at the Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh. The daughter of Oliver W. and Genvera (Lloyd) Drahn, she married Robert R. Swan on July 29th, 1961.



Barbara was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on December 26th, 1935 and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1953. Starting at Northland College, she received her Bachelor's degree for Primary Education from the University of Wisconsin at-Oshkosh in

1957. She then began her career as a kindergarten teacher. After her marriage, she went on to receive three Master's Degrees, one in Music Performance, and another in Musicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the 1970s and a third in library science from Rosary College of Arts & Science, River Forest, Illinois in 1991. She also pursued a Doctoral Degree in Musicology at Northwestern University.

Her lifetime love of classical piano began with study in her high school years under Gladys Brainard in Appleton. Barb later lived in the San Francisco Bay Area in the late 1950s, studying under Egon Petri, before returning to Wisconsin and marrying Robert R. Swan in Oshkosh on July

29th, 1961.

Barb and Bob settled in Berlin to start their family in 1961, with Bob working at the Truesdell Fur Company and with Barb again teaching Kindergarten and then piano lessons from her home to many talented students in the Fox River Valley Area for the next twenty four years. Barb also taught sixth grade music at St. Stanislaus School in 1977. Barb was instrumental as a member of the Berlin Performing Arts in helping to raise funds to purchase a Steinway Grand Piano to donate to the Berlin School District by putting on a series of benefit concerts from 1978-80. This effort became known as the "88 Club."

Barbara Swan, an accomplished Classical pianist, with the ability to play and teach the works of many Classical Composers. Her graduate recital in Madison on May 9th, 1976 included works of great beauty, artistry and technical difficulty such as Gaspard de la Nuit, by Maurice Ravel. She placed much energy on many endeavors: - pursuing her studies, performing, and teaching, while raising her three children.

The family relocated to the Chicago area in 1985, where Bob took on a position working at York Furrier in Elmhurst, Illinois. It was during this time that, Barbara was accepted to pursue her Doctorate in Musicology at Northwestern University. She went on to earn a Masters in Library Science in 1991.

In 1995, Barb and Bob moved back to Wisconsin, living out their remaining

years in Oshkosh. Barb began teaching piano again and she and Bob spent time traveling throughout the United States and Europe, visiting family and friends. She belonged to groups such as the Oshkosh Study Class, a piano teachers group "Wednesday Musicale" and meeting up with her coffee klatsch group of childhood friends.

She is survived by her son, Thomas R. Swan (Oshkosh), daughter Catherine A. (Pascal) Seris (Paris, FR), and son William O. (Kiera) Swan (Oakland, CA) and her cousin Missy Dodsworth(Boise, Id). Barb is also survived by four grandchildren, Emile, Henry, Olivia and Brenna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Genevra, and her brothers Richard (Bev) Drahn and Peter (Deb) Drahn.

There will be no visitation. A short service will be held at the Chapel at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, at 11:30 a.m. on March 28th followed by a reception to celebrate Barb's life for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to the Crane School of Music (Sunny Potsdam), the Leo Steffens memorial fund (UW-Madison scholarship funds), the Evergreen Foundation at Evergreen Retirement Community, Juliette Manor (Berlin, WI) or the American Lung Association.



Frank Henry Winkler

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frank Henry Winkler, 76, of Glendale, AZ, formerly of Oshkosh. He passed peacefully with his family by his side on March 3, 2025. He was born in Oshkosh on December 20, 1948 to the late Henry and Arlene (Munding)



Winkler. Frank married the love of his life, Kim Dillman, in Las Vegas, NV on April 23, 2016. After graduating high school, Frank joined the US Navy and served for 22 years where he was Chief Petty Officer E7 until retiring in 1988. He then worked for the City of Oshkosh until retiring again and moving to AZ in 2011.

Frank was a loving husband, father, brother, son and friend. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandson. When in WI he enjoyed fishing and hunting. Frank enjoyed Friday night fish fries and loved to travel, especially to Las Vegas. A die-hard Packers fan, Frank never missed watching a game. Frank's relentless pursuit on Candy Crush resulted in 14,952 levels completed. Frank loved to cook and his mother's recipe for potato salad quickly became famous among friends & family.

