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Honoring veterans

Duane Canon (left) and Jeff Odell place flags at Private Henry Scovil's grave as Oshkosh veteran organizations join together each May to honor their departed veteran brothers for their service. The groups want veterans' families to know that their loved one's service to the country hasn't been forgotten. Over 3,600 flags will be placed at four Oshkosh Cemeteries by the AMVETS Auxiliary. Other veteran organizations will be placing flags at additional cemeteries.

Address cites city's forward movement

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh City Manager Rebecca Grill said in the state of the city address that Oshkosh continues to be a great place to live, work, play and learn.

"I'm new to Oshkosh, but I can already see that Oshkosh is a city with people who care about their community, who care about their neighbors and who are enjoying a community with economic growth and a rich history," Grill said during the presentation released May 14. "Oshkosh has a solid foundation in which to build for a successful future."

She said the city's success can be linked to the strategic plan. The plan operates like a wheel with the center being effectiveness of government and the spokes on the wheel made up of services the city provides – public safety and health, quality of life assets, infrastructure, economic development and strengthening neighborhoods.

One major focus in Oshkosh is increasing the housing stock across the city. Officials hope the housing stock will be boosted by a number of housing developments currently in the works, including the Mill



Grill

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Student highlights bullying events at Vel Phillips

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A former Vel Phillips Middle School student spoke to the Oshkosh Area School District school board to spotlight allegations of bullying going on inside the school.

Lincoln Luedtke told the Board of Education that he and others were the victims of bullying inside Vel Phillips – some on a daily basis.

Lincoln and his mother, Laurel Luedtke, both talked during the May 14 board meeting about the issues they have with how bullying happens and how it can be prevented. The survey the Luedtkes sent out to families received 47 responses from people who experienced bullying, were the victim of bullying or who had children that have been bullied in the school district.

Lincoln Luedtke shared the allegations

of bullying, saying one student reported they were bullied and the school did nothing. It got to the point where this student attempted suicide.

One parent responded to the survey that their elementary and middle school students were seeking mental health help "due to the awful situations happening inside the school."

Another student said in the survey they experience bullying and racism at Vel Phillips daily. Lincoln Luedtke read these responses to the school board of other students and families but also discussed his own experience with bullying.

"I myself was a victim in several instances when I was attacked, jumped – however you want to say it – called names and

SEE **School bullying** ON PAGE 10



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Vel Phillips Middle School has been the topic of recent concern for many residents in the community. A student last week brought examples to the school board of bullying that goes on inside the school and in the halls of one of the Oshkosh Area School District's newest schools.

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Pollock Water Park set for June opening

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The Pollock Community Water Park will open for the season on June 7. Those who act now and buy a season pass will be able to attend the soft opening one day earlier. Anyone buying a season pass before June 7 can save between \$5 and \$20. Season passes are available for kids, adults, seniors and families. They range from \$65 to \$135 if purchased before June 7, with prices slightly higher for people who don't live in Oshkosh.

Daily passes are also available. Admission for kids is \$5, adults are \$6 and seniors are \$4. The water park, located at 1550 Taft Ave., will open during the summer at 11 a.m. with lap swimming, lazy river walking and tot time for children five or under with an adult. Then open swim is from noon to 7 p.m. with lap swimming and lazy river walking again at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. close. The park will host a number of special events this year similar to past years, such

as Military Mondays, Annual Ducky Days and Christmas in July. Last year, the water park had 33,923 visitors over the summer and the city sold 292 season passes, said Jen McColian, the revenue facilities manager with the Parks department. Pollock Community Water Park will close for the season on Aug. 17. More information can be found at oshkoshwi.gov/ParksPollockCommunityWaterPark.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

May 14, 1929
Big Drug Store Syndicate to Operate Here: Negotiations were completed yesterday whereby the Walgreen company of Chicago will take over the lease and stock of L.A. Bauman local druggist. Bauman confirmed today that the Walgreen company has purchased his stock and equipment in the building, located at the corner of Main St. and Algoma Blvd. The Walgreen company has stores in Milwaukee and the Oshkosh location will be their first presence in the Fox River Valley. The agreement also includes the adjacent business of the Harold Bootery, once their lease expired. Mr. Bauman is one of the pioneer merchants in the downtown area and has been doing business in this location for 43 years. Mr.



