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## Property revaluation process reviewed

### Commercial assessment issues sparked policy shift

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

After the city saw complaints and confusion following the property revaluation process last year, the Oshkosh Common Council is poised to make the process more efficient and ideally more predictable.

Council members have discussed the options since last year saw residential properties values rise 75%. The revalua-

tion was necessary after receiving notification from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) that the city did not meet the 10% threshold of equalized value.

The city assessor and staff were able to meet that threshold on the residential side but when it came to commercial properties the company contracted to assess those buildings did not meet the threshold.

Now the city must do another citywide revaluation of all commercial and residential properties. Earlier this year the council sent a request to the state to allow the city

to use the 2024 residential numbers.

This led to the council having to backtrack statements from members and staff promising that if assessments go up it doesn't guarantee taxes will go up. Property taxes were set to rise, however, due to this error on the commercial side and that is when the council voted to use millions of dollars from the general fund to cover the cost of taxes going up.

In the meantime, the city is preparing to do revaluations again this year with more coordination with the DOR. This will al-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

### Firefighter fans

Oshkosh Fire Department public education specialist John Holland (right) welcomed children and families at Saturday's Oshkosh Farmers Market at the Convention Center for photo opportunities and learning about fire safety.

## City cracks down on motorboat sports on Fox River

### Erosion issues cited with new ordinance

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council voted unanimously to prohibit water skiing, wakeboarding, aquaplaning and similar water sports in the Fox River due to concerns over erosion.

"No person shall operate a motorboat towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water skiing, aquaplaning, wakeboarding or similar activities on the (Fox River)," the ordinance states.

Oshkosh parks director Ray Mauer said the updated ordinance applies to the entirety of the river from 900 feet east of the

Canadian National (CN) railroad bridge to a point about 1,900 feet upstream from the Congress Avenue bridge.

The issue was first brought to the Advisory Parks Board by a homeowners group along the river that had concerns about the boat traffic and potential shoreline erosion.

The board discussed implementing a slow-no wake zone throughout the river in the city. Boaters, boat clubs and marina owners along the river, however, told the board the erosion is mainly caused by the aquaplaning and not the speed of boats.

"Ultimately, the Advisory Parks Board did not support a slow-no wake throughout the entire river, and discussion took place on prohibiting those water sports in the river," Mauer said.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's of-

fice is responsible for law enforcement on the river system, along with the state Department of Natural Resources. Boat patrol coordinator Lt. Tim Eichman of the sheriff's office said a lot of the traffic that will be prohibited is the tow-along tubes.

"There will be an educational period as the season starts, but if someone is really pushing the speed then we may move forward with the citation," he said. "It will be incident-specific for issuing boating violations as it is with policing any area."

Eichman said if someone is towing a tuber down the river it will most likely draw a warning as the ordinance takes effect, but if someone is traveling at high speeds while tubing or water skiing that will likely result in a citation.

He said for most stops the deputy will

stop the boat, identify the people and inform them of the ordinance violation. But since the sheriff's office can't enforce city ordinances, the citations need to be issued by an Oshkosh police officer.

"Most of the citations are mailed out and that has been the case for the last two seasons," Eichman said.

Mauer is also working with local boat clubs and marinas to get the word out about the ordinance change. The city will be posting information at kiosks near boat launches.

Council member Kris Larson asked Mauer about the tubing ban on the river and how that will be enforced. Mauer said tubing will be classified under the similar activities language of the ordinance.

The ordinance was drafted by the city attorney's office and DNR.

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# Fourth of July fireworks moved to Ames Point

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

While Oshkosh celebrates the Fourth of July this year, fireworks will be set off at a different spot at Menominee Park, which officials said could lead to a better viewing experience for the public.

Parks director Ray Mauer said the change was due to a new vendor taking over the fireworks show along with safety concerns with having the show on Monkey Island off Menominee Park.

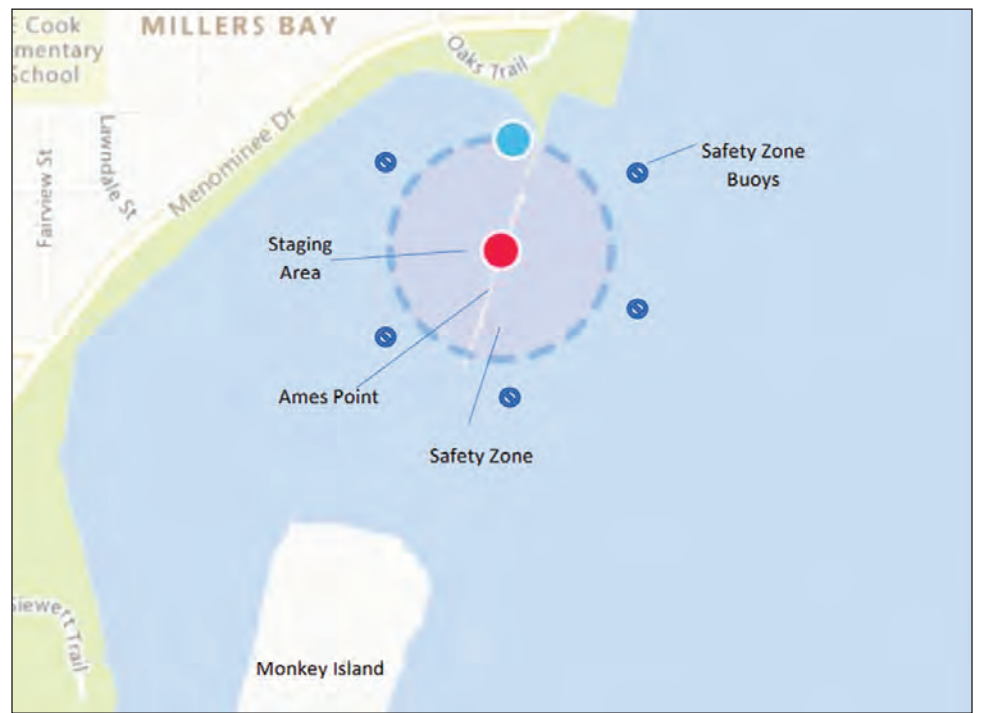
Mauer said there were concerns about boaters getting within the safety zone as they were tying up four boats deep and possibly encroaching on the safety buffer zone.

There is also more green space and fewer trees in the area, which should lead to the fireworks show being more visible to residents.

“Visually, it’s going to be a lot nicer up in that area,” Mauer said.

The fireworks show has cost about \$40,000 annually over the last couple of years with the city and Festival Foods splitting the cost.

“It is illegal to light off fireworks of your own in the city of Oshkosh and (instead) enjoy our wonderful public display that



City of Oshkosh

This year the July 4th celebration fireworks will be launched from Ames Point on the north side of Menominee Park instead of Monkey Island. The city has hired a new firm to handle the fireworks show and the move north will lead to a better show, city officials said.

we are going to put on,” Deputy Mayor Karl Buelow said.

Other than the cost, the labor time for the show was compounded with having to

set up and clean up on the island. Last year the firm in charge of the fireworks logged 500 hours of staff time with set up, the display and cleanup.

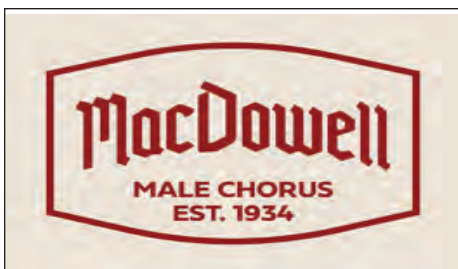
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### April 1, 1900

Senator Sawyer at Rest in Vault at Riverside Cemetery: Former Senator



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Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, April 2, 1900



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# Fashion show returns to aid shelter dog

Oshkosh Herald

Day by Day Shelter and Becket’s Restaurant are joining up again with six local boutiques for their second Pups on the Runway event from 5 to 8 p.m. April 24, featuring models accompanied by dogs at a family-friendly event to raise money for the shelter’s facility dog.

Phoenix, a purebred boxer trained by Journey Together Service Dog, was deemed perfect for the shelter because he is calm and quiet indoors, affectionate and motivated by people.

Day by Day assistant director Denise Holz is his handler and they will be modeling “rescue” clothing and accessories from The Turquoise Door, a downtown consignment store. Can Can Boutique will showcase “rescue clothes” while “pedigree” or new fashions will be featured by Brinkley’s Boutique, Periwinkle Poppy Boutique, Soiree Gifts, and UBloom Florist and Gift Shop.

The dog-friendly event will also feature a book signing, fashion and dog expo, and raffles. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person or a \$25 donation that comes with raffle tickets, a signed doggy rescue book and \$15 donation to the shelter.

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# City water filtration goes into transition period

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Next week, residents will start to notice a difference in their drinking water as the city increases the use of chlorine after replacement of treatment systems.

The city uses a combination of chlorine and an ozone water treatment system, which were installed at least 20 years ago. The city will shut down the ozone system and during that time will be using more chlorine to treat the water.

Public Works director James Rabe said even though residents may smell and taste the chlorine, the water will remain safe to drink and meet disinfectant standards.

“We want to make sure people know about this because it will be a change in the water,” Rabe said. “Especially for people that are sensitive to chlorine and it’s important people understand this isn’t permanent.”

Rabe said the initial shutdown could last a couple of weeks, maybe three. The goal is to replace the old ozone systems that treat the drinking water and replace the liquid oxygen system that fuels the ozone system.

There could be additional shutdowns this year as the city transitions to a new liquid oxygen system, which may help alleviate budgetary concerns.

“There is only one vendor available for the system we have now,” Rabe said. “With a new liquid oxygen system in place there will be more vendors and the city could save some money from that switch.”

The two ozone generators in operation

at the water treatment facility have been operational since the 1990s. Rabe said the ozone system is effective at getting rid of bacteria and foreign objects in the water. City officials have stated that the water will remain drinkable throughout the process but there are ways to lessen the smell and taste of chlorine during the shutdown.

“The best option is to use an activated carbon that will get rid of any residual smell and taste of chlorine instantly,” Rabe said. “Chlorine likes to evaporate, so another option is to pour water from the faucet and let it sit for 15, 20 minutes.”

That amount of time will allow the chlorine to evaporate. A final option is to boil the water and evaporate the chlorine that way.

Although the shutdown is going to start Monday, there will be a delay to when people may notice the change in water at home. Rabe said the city has about a day’s worth of drinking water at any time in the city clearwells, not to mention what is in the pipes.

“People will probably start noticing a change in the water later in the week,” he said.

There will also be a delay in when the shutdown is over and people will then notice a difference in the water going back to pre-shutdown levels.

“When the project is complete it could take a couple of days for residents to notice the chlorine smell is gone,” Rabe said.

He added the city will keep social media pages updated for information regarding the water treatment system.

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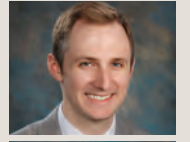
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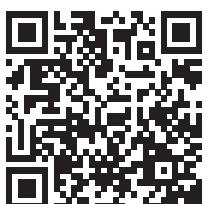
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# LWV chapters express their concerns to representatives

Oshkosh Herald

League of Women Voters chapters in Winnebago County and Appleton-Fox Cities presented an open letter last Tuesday to the region's congressional representatives expressing "strong concern about Congress' abdication of its duty and authority under Article 1 of the United States Constitution."

Addressed to 6th District U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, the chapter leaders' letter noted President Trump's series of executive orders and other actions that they say are illegal and overreaching in the executive branch's authority. Letters also were addressed to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, and 8th District Rep. Tony Wied.

"The things that are happening in our government now are being challenged in the courts, but it's Congress that is the missing actor here," Appleton-Fox Cities LWV president Linda Bjella said at a Tuesday morning press conference at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha.

"So that is what the league is doing is just asking people to – as you're supposed to in a democracy in a constitutional system and a republic – is to ask your elected representatives to act on your behalf."

Among the president's actions cited were seeking to end birthright citizenship, pause allocated federal funds, dismantle federal agencies without congressional input and give private citizens access to sensitive government systems.

"We urge you to exercise your authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach by the executive branch of government, which is leading to harm for millions of Americans," the letter states in part.

Winnebago County LWV president Margy Davey and Bjella co-signed the letter representing more than 250 members in the region as a nonpartisan membership organization. A similar letter has been sent by the U.S. League representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

# New chancellor finalists to meet public

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh is hosting finalists for its next chancellor starting next week that were to be named this week and the public is invited to attend a series of finalist forums.

The open forums will provide residents and representatives of organizations opportunities to hear from and meet the finalists, share questions and generate

feedback for who will replace outgoing Chancellor Andrew Leavitt.

Each finalist's public forum will be held at Reeve Memorial Union Theatre, Room 307, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Each will include live streaming video links for participants who cannot attend at uwosh.edu/chancellor/search.



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The city's early absentee voting location at 19 E. Irving Ave. was established last year.

# Conservative group alleges bias in early-voting site location

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A conservative political group is trying to get Oshkosh to change where early voting takes place. The group contends the current voting site favors Democrats even though it is centrally located and meets all state statutory requirements for absentee voting sites.

In a letter to Oshkosh City Clerk Diane Bartlett, America First Policy Institute (AFPI) attorney Nicholas Wanic wrote that the site for early in-person absentee voting creates an advantage for the Democratic Party.

Similar letters were sent to city clerks in La Crosse and Madison alleging that by having early in-person voting at those sites it perceives to be helping the Democratic Party and are in violation of state law.

Wanic cited Wisconsin Statute 6.855 regarding alternate absentee ballot sites, which states, "The designated site shall be located as near as practicable to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners and no site may be designated that affords an advantage to any political party."

The Oshkosh Common Council made the switch to 19 E. Irving Ave. for early in-person absentee voting from City Hall in 2024 due to the congestion occurring at the municipal offices during the early voting period.

During early voting at 19 E. Irving Ave. the site was busy with long lines out the doors and the streets filled with extra

parked cars. Oshkosh police responded to multiple reports of cars blocking driveways and causing other obstructions.

Bartlett responded to the letter, stating that the site meets all statutory requirements.

"Our city is committed to ensuring that our election processes are equitable and impartial, providing no undue advantage to any political party," she said.

Wanic said the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus is close to 19 E. Irving Ave. and gives Democrats an advantage, but Bartlett noted in her response that City Hall is actually closer to the campus.

