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Photo by Michael Cooney

Artist at work

Mike Gellhar of Oshkosh works on an art piece at Gibson Social Club as Madysen Schmidt looks on during Saturday's annual Oshkosh Art Collective Show. "I just enjoy doing art in front of people so that's why I signed up to do it," Gellhar said. "It's always a good time - whether I'm showing art, making it or just being part of it - it's always fun."

City names new fire chief from within

Heiman will replace Stanley for lead role

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh has named its next fire chief from within its own department. Tim Heiman currently serves as the division chief of training for the Oshkosh Fire Department and will soon be sworn into his new role.

Oshkosh's police and fire commission selected Heiman after a search and interviews with five finalists, each who attended a community meet-and-greet last month at the Convention Center.



"I am honored to be chosen as the next chief of the Oshkosh Fire Department," Heiman said in a statement. "I look forward to working with our firefighters, city staff and community stakeholders to continue to provide dedicated service to the citizens of Oshkosh."

Heiman has 20 years of fire and emergency management experience, including 10 years as a supervisor and command-level officer.

"I am pleased with the Police and Fire Commission's decision to select Tim," City Manager Rebecca Grill said. "The commission and designated panels recognized Mr. Heiman's proven record in fire and emergency response management, and his demonstrated commitment to the highest levels of community service."

Heiman oversaw the development and

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County looks at expanding ATV access to highways

Recreation alliance seeks added travel routes

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is working with recreational groups to revise a county ordinance to allow all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles on county highways.

Lt. Darin Rice told the county's Judiciary & Public Safety Committee last week that the sheriff's office was approached by the Winnebago County ATV/UTV alliance

to request changes to the ordinance to allow ATVs and UTVs to operate on certain stretches of county highways, which he said would put Winnebago County "more in line with the surrounding counties."

"A lot of the surrounding counties have opened up county roadways for ATV and UTV usage," he said.

Counties, cities, villages and towns have the authority to enact ordinances permitting the operation of ATVs and UTVs on roads posted 35 miles per hour or less within their boundaries. Counties may also allow the vehicles to operate on county trunk

highways if they've been designated by ordinance as ATV/UTV routes.

Winnebago County adopted an ordinance in 2019 that allows ATVs and UTVs to operate on certain county roads with an average daily traffic count of 1,000 or less and a low accident history. Some municipalities have also designated local roadways as ATV/UTV routes in conjunction with designated county roadways. An ATV route map is on the county website.

Though the proposal is still in the preliminary stages, if approved, all county roadways including highways would be open

to ATVs and UTVs unless explicitly prohibited. County highways CB, AP, P and II east of 76 are being considered as ATV/UTV prohibited. Limitations on daily traffic count and accident history for roadways approved for the routes would be removed.

Rice said the change would be an opportunity for ATVs and UTVs to get to Lake Winnebago, as they're commonly used to haul fishing gear and travel across the frozen lake.

"Essentially, it's opening up recreational opportunities for those who choose to use

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TheDaCare's Fond du Lac hospital opens

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TheDaCare Medical Center-Fond du Lac became the health system's ninth hospital this week as care teams welcomed their first patients to the facility while work continues on a second new TheDaCare hospital in Oshkosh set to open later this year.

TheDaCare broke ground on the Fond du Lac campus at 755 W. Johnson St. near Interstate 41 in February 2024.

"TheDaCare Medical Center-Fond du Lac expands convenient access to care for those living in northeast and central Wisconsin," stated Dr. Robert Cavagnol, North Region president for Froedtert TheDaCare Health. "It also gives us an opportunity to ensure access to higher levels of care when needed – which can be done as part of our larger integrated system."

The 25,000-square-foot campus, which will be open at all times, is equipped with



Photo from TheDaCare

TheDaCare Medical Center-Fond du Lac's new campus off Interstate 41 is shown.

an emergency department and 10 inpatient beds. For patients requiring additional care, computed tomography (CT) scans, X-ray and ultrasound with outpatient access will be offered.

TheDaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh is projected to be about 114,000 square feet with emergency care, inpatient beds and 24/7 coverage with a retail pharmacy,

ambulatory surgery center with operating rooms and a medical office building for primary care and specialties.

Construction partners for both projects include Hplex Solutions as owner representative; HGA as architect and engineer; Miron Construction Co., Inc. as construction manager; and the Sigma Group as civil engineer and landscape architect.

County considers purchase of UW Fox campus

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is exploring the possibility of purchasing Outagamie County's share of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus for a nominal fee of \$1 to convert it into multiple child care centers after classes end later this year.

The campus is jointly owned by Outagamie and Winnebago counties and with classes set to end June 30 due to declining enrollment, both county boards have been considering options for the site's future.

The closure has sparked community interest in preserving the campus' assets that include the Barlow Planetarium, Communication Arts Center, University Children's Center, Weis Earth Science Museum and Community Gardens.

At this week's County Board meeting, supervisors were expected to deliberate and vote on a plan for Winnebago County to take over ownership of the campus and convert it into four or five child care centers and a sick child care center.

The proposal under former Winnebago

County Executive Jon Doemel appears to be separate from he and Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson's plan to sell portions of the campus to the Menasha Joint School District to be used for child care. Outagamie County's Property Committee voted in mid-March to pause the sale of the campus and have three appraisals completed.

The Menasha school district backed out of the plan to acquire portions of the campus to use for child care late last month after Menasha residents voiced concerns about transparency and the impact on property taxes, with preliminary estimates suggesting the campus will see annual costs of \$750,000 just for heating.

Newly elected Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz, who started in the position this week, said by email that he has had limited conversations with both county executives about the campus, and there is a potential third party ready to step up and operate the child care center.

Hintz said concerns over the cost of operating the campus have existed since the closure was announced a year ago, "however, I know there are interested partners that want to see existing amenities such as the Barlow Planetarium and Performing Arts Center continue with self-sustaining operations, and other potential partners that have ideas for public purpose reuse and redevelopment for other buildings and land on the 43 acres."

According to the resolution, Winnebago County would be required to operate the campus for the benefit of the public for two years and would own it outright after that. The county could lease portions of the property to third parties for non-public use, with revenue from leasing going to fund operations and improvements.

Winnebago County could also sell some or all the property after the closing.

"It is my understanding that the justification for, and timing of the proposal, is to reduce the complications from having two counties trying to agree on every decision made about the campus, and to avoid any suspension in the existing child care operations," Hintz said.

If the Winnebago County Board votes to advance the sale, Hintz would need to approve and sign the resolution before the purchase agreement goes to Outagamie County for approval.

When asked directly about whether he supports the plan, Hintz said he has many questions and reservations since he has not been directly involved in the development and negotiation of the proposal.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

April 15, 1922

Oshkosh Man to Design Marker Tablet:

A local young man from Oshkosh, Lawrence Oliver, has been selected to create a bas-relief to be used on the new monument marking a historic site. A new historical marker will be placed by the Winnebago County Archeological and Historical Society on the site of the first permanent white settler at the south end of Bowen Street. The bas-relief will depict a pioneering scene with a log cabin replica of that of Webster Stanley, the image being created from the description given by older residents who remember the dwelling. In addition, the illustration will show lodges of local tribes which were built near Stanley's house and river bank



WCHAS photo

This undated photo shows the Webster Stanley marker off Bowen Street.

with large trees. The unveiling is scheduled for June 14 this year. The house of Webster Stanley is historically significant as it not only represents the site of the first white settler here, but also that it served as the first school house in Winnebago County. A transcript from 1843 stated that "all elections for town or county officers shall be held at the house of Stanley.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, April 15, 1922

Kathleen (Woldt) Petri



It has been 5 years, April 15, since you left us. You are eternally loved and missed so much by your loving husband and daughters.

Police adding physical presence to Opera House Square



Oshkosh Herald

101 Algoma Blvd. will become a new satellite office for the Oshkosh Police Department.

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police department is putting a satellite office at Opera House Square to better monitor the downtown area.

The idea of establishing the satellite office was discussed while the budget was being compiled last fall. Police Chief Dean Smith reported that calls related to the homeless population have increased by 59%.

“There are others within our community who do not want any help and, in fact, they just want to live on the street. Oftentimes this segment of our population are the ones who have less-than-desirable encounters with the rest of our community and violate our ordinances and our laws,” Smith said during the budget process.

The Common Council voted at Tuesday night’s meeting to purchase office furniture for \$6,807. This purchase includes \$839 for a conference room table and \$2,240 for 14 office chairs.

“The office at 101 Algoma Boulevard will provide a base of operations for our Community Outreach Team and makes

it easy for them to access the downtown area,” operations Capt. Andy Lecker told the Herald.

Lecker said the office will be on the corner of Market Street and Algoma next to Opera House Square.

“We are not criminalizing homelessness, but we are going to enforce the laws and we are going to enforce our ordinances, and frankly if people are not following our community standards then we need to be addressing that,” Smith said last year.

Lecker said there are four benefits for the department being closer to the downtown area:

- Building stronger relations with local businesses and residents.
- Responding more quickly to community needs and concerns.
- Improved visibility and presence in the downtown area.
- Facilitating collaborations with local organizations and events.

Police are also working to create a homeless outreach team that would consist of an officer and social worker dedicated to responding to calls regarding the homeless population.

Pesticide concerns for water, wildlife, farms will be focus of seminar

Oshkosh Herald

A class of pesticides known as neonicotinoids — also called neonics — is raising red flags among farmers, environmentalists, scientists and residents statewide. The widely used insecticides applied on agricultural crops as well as landscape and plant nurseries have been linked to declining bee populations, contaminated drinking water and potential threats to natural resources.

A free public presentation at 6:30 p.m.

May 1 at the J.P. Coughlin Center titled “The Human Toll of Insect Decline: Neonicotinoid Pesticide Connections” will include experts from the UW Extension and local conservation groups to discuss neonicotinoids, pollinator health and what the public can do to help.

Presenters include Shannon Davis-Foust, a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh biology professor and senior lecturer in the Department of Biology & Environmental Studies Program; and Sara Wall-

ing, water and agriculture program director for Clean Wisconsin.