Photo from Kay Pertzborn

Oshkosh got one of its first chains when Walgreens arrived in the city, opening its first store on the corner of Main St. and Algoma Blvd.

Baumann began his apprenticeship in Racine in 1881 and came to Oshkosh a few years later, entering the employ of his uncle George Baumann who occupied the same site as the present

Bauman Drug Store, becoming partners there three years later.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, May 14, 1929

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CARRnival for KIDS at Father Carr’s back for third year

Oshkosh Herald

An event that Jim Boehm said has been embraced by the community is being planned to be even bigger than before.

Boehm, the executive director of Father Carr’s Place 2B, said the CARRnival for KIDS is returning for its third year. This year’s carnival will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 31 at Father Carr’s, 1062 N. Koeller St.

The free carnival is for everyone in the community, Boehm said, with local service clubs, resource agencies and youth organizations participating. He said the attractions include carnival rides, inflatable obstacle course, climbing wall, bouncy castle, multiple kids games and challenges, sidewalk art, face painting and more.

The Oshkosh Police Department, Oshkosh Fire Department and U.S. Army National Guard will be present performing community outreach.

“This year we invited multiple local resource agencies and service clubs to take part and share their mission to the carnival patrons,” Boehm said. “CARRnival for KIDS will not only be a blast; it will be

informational. A true community event.”

Boehm said this year’s event sponsors are Anthem and Care Partners. There are over 20 other sponsors who help provide for the rides, food and other activities. It takes over 200 volunteers to operate the carnival, he said.

The idea for a new event came after Boehm said Father Carr’s Annual Bridge Walk drew limited crowds.

“We didn’t want to do a fundraiser,” Boehm said. “We wanted an event that would draw all families. Father Carr’s Place 2B has never charged for any of the events or services it provides to the community.”

Boehm said they identify as a life enrichment center.

“Our ministry is here to serve all those who currently need something in their life,” Boehm said. “The community needs good family fun. The carnival idea was brought up, and our planning team ran with it.”

In 2023, Boehm said they were hoping for 500 attendees but instead had close to 2,000. Last year’s event was limited due to rainy weather.



Photo from Jim Boehm

The CARRnival for KIDS is returning for its third year May 31 at Father Carr’s Place 2B.

Memorial Day ceremonies set in city

Oshkosh Herald

Memorial Day events set for Monday are being organized by the Oshkosh Patriotic Council.

The day begins at 7 a.m. at the South Park Memorial with the Reading of the Names, coordinated by Disabled American Veterans Post 17, where area service members who were killed in action while serving the nation are recognized.

A waterfront ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. by AMVETS Post 7 Auxiliary along the Fox River near the Oshkosh Convention Center. This ceremony will

include the laying of a wreath in the water by members of Oshkosh veterans service organizations and commemorates those who lost their lives at sea.

Veterans service organizations, scouting units, military vehicles and law enforcement will line up for the annual procession. The units begin at Jackson Street and go down Algoma Boulevard to Riverside Cemetery for the primary Memorial Day Service.

In addition, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 70 will host a Memorial Day Brat Fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American Legion Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

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A photograph of a woman with long brown hair smiling warmly at a baby. The baby is wearing a brown jacket and a black baseball cap with "ARMY" and "VIETNAM VETERAN" embroidered on it. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting.

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MAY 26



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Derby Day-themed event raises funds for students

Oshkosh Herald

A Kentucky Derby-inspired event earlier this month raised \$131,500 for the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) Education Foundation.

Funds from the third annual gala held at The Waters are used for adapted sports, athletics and competitive co-curriculars. More than 110 community members attended the event.

“This gala represents the heart of Oshkosh - a community that believes every student deserves the chance to discover their strengths in and beyond academics,” said Theresa Duren, director of the OASD Education Foundation. “When we invest in student activities and experiences, we are not just funding programs, we are creating pathways for confidence, teamwork and lifelong success that transform students’ lives.”