Bartlett also noted the headquarters for Winnebago County Republicans is a three-minute walk from 19 E. Irving Ave., compared with a nine-minute walk to the Winnebago County Democratic Party headquarters.

Early in-person absentee voting at 19 E. Irving Ave. for this Tuesday's election began March 18.

"For the upcoming spring election, notices have been published and instructions have already been printed for 19 E. Irving, making it impractical to change the location at this time," Bartlett said.


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# Apartment proposal for S. Main revived by developer

## Affordable units part of plan seeking WHEDA help

Oshkosh Herald

A developer is making another attempt to convert a former office building into apartments. The plans won't move forward unless the group is able to get state tax credits.

This is the third time the owners of the property have requested a conditional use permit. A CUP was approved for the site at 913 and 923 S. Main St. in November 2018 that expired the following November. Another CUP was approved in January 2023 that expired the following year.

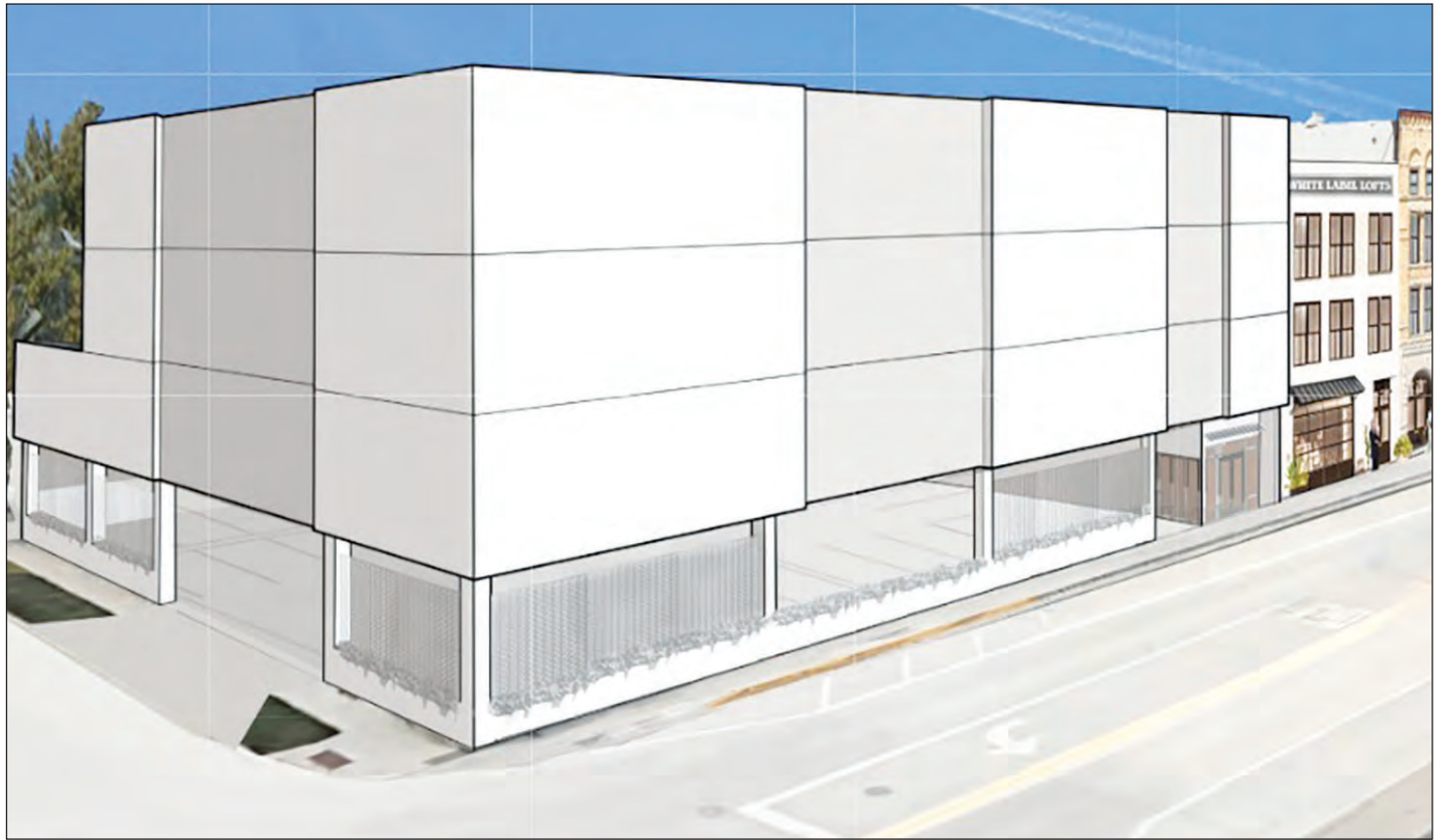
The Plan Commission had complimentary things to say about the project and the CUP was approved with no opposing votes.

Commission chair Thomas Perry said this is the third time he is hearing a request for this project but the first time the term "affordable housing" was used to describe it.

Wisconsin Development will be applying for WHEDA tax credits to help with the estimated \$15 million project. The plans include a combination of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments for a total of 47 units.

Todd Hutchison of Wisconsin Development gave an overview of the WHEDA process and previous attempts to get the affordable housing tax credits. Hutchison explained if the project receives the tax credits, architectural work would begin with costs around \$400,000.

Previous plans were for just one building and 23 apartments, said Hutchison,



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A rough rendering shows potential apartments that could be built on South Main Street. This would not be the final look of the building and the design concept would need to be approved by the city's Plan Commission.

who also explained the previous attempts at the housing tax credits.

Other projects in Oshkosh have received these tax credits to help cover the costs of a housing project.

The Corridor in the 600 block of Jefferson and North Main streets broke ground earlier this year and officials are hopeful the project will be completed next year. It will add 55 apartments to the Midtown neighborhood and a child care center that

will offer second-shift care, a first for Oshkosh.

Common Council member DJ Nichols serves as council representative for the commission and has been a proponent of more affordable housing.

"I think this is awesome and it's exactly what we need in this area," Nichols said.

Hutchinson said the plan would be to demolish the office building at 923 S. Main and build a four-story building with

the first floor serving as a parking lot.

The building at 913 S. Main St., circa 1895, will be renovated to accommodate apartments. The front facade will be updated along with other general renovations.

Final designs for the project will be brought back to the Plan Commission if the project moves forward with the tax credits.



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# Menasha teen charged with attempted homicide

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 16-year-old girl is facing serious felony charges linked to an incident where she allegedly fired a gun at an Oshkosh home in March.

The Menasha teenager has been charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, three counts of recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor count of mistreating animals. There is a chance the case could be moved to juvenile court depending on future arguments made by the defense.

If convicted, she faces up to life in prison for attempted homicide. The charges of recklessly endangering safety have a maximum sentence of 7.5 years in prison for each count.

The only reported injuries was a dog at the home being struck by three bullets – one in the belly, another in the shoulder/leg area and in a rear paw. The dog is ex-

pected to survive.

The Herald is not naming the suspect as it could be sent to juvenile court. She will turn 17 this year. State statute requires anyone charged with a state or federal criminal offense be considered an adult.

Statute also requires anyone suspected of serious crimes, including attempted homicide over the age of 10, to be automatically charged as an adult. It is then on the defense to argue why the case should be moved to juvenile court. In juvenile court it would become a closed-session and the public no longer has access to documents and hearings.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood presided over the initial appearance last week when District Attorney Eric Sparr described the incident as a “significant act of violence.”

Attorneys Brianne Patzer and Ricardo Leon have been appointed as public defenders to represent the teenager, who is

being held at a secure juvenile facility.

Sparr argued there should be a significant cash bond due to the nature of the incident and suggested it be set at \$100,000. Heywood deferred the arguments on bond to a later date due to jurisdictional concerns with having the teen in custody at a juvenile detention center with an adult cash bond.

According to the criminal complaint, around 9:30 p.m. March 14 police arrived at a home in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street. One victim told police the teenager fired a gun through the door multiple times. Court documents state there were at least four people, including two children, in the home at the time.

The teen’s stepfather showed police footage from surveillance cameras allegedly showing the girl banging on his home’s front door while holding a gun. The video shows the teen firing one shot at the storm door of the home, then the

teen and another female run onto the sidewalk and the teen fires another three shots toward the home.

K-9 handler officer Cody Rukamp was able to provide medical care for the dog before it was transported to an animal hospital.

A witness provided a statement saying they had driven the Menasha teen to Oshkosh and heard the teen fire three shots. The witness said the teen was the only one they saw with a gun that night and alleged the teen had been drinking.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April in the case, which will include a bond hearing.

This was the third gun-related incident in Oshkosh in March, the other two being on March 12 in the 1100 block of Cherry Street and the 300 block of Dove Street. Two people were arrested in those incidents and three handguns were recovered.

## Fire chief finalists being interviewed

Oshkosh Herald

Five finalists for the city fire chief vacancy were being interviewed this week with the Oshkosh Police and Fire Commission planning to secure a replacement for Mike Stanley. The successful candidate will begin their assignment in May or June.

The finalists include:

Timothy Heiman, division chief of training for the Oshkosh Fire Department, has more than 20 years of fire and emergency management experience with 10 years as a supervisor and command level officer. Heiman earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Carroll University, an associate degree in fire science from Milwaukee Area Technical College and has attended the National Fire Academy.

Gregory Stelter, assistant chief for the Oshkosh Fire Department, has more than 25 years of fire and emergency management experience, with about seven years as a supervisor and command level officer. Stelter is completing a bachelor’s degree in fire and emergency response management from UW-Oshkosh, earned an associate degree in fire science technology from Milwaukee Area Technical College, and has attended the National Fire Academy.

Erik Jonas, deputy chief for Marshfield Fire and Rescue, has about 18 years of fire

and emergency management experience with about seven years as a supervisor and command level officer. Jonas has earned a master’s degree in public administration from the University of New Haven, a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and an associate degree in paramedicine from Inver Hills Community College.

Andrew Wienckowski, deputy fire chief for Long Grove Fire Protection District, Long Grove, Ill., has more than 30 years of fire and emergency management experience, with nearly 20 years as a supervisor and command level officer. Wienckowski earned a master’s degree in homeland security and fire administration and a bachelor’s degree in fire service management from Southern Illinois University.

Kurt Zellmann, fire service program coordinator at Milwaukee Area Technical College and previously deputy chief for the Southern Ozaukee Fire Department, Mequon, has more than 20 years of fire and emergency management experience, with about 15 years as a supervisor and command level officer. Zellmann earned a bachelor’s degree in fire service administration from Columbia Southern University, an associate degree in fire science from Milwaukee Area Technical College, and an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology from Milwaukee School of Engineering.

In addition to interviews and a meet-and-greet held Monday for candidates to interact with residents, the commission plans to hear from a community panel, technical/peer panel and an employee panel.



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Volunteers pack up hygiene products at Valley Christian School last week.

## Hygiene drive collects record amount

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This year’s Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive, sponsored by The Family Radio Network, surpassed previous years’ totals with more than 145 donation boxes collected with \$44,739 worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies. In comparison, \$40,287 was raised in 2024 and \$28,519 in 2023.

“We are grateful for the unwavering support of our participants, and we’re

thrilled to see more businesses getting involved this year, many of them running their own internal donation campaigns and raising awareness for the need that exists in our community,” stated John Nieman, Oshkosh campaign coordinator.

Eight local agencies benefited from the drive: Advocap, Bella Medical Clinic, COTS Oshkosh, Father Carr’s, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Read Elementary School, Salvation Army and Tiny House Village. Valley Christian students sorted, inventoried and divided the collected items among the participating agencies.

For more information about the Oshkosh campaign, contact 920-279-9873 or jnieman@appletoncots.org.

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# Early literacy matters: Here's how we're making it happen

By Amy Reese  
OSHKOSH AREA UNITED WAY

At Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW), we believe every child deserves the joy of opening a book, turning the pages and getting lost in a story.

That's why, since 2008, we've been proud to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to families in southern Winnebago County, giving kids from birth to age 5 a free book in the mail every month.

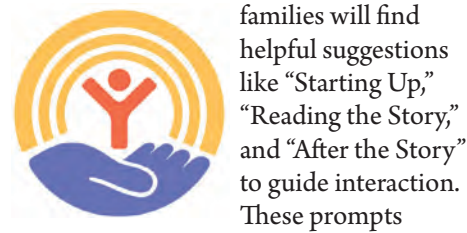
A child gets a high-quality, age-appropriate book delivered to their home every single month – for free. It's a simple, powerful way to help kids build a home library of their very own, giving them books they can revisit anytime, helping develop early literacy skills, and nurturing a lifelong love for reading.

The Dollywood Foundation takes care of the big stuff: selecting the books, printing and shipping. Because they purchase books in bulk, what would normally cost around \$14 per book is reduced to just \$2.60 per book. That's where local partners like OAUW come in. We cover the cost of books and mailing.

In 2024 alone, OAUW invested more than \$45,000 to send books to more than 1,600 kids in Oshkosh, Omro, Winnebago and beyond. And here's the best

part: We do it for about \$3 per child per month. Talk about a small investment with a huge impact.

Many Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books also include parent engagement prompts to make storytime even more meaningful. Inside the book,



families will find helpful suggestions like "Starting Up," "Reading the Story," and "After the Story" to guide interaction. These prompts encourage parents to ask questions, spark discussions and connect the story to their child's own experiences, helping build language skills, comprehension and a deeper love of reading.

Whether it's pointing out pictures, making predictions or talking about favorite parts after the book is finished, these small moments of engagement can make a big impact on literacy development.

For many families, this program has had a lasting impact beyond early childhood.

"When my sons participated in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, I did not realize the impact the free, monthly book subscription program would have on their passion for reading and successful

academic careers," said Houa Xiong, UW-Oshkosh dean of students and a OAUW board member.

Early reading experiences shape a child's future, building the foundation for learning and success. When kids develop a love for books, the possibilities are endless.

A few states have pitched in to help fund the program, but some are scaling back, asking local funders to cover even more of the cost. Here in Wisconsin, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) stepped up in 2024 by offering a grant of up to \$10,000 to help local nonprofits like ours cover book costs. OAUW applied and is waiting to hear back – fingers crossed.