Neonicotinoids were introduced in the 1990s to protect crops such as corn, soybeans and cranberries by targeting insect pests systemically — absorbed into the plant — making the entire plant toxic to insects.

While neonics can help reduce crop damage, their effectiveness and broader environmental impacts are drawing increased scrutiny. Exposure can harm bees’ ability to forage, navigate and reproduce,

contributing to colony collapse disorder.

Neonics have been found in nearby rivers and streams, where they can affect aquatic insects, birds and other wildlife. Studies suggest they’re contributing to declines in insect-eating birds, which rely on healthy ecosystems.

Recent testing of 380 private wells by the state Department of Agriculture found that 43% contained pesticides, many of them neonics that don’t yet have established safety limits in drinking water.



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Changes continue for assessor's office staffing, process

City goes with private company for services

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city has been unable to hire a city assessor, which has forced the council to contract an outside company to handle the duties for which the position is responsible as laid out in state law.

"We have a lot of other tasks that need to be done by a city assessor," explained Kelly Nieforth, who heads the community development department that oversees the assessor's office.

The company contracted to carry out the city assessor duties is a company Oshkosh is familiar with. Associated Ap-

praisal Consultants (AAC) was hired by the council last year to take over the commercial side of assessments and now will oversee the city assessor's office duties as outlined in Chapter 70 of the state statutes after the council approved the contract last week.

The assessor's office and revaluation process have been major topics for the council since last year the revaluation process was mishandled due to an outside company, no longer contracted by the city, to handle the revaluation process for commercial properties.

"This contractor will assist our city appraisers in updating the residential property assessments, but there are many tasks that only a city assessor can complete/ of the library.

Participants can drop in at any time during the sessions and free copies of an Earth Day edition of Celebrating Chemistry will be available.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) is a community-based program of the American Chemical Society (ACS) during the week of Earth Day, which is April 22 and administered by the ACS Office of Science Outreach. Other activities and events can be found at acs.org/ccew.

Hands-on Earth Day activities set at library

Oshkosh Herald

Children and their families are invited to attend free Earth Day programs sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society and Oshkosh Public Library.

This year's theme is Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry with two opportunities to participate in hands-on activities. The first event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday is geared toward grades 3-5. The second event is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. April 26 for all ages. Both events will be in the lower level

Gentleman's Ride returns to streets of Oshkosh

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride returns to Oshkosh for the sixth year May 18 hosted by Becket's Restaurant.

Organizers encourage riders to dress dapper and ride classic motorcycles to raise awareness in the city.

The global charity event started in 2012 and has raised more than \$50 million

supporting men's mental health. Becket's owner Kris Larson said that for the past two years the Oshkosh ride has been the largest in Wisconsin with more than 100 participants raising more than \$30,000.

Registration is free and there is a capacity limit. More information is at gentlemansride.com/about.

submit per state statutes," Nieforth said.

The assessor's office has other statutory duties required by state law. These relate to maintaining accurate records of property ownership and ensuring equitable property tax distribution.

The fallout of the revaluation last year when city assessments did not meet the Department of Revenue threshold for equalized value led the city to ask legislators to help and has begun discussing regularly scheduled revaluations.

The AAC contract is for \$85,000 for 2025 and there are options to terminate the contract if the city is able to hire a new

city assessor.

Nieforth said the city failed to hire a city assessor after the departure of former assessor Jodi St. Charles and after a search yielded no candidates. The city does not need to make any payment adjustments as the money to pay the AAC contract was budgeted for as the salary for the assessor.

The city assessor's office is a division within the community development department with three property appraisers, one assistant appraiser and an office assistant.

Those positions will remain and support the AAC in the assessor duties.

Esslinger calls council service 'an honor'

Oshkosh Herald

Paul Esslinger attended his last meeting as a member of the Oshkosh Common Council after losing his re-election bid in the spring election.

Esslinger thanked community members for their support during his time in office. He served on the council from 2000 to 2011, including a term as mayor from 2009 to 2011, and then served a final



Esslinger

term after being elected in April 2023.

He said there are a lot of big and weighty topics that will be coming in front of the board, but he had confidence the board would be able to rise to those decisions and do what's best for the city.

"It truly is an honor and a pleasure to sit up here and serve," Esslinger said. "I'm confident that this council and future councils will be up to any challenge."

Newly elected council member Brad Spanbauer was sworn in during the reorganizational meeting Tuesday along with incumbents Karl Buelow and Joe Stephenson.

City offers an updated meetings calendar

Oshkosh has launched a Public Meeting Calendar on its website that displays all meetings on a single location and can be viewed in a monthly or weekly format.

Meetings that will be listed include boards, committees and commissions, as well as workshop meetings, bid openings and public information sessions. Meeting

minutes will be linked when published, and a Zoom link will be posted if virtual participation is available.

The calendar offers an option to subscribe to public meeting notices that will be sent via email. View the calendar through the link at the top of the city's website, oshkoshwi.gov.

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

Residents are reminded that blowing or placing grass clippings, leaves, or other debris onto the street is prohibited. Storm water runoff carries grass clippings and other debris on the street pavement surfaces into the storm sewer system. The City of Oshkosh's storm water runoff drains directly to local lakes, rivers, and streams. Storm water runoff is not treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Debris carried by storm water runoff can cause inlets and storm sewers to plug and this can lead to flooding. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients that help feed algae blooms on adjoining waterways.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 25 / STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Section 25-26 Obstructions in Street prohibited

This code indicates that no person shall place or deposit any substance in any sidewalk or street without a permit. In addition, no person may obstruct or stop the flow of water in any ditch, sewer, gutter, or culvert along or across any street, lane, alley, public grounds, or sidewalk in the City.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14 / STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Section 14-30 Discharge Prohibitions

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Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off site located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. **Note: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF SITE. THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSHKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE.** Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

The seasonal drop-off site summer hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The yard waste drop-off center is closed on City holidays. Please empty all bags and containers at the drop-off site.

For more information, call (920) 232-5383, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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New morgue seeing less use amid decline in deaths

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A new morgue and medical examiner's office which has been operational since March is initially seeing less use than anticipated, but for good reason: Medical Examiner Cheryl Brehmer is reporting a sharp drop in deaths across the board for the first four months of the year.

The new \$1.5 million building in Oshkosh near the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office includes the medical examiner's office, morgue with cold storage, an exam room and evidence storage garage. Four full-time salaried employees work out of the building, including Brehmer and three deputy medical examiners.

So far this year, the county has conducted 23 autopsies, averaging to 5.75 per month. In comparison, the county conducted 122 autopsies in all of 2024, aver-

aging to about 10.25 per month.

Since moving to the new location and becoming operational in mid-March, there have been 10 decedents in the facility, three of whom were transported by the Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy. Between the transportations and storage, Brehmer said the morgue has already saved the county nearly \$3,000 in its first month.

When a resident dies of a suspicious death, Winnebago County stores the body for up to 12 days until an autopsy is conducted in Fond du Lac County. Previously, Winnebago County didn't have its own cold storage for bodies and was storing them at funeral homes, in a cold storage trailer borrowed from another county, and at a livery service.

More recently, Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition donated

a mobile morgue unit to the county that was used until completion of the permanent morgue. The mobile morgue will now be used in the event of a mass casualty or when the morgue is over capacity.

Brehmer previously said at a County Board meeting that the new morgue is necessary to keep up with a rising number of overdose deaths in Winnebago County, which in 2023 reached a record 50 fatalities.

At this time last year, Brehmer said the county had 24 overdose deaths. This year, there have only been two confirmed fatal overdoses – both intentional with prescription or illicit drugs – and two pending cases with illicit drugs.

"So those numbers, knock on wood, continue to stay down," Brehmer said.

Supervisor Bryan Stafford questioned whether the county's harm-reduction vending machines are playing a role in the decline in overdoses, to which Brehmer responded that she doesn't have that data yet.

The vending machines were installed in Oshkosh and Neenah in September and dispense Narcan, which is the brand name

for naloxone, a nasal spray that when administered promptly reverses and blocks the effects of opioids.

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke said she's been reading up on the drop in overdose deaths.

"There is a lot of preliminary information that the increased training and availability of naloxone is responsible for a fair chunk of what's going on, and that it's so easy for people to acquire it that people are not dying, which is exactly what we wanted to happen," Hancock-Cooke said.

There have been five confirmed suicide deaths in the county this year, compared with 28 such deaths in the first four months of 2024. All the suicide victims this year have been over age 63.

Brehmer said Sarah Bassing-Sutton, executive director of N.E.W. Mental Health, is looking into the increasing number of suicides in the older population.

Homicides are also down in the county, which saw seven such deaths at this time last year, including three with firearms. As of early April, there have been no homicides in Winnebago County this year.

Spring boaters urged to exercise caution

Area boaters and paddlers are being reminded that spring storms with high winds, fluctuating temperatures, cold water and potential flood conditions can make navigating lakes and rivers dangerous this time of the season.

"People are always in a rush for that first paddle or fishing excursion of the year," said Lt. Darren Kuhn, state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boating law administrator. "While the air temperatures might be warm, the water is just above freezing, and accidental falls overboard could prove deadly quickly as hypothermia sets in. Cold water immersion can lead to hypothermia more quickly than during the traditional summer boating season."

Recent storms brought a wintery mix of precipitation to southern Wisconsin and ice storms to northern Wisconsin, resulting in broken branches, downed trees, power outages and substantial debris in waterways, which increases the dangers of spring boating activities.

Spring runoff and melting ice cover increase water levels, bringing the risk of dangerous currents that might affect how a boat handles on the water and could cause drowning. It's also important to be mindful near dams. Never anchor below a dam, as water levels can change.

Kuhn says the first item in the boat should be a life jacket for the operator and enough for each passenger, which are legally required.

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Spellman's launches next chapter under new ownership

By Jennifer Parmley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A longtime fixture of the Oshkosh boating community has been merged with another local marina in a venture that expands the services and amenities that have been offered by the two boating specialists.

Spellman's Marina, 1713 W. New York Ave., sold in early March to Art Dumke, a local developer who owns the Pioneer Marina among other properties.