The evening featured testimonials from OASD alumni and educators who shared personal stories about the transformative impact of school-based sports and activities:

Frank Seckar, an OASD alumnus and



Photos from Oshkosh Area School District

The OASD Education Foundation Gala raised over \$130,000 for adapted sports, athletics and co-curriculars.

former athlete, opened the evening by highlighting how Oshkosh athletics laid the foundation for his leadership journey.

Morgan Meier, an OASD alumna and competitor, reminded attendees that confidence and resilience often start on the field, court or stage.

Dan Weisse, current boys’ basketball coach at Oshkosh West High School, shared his full-circle journey from OASD student-athlete to mentor and role model



for today’s youth.

The night also featured raffle prizes, including a signed Tyrese Haliburton jersey, a Door County getaway, and a Kentucky Derby-themed bourbon basket — all donated by community members and supporters.

The OASD Education Foundation’s

fundraising gala aims to support Oshkosh public schools, with proceeds benefiting a specific need or area each year. The inaugural gala in 2023 benefited the visual and performing arts in the OASD, and the 2024 gala benefited the district’s career and technical education (CTE) program.

Leeco Steel set to expand operations, facilities in Oshkosh

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Almost 20 years after building a facility in Oshkosh, Leeco Steel is set to expand its operations in the city.

The company built a 75,000 square-foot facility in 2006 in the southwest industrial park on Atlas Avenue.

“It was great; everything went fabulous,” Chad Schuh said.

Schuh is the project manager for Leeco

and had nothing but positive things to say about the process of building that facility 19 years ago.

Leeco’s president and CEO Denton Nordhues said the new two-phase project will expand the facility and rail line. The first phase will expand the rail line to the east of Leeco’s property at 2900 Atlas Ave. and will expand the facility to the west of the property.

Phase two will then expand the facility



Oshkosh Herald

Leeco Steel’s distribution center is located at 2900 Atlas Ave. in the Oshkosh Southwest Industrial Park. The company recently agreed to pay the city just under a quarter of a million dollars for 9.6 acres of vacant land.

to the west, he said.

The Oshkosh Common Council voted unanimously at its May 13 meeting to approve selling 9.6 acres of the vacant land in the city’s southwest industrial park to Leeco Steel for \$249,776.

“It’s always good when existing businesses in the community want to stay, want to expand, want to grow. We’re excited and absolutely supportive of the efforts

and excited to see what the next project will do for you guys and keep you here in Oshkosh,” Mayor Matt Mugerauer said during the meeting.

The Leeco facility in Oshkosh was the first site the company built and now has ten facilities across North America.

Leeco is a steel distribution business that employs about 32 people at its current facility. Council member Karl Buelow asked how many additional jobs the expansion will bring for the company.

Nordhues expects about 24 high-paying jobs to be added when the first phase of the project is completed next year. He said a “considerable amount more” high paying jobs will be added when phase two is completed.

“This has been a great relationship in Oshkosh the last 20 years,” Nordhues said. “We’re looking forward to expanding and continue to grow in the Oshkosh community. We’ve enjoyed every single aspect of the people here; the environment has made this a wonderful experience in Oshkosh.”



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Colorado man avoids jury trial in human trafficking case

Oshkosh Herald

A Colorado man arrested in Oshkosh in January for human trafficking will not be going to trial after reaching a plea deal with prosecutors for charges in Wisconsin.

Romon A. Mitchell, 33, avoided a two-day jury trial by accepting the plea deal. Mitchell was facing one count of human trafficking, two counts of possession of a firearm by an out of state felon, keeping a place of prostitution, three separate drug charges and misdemeanor resisting an officer.

Mitchell has remained in custody at the Winnebago County Jail since his arrest in January on a \$400,000 cash bond.

The plea deal will dismiss the most serious charge – human trafficking – along with one of the firearm charges and keeping a place of prostitution.

Mitchell plead no contest in court last week to possession of a firearm by an out of state felon, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of methamphetamine. The

drug-related charges are amended lesser charges than what Mitchell initially faced.

Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 4 Judge Michael Gibbs found Mitchell guilty of the charges. The remaining counts of resisting an officer and possession of cocaine were dismissed but read into the court record for sentencing purposes.

Mitchell faces up to eight years in prison and up to nine years of extended supervision.

Mitchell’s attorney, Russell Cunningham, informed Gibbs of the deal in court on May 12. A jury trial was on the calendar to start this week after Mitchell requested a speedy trial in the case.

According to the criminal complaint, an Oshkosh police officer saw a prostitution ad on megapersonals.com with naked pictures of a woman and included the ser-



Mitchell

vices offered in Oshkosh.

The officer set up a meeting for Jan. 10 for various services for \$200. The officer met the female at a hotel on South Washburn Street after giving the officer information on the hotel she was staying at and the room number.

After arriving, the officer saw Mitchell exit the room. The victim told the undercover officer Mitchell was her “weed man.”

The victim told the officer it was her first time in Wisconsin and was from Oklahoma but living in Colorado. The officer put the \$200 on a table and shortly after opened the hotel room door to allow other officers into the room. At this point, the victim said she was just there to give a massage.

Three officers contacted Mitchell outside the hotel. During the interaction Mitchell allegedly confessed to using a lot of cocaine and was being resistant while refusing to identify himself.

Mitchell had a handgun in his pocket that was reported stolen in Colorado. A second pistol was found inside a backpack in the hotel room.

Back at the police station the victim

said Mitchell had been her pimp for about three months. She estimated she did about 25 prostitution dates a week and that all the money went to Mitchell.

The victim told police she was worried if she tried to leave, Mitchell would kill her. She said Mitchell wanted her to earn \$10,000 as a prostitute before she was allowed to leave.

She told police she had arrived in Oshkosh with Mitchell on a bus from Denver.

Mitchell does not have a criminal record in Wisconsin but has faced serious charges in other states, including Colorado and Texas.

Police records show Mitchell was out on parole in Colorado, where he had faced charges of first-degree kidnapping and multiple other felony convictions, including possession with intent to deliver dangerous drugs.

The Dallas News reported in 2016 that Mitchell was found not guilty of capital murder linked to a 2014 incident which involved the death of a woman during a drug-related robbery at a Dallas hotel.

Mitchell’s case in Oshkosh is set for a sentencing hearing in front of Gibbs on July 14.

Winnebago County ranks among most deer-related crashes in the state

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County was among the top 10 Wisconsin counties for crashes involving deer in 2024, according to the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Last year, 532 deer-related crashes were reported in the county.

The State Patrol said there were more than 17,000 crashes involving deer in the state last year. It added preliminary data showing nine people were killed and 708

were injured in those incidents.

The most crashes involving deer reported in 2024 was in Waukesha County with 937 such incidents.

The State Patrol reminds drivers to keep an eye out for deer on roadways this spring to avoid potentially dangerous crashes. It said deer crash numbers typically increase in May and June in Wisconsin when does look for places to give birth and young deer separate from their mothers.

Oshkosh man sentenced for selling drugs

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man has been sentenced after being allowed to find a place for his mother to live. During that time, he was arrested in Racine County and brought back to Winnebago County to be sentenced.

Virgil Gipson, 45, fled the city after pleading guilty to the manufacture of and delivering cocaine and felony bail jumping. Six other drug and bail jumping related felony counts were dismissed and read in for sentencing purposes.

In April, Gipson was sentenced to 18 months in state prison followed by 18 months of extended supervision.

Gipson was one of several people living at 1402 Walnut St. last year. Police identified it as a known narcotics home after The Herald ran multiple stories on the drug arrests there.

The home was later foreclosed and sold to a new owner. Several people associated with the house have been charged and sentenced with links to the Walnut Street home.

Gipson was one of the most recent arrests and had the most serious charges filed against him. Court documents state he sold cocaine to a confidential informant at least twice before a search warrant was executed and he was arrested.

During a hearing in September, Gipson’s attorney, Michael Lim, argued to have sentencing in the case delayed until after the new year’s holiday. That time would allow Gipson to find a place for his mother to live.