But no matter what, this program will always depend on local support. We couldn't do it without generous individuals and sponsors, including The Savides

Group, Baird Private Wealth Management, and the Mildred M. and Edward W. Barr Youth and Education Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Their support ensures that more than 1,600 children will continue receiving books in the mail each month, building their love for reading from the very start.

Every donation helps keep books landing in mailboxes and little hands turning pages. Just \$36 sponsors a child for an entire year – that's 12 books, 12 months of excitement, and a foundation for lifelong learning. Thanks to supporters like you, we can keep sending books, sparking imaginations, and making sure every child gets the best possible start in life.

Donate to Oshkosh Area United Way at [bit.ly/OAUWImaginationLibrary](http://bit.ly/OAUWImaginationLibrary). Have a child under 5? Sign them up to at [bit.ly/OAUWImagination](http://bit.ly/OAUWImagination).

## Community Blood Center opens Hilton location

Blood donors are being welcomed at the Community Blood Center's new location at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

CBC's Oshkosh Donor Center relocated from the former site on Omro Road effective Feb. 23 because the property manager closed the building. Donations and blood products will go to the same local

hospitals.

Whole blood and platelet donations appointments are available Sundays and Wednesdays. Whole blood donations can be scheduled at the donor center as well as at any mobile drive open to the community.

Eligible donors can schedule using the donor portal, the CBC Donor App or calling 800-280-4102.

## Support group for loss of a child sets meetings

Compassionate Friends, a national self-help support organization for families after a child dies from any cause and at any age, has a newly chartered chapter in the Fox Valley that will begin holding meetings in April.

Meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St. More in-

formation on the organization is at [compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org), or phone or text (Linda) at 920-267-3108 or email [foxvalleytcf@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleytcf@gmail.com).

Offering friendship, understanding and hope to families grieving the death of a child, the group has no religious affiliation and no membership fees or dues.



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Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin staff receive a Fox Cares Foundation grant for \$25,000 in support of its FarmLink program.

## Feeding America gains hunger relief grant

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Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin has received a Fox Cares Foundation grant for \$25,000 in support of the hunger relief organization's FarmLink program. This investment will expand the program, providing more than 30,000 pounds of locally grown produce to food pantries, meal programs and shelters in northeast Wisconsin.

Through FarmLink, fresh produce is delivered from local farm fields to pantry partners, reducing transportation time and ensuring freshness.

"This generous grant from the Fox Cares Foundation strengthens our commitment to providing fresh, healthy food to families experiencing hunger in northeast Wisconsin," said Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin president Patti Habeck. "With the Foundation's support of FarmLink, we're not just increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables – we're building a stronger, more resilient food system that supports local farmers and our vitally important food pantry partners."

For more information visit [FeedingAmericaWI.org/FarmLink](http://FeedingAmericaWI.org/FarmLink).

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# Aurora hospitals ease mask, visitor restrictions

With a steady decrease in respiratory illness cases among patients and teammates, Aurora Health Care locations lifted temporary masking and visitor restrictions in place since January. Children ages 12 and under also will again be able to visit area hospitals, including in Oshkosh.

Masks are optional and continue to be available for visitors. Anyone with respiratory symptoms should not visit and masking is required for all individuals in

high-risk patient areas when indicated by signage and for symptomatic patients outside their patient room.

"While respiratory viral season started late this year and we saw high rates of flu and RSV cases, we have seen a sustained and progressive decrease in the respiratory viral infection in our communities and hospitals over the past several weeks," said Dr. Katie Passaretti, chief infection prevention officer for Advocate Health.

## Business news roundup

The new **Tru by Hilton Oshkosh** hotel is holding its grand opening and ribbon cutting from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday at its 1810 Oshkosh Ave. location. Visitors can tour guest rooms, the game zone lobby area and amenities, and talk with staff. The event will be partnered with the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 4 to 6 p.m. The 42,663-square-foot hotel has 90 rooms available.

**Panoramic Financial Solutions**, a private wealth advisory practice with Ameriprise Financial in Oshkosh, was named among the Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams published by **Forbes**. The rankings are based on data provided by thousands of the nation's most productive advisers and their teams. Panoramic Financial Solutions was chosen based on assets under management, industry experience, compliance record and best practices in their practice and approach to working with clients. Panoramic is led by Brent Antti, Bryan Drager and Michael Williams.

The **American Alliance of Museums (AAM)** has formally granted re-accreditation to the **EAA Aviation Museum**, recognizing the museum's dedication to high standards and excellence within the museum community. All museums must undergo a reaccreditation review at least every 10 years to maintain accredited status. Developed and sustained by museum professionals for more than 50 years, the AAM museum accreditation program is the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability.

**Fox World Travel** has announced the promotion of **George Kalka**, a global leadership professional, to the position of senior vice president of business travel. Kalka will continue to lead the global sales, client solutions and operational teams while still contributing to Fox's strategic growth initiatives. Since joining Fox in 2013, Kalka has focused on financial performance, client retention and service delivery.

## Public library calendar

Some events require registration. Visit [oshkoshlibrary.org](http://oshkoshlibrary.org) or call 920-236-5203.

### April 2

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

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

Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m., teens  
Write On! Six Word Memoir, 5 p.m., preteens to adults

### April 3

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

AniManga Club, 4 p.m., teens  
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

### April 4

This Month in Library History, 9 a.m., YouTube

Preteen Book Club, 4:30 p.m.  
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

### April 5

Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m., teens and adults

Hack Club, 1-3 p.m., teens  
Gallery Walk Exhibit: The Unseen Library, by Nick Dvoracek, 6-9 p.m.

### April 7

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

### April 8

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers

Savvy Seniors, 2-3 p.m., adults  
Adult DIY, 6-7 p.m.  
Stitch Together, 6:30 p.m., adults

### April 9

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Career Ready, 12:30-1:30 p.m., adults and teens

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

Genealogy Club: Basics of Genealogy, 1:30 p.m., adults

Write On! Haiku, 5 p.m., preteens to adults

### Thurs., April 10

Baby/Toddler Storytime 10:15-11 a.m.

Second Thursday Book Group, "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride, 1:30 p.m., adults

AniManga Club, 4-5 p.m., teens

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

### April 11

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

### April 12

Read to a Dog, 10-11 a.m., ages 5-12

Nibbles and Giggles, noon-1:30 p.m., babies to preschoolers

### April 14

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Native plant sales promoted for spring

Native plant sales are offered across Wisconsin this spring as local nonprofit organizations and governments host online preorders and in-person sales.

Wisconsinites have a chance to buy plants in advance while benefiting local organizations.

While most sales occur in May and June, some require orders in advance that are due in March or April.

### April 15

Savvy Seniors, 2-3 p.m., adults  
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

### April 16

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

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

Write On! Post Card Fiction, 5 p.m., preteens to adults

Book Club: "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

### April 17

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15-11 a.m.

AniManga Club, 4-5 p.m., teens

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Wonderlab, 5:30 p.m., grades k-2

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

### April 18

Preteen STEAM, 4:30 p.m.

### April 19

Hack Club, 1-3 p.m., teens

### April 20

Library closed

### April 21

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

### April 22

Savvy Seniors, 2 p.m., adults

Fallingwater: The Story Behind Frank Lloyd Wright's Most Famous Architectural Design, 6 p.m., adults

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

### April 23

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

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

Genealogy Club: Working in Ancestry.com, 1:30 p.m., adults

Write On! Drabbles, 5 p.m., preteens to adults

### April 24

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15-11 a.m.

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

### April 26

125 Years of Gaming, noon-4 p.m., preteen, teens, adults

Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry!, 1-2:30 p.m., elementary age to teens

### April 28

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

### April 30

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

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

Humans of Oshkosh 10 Year Anniversary Celebration, 6-8 p.m., all ages

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## College graduates

Nathan Schultz of Oshkosh graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in December with a bachelor of science degree in information and communication technology.

Joe Mayo of Oshkosh graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.



# CFPB has recouped billions for American consumers

By Annie Pulley  
THE BADGER PROJECT

“CFPB RIP,” wrote Elon Musk in a Feb. 7 post on his social media platform X.

His short message paralleled his Department of Government Efficiency’s entry into the headquarters of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the independent federal regulator created in response to the 2008 financial crisis.

The CFPB enforces federal consumer financial laws, responds directly to consumer complaints and targets deceptive and unfair business practices.

Though state attorneys general and other state regulators are empowered to enforce the CFPB’s Consumer Financial Protection Act, they cannot work across state lines. Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul warned in a Feb. 20 press release that “dismantling” the bureau may “significantly harm consumers” and “significantly reduce oversight of very large banks.”

“I do fear that consumers are going to be hurt by this,” said Rebecca Neumann, an economics professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Since launching in 2011, the CFPB says it has facilitated \$21 billion in monetary compensation and other forms of consumer relief to consumers nationwide.

Consumers in Wisconsin have reported more than 57,000 complaints to the bureau in that time, according to its Consumer Complaint Database. The vast majority of these complaints centered on personal credit reports and credit repair services.

The CFPB is one of many federal agencies in the crosshairs of both President Donald Trump and DOGE, the extra-governmental body led by Musk.

In November, the CFPB published a rule expanding its ability to regulate popular payment apps, like Venmo and Paypal. Musk’s latest venture to enable X users to transfer money through the app would be affected by that rule change.

Chaos has reigned in the early weeks of the second Trump Administration, making it hard to understand what is happening in the federal government, but reports suggest that CFPB’s more than 1,700 employees were ordered to stop working. New leadership also fired dozens of probationary employees.

Russell Vought, the Trump-appointed acting director of the CFPB and the architect of the right-wing plan to remake and shrink the federal government called Project 2025, announced on his X account Feb. 8 that the bureau would no longer request “unappropriated funding.”

To protect its revenue stream, Democrats who created the independent agency wrote legislation that it be funded by the Federal Reserve rather than appropriations of cash from Congress. However, the president can appoint the bureau’s director, and the Senate is responsible for confirming the pick. Congress can also request audits of the CFPB and can question the CFPB director during semiannual hearings.

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., frustrated with a lack of clarity from the Trump administration and the federal union that brought a lawsuit against it for its actions at the CFPB, has ordered the bureau’s leadership to testify before the court before she makes any decisions. The administration’s lawyers argue it is trying to streamline the bureau, despite Musk’s

declaration of its death. The union says the administration is trying to choke the bureau out of existence.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, the CFPB received about 1.8 million consumer complaints directed toward businesses and financial institutions, according to its most recent in-depth report. Most were related to credit or consumer reporting.

Consumers often receive non-monetary relief from the CFPB, meaning the company may have corrected inaccurate data on a credit report or stopped calls from debt collectors rather than awarded a financial sum.

The vast majority of 2023 complaints, Neumann said, targeted the three main credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

“What that says to me is that this is a necessary bureau,” she continued.

The CFPB is a uniquely consumer-oriented agency that was needed in 2008 and is arguably more essential in 2025, Neumann said.

With innovations in artificial intelligence, digital payment methods and cryptocurrencies, the financial landscape is rapidly evolving, she said.

The CFPB also issues reports on new financial products and how they may pose risks to consumers. It’s a resource of financial literacy education for both adults and children.

In Wisconsin, about 51% of residents can’t accurately answer basic financial literacy questions, according to data from the FINRA Foundation.

During the Biden Administration, the CFPB issued regulations to place caps

on overdraft and credit card late fees and moved to ban the inclusion of medical bills from credit reports.

Medical bills, Neumann explained, often lead people to declare bankruptcy, even if the root problem is a failure of one’s insurance company to pay the charge.

Across Wisconsin, about 24% of residents have overdue medical bills, according to data from the state’s Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions. Seventeen percent of state residents occasionally overdraw funds from their checking accounts, and about 34% carried over a credit card balance and paid interest.

The landscape of financial regulation will look different if the CFPB’s future remains in doubt, and the president has not offered viable alternatives, Neumann said.

“How are you letting consumers know where else they can go?” she asked. “I would like to see a lot more of that nuanced argument about how much regulation is enough and what type of regulation. Right now, it seems like there’s just a push to get rid of a lot of regulation, and I think we’re going to err too far on eliminating too much of it, and that’s going to open us up to another financial crisis.”

In Wisconsin, the state Department of Financial Institutions, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection all help protect consumers, but the CFPB, Neumann said, was specifically created to address gaps in consumer protection exposed by the 2008 financial crisis.

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The annual WPS Farm Show has returned to Oshkosh this week on the EAA grounds.

## Farm Show returns to EAA grounds

Oshkosh Herald

Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) is continuing its legacy of helping farmers grow and thrive with its 63rd show this week on the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) grounds in Oshkosh.

The show opened Tuesday and continues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. Admission is free. There is a \$5 charge to park on the grounds.

A second outdoor exhibitor tent will be open this year, adding nearly 30 exhibitors and dozens of products. About 20,000 are expected to attend with more than 400 ex-

hibitors from 21 states presenting animal nutrition products, large farm machinery, precision planting technology and robotic milking equipment.

WPS agricultural consultants will be available throughout the show to answer questions, discuss energy needs and share strategies to manage energy use on farms.

Additional attractions this year include a food tent operated by state nonprofit groups, a children's tractor pull event Wednesday, a silent auction benefiting the Wisconsin FFA Foundation and free health screenings from UW-Oshkosh nursing students.

## Badger Talk will put focus on cheeses

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PBS Wisconsin will be filming in Oshkosh this month for a Badger Talk on "How Wisconsin Became the Cheese State."

Dean Sommer, a cheese technologist originally from Neenah, will lead the talk from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 10 at the James P. Coughlin Center as part of week-long events hosted by Extension Winnebago County during Wisconsin Idea Week.

He will describe early cheesemaking, differences among cheese types and the machinery involved in the process, bringing along an old cheesemaker's uniform and some small equipment and tools.

Sommer has worked at the Center for Dairy Research for the last 22 years, serving as a technical resource to Wisconsin cheese manufacturers and customers. He

has a master's degree in food science from UW-Madison.

Extension health and well-being educator Katie Jaegly said they also will be hosting a Program and Partner Fair in Room A with 18 organizations represented at 5:30 p.m. before the talk in Room B.

"This event is a great example of the Wisconsin Idea in action - connecting university research and expertise with communities to share knowledge and celebrate our state's rich dairy heritage," Jaegly said. "We look forward to bringing people together to learn, engage and have some fun."

The events are open to the public, and after the talk attendees will be able to sample some award-winning cheeses from across the state. More information can be found at winnebago.extension.wisc.edu.