Spellman's owners Cheryl and Tim Doberstein said Dumke's offer to purchase the business aligned with their retirement goals while benefiting area boaters who can take advantage of the merged service offerings.

The Pioneer Marina at 1100 Pioneer Drive houses boat slips that range in size from 25 to 40 feet long, gas and pump out services, winter boat storage and a ship store. As an open marina, it allows boaters to hire repair staff to work on boats in their slips but does not offer service on site, according to its website.

Spellman's Marina provides boat sales, indoor and outdoor storage, a full-service gas dock, and winterizing and repair services by certified technicians.

Spellman's also provides training to new buyers.

"We ask buyers to give us an hour of your time and we walk the whole boat with them, explain everything how it works, and the break-in period, and we take them out for a ride to go over everything. If it has a trailer, we'll show you how to use that," Dumke said. "Most marinas don't have the ability to do that because they're not directly on the water."

"So, it's a great fit," Cheryl Doberstein



Matthew Vaughan (from left), Cheryl Doberstein, Tim Doberstein and Art Dumke celebrate the sale of Spellman's Marina to Pioneer Marina.

said. "Pioneer has a lot of storage, and they wanted to get more into the service side of things. We service and sell boats here, which are things they don't do."

The Dobersteins purchased Spellman's 25 years ago from Francis "Boots" Spellman, whose family had owned the marina

property for decades.

"This facility had been in his family for 70 years, maybe further," Doberstein said. "It was originally a coal yard, and they delivered by horse and buggy. So it's got quite a history."

Cheryl and Tim, who is originally from

Oshkosh, were living in California when Spellman wanted to retire.

"He was looking for the right people to take over once he retired," Doberstein said. "So we flew out here and met him and that was it. It happened quickly."

Doberstein said the industry has gone through several changes over the years.

"When we first started here the boats were much smaller and the boats in the boat slips were much bigger – more cabin cruisers," she said. "Now, everyone wants a pontoon."

Boat and gas sales also skyrocketed during the pandemic.

"I think because so many people were home that they were buying boats and they would work on the water," she said. "We saw a big increase in gas sales during the week and people would pull up and you could see their laptops. They were just working away on the water. It was great."

"But then we couldn't get inventory and then the showroom was empty of boats. That was an interesting time."

Dumke, a proponent of the healing power of nature and benefits to being outside, said buying the marina is another way he can promote how the outdoors can improve mental health.

"This just falls right in line with what our mission is," he said. "You can connect to family and friends on a deeper level if you're not watching TV or on a screen."

The Dobersteins will assist in the transition of business operations this season but Dumke doesn't foresee major changes.

"We want to keep it family oriented and make sure the customer is a name and not just a number," he said. "The Dobersteins did a great job and we just want to keep doing what they're doing."

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Plea change made in terrorist threats against institutions

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man who allegedly posted threatening messages on social media about attacking educational and religious institutions has changed his plea, citing he is insane.

Patric Olson, 36, has been in custody on a \$10,000 cash bond since being charged with one count of terrorist threats – create risk of causing result. He initially entered a plea of not guilty in February.

If found guilty, Olson could face a maximum of 18 months in prison followed by up to two years of extended supervision. Court documents allege Olson made statements online about killing people either via arson or other methods.

The hearing was scheduled as a plea/sentencing hearing last week for the felony case. However, Olson's attorney, Krista Cannon, told Judge Michael Rust they were not proceeding with a plea/sentencing and that Olson was changing his initial plea.

Cannon stated Olson was now pleading "not guilty by virtue of insanity."

Rust accepted the plea change and ordered a psychiatric evaluation. Court documents reference Olson may be schizophrenic.

According to the criminal complaint, on Dec. 12 a witness alerted authorities to Olson's behavior and threatening statements. The witness told police about being worried about Olson's well-being and that Olson is schizophrenic and not taking his medication.

Police believed Olson was staying at a house on Otter Avenue but when they arrived the homeowner said they hadn't seen Olson recently and believed he was homeless. Police made a request to Facebook for information on Olson's account to find him.

Officers contacted officials at Lourdes High School, Valley Christian High School and Fox Valley Technical College about the threats and established surveillance at all three locations.

On Dec. 13, a police SWAT team served a no-knock search warrant at a home on Evans Street and Olson was found in the garage of the home and was cooperative when taken into custody.

Olson acknowledged he was operating the Patricio Marquis St. Cloudlight page but had no intention of carrying out any of the threatened acts.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for June.

Red Arrow disc course basket upgrade set

Oshkosh Herald

A funding plan to upgrade baskets at Red Arrow Park's disc golf course has been created to encourage cash donations that could spark additional grant support for the project.

Discussions with the Parks Department led to a process to help fund the upgrade of all 18 baskets at the course established in 2003 that would lead to additional backing through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's Oshkosh Parks Foundation Fund.

By the end of the year \$5,060 is needed to purchase nine Mach-7 baskets. By the end of 2026 an additional \$5,060 would be needed to purchase the final nine baskets of the 18-hole course. If the funding

falls short the money would roll over to 2026 until the \$5,060 goal is reached.

Thomas Urben, who also worked with the city to have 18 new tee signs redesigned and installed in March, is now focused on getting the new baskets funded and promoting the effort through Facebook posts.

"Efforts are being made with the Parks Department to look at additional grants from within the Community Foundation to help raise money for this fund," Urben posted. "There are hopes that private donations have the potential to help toward reaching that goal."

More information is at <https://bit.ly/42jhBIn>.



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Power pole update

Wisconsin Public Service workers were out last week replacing and servicing electric poles along Bay Shore Drive near the intersection of Broad Street.



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District taps new director of special education

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education has approved a new director of special education as Linda Pierron is set to retire at the end of the school year.

Kelly Skifstad is returning to Oshkosh after serving as a special education teacher, department support teacher and district special education coordinator from 2013-2023.



Skifstad

"I am thrilled to return to the Oshkosh Area School District in this leadership capacity," Skifstad said. "My leadership philosophy is service-oriented, grounded in the belief that empowering staff, students and the broader educational community fosters professional, academic and personal growth. I look

forward to contributing to a district that values equity and excellence in special education."

During her previous tenure in Oshkosh, Skifstad collaborated with literacy and math departments to develop professional learning plans, designed a multiyear special education strategic plan and partnered with principals to improve special education processes and strengthen inclusion efforts.

"Kelly's service-oriented leadership approach and deep understanding of our district make her the ideal person to lead our special education department," stated Superintendent Bryan Davis. "Her commitment to inclusive practices and strategic improvement aligns perfectly with our district's vision of excellence for all students."

Skifstad serves as a special education program specialist for Marion County Public Schools in Florida. She begins her new role July 1.



Photo from Wave Robotics

Oshkosh's Wave Robotics team competed earlier this month at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park in West Allis.

Wave Robotics team garners Inspiration Award at regionals

Oshkosh Herald

Wave Robotics Team 2826 competed April 6 at the Wisconsin Regional in West Allis, going 10-0 in the qualification tournament before making their exit in the semifinals.

The team earned the Engineering Inspiration Award, which celebrates success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's organization and community. Winning teams showcase innovative efforts to recruit students to engineering, community outreach efforts, commitment to science and technology

education, and achievement of the FIRST mission and ability to communicate those accomplishments.

The award completes the team's recognition in every engineering category since its formation in 2008. It earned an excellence in engineering award in 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2022 on the state level and world championship in that category in 2015.

Engineering Inspiration awardees are invited to the world championships in Houston, where a select group of Wave students led by the mentors are competing this week.

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ATV access

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UTVs as their mode of transportation," he said.

To drive on county roads, ATV and UTV riders must be 16 years old and have insurance. The vehicles are not required to have turn signals, but must have head, tail and brake lights, and operators are legally required to use hand signals.

ATVs and UTVs have been allowed to use roadways only during daylight; the proposed ordinance changes would open up roadways for use at any time.

The proposal is a turnaround from statements Sheriff John Matz made to the media when the initial county ordinance was approved in 2019.

"It's been problematic with serious car crashes, so now by mixing the ATV/UTV traffic, it just makes it more dangerous," Matz said at the time.

Matz told the Herald this week that he changed his mind on road usage because the surrounding counties have changed their ordinances, leaving Winnebago County ATV and UTV users "on an island."

"Also, we have not seen any type of uptick in crashes related to ATV/UTV use following the current ordinance that we have," he said.

Winnebago County has seen three fatal ATV or UTV collisions in the past two years that claimed the lives of four people. In 2023, a 15-year-old boy on an ATV failed to yield for a stop sign in Omro and was fatally struck by a truck.

Last year, an 11-year-old girl and her 6-year-old passenger were fatally struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross a public road on an ATV in Utica.

Matz said in some of the county incidents, the ATV drivers shouldn't have been

on the road because they were too young to hold a valid driver's license.

"As far as ATV/UTV crash data, we haven't had anything that was related to the ordinance that was passed back then," he said.

Statewide, there were 40 fatal ATV or UTV accidents last year and eight so far this year. Of those this year, all were UTV riders and only one death was caused by an automobile collision, with the others attributed to breaking through ice or a rollover.

County Board Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke questioned Rice on how fast ATVs and UTVs travel and whether they endanger other motorists.

"When I look at this I'm thinking, OK, is this making Winnebago County safer? No, I would say not," she said. "And the push is because it's becoming more popular."

Rice acknowledged ATVs and UTVs are capable of traveling at high speeds. Several hobbyist websites note average speeds of 45-50 mph, with some able to reach 85 mph.

"Essentially, there is a large group of people using this as their primary mode of transportation," Rice told Hancock-Cooke.

Rice said the biggest concerns for the sheriff's office are the highly traveled roadways and interactions with other motorists, "but we have not seen a large number of incidents in the ... years that we've had the ordinance in place and every year the approved roadways continue to grow."

Supervisor Bryan Stafford said the ATV and UTV riders he has met were "very respectful of those around them and I've never met anyone personally who I felt like was riding dangerously."

Rice added that the ATV and UTV clubs will take care of ensuring riders are aware of the rules and educating others.