Judge Michael Gibbs allowed the delay and set a sentencing hearing for Jan.2. However, after Gipson picked up additional charges in Racine County, Gibbs

issued an arrest warrant to bring Gipson back for his sentencing.

Gipson was arrested in early April, and a sentencing hearing was held on April 17.

During the sentencing hearing Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr said that between 2008 and 2013 Gipson had three drug-related felony convictions. He also noted that in 2024 Gipson was involved in two cocaine transactions.

In another Winnebago County case, Gipson was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

“We have drug issues and an issue with a gun. All those things together suggest that this a serious situation and that’s the reason for the prison sentence,” Sparr said.

According to the criminal complaint, police arranged for an informant to make two purchases of crack cocaine in March at the home. The first buy was for \$40 and the informant was allegedly given 0.8 grams from Gipson.

The second buy was also for \$40 with the informant receiving 0.6 grams of cocaine. A third buy was planned for early April but Gipson didn’t show up during the agreed-upon time.

A search warrant was executed April 9 at 1402 Walnut St. where Gipson was found in an upstairs bathroom. While searching a room identified as Gipson’s bedroom, police allegedly found 5.9 grams of cocaine and 0.5 grams of methamphetamine.

Gipson apologized to Gibbs and Sparr during the hearing and said he was going through a difficult year and a half when all these incidents occurred.

“I accept responsibility for the parts I played in any of these things,” Gipson said.

Virtual Dementia Tour offers sessions in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

The Virtual Dementia Tour provides caregivers and loved ones the opportunity to experience a simulated reality of what it feels like to have dementia.

This event offers free 30-minute sessions the second Tuesday of each month at Parkview Health Care Center, 725 Butler Ave., Oshkosh from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Virtual Dementia Tour is an evidence-based program that provides a greater understanding of dementia by

building awareness and empathy for individuals experiencing memory issues and for people providing care for them. The program aims to provide education and improve care through learning how to communicate and interact more effectively with people living with dementia.

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Outagamie County approves transfer of UW Fox Cities campus

Weis Museum collection headed to Appleton

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus held its final day of classes Friday, just days after Outagamie County supervisors voted to sell the property to Winnebago County for a nominal fee of \$1 and take ownership of the Weis Earth Science Museum’s collection to donate to Appleton’s History Museum at the Castle.

Though it’s the direction both counties were headed, the vote on May 13 finalized the plan that will transfer control and expenses to Winnebago County, other than the museum’s collection. Outagamie County is expected to save \$400,000-\$500,000 per year by relinquishing ownership, according to information provided at the meeting.

In addition to the Weis Museum, the 43-acre campus includes the Barlow Planetarium, Communication Arts Center, University Children’s Center and Community Gardens. The property transfer is part of a broader plan to ensure its continued use after the campus shuts down next month due to declining enrollment.

Both counties have been meeting regularly for nearly a year to discuss the next steps. The urgency behind the transfer stems from the impact on child care services, as 25 families have been notified that care will end by June 20. Transferring full control to Winnebago County is expected to simplify future planning and speed up approval of funding for ongoing operations.



The Weis Earth Science Museum and the Barlow Planetarium are situated on the UW-Fox Cities campus in Menasha. Outagamie County voted last week to transfer ownership of the campus to Winnebago County and move the museum’s collection to Appleton’s History Museum at the Castle.

The options Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson presented to supervisors at the meeting last week were to approve the sale to Winnebago or to deny it and the property would be placed for sale on the private market and the power would be cut off on January 1. He told the supervisors that if the deal fails, he will not bring forward another proposal.

The plan was developed by Nelson and Winnebago County’s previous county executive, Jon Doemel, who lost to Gordon Hintz in the spring election. Winnebago Supervisors already approved it, and Hintz said he supports the transfer.

Relocating the contents of the Weis Museum to the History Museum has sparked debate. History Museum executive director Dustin Mack said the museum’s mission is to document local history. With the inclusion of the Weis collection, he said the History Museum will add natural history.