While his children were growing up Frank gave them many unique experiences. Life was an adventure that included a NASA space shuttle launch, museums, exploring cities, zoos, beaches, camping, amusement parks, national and state parks and so much more.

Frank was deeply loved by his wife, Kim Winkler; his children, Rebecca (Trevor) Chaney of Poy Sippi, Brian (Amy) Winkler of Neenah, Angela (Frankie) Lago of Oshkosh; siblings, Gloria Gutche of

Oshkosh, Dennis Winkler of Waukau, Chuck (Cindy) of Minocqua; step-sons, Michael (Megan) Buschmann of Surprise, AZ, and Matthew Buschmann of Surprise, AZ; mother-in-law Pat Dallman and brother-in-law Eric Dallman of Oshkosh; grandchildren: Nicolas (Hanne) Winkler, Alex (Greg) Winkler, Tressa (Matt) Clune, Tanner Chaney, Myrah Lago, Elliott Lago, Samatha Winkler, Emily Winkler, Molly Winkler, and great-grandson Theo Chaney; nephew, Aaron Gutche of Oshkosh; many nieces & nephews; close friends Rick Hoffmeister of Warsaw, NY and Herb Pomerich of West Bend and fur baby, Levi.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Arlene (Munding) Winkler; brother, Tim Winkler (Sandy); brothers-in-law David Gutche Sr and Jeffery Dillman.

A memorial service for Frank will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr with Military Honors to follow. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 pm until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

The Winkler family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff of HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center of Arizona for their compassionate care during Frank's final days.

Frank could make everyone laugh! He will be greatly missed!



Florence F. Stadler

Florence F. Stadler, age 101, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Gabriel's Villa in Oshkosh. Florence was born on February 7, 1924 the daughter of Edward and Marie (Herzig) Gumz. On August 5, 1947 she married Leonard Stadler at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Florence is survived by her daughter, Mary Kathryn Stadler of Oshkosh. One son, David Stadler of Charlotte, NC. Also many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents, her husband Leonard in 1998, one son, John Charles "Chuck", two brothers and three sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 11 am at St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church). Father Louis Golamari will be the celebrant. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 10 am until the time of Mass.

In Lieu of flowers please donate to St. Jude Adoration Chapel fund.



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Cheryl Ann Berg

Cheryl Ann Berg, age 76, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday March 2, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was born to the late Harold and Mary (Corrigan) Gerou in Racine, WI on April 24, 1948. Cheri married Loyal Berg on June 17, 1967 at St Peter's in Oshkosh. They were blessed to enjoy 58 years of marriage.

Cheri was best known for her customer service work at Klines Department store and Werner Electric. Her divine skill and love language was cooking and baking for those she loved. Upon Cheri's retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and traveling with her husband, Loyal. It would not be out of the ordinary for Cheri and Loyal to take adventures out of town for the simple pleasure of grocery shopping or enjoying a new restaurant they came across. For many years they would

winter in Sarasota, FL at Sun and Fun. Their favorite trip included traveling to Ireland twice.

Cheri is survived by her loving husband Loyal, two children: Kristen (Matt) Footit, Keri (Jason) Hammen; grandchildren Carter (Lilli) Footit, Megan Footit (Fiancé Drew Ashley), Kennedy Footit (Braden Jiricka), Caden Hammen, Hailey Hammen (Nathan Antti), Gavin Hammen; brother; Christopher (Jodi) Gerou. In-laws, John (Patty) Berg, Joan (Mike) Ulrich, Ann (Mike) Stoy. Best friends and partners in crime, Nancy Kubasta and Betty Dorow, as well as many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Mary Gerou; in-laws, Loyal and Adeline Berg; sister Cindi Mischnick; brother-in-law Jim Berg; nephew Cory Gerou.

A service for Cheri was held on March 10, 2025. In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in Cheri's name.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Theda Clark Hospice for the love and compassion they provided

during this difficult time.