The ordinance will need to be reviewed by the Highway and Judiciary & Public Safety committees before going to the county board for a final vote.



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FIRST Lego League team Baksteen Valken is representing Oshkosh and the state at next month's American Robotics National Tournament.

FIRST Lego team sets tournament event

Oshkosh Herald

The local FIRST Lego League Challenge team Baksteen Valken is representing the state May 17-18 at the American Robotics National Tournament in Jersey City, N.J., with its innovation that can save beach explorers' lives by detecting rip currents.

The Baksteen Buoy completed a perfect run at the state championships Jan. 19,

scoring all the missions the students built and programmed their robot to carry out. The team earned a Core Values award and scored high marks in all categories.

The team is hosting a showcase of the buoy with a demonstration, raffle fundraiser and concession stand at Perry Tipler Middle School from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. April 25 that is open to the public.

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The OASD Education Foundation's annual gala returns to The Waters on May 2.

Education Foundation presents annual gala

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation's annual Fundraising Gala, set for May 2 at The Waters, is a Derby Day-themed celebration to benefit athletic programs, adapted sports and co-curricular activities that enhance students' educational experiences.

Athletic memorabilia will be on display and friendly competitions held to celebrate the district's sports heritage while supporting its future. A Tyrese Haliburton signed Indiana Pacers jersey and a Door

North High Hall of Fame to add alumnus musician

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North High School's annual Hall of Fame Assembly and spring academic awards event Thursday will honor David Anania, a professional musician and school alumnus who has been a member of the Blue Man Group based in Berlin, Germany.

He also will visit music classes at the school.

The drummer, singer-songwriter and producer has played shows around the globe, including Moby's Area II Tour with Moby,

County getaway are among the prizes being awarded.

The previous two galas raised nearly \$110,000 for fine arts in 2023 and more than \$102,000 for career and technical education last year.

Tickets must be purchased by April 23 at mightycause.com/donate/Gala25.

Community members can support students with the purchase of gala tickets for \$100 or purchase items from the 2025 Gala Wish List compiled by activities directors that reflects current needs.

David Bowie and Bustah Rhymes; The Complex Rock Tour and Royal Variety Performance before Queen Elizabeth II. He has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Good Morning America," and "CBS This Morning" programs among others.

Anania composes music for himself and other artists such as Jaimi Faulkner, Jessica Gall and Nnenna Yvonne. Since 2012, he has been involved with soundtracks in collaboration with Snap 180 Media for three documentary films.

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EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: U.S. Air Force pilot Olga Custodio, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Oshkosh Farmers Market and Spring Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

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

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 5 and 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday Dinner, noon, Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Tuesday, April 22

High School Preview, 3:30 p.m., FVTC Riverside Campus, Room 101

Thursday, April 24

Bridging Past and Present: Needles workshop, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center
Pups on the Runway, 5 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Friday, April 25

Vintage jewelry, craft, rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Wisconsin State Arm Wrestling Championship & Expo, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, April 26

Wisconsin State Arm Wrestling Championship & Expo, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

4imprint Oshkosh Half Marathon, Relay & Loop the Lake, 8 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Vintage jewelry, craft, rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Grown Up Book Fair for Indie Bookstore Day, 10 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Feels Like the First Time, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Legally Blonde" (Love the Mess fundraiser), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, April 27

Oshkosh Card Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh Repair Cafe, 12:30 p.m., Downtown YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

The Beat Goes On, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Author Jessica Turner, 2 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Wednesday, April 30

CoComelon: Sing-A-Long Live, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, May 1

The Fourth Wall - How Music Works, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, May 2

Let's Ride Expo, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Fourth Wall: Fruit Flies Like a Banana, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

OASD Education Foundation Gala, 6 p.m., The Waters

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

Saturday, May 3

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 9 a.m., Menominee Park Shelter 1

NAMI Oshkosh 5K, 9 a.m., 525 N. Main St.

Let's Ride Expo, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Lakefly Writers Conference and Book Fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

African Violet Show & Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church

Military History Day, 10 a.m., Military Veterans Museum and Educational Center, 4300 Poberzny Road

Ethnic Food Bazaar, noon, Qamar Mosque, 300 N. Eagle St.

Downtown Oshkosh Spring Wine Walk, 1 p.m., downtown locations

Day at the Derby fundraiser, 3:30 p.m., Beaming Ranch, 2692 County GG

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown galleries and businesses

Death at the Derby: Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

New fire chief

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execution of all training programs for OFD. He implemented and updated fire ground command system and partnered with neighboring departments to establish the first regional recruit academy in the Fox Valley.

In 2022, Heiman was recognized as the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructor of the Year. It is the same year

OFD was recognized as the EMS agency of the year by the Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services Association.

Heiman replaces Mike Stanley, who led the department for six years.

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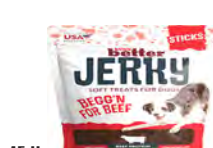
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Spartans can't overcome rough start in loss to Owls

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh North softball coach Keith Koslowski knows a couple of things about his squad.

The Spartans are going to keep battling no matter what the scoreboard reads and this team can definitely ball. Both traits were on display Friday afternoon.

Oshkosh North responded to a pair of seven-run deficits against a talented Slinger squad in the nonconference contest but ran out of innings before it could complete the comeback, suffering an 11-8 loss on their home field.

"We took their best punch but it didn't knock us out. I'm really proud of the girls for that. I'm really proud of how we fought back and had an opportunity at the end to tie it up," Koslowski said. "Last year, we had several comeback wins and we know we are never out of a game. We'll keep battling and hopefully things fall right for us."

Slinger struck for seven runs in the top of the first inning and led the entire game and then took an 11-4 advantage after four

innings.

But after getting retired in order in the bottom of the fifth, the Spartans mounted a charge in the sixth when the bottom of the order ignited a rally. No. 8 hitter



Butzlaff

Dory Butzlaff roped a single and Kiely Ulrich followed with a walk before leading hitter Emma Niemczyk was intentionally walked to load the bases.

"We were just trying to keep pushing and keep going. We were down in the beginning but we didn't let that get to us. We just had to come back and fight," said Butzlaff, who finished with a pair of hits, reached base three times and scored two runs. "I think it's important we have the whole batting lineup get on base. I know if I can get on, I'm going to get pushed all the way to home."

Kara Cummings plated a run with a fielder's choice followed by an RBI-single by Olivia Borowski and a run-scoring

double by Anna Borst. Sophia Housworth then plated a run with a groundout to pull the Spartans within three runs.

Slinger was able to get out of the sixth inning without any more Spartan runs, but North threatened again in the seventh when Butzlaff smacked a one-out single and Niemczyk reached on an error with two outs.

But the Owls were able to escape without any runs scoring in that inning and hand the Spartans the loss.

"Compliments to Slinger, they came out ready to go but we have been talking about dealing with adversity all season long," Koslowski said. "We know we can hit the ball, it's just a matter of time."

Brooke Peters took the loss in the circle for Oshkosh North, but pitched well after allowing the seven runs in the first inning.

The senior did not surrender an earned run after the opening frame and walked only one while striking out three.

"Brooke took a while to settle down, but after the first inning, I thought she pitched a pretty good game," Koslowski said. "If our defense can stiffen up a bit, that game

might have been different at the end. She did what she needed to do and I'm proud of her for that."

Trailing 7-0, North got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second as Sophia Fabiano and Butzlaff drew back-to-back two-out walks before Ulrich reached on an error. Niemczyk then lifted a fly ball to the center field fence that was dropped for a three-base error, allowing all three runners to score.

Slinger scored two unearned runs in both the third and fourth innings to extend the lead but the Spartans got one of the runs back in the fourth on a two-out RBI-single by Borowitz.

"It's a little tough (trailing early) but I think we're building. It's a good stepping stone for early in the season just to show we can fight back," Butzlaff said. "Our comeback and just our energy in the last couple of innings was great."

Borowitz and Niemczyk joined Butzlaff to finish with a pair of hits, while Niemczyk reached in all five plate appearances in the game. Borowitz also finished with two RBIs.

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West's Stinski eyes fourth trip to state tennis tourney

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Jacob Stinski has an interest in eventually becoming a history teacher.

First, though, he would like to make history.

He can accomplish that by becoming the first Oshkosh West tennis player to win a WIAA state individual title.

That would be an extremely difficult task. Competition at the WIAA boys' state individual meet is brutal – particularly from the Milwaukee and Madison schools. But don't count Stinski out. He has the skills, state experience and mental toughness to break through the competitive wall and make a run at a top medal.

Stinski is a rare three-time WIAA state individual meet qualifier and has won a pair of state matches. He returns for his fourth year as West's No. 1 singles player and is hoping for a big finish at Madison's Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

"Getting to state for the fourth time is something I really want to achieve," said Stinski. "The competition there is great, but I'm looking to go further than I have the past few years."

West has never had a WIAA state individual tennis champion, although the Wildcats' Neel Raut was the state singles runner-up in 2018. Charles Bleckinger won three straight WIAA individual state titles from 1959-1961 and Dan Bleckinger was the state individual champ in 1963. Both were representing Oshkosh High School, which became Oshkosh West in 1972 when Oshkosh North was built.

Neenah's Solomon Dunsirn was the last Fox Valley Association player to win a state title in 2022.

Senior Spotlight

Stinski posted a 26-9 overall record in 2024 and beat Brookfield Central's Michael Li, 6-1, 7-6 (2) in his state tennis opener before falling to Union Grove's Nolan Schaub in second-round play. Stinski had a 23-8 mark in 2023 and topped Neenah's David Murphy, 6-3, 6-1 in an opening-round match at state. Stinski posted a 16-13 record as a freshman.

Stinski's work ethic, love and even-keel demeanor are major reasons why he has a good chance of a fourth trip to the state meet.

"Jacob has been such a successful player because of his dedication to the game," said West coach Kyle Curtis. "He puts in a lot of time during the offseason playing and competing."

"His willingness to stay patient and remain level-headed during competition is another strength that helped him win matches. That is often easier said than done because it can be a very frustrating game at times."