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# ArtsCore has educators creatively teaching, reaching students

By Grace Lim  
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

For 10 years, the ArtsCore program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh has been helping shape the future of education – one teacher, one student and one creative lesson at a time.

The program's annual ArtsCore Arts Integration Symposium, held on campus recently at Reeve Memorial Union, is a cornerstone event, offering pre-service and early career teachers hands-on experience in blending the arts into everyday classroom instruction.

"This symposium is about supporting teachers in developing best practices and giving them a network to rely on," said ArtsCore director Donna Nelson. "When teachers have this kind of foundation, they're more likely to stay in the profession long term. It's all about recruitment and retention, making sure educators feel supported not just in their early years but throughout their careers."

At the heart of ArtsCore is a simple but profound mission: to empower educators with the confidence, competence and resiliency to teach through the arts. The program is a partnership between UW Oshkosh, the Paine Art Center and Gardens, and regional school districts, ensuring that arts integration is not just a theory but a practice that benefits students across the community.

This year, 94 UW-Oshkosh students and 27 teachers from the Oshkosh and Appleton school districts attended the symposium. The event featured 27 roundtables where students had the opportunity to interact with and learn from experienced teachers in the field through hands-on, experiential activities.

Taylor Brzezinski, who graduated from



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A roundtable discussion led by UWO alumna Taylor Brzezinski (second from left) explains how to connect with students through necklace creation.

UWO in 2023 with a degree in fine arts with an emphasis in education, knows firsthand the value of the ArtsCore program. As a UWO student, she attended the symposium four times. Now, as a full-time art teacher at Carl Traeger Middle School and Oshkosh North High School, she returned to UWO to present for the first time as a teacher in the field.

"The symposium gave me a real look at what being a teacher actually looks like," Brzezinski said. "As a student, you don't always get to see the behind-the-scenes—how teachers adapt, what works and what doesn't. Seeing that helped me feel prepared when I stepped into my own classroom."

Brzezinski's journey with ArtsCore began when she discovered the program's renewable scholarship, which she received all four years at UW-Oshkosh. Beyond financial support, it deepened her engagement with the ArtsCore community. She served as a board member for three years and was president of the ArtsCore student organization for two. That leadership experience, coupled with the symposium's hands-on learning, reinforced her belief in the power of integrating arts into education.

For this year's symposium, Brzezinski, of Kewaskum, presented a project she developed with her middle and high school students: symbolism cast pendants. Her lesson tied literacy to art, challenging students to create a metal-cast pendant representing something meaningful to them.

"One of my students saw herself as lucky, so she designed a horseshoe pendant," she shared. "It was amazing to see them connect personal symbolism with a hands-on, creative process."

She laughed as she recalled one of the most memorable moments of the project: "I got to bring out a blowtorch and my students thought that was the coolest thing in the world. There's something about fire and molten metal that gets kids excited about learning."

While Brzezinski has long understood the symposium's impact, for students like Caitlin Huber and Spencer Skivington, this year's event was an eye-opening experience.

Huber, of Clintonville, is a junior special education major who relished the time with experienced teachers.

"Getting to experience it hands-on and hearing directly from teachers about what works in their classrooms gave me ideas I can use in the future," she said.

For Huber, the symposium affirmed her passion for education. She grew up in a family deeply connected to special education; her mother was a special education teacher for 35 years and her stepbrothers are autistic. She already knew she wanted to work with students who have diverse learning needs. The symposium, she said, reinforced how arts integration can be an effective tool for reaching all learners.

Skivington, of Tomball, Texas, is a senior and an English education major

with a certification in English as a Second Language (ESL). He was drawn to the symposium after participating in the ArtsCore-funded New Faces, New Voices internship last summer. The program pairs pre-service teachers with refugee students in the Oshkosh and Menasha areas, using art as a bridge to language learning.

"Art is such a powerful way to connect with students, especially English language learners," Skivington said. "When I worked with refugee students, we used painting, music, and dance to help them express themselves and learn English. Seeing those connections happen in real-time made me want to learn more about integrating arts into my future classroom."

At the symposium, Skivington attended a session where he was to make something out of clay that symbolizes something meaningful to him.

"I made a little baseball out of clay because baseball has been a big part of my life," he said. "It reminded me how art can be a tool for self-expression, which is so important for students who are learning a new language."

As ArtsCore celebrates its 10th anniversary, its leaders remain committed to expanding the program's reach. Currently, UW-Oshkosh is the only UW school with a program like this and Nelson, who noted grant monies are coming to an end, hopes to secure additional funding to ensure its continuation.

"Our research shows that arts integration increases student engagement and reduces behavioral issues," Nelson said. "It's about making learning accessible and meaningful for all students. And for teachers, it's about feeling connected and knowing they're part of a network that values creativity and collaboration."

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# Calendar of events

## Thursday, April 3

Oshkosh Craft Beer Week (through April 13)

Janet Planet: A Tour Through the Solar System, 12:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Friday, April 4

“Ed Gein, The Musical” play performance, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

The Coalminers Present: Only Loretta, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Saturday, April 5

Breakfast with the Bunny & Egg Hunt, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Altrusa Art in the Garden, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 20th St.

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods spring rally, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Mutts Gone Nuts Unleashed, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown locations

“Ed Gein, The Musical” play performance, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, April 6

Altrusa Art in the Garden, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 20th St.

Spring Art and Craft Show, 11 a.m., Chalice Restaurant, 1741 N. Main St.

“Ed Gein, The Musical” play performance, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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## Monday, April 7

Oshkosh Seniors Center 50th anniversary, 1:30 p.m., South Building

## Thursday, April 10

Just Between Friends Sale, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

## Friday, April 11

Just Between Friends Sale, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

“Professor Marston and the Wonder Women” 10 a.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Saturday, April 12

Just Between Friends Sale, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

Dwight Simmons comedy show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Power Play Trio, 7 p.m., Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive

## Sunday, April 13

Lenten Meditation Concert, 3 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

The Singing Zoologist, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Thursday, April 17

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: Olga Custodio, 7 p.m., 3000 Poberezny Road

## Saturday, April 19

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

## Sunday, April 20

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



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## Cheers to producers

Oshkosh Craft Beer Week is underway to shine a spotlight on local brewers and other craft distillers. Shown here are brewers and owners of Bare Bones Brewery, Fifth Ward Brewing Co., Fox River Brewing Co., Sturgeon Spirits and Sunken Paddle Ciderworks.

## Property values

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low the city to grasp what the equalized values are as set by the DOR. The city also hired a new firm to handle commercial revaluations.

Council member Jacob Floam requested city staff to explore having regularly scheduled revaluations every three to five years. Before last year the city had not done a revaluation since 2017.

“Most of this is the state’s issue with how the DOR statutes are structured. However, we should be doing the best we can with what we can control and I feel like this is one of the few things, in this policy issue, that we can control,” Floam said.

Council member DJ Nichols made a similar request of city staff last May and said when he lived in another city residents knew when there would be a revaluation.

“Every homeowners association and every home owner knew that every three years you were going to have a new revaluation. They also knew what the process was to dispute the numbers that you were given and they also understood what the impact would be to your taxes,” Nichols said.

He added this process being on a schedule that residents know helps people understand the system and they then know who to contact.

Floam said cities such as Appleton, Green Bay and Kenosha have scheduled revaluations every couple of years. Racine revalues properties every year while cities such as Fond du Lac operate like Oshkosh and only revalue when contacted by DOR for not being in compliance of the 10% threshold.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer suggested city staff look into a policy and then have the Long Range Finance Committee review it. The council agreed with that process before it comes back to the council for approval later this year.

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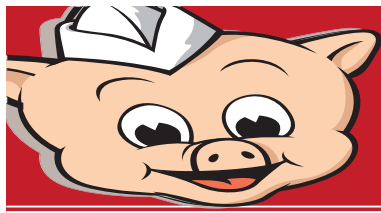


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## SOFTBALL

### West opens season with pair of wins

Emmy Reichenberger drove in two runs with a single to cap a three-run outburst in the bottom of the seventh inning as Oshkosh West rallied for a 5-4 win over West De Pere as the Wildcats picked up two wins in a triangular at the UWO Rec Plex last week.

In addition to beating the Phantoms, West also knocked off West Allis Central, 5-4.

West trailed 4-2 going into its last at bat against West De Pere when Collen Fitzpatrick got the rally started with a one-out single. Sam Frank followed with a single to put runners on first and third before Izzy Kramer smacked a single to drive in a run.

After Kramer stole second base, Reichenberger – who was 3-for-4 on the day – drilled a base hit to plate both baserun-

ners and deliver the win to the Wildcats.

Reichenberger also had an RBI-single in the first inning, while Avarie Tritt added an RBI-ground out in the frame after West De Pere had taken a 4-0 lead in the top of the first.

Frank also finished with three hits for West, while Kramer chipped in two.

Tritt bounced back from the rough first inning to blank West De Pere over the final six frames. She finished with 12 strikeouts and just one walk, while scattering six hits – four of which came in the first inning.

Oshkosh West also had to come from behind in its first game against West Allis Central, scoring three runs in the third inning to take a 3-2 lead before building a 5-2 advantage after the top of the fifth.

Kramer finished with three hits to pace the Wildcats' 12-hit attack. Fitzpatrick, Reichenberger and Alexia Monroe each chipped in two hits, while Reichenberger drove in a pair of runs.

Kramer allowed just two earned runs in six innings of work, walking one and striking out five to earn the win. Monroe pitched a hitless seventh inning to earn the save.

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Triebold, Nelson, Howell lead Wildcat finishers

The Oshkosh West girls track and field team finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall and the boys tied for 14<sup>th</sup> place at the Ripon College Showcase meet Saturday at the Willmore Center.

Kylie Triebold and Sydnee Nelson each posted runner-up finishes to lead the Wildcat girls. Triebold took second in the 400 meters, while Nelson was the run-

ner-up in the 60-meter hurdles.

Camille Phillip added a sixth place in the 60-meter hurdles, while Kerrigan Kimball was ninth in the shotput and Emma Liebergen was 10<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump for West. The Wildcats also took 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1,600-meter relay.

For the boys, Clark Howell had the top finish for the boys, placing third in the triple jump.

Morgan Tibbits added a fifth place in the 60 meters, with Owen Heim taking sixth in the long jump and Joey Ware adding a seventh place in the shot put. Carter Crowe in the 1,600 meter and Celso Collins in the 3,200 meters were ninth and 10<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The Wildcats also added a ninth place in the 3,200-meter relay.

### Davis leads North powerlifters at nationals

Junior Hunter Davis finished second in the Varsity Male 145 jg weight class at the USA Powerlifting National Meet held March 20-23 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton.

Davis was the top finisher for Oshkosh North, which had eight powerlifters competing in the event.

Both Oshkosh North girls who participated earned medals with Noelle Dutschek taking 11th and Palai Thao finishing

12th in their respective weight classes.

Seniors Deweet Torres and Paine Engelmann also competed at the varsity level but did not place.

Three junior varsity entrants each returned with medals for Oshkosh North.

Lucas Davis placed third in the Mens JV 125 kg division, while Edwin Torres was fifth in the Mens JV 110 kg weight class. Aidan Flanigan placed eight, joining Davis in the Men's JV 125 kg division.

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# Dilling's collegiate career comes to end, looks to future

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Josh Dilling didn't take the usual path for his collegiate basketball career.

Five years, four schools and three times in transfer portal may not be what many players would see as ideal. But for the Oshkosh North alum it proved to be a memorable road of development and success that was cemented in a passion for the sport he starred in with the Spartans.

And after playing his final game for Northern Kentucky in March, Dilling isn't done with basketball yet. His plans were to hire an agent and explore the professional opportunities available to him so he can keep going to the gym every day.

"You just hope the ball never stops bouncing," Dilling said in a recent phone interview after the end of the Vikings' season. "It hasn't sunk in yet that my college career is over. It's crazy how fast five years goes. It's been a journey for sure and one that I wouldn't change."

Dilling, who grew up in Fond du Lac but played with Oshkosh North's travel team starting in sixth grade and moved to Oshkosh before high school, was a sophomore reserve on the Spartans' state championship team in 2018 and then took over as point guard for Tyrese Haliburton for his junior and senior seasons.

When he finished his prep career, he was a two-time all-Fox Valley Association selection, earning first-team honors as a senior, and was ready to make the jump to the college game.

Dilling admits he was not ready to play at the Division I level at that time, but a call from an Oshkosh native got his post-high school career started.

"We end our season and two weeks later I get a call out of the blue from Minneso-

ta-Crookston and (current Oshkosh West coach) Dan Weisse and was offered the same day," said Dilling, who said he had been pursuing WIAC offers as well as a partial scholarship offer from William Jewell College. "I liked what I heard so I went there."

Dilling started as a freshman in the talent-rich Northern Sun Conference, but Eagles went just 2-14 in a COVID-shortened season and Dilling was facing the prospect of the bulk of the roster moving on.

So he put his name in the transfer portal for the first time and found a home at Queens College – an NCAA Division II school in Charlotte, N.C. The Eagles made it to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament that season and appeared to be a blossoming a program.

However, the university planned to make the jump to the NCAA Division I level the next season, which meant a ban on postseason tournaments for the next four years.

"After the season, our coach Bart Lundy heads to UW-Milwaukee and Queens decides to start the transition from Division II to Division I," Dilling said. "I was unaware of that when I got there so unfortunately back in the portal."

The next stop on his journey landed Dilling in Aberdeen, S.D., and back in the Northern Sun Conference at Northern State.

With the Wolves, Dilling continued to have success on the floor playing as both the off-ball guard and back-up point guard. He took over the point guard role in his second



Dilling

year with the program and averaged 18.7 points per game, while shooting 46 percent from 3-point range and leading the team in assists.

"It was a great two years there and I thought I would ride out my career there," Dilling said. "But we were going to lose eight or nine guys and so going into my last year, you want to try to compete for something and bringing in so many new guys it's tough to do that."

And so, for a final time, Dilling entered the transfer portal with his one year of eligibility remaining.

Dilling said he was looking at five or six Division II schools but also ventured to a couple of Division I programs. He made trips to Montana State, Valparaiso and Northern Kentucky over a span of eight days – a total of 13 flights – and it was clear where he wanted to end his collegiate career.