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,

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May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Hans Peter Stopinski

Hans Peter "Pete" Stopinski, aged 79, of Minong, WI passed away on December 15, 2024 after a short illness. He was born on April 29, 1945, to Olga Marie and Robert Stopinski in Neustadt, Germany. Pete married Cynthia Loos on October 21, 1968. She preceded him in death on

9/17/2006 and on May 15, 2008, he married Linda Bauer of Minong.

Pete was a union heavy duty equipment operator for his entire adult life, living and working in Glen Ellyn, IL where he raised his family and took care of his first wife who suffered from MS. After retirement, he moved to Minong in order to be able to take care of wild animals, and hunt, and fish since he was an accomplished fisherman and hunter; hobbies he enjoyed from the time he was a young boy. He was also an adept racquetball player and was very proud of his classic corvettes. He served in the military for three years ending on Oct 31, 1968 serving most of his military time in Korea.

In addition to his first wife, Cindy, and

his mother and father, Pete was also preceded in death by his grandson, Dylan Stopinski, and his brother and wife, Robert and Sharon Hupe Stopinski.

Pete is survived by his wife, Linda; sons Scott Robert Stopinski (Ming), and Richard John Stopinski (Heather); step-sons, Mark Bauer (Brenda) and Mitch Bauer (Tami); grandson, Erik Stopinski; sister, Ragnhild ("Roni") Loos (Arthur), sisters-in-Law, Eileen Paske and Mary Long (Michael); brothers-in-Law, Donald Hanson (Debbie), Phil Loos and Steven Loos; and many nieces and nephews.

Also surviving him are his bosom buddies Al Horgen, Jim Pierson, Mike Long, and Steve Loos who faithfully met him at Wendy's most mornings for coffee and bull sessions about their hunting and fishing expeditions. Maybe he didn't drink the coffee (he often drank tea: just like him - he had to be different), but he sure could spin 'em like the rest.

A memorial remembrance will be held for Pete on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Wascott Town Hall at 1:00 PM with full military honors.

Rest in peace, Pete: rest in peace.

Arrangements entrusted to the Cremation Society of MN - Duluth.

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Obituaries

Duane Springborn

Duane "Cooch" Springborn, 95, of Pickett, WI passed away Friday, March 7, 2025.



Duane was born in Ripon, WI on May 24, 1929. He was the son of Charles Henry Springborn and Mayme Iona Robinson. He graduated from Ripon High School, and attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison. On August 8, 1953, he married Florence Augusta Huth Springborn at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Ludington, WI, near Fall Creek, WI. They were happily married for 66 years, until her passing in Dec 2019.

They are survived by three children Dennis (Debby), Jeffrey (Lynette), Steven (Kristin), seven grandchildren, Kevin, Jason, Sarah, Noah, Katie, Justin, and Ryan and three great grandchildren, Olivia, Brielle, and Gavin. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, his great-grandson Aiden, his sister Avis Sampson, his brothers, Willard "Will" and Robert "Bud", and his brothers

and sisters-in-law: Clifford Sampson, Irene Springborn, Grace Springborn, Lester and Maxie May Huth, Arnold and Martha Huth, Clarence, Roger, and Diane Huth.

Cooch and Florence farmed near the Rush Lake area, and moved to Rosendale area in 1970. He worked for the US Department of Agriculture selling crop insurance for many years, and sold real estate for Action Agency in Ripon, WI. Before he retired in 1994, he worked in the appliance department for Sears. Cooch was involved in his community in many ways. As a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Cooch was an usher and served on the church counsel as treasurer. He also served on the zoning board for many years as secretary for the town of Ripon and the National Board of Real Estate Appraisers.

Duane enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and was especially proud of the peas he grew for his grandchildren to enjoy when they visited. Cooch enjoyed spending time with his sons and supported them in all they did as a dedicated and enthusiastic coach for their baseball teams. When he became a grandfather, that support and dedication continued with his grandchild-

dren. He was their biggest cheerleader, and was always there, even if only in spirit. Distance may have kept him away, but he watched videos of them doing their activities over and over again. He was always the first to brag about their accomplishments no matter how big or small. He was a one of a kind grandpa! He will be missed.