Stinski handles the ups and downs of tennis like a pro. He is rock-solid in almost every area and isn't afraid to go outside the box with his game.

"I like to hit a mix of shots that are not necessarily the most common shots and they get me points," said Stinski. "I've always been told that I have a lot of strange shots. One shot I hit a lot that you don't always see is an inside-out forehand on the left side of the court."

"Typically if you're hitting a forehand on that side of the court, the ball is going to go straight. But I will hit it diagonally and opponents don't necessarily see that



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Oshkosh West senior Jacob Stinski has qualified for the state tennis tournament the previous three seasons and hopes to make a fourth trip to Madison later this spring.

coming."

Stinski hails from a serious tennis family and got an early start playing the game.

"My parents have told me that I was swinging a racquet when I was like three-and-a-half," Stinski said. "I would always tell my grandma (Joyce Hoppe), 'Let's go outside and hit the ball,' and she would toss me a tennis ball and I would hit it with a racquet. I started taking lessons at five or six and I haven't stopped playing."

Stinski's parents, Mark and Patti, have been avid tennis players for years. Patti was a top-notch tennis player at West. She was a two-time state meet qualifier and received first-team all-conference and second-team all-state honors in 1993. Patti is a member of the Oshkosh West Athletic Hall of Fame and went on to play college tennis at Wright State University. Mark was a multi-sport athlete at Apple-

ton West who eventually picked up tennis after high school.

"Tennis has always been a big thing in our family, especially with my parents playing," Stinski said. "They actually met through tennis. My mom has played for a long time. She recently had knee surgery, so she's just starting to get back into it again. My dad didn't start playing until he was in his mid-twenties. He used to laugh and say it was a girls' sport. Then, he got into it and was like, 'Man, I wish I would have started playing earlier.'

"A lot of people his age are playing pickleball now instead of tennis. But he's like, 'Nope, I'm sticking with tennis.'

So is Jacob. He will play the game at the next level in the fall at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he will

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join the Pointers' tennis team.

"It's awesome because not only do I get to continue playing a sport I really enjoy, but I also get to meet a lot of new people," said Stinski. "That's what I love about tennis. With the team we have right now at West, there is just a tight bond. We all know one another so well and I can only imagine that it's going to happen all over again at Point."

Stinski is a terrific student with a 3.9 grade-point average and plans to major in secondary education.

"I want to become a high school history teacher," said Stinski. "I have always found history to be super fascinating – just how things connect. There are so many interesting stories with history that are fun to talk about."

"I also like working with students. I've always been that way. I have had math classes where I've helped people who have asked for help. I was able to do that by just explaining things really well. And they would really appreciate it. I really liked the feeling I got from helping them. That kind of inspired me to want to teach some day."

Stinski also enjoys journalism and currently serves as the sports editor of the school newspaper, The Index.


"I've been with the paper the past two years and really enjoy being sports editor," he said. "It's been fun dealing with events

that are currently happening and doing interviews with people. I enjoy editing stories – taking a rough draft and helping guide the writer to make the story more professionally written.

"The next time I see their copy, I usually notice the changes they have made. It's awesome that you are helping them learn."

Stinski also ran cross country at West the past four years, but tennis is – and always will be – his game. It is considered to be a lifetime sport that can be enjoyed at any age and Stinski has no plans to abandon it. He sees himself playing tennis for decades – just like his parents.

"Tennis has been in my life so long and I really do see it as a lifetime sport," he said. "I don't think there will ever be a point in my life when I'll be ready to step away from it. I really see it as a sport I'm going to stick with the rest of my life."

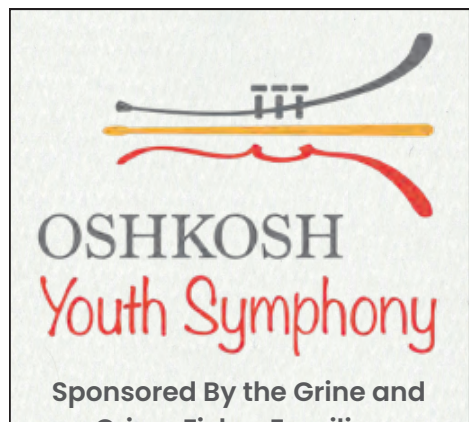


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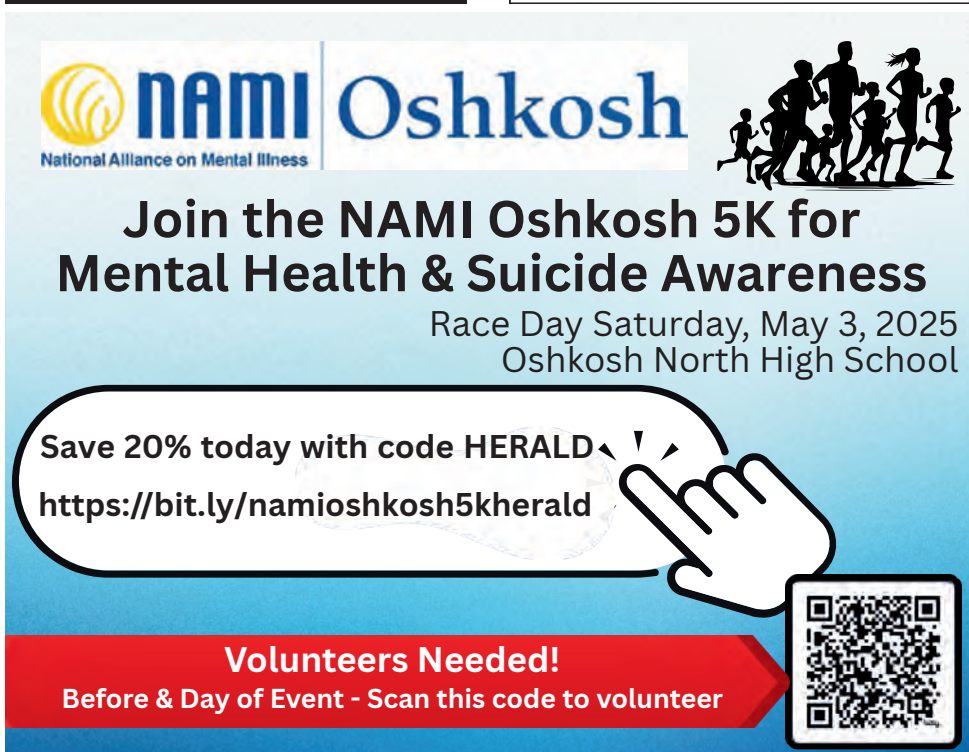
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Prep sports roundup

TRACK AND FIELD

Schettle, Williams post wins for North boys

Logan Schettle and Devon Williams each won individual events to lead Oshkosh North at the Gary Reybrock Invitational held at Little Chute High School last Friday.

Schettle finished first in the 100 meters, while Williams posted his victory in the 400 meters. The Spartans also took first in the 400-meter relay with a team of Schettle, Joshua Zietlow, Evan Auler and Tyler Farnsworth.

Other top five individual finishers for North were: Andrew Oehler, third in the discus; Jaykwon Jones, fourth in the 200 meters; Farnsworth, fifth in the 200 meters; Jay Weber, fifth in the 1,600 meters. North also finished third in the 1,600-meter relay with a foursome of Williams, Zietlow, Auler and Cooper Snell.

Lehna Mitchell posted a win for the North girls, taking first in the 3,200 meters, while teammate Tianna Hayes took fourth in the event.

Mitchell and Hayes were also a part of the Spartans 3,200-meter relay team that took fourth along with Allison Cummings and Savannah Rust.

The boys finished seventh among the 12 teams at the invite, while the girls placed eighth.

Triebold, Howell lead Wildcats at invitational

Kylie Triebold and Clark Howell each posted second-place finishes to lead Oshkosh West at the Saber Invitational in

Franklin on Friday.

Triebold finished second in the 400 meters to help lead the Wildcats to a ninth-place finish among the 21 teams.

Camille Phillips added a third place in the 100-meter hurdles and a fourth place in the 300-meter hurdles, while Kayana Turner had a trio of top finishes taking fourth in the long jump, sixth in the 100 meters and seventh in the 200 meters.

Other top 10 finishes for the Wildcats were: Abby Tercha, sixth in the 1,600 meters; Gwen Liptow, seventh in the 3,200 meters; and Nora Pakula, 10th in the shot put. West was also third in the 3,200 meters.

Howell earned his runner-up finish for the West boys in the triple jump. The Wildcats placed 17th in the team standings.

Carter Crowe and Juan Collins were sixth and eighth, respectively, in the 1,600 meters while Celso Collins was seventh in the 3,200 meters. Earning ninth-place finishes for West were Nathan Stiefvater in the 110-meter hurdles, Owen Heim in the long jump and Jackson Kasper in the triple jump.

The Wildcats were also ninth in the 800-meter relay.

BASEBALL

West splits pair to cap busy week

Oshkosh West used a pair of big innings and then held off West Bend West in the seventh inning for a 10-9 win Saturday.

The Wildcats scored five runs in the first inning to take the lead and then used a four-run fourth frame to pull ahead 9-6 en route to the win.



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Oshkosh North's Connor Palmquist tries to avoid a tag during a rundown between first and second base in the second game of Friday's doubleheader against Wausau East.

Landon Ubrig went 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs to lead the Wildcats, who finished with seven hits in the game. Jaxon Prill drove in three runs in the win, while Noah Muehrer and Owen Ervin each had doubles.

Muehrer did not give up an earned run in three innings of work to earn the win, while Cade Heiman struck out three in two innings to earn the save.

The Wildcats then fell to West Bend East, 17-7, in six innings despite getting 14 hits in the game. Ubrig, Eddy Schroeder, Evan Johnson, Heiman, Austin Albrecht and Gavin McMillan each finished with two hits, while Johnson finished with three RBIs and Ubrig scored three runs and had a double.

West started the week with a 6-2 win over Neenah on Tuesday as Avery Mosloski allowed just four hits and struck out four in 6 2/3 innings to get the win. Schroeder finished 2-for-4 at the plate for the Wildcats, who scored four runs in the second inning, while Gavin Ruh finished with a pair of RBIs.