"We were in the middle of the Northern Kentucky visit and I looked at my mom and thought do we just commit now or do we wait and be thorough," Dilling said. "We waited a couple of days and then we jumped on it. It seemed like the right opportunity."

It turned out to be the right choice.

Dilling started 21 of 33 games for the Vikings and averaged 12.7 points per game – the second-highest average on a team that finished 17-16 overall. He also led the team in 3-pointers and ranked second on the team in assists.

"I knew it was going to be a one-year type thing when I committed and I wanted to make the most of it," Dilling said. "I wanted to go in and out with no regrets and I feel like that's how it was. I enjoyed it. I thought it was truly a blessing. It exceeded expectations."

Dilling said part of the reason he chose Northern Kentucky was to compete at the Division I level.

"I was definitely curious about playing at the Division I level and I think, in the portal, I figured we were going to try the D I thing," Dilling said. "Northern Kentucky ended up being the perfect spot."

During the season, Dilling had the special experience of playing on the road at

UW-Milwaukee and UW-Green Bay during the Horizon League season.

That road trip allowed Dilling's extended family and friends to attend games close to home and they turned out in big fashion, complete with signs and T-shirts to back Dilling.

"That was a small portion of the reason of why Northern Kentucky made sense getting to come back home and play those games in front of the family," Dilling said. "We had 40 people at one game and I think 60 people at another. That was special."

Dilling had a similar experience during his second season at Northern State, when a large contingent of family and friends were on hand to see him score his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career collegiate point and hit the game-winning shot for the Wolves.

"The overall experience and having all of the family there, that was pretty special," Dilling said.

Dilling does plan to continue to his playing career and he would join a list of former Oshkosh North alums when he takes that step.

Dilling said finding an agent and looking for his next playing opportunity was all new to him, but he was able to lean on those fellow Spartans for help.

"I'm learning about the professional ranks along the way myself so having guys like Blake and Quincy and even Tyrese – we worked a camp with him last year – having guys like that, they have already done and they have the knowledge about and we have a relationship having played hoops for years," Dilling said. "Having those relationships is a benefit and those conversations will happen as I'm trying to be thorough."

He also believes that it isn't a mistake that North alums have had so much success after their Spartan days are over.

"That gym is never closed. If you wanted to get there and get shots up. We had open gyms on the regular and I think it is an underrated part," Dilling said. "I think the other thing is how they develop guys. They have had solid players and solid teams throughout the years and they continue to excel."



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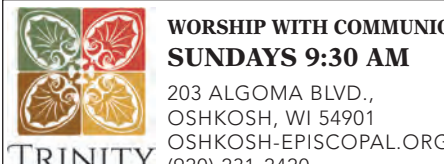


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# Love of the game fuels Ubrig's success on diamond



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Landon Ubrig's passion for baseball has fueled his success at Oshkosh West.

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Pulling Landon Ubrig away from baseball is a difficult task. It might be easier to pull the Earth away from the sun.

Ubrig is an all-things-baseball type of guy.

The Oshkosh West senior infielder loves playing and watching the sport, works part time at a baseball training facility and has a strong interest in eventually becoming a coach.

"I just love the game - I've been that way since I was a little kid," Ubrig said.

Still, it takes more than just passion to make an impact on the diamond and Ubrig has the skills to match. The Wildcats' middle infielder received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention as a junior and will be a third-year varsity starter this spring.

Ubrig played second base most of the 2024 season but can also play shortstop and pitch. He is expected to be one of West's top threats at the plate and on the basepaths. Ubrig also brings senior stability and leadership skills to a West team looking to rebound from disappointing 2024 records of 1-16 in the FVA and 3-19 overall.

"Landon has a positive attitude and he's relentless in terms of effort during practice," said West coach Chris Atwood. "I can always count on him to put forth his best effort - even when no one is watching."

"He's an excellent teammate and has grown into a leader for us. He's mentally tough and will do everything he can to succeed and learn from mistakes."

Ubrig, who throws and bats right-hand-

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ed, has been playing the game since age 4 when he started with T-ball.

"I remember my first T-ball game because I hit a double my first at bat," Ubrig said with a laugh. "I always had good baseball skills, but I was always the little guy. I lacked size and frame."

That is no longer the case. Ubrig has experienced a growth spurt the past few years where he has sprouted multiple inches to his current height of 6-foot-2. He weighs around 185.

"It wasn't that long ago that I was maybe 5-8, 150," Ubrig said. "I'm a gap-to-gap, battle-off type of hitter, but as I've grown into my frame, I've been able to hit with more power."


Ubrig's bat and glove are extremely valuable to the Wildcats, but he gives them an asset on the mound. He throws a four-seam fastball, a circle changeup and a curveball.

"I'm working on a two-seam fastball and a sinker right now," Ubrig said. "I'm more of a relief guy."

Ubrig's strong arm has helped the Wildcats in another sport. He became West's starting quarterback midway through the 2024 football season when the Wildcats shifted speedy Chase Brandl to wide receiver. Ubrig completed 70 of 154 passes for 936 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 163 yards and four TDs. Ubrig was also the team's punter, averaging 33.3 yards per punt and placed seven of his 28 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard-line.


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# New head coaches eager to lead West, North programs

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Oshkosh West will have a new look this season as the Wildcats look to compete in the Fox Valley Association.

Chris Atwood, who has spent the last three years on the staff at Oshkosh West, replaces legendary head coach Tony Gerharz in the Wildcats' dugout this season. Atwood, a former standout as a pitcher at

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three years coaching the West freshman team.

He inherits a team that finished with just one win in the FVA last year, but has a strong nucleus to build around entering the 2025 season, including a pair of returning honorable mention all-conference selections.

Senior shortstop Landon Ubrig and senior outfielder Gavin Ruh were both honorable mention all-FVA selections a year ago and the top two returning hitters for

the Wildcats.

Senior Eddy Schroeder, who had the only home run for West last season, will join Ubrig as a returning infielder, while senior Jaxon Prill joins Ruh in returning to the Wildcats' outfield.

Junior Evan Johnson at catcher and Avery Mosloski at first and third base also return after playing regular varsity roles last season.

Senior Owen Ervin is expected to contribute in the outfield for the Wildcats this season, while junior Madden Mercado and sophomore Cade Heiman will help bolster the Wildcats on the infield.

"Our team is excited and taking the necessary steps in order to be ready for day one of competition," Atwood commented. "We will look to steal many extra bases as we have an athletic and fast group of guys. Anything we can do to make our opponents uncomfortable with our style of play, we will do."

West will have plenty of pitching depth to work with and a number of hurlers who saw varsity action last season.

Mosloski will be one of the leaders of the staff after a breakout sophomore season, while Schroeder, Prill and Ruh also logged varsity innings for the Wildcats.

Newcomers Ervin, Mercado and Heiman could also see time on the mound this season for West.

## Oshkosh North

The Spartans will also have a new face in the head coaching role this season as Jared Anderson steps in to lead the program after serving as a varsity assistant a year ago.

North is coming off a season in which it finished 11-16 overall and 5-13 in the FVA, with seven of its 16 losses coming by two runs or less a year ago.

The Spartans do have to replace three players who earned all-conference recognition last season, but do return one of the top pitchers in the league in senior Zach Kiffmeyer.

Kiffmeyer finished with a 1.78 earned run average in more than 43 innings of work last season and earned second-team all-FVA honors. Kiffmeyer was also one of the top returning hitters for the Spartans, while also playing first base.

Seniors Charlie Clark and Connor Palmquist, who play second base and catcher, respectively, also return, while junior shortstop Jackson Anderson also returns to anchor an experienced Spartan infield.

Senior Isaiah Jackson in the outfield and junior catcher Andrew Brockman will be newcomers to the varsity roster that Anderson is hoping will contribute this season.

In addition to Kiffmeyer on the mound, Clark and Anderson also saw varsity action last season but the Spartans will need to find some more pitching depth to compete in the FVA.

"We are going to be a relatively inexperienced team with new guys taking on larger roles," commented Anderson. "However, we have some talent that will make us very competitive in a tough conference."

## Lourdes Academy

The Knights return a pair of all-conference players to a team that finished 9-9 in the Trailways North a year ago. Even though this year's squad won't have a wealth of seniors, there is plenty of experience on the roster for head coach Matt Armatoski to build around.

"Despite being a young team, we have eight players with varsity starting experience," Armatoski commented. "Our biggest strengths will be our versatility and team chemistry. We have talented athletes who can play multiple positions, along with decent depth at pitcher."

Topping the list of returning players is junior shortstop Parker Slusarski and sophomore catcher Nolan Gibson, who each earned honorable mention all-conference honors a year ago. Slusarski is the team's top returning hitter after batting .358 last year, while Gibson finished with a .327 average and a team-best 17 RBIs.

Joining the list of returning players will be junior second baseman Ryder Mullen, junior outfielder Adam Dinegan, sophomore infielder Eli Halla and sophomore outfielder Michael Santiago. Mullen also batted over .300 last season.

In addition, Armatoski will add junior outfielder Johnny Santiago and sophomore third baseman Brady Bauer to the roster of position players.

On the mound, sophomore Henry Achterberg is the top returning hurler after finishing with a 2.57 earned run average in 30 innings of work last year.

Slusarski, Halla and Michael Santiago saw limited innings at the varsity level, while Armatoski also expects to use Mullen, Bauer and Johnny Santiago on the mound at times this season.

"It's always tough to predict, but I expect us to be highly competitive. We have a group of determined athletes ready to put in work and compete at a high level," Armatoski commented. "With our talent and mindset, I wouldn't bet against the Knights this year."

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# Spartans, Wildcats ready to challenge in rugged FVA

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North has been looking up at the top softball teams in the Fox Valley Association the past couple of seasons.

The Spartans will be looking to join that group with a talented, veteran-laden team in 2025.

Oshkosh North returns four first-team all-conference players from last season and a total of six who earned some level of all-FVA recognition a year ago as the

Spartans look to improved on last season's 9-9 league record and 11-13 overall mark.

"In the FVA, there are no easy games," head coach Keith Koslowski commented. "If we stay healthy, and get consistent play on the defensive side we could be a factor in the FVA. The girls have put in some hard work in the offseason, and are working hard to establish great work habits these first few weeks."

Offensively, North should have one of the top lineups in the league. The Spartans return three players who batted at least .400 led by junior Olivia Borowitz and senior Emma Niemczyk who finished first and second, respectively, in the FVA in hits last season.

Borowitz finished with a .507 with a team-high 19 RBIs last year, while Niemczyk batted .450 with three triples, a pair of home runs and led the team with 24 runs scored. Junior Allie Leib chipped in a batting average of .408 and struck out just four times in 76 at bats.

All three were first-team all-selections – Borowitz as an infielder, Niemczyk an outfielder and Leib as a utility player – and were joined on the top team by senior catcher Anna Borst, with a team-leading 10 walks.

Senior first baseman Sophia Housworth earned honorable mention all-FVA honors and batted .312 a year ago, while senior infielder Morgan Kolodzik also returns after hitting .284 last season.

"Offensively we will be able to score runs," Koslowski commented. "This team has experienced some difficult moments the last 2 seasons and we have learned from them."

North also returns its 1-2 punch in the pitching circle in senior Brooke Peters, a second-team all-conference selection last season, and fellow senior Kara Cummings. The duo combined for all but two innings of work last season, with Peters leading the way with a 3.08 earned run average and 71 strikeouts in just more than 95 innings.

Senior outfielder Dory Butzlaff returns after earning some varsity at bats last season, while Koslowski also expects sophomores Sophia Fabiano and Ella Seeley to contribute on the varsity level this season.

Defending conference champion Kaukauna is once again the favorite to win the conference, while Koslowski sees Neenah, Kimberly, Oshkosh West and Hortonville also in the hunt to finish at the top of the league.

## Oshkosh West

The Wildcats were the runners-up to powerhouse Kaukauna in the FVA last year and even though West lost its top

pitcher from last year to graduation, it should be fighting for a top finish in the rugged league once again.

Senior Emmy Reichenberger is a returning first-team all-conference player who batted .403 with a team-high 22 RBIs and will anchor the middle of the lineup once again.

Speedy junior Colleen Fitzpatrick is back at the top of the lineup to set the table for the squad. Fitzpatrick batted .364 and led the team with 23 runs scored last year and was a second-team all-FVA selection.

Sophomore Alexia Monroe also returns after a solid freshman campaign both at the plate and in the pitching circle, where she will be one of three hurlers head coach Tim Kohl expects to use this season.

Sophomores Avery Tritt and Izzy Kramer will join Monroe on the pitching staff after all three saw limited innings but gained some varsity experience last year.

"We have three young pitchers that will be able to give teams different looks when needed," Kohl commented. "We certainly will need to learn the speed of the game as we grow with each play that we make. The team we are now will not be the same team others will face in May. We hope to be a force to consider."

Sophomore Sam Frank is also expected to contribute at the plate this season as the Wildcats will once again sport a solid offense against the top pitchers in the FVA.

"We have a good hitting lineup that will keep teams on alert," Kohl commented. "There is a lot of talent on this team. We

plan to be competitive in play in every game. If teams take us lightly they may regret it."

## Lourdes Academy

First-year head coach Kadence Saladin will look to lead the Knights back to the top of the Trailways North conference with a team that will have a strong core of returning players.

Junior Aubrey Schettle was a second-team all-conference selection a year ago, while Reagan Jaber is back after honorable mention honors. Schettle is in her third year as a starting catcher who finished with a .473 batting average a year ago, while Jaber returns at first base after batting .488 with a team-high 21 RBIs.

Juniors Libby Guerrero and Lilly Doemel also return after being regulars in the varsity lineup last season as well as sophomore Nomi Bolorsukh.

Saladin, who was a standout player at Oshkosh West, will also be counting on freshmen Maggie Kilde and Annika Hitchcock to contribute on the varsity level.

The Knights finished 3-13 in the Trailways North a year ago and 4-14 overall, but Saladin is hoping the team will be able to improve on those marks this season.

"Ideally we would love to win all games, however, we would be happy to win as many as possible (and) end with a better record than last year. That's a goal," Saladin commented. "We want to learn from everything, improving with every opportunity presented and from every situation and experience."

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# Knights girls strong again, boys eye improvement

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Lourdes Academy's girls track and field team has been a fixture at the state track and field meet in La Crosse at the end of every spring sports season.