He spent the last year of his life in the Residence at Oshkosh where he received wonderful care from a caring staff. The family is grateful for the kindness and care he was given.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Peace

Lutheran Church, 124 South Main Street, Rosendale.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Jonathan Stansfield officiating. Burial to take place at Rosendale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Peace Lutheran Church.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, on-line guestbook can be found at www.kurkifuneralchapel.com. 920-921-4420



Elizabeth Frank

Elizabeth 'Betty Ann' Frank, age 95, of Oshkosh found her angel wings on February 27, 2025.



Born in White Lake WI March 26, 1929, to Abner and Josephine Bricco. She married Leslie Frank in 1947 at St. James Catholic Church in White Lake only 6 months after meeting.

Theirs was a true love story and they have now happily reunited. Les preceded her in death in 2009. Her beautiful daughter Debby Koch preceded her in death in 2011 and Debby's daughter Robin (Koch) Wirgau in 2013. Many angels welcome Betty Ann home.

Betty Ann is survived by daughters

Kathy (Bruce) Annis, Michele (Arlyn) Polar, Marsha (Don) Peterson, and son Scott Frank; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and all her furry friends.

Betty Ann loved to read and was known to read a book a day. She kept a diary for the past 60 years and had a memory we all wish we could have. She loved to talk about her early years and life with family and friends. The family cherishes these stories and is comforted by the diaries and love letters from Les that remain as beautiful keepsakes. As a family we also enjoyed going to a casino to see if we could beat the odds!

Betty Ann requested no funeral but will celebrate her this summer as a family and each day in our own prayers. She will be laid to rest with Leslie at Lake View Memorial Park.

'Flights of angels sing thee to thy rest'

Wilma R. Hackett

Wilma R. Hackett, 77, formerly from Oshkosh, pass on 2-16-2025 with family by her side in Florida.



Adopted at a young age. Living in the Fox Valley and Oshkosh till 2008 when she moved to TN with her husband and son until her husband John passed in 2020. Shortly after Wilma moved to FL with

James. Throughout her life as a housewife Wilma enjoyed playing Bingo, Bunko, playing cards, talking on the CB radio as T Bear, and coffee at the truck stops with friends.

Wilma has 1 living brother Gary Ruedinger of Oshkosh, 5 children: Renee (Bruce) Conrad, James Ruedinger, Tammy (Dale -BF) Hackett, Tera (Frank) Heisler and Rebecca Hackett. 13 Grandchildren, 18 Great-grandchildren. Preceded in death was her husband John Hackett and Grandson Brandon Hackett.

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Wow! How rude!

When that happens, it's called a **lunar eclipse**.

The word **lunar** means having to do with the moon. That's **ME!**

A **blood moon** happens when just the right amount of light passes through my atmosphere during a lunar eclipse.

Dust particles in the air can make the moon appear **reddish** or **brownish** in color.

But it doesn't last very long. A lunar eclipse is over within a few hours.

This is an unusual look for me!

Cool!

Standards Link: Science: Use a model to understand eclipses.

How to Watch the Eclipse

The blood moon will be visible in most of North America on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14. Here are the times to watch for it. With a family member, circle your time zone.

- Eastern Daylight Time (EDT): 2:26 a.m.–3:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Central Daylight Time (CDT): 1:26 a.m.–2:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Mountain Daylight Time (MDT): 12:26 a.m.–1:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Pacific Daylight Time (PDT): 11:26 p.m. (March 13)–12:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT): 10:26 p.m.–11:31 p.m. (March 13)
- Hawaii Standard Time (HST): 8:26 p.m.–9:31 p.m. (March 13)



Standards Link: Math: Understand the concept of time in different locations.

Describe the Moon

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Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

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

Kid Scoop Together Make an Eclipse

Work with a family member to make an eclipse at home.

Stuff you'll need:

- Flashlight or a desk lamp
- Basketball
- Baseball

STEPS:

1. One person holds the basketball, which represents Earth.
2. Another person holds the baseball, representing the moon.
3. In a dark room, point the light at the basketball.
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Standards Link: Science: Create a model to explain scientific concepts.

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