The Wildcats were then held to three hits in an 11-1 loss to Appleton East on Thursday with Heiman, McMillan and Ian Reichenberger collecting the hits for West.

Pitching leads Spartans to twinbill sweep

Jackson Anderson and Brayden Frank each had strong outings to help lead Oshkosh North to a sweep of Saturday's doubleheader against Wausau East with the Spartans winning by scores of 2-0 and 5-2.

Anderson struck out 12 in six innings of work in the opener, while Frank had six strikeouts in five innings in the nightcap.

Zach Kiffmeyer and Mason Krings also

had strong stints on the mound in losses to Hortonville (4-1) and Appleton West (5-2) during the week. Kiffmeyer fanned 10 in sixth innings, while Krings did not allow an earned run in 6 2/3 innings in his start.

Anderson and Kiffmeyer were the leading hitters over the course of the week for the Spartans.

Lourdes/Valley drops pair of games to Horicon

The Knights came up short in a pair of Trailways games against Horicon, falling on Tuesday, 3-1, and 6-4 on Thursday.

In Tuesday's loss, Eli Halla, Nolan Gibson and Ryder Mullen each had hits in the game as Horicon scored two runs in the top of the seventh to earn the win. Henry Achterberg allowed just four hits and struck out one on the mound.

The Knights fell behind 4-0 and 6-1 on Thursday but scored three runs in the sixth to narrow the final margin. Achterberg and Adam Dinnegan each had hits and RBIs in the game for Lourdes/Valley, while Gibson and Brady Bauer also collected hits.

The Knights did collect a 23-6 win over Randolph on Saturday but individual statistics were not available.

SOFTBALL

Oshkosh West splits twinbill with Beaver Dam

The Wildcats rallied for a 7-6 win in the nightcap to earn a split with Beaver Dam in a nonconference doubleheader Saturday.

West scored two runs in the fourth in-

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ning to a 6-5 lead and then scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to earn the win.

Alexia Monroe finished 3-for-4 and drove in the game-winning run, while Emmy Reichenberger and Kylie Hielsberg each had two hits and two RBIs in the game with Reichenberger blasting a home run. Izzy Kramer and Averie Tritt each had two hits in the game.

The Wildcats lost the first game, 6-4, despite Reichenberger finishing 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs. Hielsberg also chipped in two hits.

Earlier in the week, Kramer allowed just two hits in five innings while striking out three to key West's 10-0 win over Appleton East. Tritt went 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the win, while Kramer added a pair of hits and Sam Quella had a triple and three RBIs in the win.

On Tuesday, West fell to Neenah, 6-1, with Tritt going 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats. She also struck out eight in six innings, while allowing just three hits over six innings.

Spartans tally season-high runs against Ships

Oshkosh North took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the third inning and then broke things open with a four-run fifth frame in a 9-3 win over Manitowoc Lincoln on Saturday.

Sophia Housworth fueled the offense in producing its season-high run total. Housworth finished 3-for-4, including a home run, and drove in three runs in the win.

Kara Cummings added a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Emma Niemczyk, Olivia Borowitz and Dory Butzlaff chipped in two hits apiece.

Cummings also picked up the win on the mound for the Spartans, scattering nine hits and striking out eight.

Cummings also notched a shutout win earlier in the week as the Spartans toppled Appleton West, 7-0, in a Fox Valley Association game.

Cummings allowed just two hits and one walk, while striking out eight in the game.

The offense backed Cummings with 13 hits including two apiece from Niemczyk, Brooke Peters, Borowitz, Anna Borst, Housworth and Cummings. Niemczyk added a home run in the game.

SOCCER

Trochinski's two goals lift Spartans to win

Hailie Trochinski scored a pair of goals as Oshkosh North scored three times in the second half to claim a 3-1 win over Menasha last week.

Trochinski scored on free kicks in the 50th and 59th minute, while Ava Duran picked up the Spartans' final goal with about 10 minutes to play off an assist from Natalie Kossolapov.

Olivia Dennis finished with two saves in the game. Menasha scored its goal on a penalty kick.

Oshkosh North also played to a 0-0 tie with Green Bay East last Thursday and are now 2-0-1 on the season.

Knights collect nonconference victory

Four different players scored goals and Taylin Mecklenberg earned the shutout in goal as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian improved to 2-0 on the season with a 5-0 victory over Amherst/Iola-Scandina-



Photo by Doug Sasse

Oshkosh West's Mya Johnson leaps in the air to control a ball between a pair of Winneconne defenders Saturday afternoon.

via last Thursday.

Ellie Koch led the goal-scoring efforts for the Knights with a pair of goals, while Delaney Ruedinger, Hadassah Gutierrez-Kauhaupt and Rachel Freund each had one. Ruedinger added a pair of assists in the win.

Mecklenberg stopped both shots she faced to earn the shutout.

Wildcats suffer losses to Hornets, Wolves

Oshkosh West took a 1-0 lead at half-time but couldn't hold off Green Bay Preble in the second half of a 2-1 loss last Thursday.

Ava Pamer scored the Wildcats' goal off an assist from Ellianna Noe.

Sophie Kalka made 10 saves in the match for West.

The Wildcats also scored first against Winneconne but couldn't hold off the Wolves in a 2-1 loss on Saturday afternoon.

West opened the scoring about 10 minutes into the game when Pamer raced the ball up the left sideline and sent a pass across the goalmouth to Katelyn Schaller. Schaller blasted the ball into the open side of the net for the 1-0 lead.

Winneconne tied the score about seven minutes later and then tallied the game-winner with about 10 minutes left in the match.

West had a couple of scoring opportunities late in the match but couldn't pull back even.

Kalka finished with eight saves in goal.

TENNIS

Wildcats suffer close loss to West De Pere

Oshkosh West fell just short of a victory in its season opener last week, falling to West De Pere, 4-3.

Jacob Stinski earned the lone singles win for the Wildcats at the No. 1 flight, beating Rafe Zifferblatt 6-2, 7-6.

The Wildcats also got straight set wins from Kole Stauffacher and Yoseff Edsell at No. 1 doubles and from Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner at No. 2 doubles.

West then went 3-0 to grab the top spot at the Fond du Lac Invitational over the weekend, beating West Bend East and Fond du Lac by 6-1 margins, while also edging Oshkosh North, 4-3.

Stinski (No. 1), Jace Koepsell (No. 3) and Colin Smith (No. 4) posted singles win against West Bend East, while Edsell and Stauffacher, Steiner and Potter and Jacob Lemke and Isaiah Wilson swept the doubles matches.

West also won all three doubles matches against Fond du Lac with Potter and Steiner playing at the No. 1 flight, Lemke and Quenten Prickett playing at the No. 2 flight and Jordan Schroeder and Isaiah Wilson winning at the No. 3 flight. Earning singles wins against the Cardinals were Edsell (No. 2), Stauffacher (No. 3) and Koepsell (No. 4).

Edsell and Stauffacher, Potter and Steiner and Lemke and Wilson each earned straight set wins in doubles against Oshkosh North, with Stinski also earning a victory at No. 1 singles.

Spartans finish 2-1 at triangular meet

Oshkosh North won two of its three matches at a triangular meet in Fond du

Lac on Saturday, posting wins over West Bend East and Fond du Lac, while losing a 4-3 decision to Oshkosh West.

Nicolas Flandin at No. 2 singles, Kallum Larson-Poeschel at No. 3 singles and Allan Koji at No. 4 singles all went 3-0 on the day, with both Flandin and Larson-Poeschel winning all three matches in straight sets.

Brannick Larson and David Tjugum at No. 1 doubles and Gavin Poquette and Shepherd Johnson at No. 3 doubles each posted a pair of wins.

GOLF

West, North finish strong at invitational

Oshkosh West finished second and Oshkosh North took third at an invitational hosted by Lourdes Academy held at Lake Breeze Golf Course last week.

The Wildcats finished with a team score of 342, one shot behind Howards Grove for the team title. Jaxen Lloyd and Tyler Moderson led West with rounds of 83 and 84, respectively. Billy Berg added an 87, with Tyler Mellgren and Lincoln Houle tying for fourth on the team with rounds of 88.

Warren Seeley tied for medalist honors with a 79 to lead the Spartans, while Brady Anderson was next with an 88, followed by Sullivan Snow with a 90 and Wesley Loewe with a 91.

Lourdes/Valley finished eighth with a team score of 378. Jackson Buttke led the Knights with a round of 84, followed by Ian Simmons with a 93, Connor Hammill with a 98 and Kaden Okon with a 103.



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Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golfer Jackson Buttke eyes a shot during last Thursday's invitational at Lake Breeze Golf Course.

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Obituaries

Ilse Weitz

Ilse Weitz, age 84 of Oshkosh, WI passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 9, 2025. She was born in Wilhelmshaven, Germany on September 2, 1940, to Hermann and Herta (Schmidt) Aissen. Ilse was a devoted mother to her five children, her pride and joy.

Ilse migrated from Wilhelmshaven, Germany to the USA in 1959. She traveled by plane to New York, New York alone at the age of 18 years old and eventually settled in Green Bay, WI and lived with her aunt who was her formal sponsor when coming to America.

Her aunt was a head nurse in Pediatrics at Bellin Hospital and would be instrumental in helping her to learn the English language. She learned English from nursery rhyme books, as well as the show "I Love Lucy", and from the children in the Pediatric unit at Bellin Hospital in Green

Bay. Ilse earned her Licensed Practical Nurse Degree (LPN) on September 25, 1962. She was hired as an LPN in the surgery department at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh, WI on July 19, 1963. It was there where she worked in the surgery department for 28 years. She ultimately completed her nursing career at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. Ilse truly loved her profession and cherished the lifelong friendships she created during her career.

Ilse found enjoyment in knitting and crocheting. She was also an enthusiastic bowler, as well as a devoted Green Bay Packers fan. Her passion for life was evident in everything she did, especially in the kitchen. Her homemade meals were legendary, and she could whip up the best apple pies that left you always craving for more. Her joy and happiness in life also came from her grandchildren, they were her everything.