This year, the Knights hope the boys program will be joining them as well.

Lourdes Academy head coach Tim Moore hopes the boys group can build on

a strong season last year and be represented by some individuals when the state meet begins

June 6.

"The boys have made some huge improvements last year realizing they can compete in the championship part of our season," Moore commented. "This year our goal is to get athletes back to the state meet. This group is working towards that goal."

The Lourdes Academy boys had a pair of individual sectional qualifiers a year ago in junior Mat Yaggie and sophomore Cameron Kapral. Yaggie advanced in both hurdle events and will be a stalwart in those events this year, while Kapral qualified in the long jump and will return in that event this season.

The duo, along with junior Isaac Rucinski, were also a part of sectional qualifying relays for the Knights.

Rucinski in the sprints, Kapral in the middle distance and sophomore Henry Spanbauer – an individual state qualifier in cross country – in the distance races are all candidates to represent the Knights at state, while Moore believes that newcomers Brett Maki in the sprints and Tristan

Gomez in the throws are juniors who could have an impact this season.

The Knights girls squad will once again be loaded with talent, headlined by defending state 800-meter champion senior Erin Moore. Moore, a University of Nebraska recruit, will be a stalwart in the 800 and 1,600 again this season as well as bolstering the Knights' relays.

Senior hurdler Natasha Konop and senior middle distance runner Dasha Averkamp also look to return to state in individual events, while both athletes – along with senior Sabur Machiros – were a part of state qualifying relays a year ago.

Lourdes Academy's lineup will also get a boost from freshmen Allie Wincher and Christine Agosto in the sprints as well as freshman Chloe Bunton in the middle distance races.

"Our girls focus is to win conference and take more girls to state than last year," Moore commented. "Our seniors are our leaders and our point scorers. They are the heart of our team."

## Oshkosh North

The Spartan boys return a pair of individual state qualifiers and will once again be strong in the sprints entering the season.

Senior Logan Schettle competed in La Crosse in the 100 meters, while senior Devon Williams advanced in the 400 meters and both will return to anchor the individual sprinting events and the spring relays

Seniors Josh Zietlow and Anthony Nguyen will also run the sprinting events for the Spartans along with junior new-

comers Evan Auler and Jamare Scott.

"The sprints and sprint relays (are our strengths)," commented head coach Steve Danza. "We are going to be relying heavily on our upperclassmen to lead the way."

Senior Harrison Bell also returns in both hurdle events and could challenge for a trip to state, while junior Andrew Oehler will give the Spartans a scoring threat in both throwing events.

For the girls, senior Lehna Mitchell was a sectional qualifier in the 800 meters and 1,600 meters last year – just missing a trip to state in the latter event – and will be a threat to make it to La Crosse in both events this season.

Senior Noelle Dutschek advanced to sectionals in the discus and junior Alai Awak qualified in the high jump last season and both will be a top competitors in those events again this season.

Also returning for the Spartans are senior Arianna McDowell in the hurdles, Lanie Zellmer in the jumps, sophomore Dahyla Darden in the sprints and sophomore Promise Shei in the jumps.

Head coach Michelle Carbiener is also expecting contributions from freshmen Savannah Rust and Elizabeth Parsons in the hurdles, Allison Cummins in the distance events and Selena Kramlich in the sprints.

"I am excited to see our small, but determined distance group compete this season and we're also looking to our jumpers for some points this season," Carbiener commented. "We are young, but I've been impressed with our work ethic so far."

## Oshkosh West

The Wildcats girls team is stocked with some talented athletes and West could be a factor in the conference and sectional meets this season.

Topping the list of returning athletes is junior Sydnee Nelson, who is the defending state champion in the 100-meter hurdles. Nelson was the only non-senior in the top four finishers at the state meet last season and one of four non-seniors among the 10 finalists.

Sophomores Kylie Triebold and Sammy Penske in the sprints, Abby Tercha in the distance events and Camille Phillips in the hurdles are also returning and should give the Wildcats some consistent point scorers.

Head coach Nicole Fischer is also expecting to get contributions in the field events from juniors and seniors on the squad, while freshmen Kayana Turner in the sprints and jumps and Emma Liebergen in the hurdles and jumps have had a strong start to the indoor season.

"We have a great outlook for the season and look forward to seeing how each athlete continues to progress through the program," Fischer said. "Our team strength is in our junior and senior leadership. There is talent spread out throughout the team but I'm most excited about how the athletes have taken on leadership roles this year."

The West boys will be led by sophomore sprinter Morgan Tibbits who ran on a pair of sectional qualifying relays

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# UWO Athletics Hall of Fame roster increases by eight

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame increases its membership to 263 when eight men and women are inducted Oct. 5 at the Culver Family Welcome Center on campus.

The 50th induction class features former UW-Oshkosh student-athletes Jack Borski, Christy Cazzola, Jack Friess, Nazir Kulchytksky, Tricia (Haralson) Rotering, Kristin (Steckmesser) Stanley, and Jacque (Ray) Strook; and former coach Terry Barth.

The most successful head coach in UW-Oshkosh men's wrestling history, Barth coached student-athletes to 10 All-America performances, 17 then-called Wisconsin State University Conference (WSUC) individual titles and both the first and only conference championship in program history.

With Borski patrolling the backfield from 2007-10, the UW-Oshkosh men's soccer team tallied a 61-13-8 record, won a WIAC Championship and advanced to a pair of NCAA Division III Championships including the 2010 Final Four. Borski, who started 72 of the 73 games he played in, totaled 13 career points on 11 assists and one match-winning goal as a four-year defender.

Cazzola helped continue the UW-Oshkosh women's cross country and track & field teams' historic supremacy by individually accumulating 17 national titles, 22 All-America performances, and 27 WIAC titles between 2008 and 2012. She began her career with UW-Oshkosh on the 2008 women's cross country team and helped the Titans to a NCAA Division III Championship appearance with a fourth-place finish at the WIAC Championship and ninth place at the Division III Midwest Regional. At the national meet, she placed 37th.

Friess started all 126 games for the UW-Oshkosh baseball program as it began its rise to the dominance it enjoyed for the following three decades. He helped the Titans to an 87-39 overall and 47-7 conference record as UW-Oshkosh won four straight then-called Wisconsin State University Conference championships and four NAIA District 14 titles.

A three-time national champion, Kulchytksky is a member of an exclusive club. He is one of just 16 wrestlers in the history of NCAA Division III to win at least three individual titles at the national meet.

Rotering was an integral part of the

UW-Oshkosh women's track & field program's two NCAA Division III and five then-called WWIAC championships between 1991 and 1994. She was a four-time All-American in both the indoor and outdoor shot put, and a one-time outdoor hammer throw All-American.

Stanley shot 40.3 percent from beyond the arc over her entire career with UW-Oshkosh women's basketball. The sharpshooter from Two Rivers High School played basketball for 2016 UW-Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Pamela Ruder between 1998 and 2002. A two-

time All-WIAC First Team selection and one-time honorable mention, Stanley helped the Titans to a 115-24 record, including a 68-12 mark in WIAC competition.

A two-time All-America selection and the 2009 WIAC Player of the Year, Strook stamped her legacy into the storied history of UW-Oshkosh women's volleyball by leading the Titans to three WIAC regular season titles, a conference tournament championship, and four trips to the NCAA Division III Championship between 2006 and 2009.

tance runners junior McKenzie Murphy and sophomore Mya Moran both competed at sectionals last season will be consistent point scorers for the Warriors.

Junior Anna Sawicki has had some good finishes in the indoor season in the sprints and could also be a factor for the Warriors.

For the boys, junior Jonah Menet competed at sectionals a year ago and will be one of the leaders of the squad along with junior Isaiah Hyvonen in the sprints and jumps. Hyvonen also ran at sectionals last season.

Freshmen Simon Menet in the distance races and Wyatt Sawicki in the jumps have also done well so far this season.

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last season, while distance runners senior Celso Collins and junior Carter Crowe will also return from last year and should be consistent point scorers. Collins was a state qualifier in cross country last fall.

Sophomore Owen Heim in the jumps and junior Joey Ware in the throws have also gotten off to a strong start this year during the indoor season and could be factors on the team as well.

## Valley Christian

The Warriors return some talented athletes from last year and have a handful of sectional qualifiers and one state qualifier leading the team this season.

Senior Alaina Wojtowski qualified for the state meet in the 100 meters and has gotten off to a strong start this year in the indoor season to help lead Valley Christian.

Junior Lizzie Fink in the hurdles is also a returning sectional qualifier, while dis-

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quarterback was a great way to wrap up my football career," Ubrig said. "Throwing a baseball and football are two different things. In football, it's a lot about using your feet to make the throw. It's more than just arm strength. It's about being able to create space and timing.

"But the throwing involved in football has helped me tremendously for baseball. It's taught me how to strengthen and protect my shoulder and elbow. Learning how to use your bottom half is a big thing in both sports. You need to learn how your body moves and how you can take stress off your arm by using that bottom half."

Ubrig hails from an athletic family. His father, Mitchell, played football and ran track at Oshkosh West, while his mother, Alyssa, was a soccer and volleyball athlete at Oshkosh North and West.

"I know I got football from my dad, but baseball is something I picked up on my own," Ubrig said.

Ubrig played summer travel baseball with the GRB STiKS baseball academy team (based in Waukesha) in 2024 and plans to be a member of the Dairyland League's Lakeside Beach Bums (Milwaukee) this summer.

Baseball is even a part of Ubrig's work life. He holds down a part-time job at 360 U: a baseball and softball training facility in Oshkosh and Appleton.

"I just really like being around baseball and it's fun to be able to work with younger kids," Ubrig said. "It's a great way to gain

experience with the game because I hope to be able to coach in the future."

Atwood has no doubts that Ubrig will eventually thrive in a coaching role. Ubrig has already displayed those type of skills with the Wildcats.

"He is willing to take the lead during our drills and has shown a willingness to not only remain coachable, but to fill the role as a coach himself," Atwood said. "He works with young players outside of school, helping them to develop their skills and mindset. He has a high baseball IQ and isn't afraid to ask questions, make mistakes and share knowledge with those around him."

But first Ubrig has a baseball playing career to finish — and he's not done yet. He will attend Rock Valley Junior College in Rockford, Ill., in the fall where he will join the school's baseball program.

"I played for two of their assistant coaches, Jack Howard and Tyler Ingram, with the GRB STiKS," Ubrig said. "I like their philosophies and how they coach the game and feel the same about the head coach, Chad Herren. It just seems like a good fit."

Ubrig and academics have also been a good fit. He carries a 3.82 grade-point average at West and plans to eventually major in business with a possible minor in exercise science.

Ubrig hopes the junior college route will lead to a second stop at a four-year school with a baseball program.

"I definitely see it as a steppingstone with the new rules of eligibility," he said. "It's a great way to get two years of college underneath my belt before going on to a four-year school."

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### Dr. Donald Knepel

Dr. Donald Knepel, age 94, passed away after a brief illness on March 25, 2025. He



was born on Dec. 11, 1930, in Granville, WI to Herbert and Amanda (Krause) Knepel.

In 1950 while attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Milwaukee, he happened to see a beautiful young lady named Phyllis (Beaumont) coming down the stairs. They struck up a conversation that morning which turned into a

75-year love story. Don and Phyllis married on November 4, 1951, and the adventure began!

Don was drafted into the Army in 1952 where he was trained as an X-ray-technologist. After his time in the service, he attended college at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, followed by medical school at Loma Linda School of Medicine in California, graduating in 1962. After graduation, he practiced medicine as a family physician and later as an emergency room physician in Janesville, WI until his retirement in 1995. After retirement, he and Phyllis moved to Oshkosh to be closer to family as well as enjoying many years

of wintering in their RV in Florida and Arizona. They also had many opportunities to travel together with some of Don's most cherished time being an annual summer fishing trip to rural Canada with family.

Don was a man of undeniable faith and lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving in multiple leadership capacities there throughout his life. He knew that in earthly death he would fall asleep in Jesus to awaken at Jesus' return to gather us for heaven. Don's convictions were strong, his faith steadfast, his wisdom abundant, and his love for his family was unconditional.

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Phyllis; and their children, Lois (Gary) Salzieder of Oshkosh, Richard Knepel of Largo, Florida, and Dr. Keith (Sheri) Kne-

pel of Oshkosh. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Jason Salzieder, Jodi (Dr. Donn) Dougherty, Ryan Knepel, and Dr. Jennifer (Branden) Ziebell; brothers-in-law Nick (Linda) Beaumont and John (Nicole) Beaumont as well as many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brothers, Les (Lucille) Knepel, Pat (Lu) Knepel, Harvey (Erma) Knepel, Harold (Anne) Knepel; and sister, Violet (Jim) Haley.

A private family service will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his honor.

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## More state election law disputes end up in court

By Alexander Shur  
VOTEBEAT

In 2022, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, then dominated by conservatives, banned the ballot drop boxes that had been used for decades but became especially popular during the pandemic. Then, in 2024, after an election shifted its majority to liberals, the court reversed itself and made drop boxes legal again.

Yet the number of drop boxes available to voters around the state has dwindled. The flip-flopping rulings from a court that's supposed to serve as the last word on Wisconsin law made many election administrators wary of offering drop boxes at all. So a state that once had nearly 600 drop boxes now has just a few dozen, largely clustered around Madison and Milwaukee.

It's an example of how ideological swings on Wisconsin's highest court and an influx of lawsuits in all Wisconsin courts are roiling parts of the state's election law and complicating the work of local election administrators, with a real impact on voters.

The court also reversed itself in 2023, when under liberal control it ruled that legislative maps chosen by the court in 2022, then under conservative control, were unconstitutional. That forced county clerks across the state to redraw their districts just months before an election.

And in a recent opinion about the tenure of political employees, liberal justices were explicit about their willingness to overturn more precedent-setting cases.

As a swing state with routinely close elections, Wisconsin was already a key battleground for fights over election law issues, but because of the state's divided, gridlocked government — Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and the Republican-controlled Legislature have been at loggerheads since 2019 — more of those fights are ending up in court, with some high-profile cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The court only rarely revisits past decisions, but those few instances have emboldened activists to initiate still more legal challenges. A case currently before the Wisconsin Supreme Court seeks to undo a law that gutted collective bargaining for most public employees — a law the court previously upheld under a conservative majority.