Ilse is survived by her children: Arnold Presser, Dieter Presser, Heidi (Chad) Koplien, Ingrid (Chris) Garrison and Siegfried (Mark) Nielsen; grandchildren:

Kaitlan and Isabel Koplien, Sophia and Olivia Nielsen, Alysa Garrison, Jakob, Jakson and Avery Presser; sister: Margot (Robert) Anderson.

Ilse was preceded in death by her parents Hermann and Herta (Schmidt) Aissen, and much-loved stepmother, Myrtle Aissen; husband William Weitz Jr.; her sister Edith (Hans-Rolf) van Vorshelen; her brother Werner Aissen; niece Kathryn Anderson; and aunt Theresa Schmidt.

A funeral service for Ilse will be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54904, with Rev. Jennifer Czarnota officiating. Visitation will be

held at the church from 4:30 PM until the time of the service. Entombment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

Her family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the angels on earth who surrounded her with love and care in her final days. Their support meant the world to Ilse, and her family.

Ilse's legacy will forever be cherished. Her family finds comfort in knowing her legacy lives on through the lessons she taught, the love she shared, and the memories they will cherish forever.

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Richard T. Lloyd

Richard T. Lloyd Sr., age 76, of Wakefield, Kansas, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2025.



Rick was born on February 2, 1949, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, son of Kenneth "Chirp" and Joyce (Meyer) Lloyd, raised with his two brothers, Tom and Doug on a farm outside of Pickett, Wisconsin. Rick graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1967. In 1968, Rick enlisted in the US Army, where he served until 1991. He retired from the US Army with an Honorable Discharge, having completed two combat tours for the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait.

Rick spent most of his retirement years focused on his two biggest loves, his grandchildren and his motorcycle. Ever the enthusiast for both, he often rode to

where his children and grandchildren lived in various parts of the country. Rick was one of the original members of the Kansas chapter of the Patriot Guard, returning to his military background and supporting those fallen warriors who had paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their nation. Rick rode until he couldn't ride anymore!

Rick leaves behind many loved ones, including his six children; Rich (Christy), Steve (Emily), Ken (Nickie), Jessica (Josh) Dewitt, Robert (Paula) and Roland (Melissa), including 18 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, as well as his mother Joyce and brother Doug, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He will be missed by many! We love you Dad.

He is preceded in death by his father Chirp and his brother Tom.

A rosary will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., beginning at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend. Sharing memories of Rick will begin at 6:00 p.m. with visitation concluding at 8:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh. A second visitation will be held at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service.

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Ryan P. Jansen

Ryan Patrick Jansen, age 26, passed away on April 2, 2025, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.



He was born on March 7, 1999, to parents John and Susan (Clark) Jansen, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Ryan moved with his parents and older brother to Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he attended St Francis Cabrini Grade School and Oshkosh North High School, graduating in 2017. Ryan went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated from the Wisconsin School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2021.

Ryan worked as an Assistant Product Manager for Milwaukee Tool in Wauwatosa and more recently as a Product Marketing Manager for Cree Lighting in Racine, Wisconsin. Ryan was very intelligent, extremely driven, and passionate about his work. Ryan's innovative ideas helped to develop and launch new products which awarded him a patent.

Ryan was kindhearted and compassionate, he was the best son, brother, nephew, cousin, grandson, and friend anyone could ask for. Ryan was energetic and fun, he enjoyed many activities and spending time with those he loved. Ryan was competi-

tive and loved to golf, using his seasonal golf passes to perfect his swing, spending countless hours on various courses. Ryan also enjoyed downhill skiing in Colorado, fishing in Canada, and many other family trips. Ryan always made every day more adventurous. Ryan was an avid Packers, Brewers, and Badger fan, attending games with family and friends. Ryan will be deeply missed by all of us, but his kindness and love will stay with us forever.

Ryan is survived by his father, John Jansen (Anna Lautenbach) of Oshkosh; mother, Susan Jansen (Jay Klinger) of Oshkosh, WI; brother, Austin Jansen of New York, NY; and grandfather, Paul Jansen Jr. of Oshkosh. He is further survived by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends. Preceding him in death were his grandparents; Joan Jansen of Oshkosh; and Dennis and Kathy Clark of Watertown, WI.

Ryan - Mom, Dad, and Austin were very proud of you, we will always treasure the great memories of your life. We love you.

Visitation will be held at Fiss & Bills Funeral Home in Oshkosh on Saturday, April 19th from 9:00am to 11:00am, with a Service at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established at a later date.

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Gail M. Kimball

Gail Margie (Leininger) Kimball, age 87, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on April 4, 2025.



Our wonderful wife, mom, and grandma was born to Victor and Margie Leininger in Oshkosh on March 2, 1938. She was so proud to have attended St. Mary's School

throughout her early years and her Catholic faith never wavered throughout her life. Gail graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1956 and married the love of her life, Roger, on July 13, 1957...a love that lasted over 67 years.

Gail enjoyed working for the Wisconsin Axle after high school and then began her favorite adventure...being a Mom and raising her children, Jody and Jamie. She was always present, never missed an activity, and loved to volunteer at school. Later, she worked for the Oshkosh school district as a paraprofessional for many years, making a difference in the lives of countless children. Then Gail discovered Longaberger baskets! She became a sales rep and avid collector...you couldn't turn a corner without seeing a basket proudly on display.

Roger W. Penzenstadler

Roger W. Penzenstadler, age 89, passed away on March 16, 2025. With the help from Compassus home care and eventually hospice, he was able to remain in the comfort of his home with his wife and Jeff by his side.

Born on February 28, 1936, in Oshkosh to William and Violet Penzenstadler, Roger graduated with the class of 1954 from Oshkosh High School and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. His professional journey led him into sales with NCR before he transitioned into the hospitality industry. Over the years, Roger managed several local taverns and eventually became a proud business owner, operating Roger's Pour House and the Ohio Street Bar-establishments that became familiar gathering places in the community. He finished his career with 20 plus years at Oshkosh Corporation as a Sergeant in security.

Roger's easygoing nature and positive attitude left a lasting impression on those who knew him. He was deeply involved in his community through volunteer work, notably serving as a coach for Special Olympics for several years. His dedication

The best chocolate chip cookie maker around, baking gave Gail great joy, as did her many yellow labs and golden retrievers over the years. Emme will certainly miss her sneaking food to her under the table.

Mom's greatest joy in life was being Grandma to Brynn, Meg, Kyle and Kelly. They all adored her and will miss her deeply.

Gail is survived by her husband, Roger, her daughter Jody (David) Hartzell, son James (Patti) Kimball, and grandchildren Brynn Hartzell, Meg (Sam) Hawley, Kyle Kimball, and Kelly (Brandon) Neuberger. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Peter and sister Nancy.

A private family ceremony was held at Riverside Cemetery on Friday, April 11.

A special thank you for the loving care provided by the staff of Eden Meadows and Heartland Hospice. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

We will miss you every day and love you for the wonderful life you have given all of us.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." ~ John 3:16

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Sue Sharon Rumlow

Sue Sharon (Bennett) Rumlow, age 91, affectionately known as 'The Supervisor'



to her loved ones, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at Country Villa Assisted Living in Omro, WI, on April 11, 2025, with her family beside her.

Born on March 9, 1934, in Wheatland, Missouri, she was the daughter of Carol (Ihrig) Jenkins and Seth W. Bennett. Sue graduated from high school in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, before earning her B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She dedicated 15 years of her life to teaching 2nd grade in country schools and the Neenah Joint School District.

In 1954, she met Wayne Rumlow, whom she married in 1955 at Sacred Heart Church in Oshkosh, sharing 44 years of marriage and raising their children, Mark and Kelly.

Sue is survived by her son Mark W. Rumlow, daughter Kelly (Scot) Standke, grandchildren Dana (John) Ruh, Tyler (Laya Helena) Rumlow, Ryan (Mackenzie) Standke, Aaron Standke, Jordan Standke; step-grandchild, Tevon (Nikki) Noe-LeBeck; and great-grandchildren Gavin Ruh, Macie Ruh, Harper Ruh, Liam Rumlow, Braxton Glysch, Moira Standke, and Evelyn Standke. She is also survived

by her brother Donald Bennett, sister Laurie (Mark) Gilman, nephews Kirk and Kipp Rumlow, nieces Tami (Tom) Beier, Marie (Justin) Travis, Wendy (Dennis) King, Stacey (Steve) Frank, and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne O. Rumlow; mother, Carol (Ihrig) Jenkins; father, Seth W. Bennett; stepfather, Edwin Jenkins; sister, Diane Jenkins; daughter-in-law, Tammy Rumlow; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Warner and Donna Rumlow; parents-in-law, Sylvia and Orville Rumlow; and special friends, Lolli Weber, Virginia Schneider, and Renee Weber, cherished friend of her son, Mark.

A devoted member of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Sue cherished her time spent traveling, dancing, reading, attending ball games, and, most importantly, being with her family.

Visitation will be held at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI, on Wednesday, April 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a Mass at 11:00 a.m., with a light meal and refreshments afterward.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Country Villa Assisted Living and St. Croix Hospice for the exceptional care provided to Sue.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Oshkosh in her memory.

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Obituaries

James Goodwin

James "Jim" Goodwin, 75, passed away in Oshkosh, on April, 4, 2025, at Aurora Hospital with his family by his side.



Jim was married to his loving wife, Barbara for 55 years. They lived in Oshkosh, where they raised four children.

He served in the military until he was medically discharged due to MS. He had many skills and held many jobs throughout the years. His passion was being a mechanic for life with racing in his blood. Jim loved to work on cars and being out in the garage, from body to engine work and everything in between Jim did it all and wanted to teach others what he knew.

Throughout the years Jim had many ups and downs with his health and MS; even with this, Jim very much enjoyed being outside. He loved camping with his fam-

ily. He also enjoyed gardening and always planted a garden each year while planting many trees as well.

James was preceded in death by his father, Lyndon Goodwin and mother, Gladys Goodwin (Stilp).

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Sanders); son, Timothy (Amy Miller) Goodwin; three daughters, Lisa Goodwin, Tina (Rob) Boehning and Teresa (Josh) Skaug; grandchildren, Isaiah and Ally Skaug, Katrina and Ryley Goodwin; granddaughter, Stormie (Josh) Fry; great-grandson, Jason Fry; sisters, Linda (Jim) Fournier, Lucy (Loni) Lecy and Debra (Mike) Dillman; brother, Ward Goodwin; cousins, Ronald (Barbara) Berry. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Services will be held at Oakbrook Church, 3126 W. 20th Ave. Oshkosh, WI on Thursday, April 17, with visitation being held from 1pm to 3pm and services and military honors to follow.

Douglas R. LaPoint

Douglas Roger LaPoint died on March 30, 2025 in his sleep while spending a weekend with old friends reminiscing their good times together during Canada fishing trips. Doug leaves behind his wife Pascale (Plietzsch) LaPoint, sister Danielle (LaPoint) Weber, niece Julie Weber, parents-in-law Peter and Ute (Wagner) Plietzsch, brother-in-law Sven Plietzsch, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Alegra (Soper) LaPoint.



Doug was born in Oshkosh, WI in 1962. After graduating from Oshkosh West high school, he joined the Marine Corps and served four years as a tuba player in the Marine Corps band stationed on Okinawa, Japan. He went to college at UW Stout in Menomonee, WI where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. His first job took him to the Twin Cities, MN and then he moved to California for a few years. After returning to the Midwest, Doug's career spanned many opportunities in computer support, network engineering and technical writing.

Doug and Pascale married in 1998. The couple first made their home in Minneapolis and then in Fridley, MN. They have two dogs, Sam and Didi. Doug and Pascale retired from their corporate jobs in 2022 to enjoy the things in life that really count.

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Doug was fiercely loyal, kind, and compassionate. He had a wonderful sense of humor and told great stories of his many exploits. He stayed in touch with countless friends from different phases of his life. He was a member of the B-Squad softball team for the last 25+ years. He loved computer projects, making videos, taking pictures, creating music play lists, playing with his dogs, traveling, hiking, and spending time with his many friends and relatives. In his later years he joined his wife in leading kirtan (sacred chanting), becoming an accomplished hand drummer and singing with a beautiful and stirring voice. He gave wonderful long hugs - one could sink into his warm and loving embrace.

Doug leaves a hole in our lives too great to begin to describe. He will be missed terribly but his love and warmth will stay forever with us. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Stahl Funeral and Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements, www.stahlfuneral-home.com.

Ann Marie Powell

Ann Marie Powell, age 74, of Oshkosh, passed away on April 6, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center.

A full obituary and celebration of life time and place of service will be announced at a later date.

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Susan Zabel

Susan Zabel, 76 passed away peacefully on April 9, 2025.

Susan was born on February 18, 1949. As a lifetime Winnebago County resident, she grew up on a dairy farm between Oshkosh and Winneconne before spending the rest of her life in Oshkosh. Susan attended Winneconne High School where she met lifelong friends Barb, Aeralyn and Arla. She loved nature, especially flowers,

and dogs, birds and bicycling.

Susan is survived by siblings Joyce Zahn of Seymour, Ted (Carol) Zabel of Hobart and Joel (Joy) Zabel of Tennessee; seven nieces and nephews and many grand-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brother-in-law Bill Zahn and parents Eleanor and Arnold Zabel.

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Agnes Downs

Agnes Downs, 97, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on April 10, 2025, at Parkview Health Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was born in Oshkosh on June 1, 1927, to the late Walter and Bernice (Ziemlewicz) Sawicki, the youngest of 14 children. She married her sweetheart, Richard (Dick) Downs, on December 28, 1946, at St. Josaphat Catholic Church in Oshkosh.

Agnes was born and raised in Oshkosh on a dairy farm. She graduated from Saint Josaphat Catholic School, Oshkosh High School, and the Oshkosh Business College. During her high school years, she was crowned Miss Dairy Queen. As Miss Dairy Queen, Agnes was given the responsibility to sell war bonds at her high school. Agnes was very honored to contribute to her country in this way and took very seriously the responsibility to track the sales and account for the money. Agnes always loved numbers.

While attending business college, Agnes worked at the local hardware store, Kitz and Pfeil, as a bookkeeper. Later, as a busy mother of eight children, she was

active in the St. Josaphat Rosary Society, American Red Cross and local politics including volunteering at the city's polling places. As busy as she was, she still maintained a baby book for each of her children with an active list of activities, illnesses, and graduations.

In the 1970's, Agnes obtained her real estate license and worked for several local real estate companies. Agnes was well-known for helping young families purchase their first home. In retirement, she accompanied her husband as he fulfilled his dream of moving to Arizona where they enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather. Before returning to Oshkosh, she and Richard also lived in Texas to be near one of their daughters. Agnes leaves behind a rich legacy for her children, always reminding them to put faith and family first in their lives.

Agnes's family would like to gratefully acknowledge the wonderful care given to her by the staffs at both Lakeshore Manor and Parkview Health Center.

Agnes is survived by 7 children: Judy K Brewer of Oshkosh, WI; Alexis A. (Paul Walters) Downs of Edmond, OK; Mary B. (Robert) Lattimer of Stow, OH; Richard J. (Susan) Downs of Wichita, KS; Steven M. (Mary C.) Downs of Whitewater, WI; Margaret J. (Robert) Woodrum of Katy, TX; and Timothy C. (Deeann) Downs of

Terre Haute, IN; 13 grandchildren: Kevin (Theresa) Brewer, Rebecca (Erik) Johnson, Page Walters, Scott Lattimer, Paul (Micaela) Lattimer, Melanie (Warnie) Butler, Rachel (Michael) Doubrava, Sam Downs, Jack Downs, Kate (Callen) Anderson, Mike (Mary Shannon) Woodrum, Aleksander (Nicole) Downs, and Benjamin Downs; and 12 great-grandchildren: Kate and Daniel Johnson, Keele and Tia Brewer, Millicent and Asa Lattimer, Avri Hawkins and Noah Butler, Adeline Anderson, Bridget and Richard Woodrum, and Peter Downs. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her and were privileged to call her their mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 68 years, Richard; young son, Michael Walter Downs (twin brother of Margaret); son-in-law, Larry Brewer; and great-granddaughter Isabelle Grace Woodrum.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, 11 AM, at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, with Father Tom Long officiating. The eulo-

gy will be delivered by her son, Timothy C. Downs. Family and friends may call at the church beginning at 9:30 AM Tuesday until the Mass begins. A luncheon at the Church and burial at Calvary Cemetery will follow the Mass. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, or Father Carr's Place to Be.

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Larry J. Weigandt

Larry John Weigandt, 73, of Oshkosh passed away on Thursday March 27, 2025 following a battle with Primary Lateral Sclerosis. Larry was born in Oshkosh, WI on May 18, 1951. He was the son of the late Russell and Annabelle (Neustifter) Weigandt. He married his wife Jo Anne

Troutd, on February 4, 1978. Larry started his medical career as a Radiologic Technologist, where he taught students at The Mercy School of Radiologic Technology. He later became a vice president of The Wisconsin Society of Radiologic Technologies. He was a National Board Certified Surgical First Assistant for The General Vascular Surgeons at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton, WI. He was an active member of First English Lutheran Church where he served communion and sang in the choir. Larry was an accomplished softball player and was elected into the Oshkosh Softball Hall of

Fame. Throughout his life he was an avid fisherman, basketball player and enjoyed many rounds of golf. He enjoyed his retirement years in The Villages, FL where he met many dear friends. After Larry's diagnosis he became a member of The ALS/PLS Association.

Larry's proudest accomplishments were his two children; Russell (Diane Schneider) Weigandt of Oshkosh; Claire (Lars) Pentzek of Friedrichshafen, Germany; But most off, his loving grandchild, Alena Pentzek.

Larry is survived by his in-laws Nancy (Dan) Gabert of Oshkosh, Tom (Darlene) Troutd of Appleton, Carl Heiss of Oshkosh and Jeff (Ellie) Troutd of Racine. He was preceded in death by his sister-in-law Julane Heiss (Troutd). He is survived by many extended family members including life-long friends.

Visitation will be held from 3-5 pm on Saturday April 19, 2025 at The Elks Club 175 W. Fernau Ave. in Oshkosh, followed by a memorial service/celebration of Life at 5pm.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.



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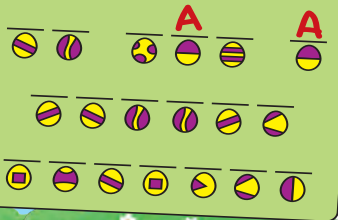
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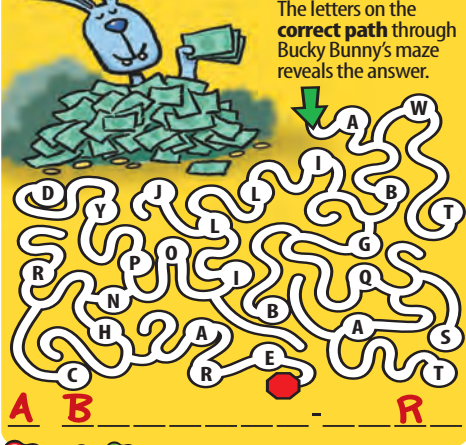
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12 + 2 =

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8 + 7 =

How many jelly beans can you find on this page?

What do you get if you bury an egg and water it?
11 + 7 =

How does the Easter Bunny stay healthy?
9 + 2 =

What do you get when chickens lay eggs on a hillside?
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Which are the funniest chickens on the farm?
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CLUES

1. A tasty baked dessert
2. To grow older
3. Something you chew
4. Fuel for a car
5. You can fry eggs in this
6. Sick, not well
7. A baseball player's hat
8. Metal food container
9. A gorilla is one kind
10. An animal in your home
11. Frozen water
12. How bunnies move
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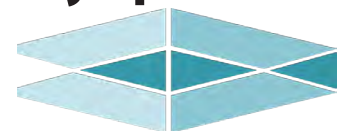
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