Law experts say that the high court doesn't often reverse itself on cases involving election administration and that some shifting is natural in a state where voters choose Supreme Court justices.

Stability is a critical value in the law, said Chad Oldfather, a constitutional law pro-

fessor at Marquette University. But there are other values that conflict with stability, he said, such as — in the case of redistricting — ensuring laws are constitutional.

But the recent instances, the experts say, reflect the increasing number of election issues being settled by the courts.

"This is a national problem, but we experience it disproportionately in Wisconsin because our elections are so close," said Jeff Mandell, founder of the liberal law firm Law Forward and one of the state's most prominent election attorneys.

Ultimately, the more intense fights over election law are a sign of changing political tactics, said Michael Kang, a law professor at Northwestern University. Political parties that once focused more on messaging and mobilization have gotten better at identifying how different voting rules can affect their turnout, so "election law generally has become more partisan."

"What's more, I think judges have become more partisan, in terms of the spread between them ideologically and the way that they've applied their kind of philosophy to election rules," he said.

For election officials, the growing volume of lawsuits often makes the job harder. Courts take time to rule on cases, but once they rule, clerks have to move quickly to ensure compliance with new rules in time for the coming election.

In the past that has meant clerks — many of whom have part-time positions and whose roles extend far beyond just running elections — had only a few weeks before an election to remove drop boxes and change procedures to stop filling in missing information on voters' absentee ballot envelopes.

It's especially challenging in a state like Wisconsin, where elections are run at the municipal level, said Sun Prairie Clerk Elena Hilby. "It's not like you can tell this core group of 50 people, 'This is how the law changed.' You have to tell a core group of 1,850 people that it's changed, and they need to change their ways."

Hilby says she and other clerks hear the frustration from voters.

"They're like, 'What are you guys doing?' And we're like, 'Well, it's not us,'" she said. "And most of them know that, but just as it's confusing for the voters, it's confusing for us."

The drop box cases illustrate how the court's inconsistency can undermine the effect of its rulings.

Drop boxes had been used widely across the state for decades, but their use grew significantly during the 2020 election, as voters sought a safer method for returning ballots amid the peak of COVID-19.

### John S. Pettit

It is with a mix of sorrow and celebration that we announce the passing of John



S. Pettit, aged 79, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who peacefully left us on March 26, 2025. Born to the late Ernest and Ruth (Farber) Pettit on December 26, 1945, John lived a life full of

purpose and passion, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter.

John dedicated over 40 years to Oshkosh Truck, where he excelled in Quality Control, contributing to the community and forming lasting friendships. He proudly served in the Marine Reserves, embodying the values of duty and dedication.

A true lover of life, John enjoyed traveling, especially memorable trips to Las Vegas with his beloved wife, Ruth. Their adventures often included visits to local casinos, where they created countless joyful memories. John was also a talented woodworker, crafting beautiful plaques to honor military personnel, police officers, firefighters, and nurses—his way of giving back to those who serve.

Those who knew John will fondly remember his playful spirit, particularly his love for his two cherished puppies, Snickers and Tally. Family meant everything to him; he is survived by his devoted wife of

### Richard M. Hertzberg

Richard Milton Hertzberg, a much-loved husband, father, and proud grandfather, left this world on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the age of 90, surrounded by his loving family to be with Jesus. He was born on June 11, 1934, in Omro, Wisconsin and resided the past 37 years in



Winneconne.

Richard graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1952, where he played football. His greatest accomplishment was marrying his high school sweetheart for 72 years. Richard played semi pro football for the Oshkosh Giants and enjoyed playing and watching all sports especially the Packers, Brewers, and Badgers. He loved to fish wherever he was and spent the winters in Florida for the past 33 years. Many family trips and great memories were made throughout his lifetime. His quick wit, and sharp mind will be always remembered. Richard retired in 1989 from Kimberly-Clark and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Winneconne,

35 years, Ruth Pettit (Mortensen), and his sons Craig (Karen) Pettit and Keith (Lori) Pettit, along with step-sons Ronable (Nikki) Wohlt and Barry (Kristen) Wohlt. John was a proud grandfather to Kristina, Ashley, Shauna, and Jacob; and step-grandchildren Travis and Tony, and he delighted in his role as a great-grandfather to 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Carol Harnitz, and brothers Wally, Jim (Char), Tom, and Dale (Peggy) Pettit.

He was preceded in death by beloved family members, including his son Todd Pettit, grandson Michael Pettit, brother Ernie (Patricia) Pettit and sisters Lois (Otto) Manthe and Dorothy Pfaffenroth, John's spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A funeral service for John will be held Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Drive) on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11:30AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will follow at Lake View Memorial Park.

In celebration of John's life, we invite all who knew him to join us in remembering a man who brought so much joy to others. Let us come together to share stories, laughter, and fond memories as we gather to say our goodbyes to a truly wonderful man.

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Richard is survived by: his wife Lorraine (Ruedinger); his children, Deborah (John) Girtman, Gregory (Deborah) Hertzberg, James (Linda) Hertzberg; eight grandchildren, Adam (Megan) Girtman, Tyler (Ashley) Girtman, Aimee (Brian) Birkholz, Aaron (Amy) Hertzberg, Matthew (Jennifer) Hertzberg, Mark Hertzberg, Jessica (Richard) Belt, Emily (Alex) Feistel; twelve great-grandchildren; sister, Loretta Strehlow; and many other family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by parents Adrenna "Jane" and Milton Hertzberg; special aunt and uncle, June and Bud Swisher; daughter-in-law, Sandra Hertzberg; brother-in-law, Rolland Strehlow.

A visitation will be held at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 East Main Street, Winneconne, WI on Sunday, April 6, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. service at 3:00 p.m. A celebration of life will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Larsen-Winchester Lions Club.

If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

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## Obituaries

### Darwin Weidner

Darwin R. Weidner, age 72 of Oshkosh, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025, of Alzheimer's Disease at Eden Vista Memory Care in Fond du Lac, WI in the care of Preceptor Hospice.



He was born in Oshkosh, WI on January 22, 1953 to Eddie and Ruth (Colka) Weidner. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1971. He married Julie Salzsieder on October 11, 1975, at First Presbyterian Church in Oshkosh, WI and they shared 52 years together. Till death do us part came too soon.

Health problems plagued him his whole life. At age 10 he was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. After being on dialysis for 1 1/2 years he received the gift of a kidney/pancreas transplant on September 1, 2004, which lasted for more than 20 years. On December 1, 2009, he was hit by a full size van while riding his bicycle and had to have a below the knee amputation when the bone wouldn't heal. He had a pacemaker, lost toes to bone infections, was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, and had very poor vision. Alzheimer's combined with hallucinations due to his poor eyesight finally took its toll on his body.

Darwin was a hard worker all his life beginning at a young age when he would mow, rake, and shovel snow for others which continued into his adult life. He would stop and help people with flat tires, never accepting any payment.

He loved cutting down trees, gardening, blowing snow, volunteering at The Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee, WI where he got to meet Ernest Borgnine, going to Cabbage Patch Kids Conventions in Cleveland, GA with his wife where they met Xavier Roberts, and traveling on many fun vacations in his pickup truck. He loved bicycling and went for long rides on the WIOWASH trail ending up miles from home before he realized that he had better turn around and head back before

it got dark. He loved bargain hunting with his wife at rummage sales, flea markets and thrift stores. He loved Miniature Schnauzers & his Black Lab, who were loyal companions to him and brought him comfort and companionship throughout his life.

He worked at Paine Lumber Company, First Wisconsin Bank as a janitor and Morgan Door/Jeld Wen.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Weidner; his sisters, Darlene Molski, Gloria Wendt, Mary Lou Weidner, and Diane Volp; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his brothers-in-law, Byron (Dorothy) Salzsieder, Mark (Kristen) Salzsieder, and Scott (Sue) Salzsieder. Last, but not least, his best pal and lapdog, Teddy, who kept him company through his battles with Alzheimer's.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Edward and Douglas (Barbara) Weidner; brothers-in-law, Mike Molski and Mark Wendt; nephews, Eric Volp and Ryan Weidner; aunts, uncles, cousins, and his in-laws, Herbert and Janet Salzsieder. He was also predeceased by his beloved fur babies: Charcoal, Shadow, Lady, Pepper, and Fritz.

A special thank you to his sisters, Darlene and Gloria who made sure that he ate and laughed while his wife Julie was laid up in the hospital/rehab with a broken femur. Thank you also to all of the nurses, CNAs and other staff at Aurora & Park View that said a prayer for Darwin.

As per his wishes, Darwin was cremated. A private burial will take place at a later date in Lake View Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Oshkosh Area Humane Society or an Alzheimer's charity of your choice. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him, and he will forever be missed.

Darwin, although my heart is broken, I know you are in a better place. Rest in peace and I will always love you. ~Your wife, Julie.

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### Bradley Emerson Wahlberg

Bradley Emerson Wahlberg, age 69 passed away peacefully on March 26 2025 surrounded by loved ones after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on April 5, 1955 in Sacramento CA to parents Charles & Judith (Sass) Wahlberg.



Brad graduated from Oshkosh High School. After graduating Brad joined the United States Air Force where he was a member for 4 years. Brad started working at Bemis (Amarco) in 1982 where he worked until his retirement in April 2016.

Brad met the love of his life Theresa and they united in marriage in September 2010. Together they bought a small farm outside of Omro so his wife could continue her passion with horses. They purchased land and built a cabin together where they would spend time with their dogs and horses and a place for the family to go. Brad enjoyed pheasant hunting, he also enjoyed grouse and woodcock hunting with his dogs and hunting partners for 30 years (Mark, Ted, Mike and Jack) and looked forward to the yearly October hunt with his family and friends. Brad and Theresa also enjoyed time fishing on Lake Winnebago where Theresa would often out fish him. Brad spent his retirement years walking the marsh with his dogs,

most recent with his dogs Tina and Tilly who were his girls. Brad was a funny and loving husband, step father, brother, uncle and step grandpa to his family. There was never a question about his love for us.

Survivors include his wife Theresa Wahlberg of Omro, Step Children Michael (Jaime) Nelson of Berlin, Glen Nelson (special friend Alesha Neitzke) of Oshkosh, Tera Nelson (special friend Tim Lang) of Winneconne. Siblings Mark (Denise) Wahlberg, Gail (David) Wright, Kirsten (Ron) Hebert, Teresa Wahlberg, Karin (Michael) Boone and Michael Wahlberg all of Oshkosh.

He is further survived by his 6 step grandchildren Josslyn & Hailey Nelson, Rylee, Sydnee & Kinslee Nelson and MaKenzi Zweiger. Along with nephews nieces, great nephews and great nieces.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Judith, grandparents Carl & Mildred Wahlberg and Harry & Evelyn Sass, and step grandchild Landon Nelson.

Funeral services will be held on April 7 2025. Visitation from 11am-1pm with service to follow at Fiss & Bills Poklasny Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh.

Brad's family would like to thank Hospice at Theda Clark Regional Medical Center in Appleton for the care and compassion they gave us all.

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### Eleanora Rose Angle

Eleanora (Ellie) Rose Angle, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2025, at the age of 90 at Evergreen Retirement Community. Born on January 13, 1935, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Ellie was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Mary (Berger) Hannes. She married the love of her life, Kenneth L. Angle Sr., on October 8, 1955, at Sacred Heart Church in Oshkosh, and they shared a beautiful life together until his passing on June 13, 2023.

Ellie dedicated 27 years of her career to Ambassador Travel, where her exceptional communication skills and vibrant personality shone as a Group Coordinator and Travel Guide. She had the privilege of exploring the world, leading groups by motor coach, ship, and air, and sharing her passion for travel with others. An active member of her community, Ellie was involved with Ducks Unlimited Distaff and the Women's Division of the Oshkosh Area.

Her memory will live on through her loving family: daughters Greta Angle (Ben Elandt), Mary Charles, and Lisa Eifolla (Jeff); son Kenneth Angle Jr. (Lindabeth); nine grandchildren—Nicole, Wendy, and Brandi Wirth, Loyde Charles (special friend Mindy), Darrin



Charles (CA), Dexter Charles, Ryan Gabriel, Levi Eifolla (Mara), and Ken Angle III (Molly); eight great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters, Katie Manthei (Andy) of Minnesota and Chris Feder; and five step-great-grandchildren. Ellie was predeceased by her parents, her sister Marian Schuettpelz, her brother Lawrence Hannes, and her grandson Ryan's late wife, Breckan.

Known for her warmth and kindness, Ellie had a gift for making everyone feel special. When asked about her favorite travel destinations, she'd light up and say, "Hawaii and Las Vegas!" She once shared her hope: "I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one and leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done."

Following her wishes, Ellie has been cremated. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (St. Jude the Apostle Parish), located at 6th and Knapp Streets in Oshkosh, followed by a Mass with the Rev. Louis Golamari officiating. Inurnment will take place immediately afterward at Sacred Heart Cemetery. The family will direct a memorial donation in lieu of flowers.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Evergreen Retirement Community for their compassionate care and support during Ellie's time there and also to the staff of Generations Hospice.

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### Stephen Robert Lenz

Stephen Robert Lenz, age 78, of Oshkosh, WI, died on Friday, March 21, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center, after a brief battle with cancer.



He was born on December 11, 1946 to the late Norman and Margaret (Pamplin) Lenz, in Oshkosh, WI. At 10 years old his first job was working at Miles Florists where he obtained his lifelong love of gardening alongside his Grandpa Robert who was the owner and horticulturist. The greenhouse was known for acquiring,

growing and selling many new varieties including beautiful poinsettia and other strains of interesting plants and vegetables from German born, Albert Ecke. Miles Florists garden area is now the site of Steven's Park, Oshkosh.

During and after that time of growing up, he attended UW and in 1974 he received a Bachelors of Science degree in English Literature as his major and one in sociology as his minor. While at UW he helped establish the Oshkosh Student Association Concert Committee helping to make the University a destination for many major acts throughout the years! Big names such as Bob Hope, Johnny Cash, Don McLean, Kenny Loggins, Jim Messina and dozens more!!!

In the 1980's he owned and operated Festival Stained Glass Studio in Oshkosh for 10 years and was co-chair of Oshkosh



Sawdust Days, a free family fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. He was influential with the addition of 2 very unique areas/stages, Sabor A Mexico and Ragin' Cajun of Louisiana. His mentor of a lifetime, Jerry Murphy of Spectacular Attractions, Tulsa Oklahoma gave him the opportunity to play a key role in his many operations of fairs and festivals from 1991 until the 2000's. He was his liaison for OCESA, the Disney of Mexico and La Feria, the State Fair at Roberto Clementa Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jerry Murphy changed and shaped his entire and gave him the chance of a lifetime to have the skills and abilities to work many other major festivals and state fairs in the U.S and South America!

Which leads to a special mention that needs to be made to the Dan Liebhauser Family for 30 years of wonderful travel and show production in the Upper Midwest. A special thanks to musicians, actors, managers, producers, stage hands, agents and others for all of the years beginning at the young age of 16 of working with him side by side.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Robert and Florence Pamplin. He is survived by his sister, Connie Hanson of Wauwatosa; brother, Mike (Donna) Lenz of Oshkosh; the love of his life for 50 years, Kathy Gore; the 2<sup>nd</sup> love of his life, his beautiful American Cocker Spaniel Sophie; and Linda Kehl of Neenah, who was like a sister to him. Along with many close friends.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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### Barbara Ann Perez

Barbara Ann Perez (Sabott) passed away unexpectedly Monday March 24th at the age of 83. Barbara was born on January 31, 1942 in Oshkosh, WI, to Edward and Ann (Raab) Sabott. She graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1960.



Barbara had two children, Mike (Laura) Senderhauf and Ann (Ken) Levine from her previous marriage. She later married Carlos Perez in 1978. She worked in administration throughout her adult life working for the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, and then in the University of Wisconsin System for UW-Oshkosh, and then for UW-Parkside while living in Racine.

Soon after retiring, she and her husband Carlos moved back to the Fox Valley area to be closer to family. Barbara was an avid racquetball player and enjoyed swimming. She was an amazingly talented person who became a very accomplished self-taught carpenter, seamstress, and painter. She built decks and furniture for herself and family members. Barbara's beautiful paintings adorn the walls at her house and

### Carlos Miguel Perez

Carlos Miguel Perez passed away unexpectedly Monday March 24th at the age of



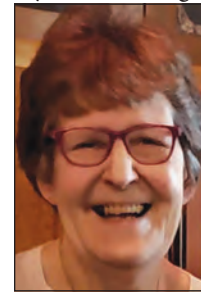
69. Carlos was born on April 2, 1955 in Mexico City to Mario and Kathryn Perez. Carlos and his family moved numerous times following his father's job with Kimberly-Clark to Neenah, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, back to Puerto Rico, and finally back to Neenah. Carlos graduated from Robinson High School in San Juan in 1973 and graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in Business in 1977.

Carlos married Barbara Sabott, his wife of 47 years, in 1978. He was soon working for J.I. Case in Racine as a purchasing agent and later moved back to the Fox Valley area to be closer to family and worked for Network Health as a Business Analyst until his retirement.

In his free time, Carlos was an avid golfer and racquetball player. He enjoyed going for walks with his wife, Barbara, and rooting for the Green Bay Packers. Carlos also loved computers, gadgetry, and

### Carolyn Horton

We are announcing the passing of Carolyn Horton, age 70. She passed away on (Monday March 24, 2025, at Eden Meadows. She was born to the late Robert J. and Grace L. Dettlaff on February 12, 1955. Carolyn was united in marriage to Alan D. Horton on November 16, 1974, they divorced on March 8, 2018.



Carolyn graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1973. After high school she was employed at Oshkosh Savings & Loan, starting as a teller then Head Teller and then as Bookkeeping clerk until the birth of their son Mark A. in March of 1980.

She worked at Miles Kimball until her daughter Katie M. was born in May of 1983 and then seasonally a few years later. She volunteered as a Sunday School

those of family members. She especially liked painting flowers.

Barbara was also an amazing cook who took great pride in planning and making spectacular meals for family gatherings. Her husband, Carlos, especially liked being the official taster of the test runs held days before. Her meticulous planning and preparation was one of her ways of showing how deeply she cared about her family.

Pre-deceased by parents Edward and Ann Sabott. Survived by son Michael (Laura) Senderhauf, daughter Ann (Ken) Levine, grandchildren Andrew (Shelby) Senderhauf, Megan (fiance' Jake Buchner), and Alyssa (Ciarra) Zemke, brother Tom (Lynette) Sabott, sister Mary Frey (partner Peter Schroeder), nephews David Wissink, Bryan (Heather) Rynearson, and nieces Angela (Steve) Cape, Kate Sabott (husband Stephen McCullough) and Leslie Haas.

Memorial services for Barbara will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11am in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 9 am until the time of service.

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movies. He was an amazingly organized person with a meticulous attention to detail. He was kind and generous and loved to use his skills to help friends and family members. He loved researching home improvement ideas and using his skills to help others with home projects and computer issues. His organizational skills even led him to become the treasurer of his homeowners association. He always seemed happiest when he was helping someone with something.

Pre-deceased by parents Mario and Kathryn Perez and brother Mario Perez. Survived by step-children Michael (Laura) Senderhauf and Ann (Ken) Levine, grandchildren Andrew (Shelby) Senderhauf, Megan (fiance' Jake Buchner), and Alyssa (Ciarra) Zemke, sisters Victoria Perez, and Monica Perez.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11 am in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 9 am until the time of service.

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teacher for 15 years, secretary-treasurer of many bowling leagues, at Simeanna where she lived as a senior, she was part of the Sunshine committee, handed out quarters at Bingo, and sold ice cream for a fund raiser. Carolyn has made such an impact on many lives.

She bowled, did genealogy research, crocheted, she loved diamond art and crafts of all kinds. She thought her grandchildren; Jacob and Finn were her greatest enjoyment.

She is survived by brothers, Wayne, Russell (Karen), Greg and Brian; sisters Ruth Ann and Lorraine. In addition to her parents, Carolyn was preceded in death by brother Bruce; sisters-in-law, Cindy and Tracey.

A memorial service was held for Carolyn on Friday March 28, 2025, at Living Water Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

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# Obituaries

## Marian E. Stone

Marian Elizabeth (Wearing) Stone; age 98 years, passed away on March 23, 2025, at Evergreen Manor in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was born in Dodgeville, Wisconsin on June 7, 1926, to parents Garnet and Ann (Gardner) Wearing.



Marian played clarinet in her high school band and played the pipe organ at the Methodist Church. She graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1944 and became a registered nurse in 1947 after three years of study at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Madison. During nursing school Marian was a member of the U.S. Army Cadet

Nurse Corps. She worked as an RN for a number of years in Madison and in Cleveland.

Marian married the love of her life, Dr. Leslie Harris Stone, on August 7, 1948, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mineral Point. Their marriage was officiated by the Rev. Edward P. Stone, pastor of the parish and father of Leslie Stone. Together Les and Marian raised three children.

While living in Oshkosh, Marian served as a docent at the Paine Art Center, was a member of PEO and a member/past-president of the Winnebago County Medical Society Women's Auxiliary. Marian tended to her rose garden and helped Les with the vegetable garden.

Marian is survived by her children: John (Meg Shannon) Stone of Elm Grove, WI,

Marcia (Wes Janz) Stone of Indianapolis, IN, and Thomas (Jennifer Dowd) Stone of Shreveport, LA; four grandchildren: William (Kelly Schmidt) Stone of Brookfield, WI, Robert (Caroline Merz) Stone of Denver, CO, Timothy (Yoru Lin) Stone of Paris, France, and Elizabeth (Mike Peterson) Stone of Elm Grove, WI; and eight great-grandchildren: Madeline, Cecilia, Samuel, Clark, Katherine, David, Abigail, and Sloane; sister-in-law Marjorie (Lutz) Stone of Oregon, WI; as well as many other friends and relatives.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Leslie Stone; parents, Garnet and Ann (Gardner) Wearing; sisters-in-law, Joyce (Stone) Garner Wilson and Arelene (Kliebenstein) Stone; brothers-in-law, Harlan Stone, Paul Stone, Edward Stone and Donald Stone.

Per her wishes, a private graveside gathering for her immediate family will be held at a later date. Her final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery, next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the Evergreen Foundation, the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, or to a charity of your choice in her honor.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Evergreen in Oshkosh for such wonderful care during her time there, and a special thank you to Pauline Braun of Evergreen Outreach, who provided exemplary care and kindness to Marian for a number of years.



## Patsy H. Malone

Patsy H. Malone, age 84, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 with friends and family by her side at Ascension Mercy Hospital after a short illness.



Patsy was born on September 12, 1940 in Rhinelander, WI, daughter of Gordon and Lenore (Wing)

Malone. She grew up in Joliet, IL and Oshkosh, WI. She graduated from 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Academy in Green Lake, WI. Patsy worked as a photo finisher for Thompson's Studios. Later in life in Patsy was a loving in home caregiver for her parents.

She was an enthusiastic fan of her beloved Cubbies. She enjoyed watching golf and tennis in her free time. She adored watching Jeopardy with Alex Trebek. She loved cherry tomatoes, klondike bars, dil-

ly bars, and everything lemon. She was incredibly faithful and dedicated to her church. She joyfully spread cheer and positivity to anyone in her church family who was going through a hard time. Patsy was a nurturer. She loved and cared for everyone. Above all else, she loved her Lord Jesus.

Patsy is survived by various extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Paula J. Frieberg; brother-in-law, Gary R. Frieberg; and various family and many friends.

Per her wishes, a graveside service for Patsy will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 11:00am at Ellenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Patsy's name is being established.

Patsy's family would like to extend a special thank you to her caregivers Sharon and Raven.



## Alan P. Fisher

Alan Patrick Fisher, age 63, of Brownsville, Texas and Florence, Wisconsin, passed away on February 23, 2025.



Alan was born in Bitburg, Germany, on March 17, 1961, to Stanley and Betty Fisher, who both preceded him in death. Raised in Wisconsin, Alan joined

the U.S. Air Force out of high school and served in Alaska, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey of service and dedication. After his time in the Air Force, Alan became an entrepreneur, successfully owning and operating a plastering business, a bar and restaurant, and home rental properties.

Alan was a passionate traveler and an avid fan of sports and games. He loved playing pickleball, tennis, ping-pong, and especially enjoyed the game of cribbage. Those who knew him will remember his

generous spirit; Alan was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joanne Evans, and his siblings, Greg Fisher, Teresa Schilling, Debora Fisher, Angela Hill, and Annette Conley.

Alan's life will be celebrated with a graveside ceremony at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Brownsville, where he will be cremated and laid to rest. The ceremony will take place on March 20, 2025 at 10:30am. A second memorial service will be held in Wisconsin in April for friends and family to gather and honor his life.

The Celebration of Life for Alan Fisher will be held at the Butte des Morts Supper Club, 1 pm to 5 pm, April 6, 2025 with a Cribbage Tournament to follow. This is in his honor, he loved this game so much. Those that would like to be a part of the tournament can call his sister, Angie Hill at 920-203-0170 to sign up.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

## Terrence L. Schmitz

Terrence "Terry" L. Schmitz, age 74, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday morning March 22, 2025 at home with his family by his side. Terry was born in Fond du Lac on January 12, 1951 the son of Pirmin and Cyrilla (Kohlmann) Schmitz. On October 5, 1979 Terry married Terri Ratchman.



Terry enjoyed spending time with his family and making family memories. He was a proud to be a part of the Kwik Trip family for 33 years.

Terry is survived by his wife, Terri of Oshkosh. Two daughters, Kristy (Craig) Pollack of Oshkosh and Jamie (Andy Ujzdowski) Schmitz of Weyauwega.

Four grandchildren, Kaylee (Oskar Petzold) Harris, Madelyn Jahntz, Caleb Pollack and Addison Pollack. Siblings, Lynn Bloechl, Dale (Darla) Schmitz, Jeff (Janet) Schmitz, Kevin (Sandi) Schmitz, Rick Schmitz and Pam Schmitz. In-laws, Mark (Debbie) Ratchman, Kim (Luke) Mittelstaedt, Karen (Scott) Stadler, and Shelly (Mark) Horel. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Shawn Schmitz and his in-laws, Bob and Joyce Ratchman.

Private family services will be held. In Lieu of flowers the family wishes for everyone to make the most of their time with loved ones by creating special memories.



outdoors staying active by golfing, hunting and fishing, and his favorite canine companions were Labrador Retrievers.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce; sister, Lori (Christopher) Boddie; nephews, Kristopher and Samuel; niece, Alyvia; and several cousins. Lance was preceded in death by his father, David.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Barbola Funeral Chapel in Berlin at a later date. Inurnment will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Anyone wishing to send a sympathy card to the family, please mail to Lance Voeltner, c/o Barbola Funeral Chapel, PO Box 201, Berlin, WI 54923. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [barbolafc@yahoo.com](mailto:barbolafc@yahoo.com).



## Wayne G. Michur

Wayne G. Michur, age 68, of rural Berlin, passed away at ThedaCare Medical Center in Neenah.



He was born December 19, 1956 in Stanley, Wisconsin the son of Adam and Eleanor (Valk) Michur. He married Patty Sweet on October 15, 2016 in Oshkosh.

Wayne was a hard-working man that always supplied for his family. He was an over-the-road truck driver for many years. He enjoyed his time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Patty L. Michur, Berlin; his daughters, Dawn (fian-

ce Rocky) Oppermann, Oshkosh, Suzann (Rusty) Slattery, Pickett, Kelly Ann (Jay) Gabryshak, Oshkosh, Robyn (Kevin) Konrad, Oshkosh; grandchildren, Maverick, Callaway, Fred, Vincent, Rose and Leon; siblings, Diana (Pat) Albrecht, Cindy (Marvin) Mengel, Michael Michur; further survived by special niece, nephew, Marissa McCallum and Chris Johnson; further survived by other relatives and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Dan Michur and brother-in-law, James Sweet.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date. Stahl Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements, [www.stahlfuneralhome.com](http://www.stahlfuneralhome.com).

## Lance August Voeltner

Lance August Voeltner, age 63, of Oshkosh, died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Aurora Medical Center-Oshkosh.



He was born August 4, 1961, in Berlin, WI, the son of David and Joyce Michels Voeltner. Lance was a 1980 graduate of Oshkosh West High

School. He attended Capital University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Franklin University in Columbus, OH.

Lance worked for 25+ years as a manager for Kroger Co. in OH. Lance loved his family very much. He enjoyed spending time

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