Weis Museum curator Donald Mikulic urged supervisors to allow the collection to remain in Menasha.

“There’s just absolutely no reason to do this,” Mikulic said. “And might I point out that there are no specimens in our collection from Outagamie County at all, period. We’re a statewide museum, not a local museum. And we don’t value the collections as our primary focus; our primary focus is education.”

Though previous meetings included multiple speakers against the proposal, last week’s meeting drew more public support, with some saying they’re hopeful for the future of both the Weis Museum’s collection and the campus.

Winnebago County residents were not allowed to speak during the public forum portion of the meeting after a proposal to suspend the rules to allow out-of-county public participation failed to pass by the two-thirds majority vote required.

Stephen Weis, whose parents Leonard and Donna Weis founded the museum, became visibly emotional while expressing his support for the move.

“It’s a sad day but I think it’s for the best to move to the History Museum ...” he

said. Bruce Danz, whose fossil collection is among the museum’s contents, also spoke in favor of the plan, stating that even if the Weis collection does not go to the History Museum, his collection will.

“I’m not a commercial real estate expert but common sense tells me that that campus is going to go away in two years ... that would be the end of the Weis Museum if it remains there. But the idea that the campus will be used in its present form with the Weis, planetarium and theater intact ... is just pie in the sky wishful thinking,” he said.

Supervisor Yvonne Monfils estimated the Weis Museum’s contents are worth several million dollars in the open market and noted about 7,000 items in the 20,000-artifact collection have been cataloged.

“To move this collection, it needs to be cataloged, dismantled and carefully moved,” she said.

The History Museum has secured the estimated \$233,000 needed to relocate the collection and plans to hire two limited-term employees to facilitate the move.

Outagamie supervisors voted 26-3 to approve the plan to sell the campus to Winnebago and 28-0 to transfer the Weis Museum’s contents to the History Museum, with Monfils abstaining from the vote.

The Weis Museum’s final day open to the public is May 31. The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors is expected to consider a resolution in June to provide supplemental funding for ongoing operations of the remaining campus facilities including the Barlow Planetarium and Children’s Center.

Local conflict resolution nonprofit celebrates 35 years of service

Oshkosh Herald

In June 1990, a group of community members created a nonprofit mediation center in Oshkosh.

Now 35 years later, the Resolution Center’s staff and volunteer mediators continue to live out their vision by helping people resolve their conflicts collaboratively and peacefully.

As the executive director of this nonprofit since June 2024, Kate Zurn said, “I feel truly fortunate and humbled to be part of this long-standing service organization. Our dedicated Board of Directors, staff and volunteer mediators share this feeling. Those who came before us became pioneers of mediation in Wisconsin. They positively influenced key stakeholders, overcame barriers, weathered storms and left us this fantastic legacy to nurture and grow.”

At the Resolution Center, Zurn said their vision is two-fold as they strive to

restore peace to individuals’ lives and build a more socially sustainable community. Overall, she said they believe conflict is an essential opportunity to come together, understand one another better and collaboratively build a better future.

“Our mission is to help people resolve their disputes effectively, expeditiously, and with compassion and respect,” Zurn said. “We specifically do this by mediating court and community conflicts.”

Zurn said their staff and volunteer mediators serve as neutral third parties, who facilitate open communication and constructive negotiation in a safe, respectful environment. Mediation begins with each person sharing their perspective and concerns, which are clarified by the mediators.

Once everyone’s view is understood, Zurn said the mediators guide them through constructive, compassionate negotiation. If an agreement is created, the mediators write it in contract form, ensuring everyone understands and has a copy of the resolution’s details. She said about 70% of their mediations end with a resolution that satisfies everyone.

Over the past 35 years, Zurn said they have facilitated more than 10,000 mediations and trained over 1,000 mediators. The next mediation skills training for volunteer, professional or personal use runs from June 9–13 and Zurn said they would welcome participants of all backgrounds.

For more information about the mediation services, volunteer mediator opportunities and conflict resolution trainings, contact Support@ResolutionCenterInc.org, call 920-236-4925, or visit www.ResolutionCenterInc.org.



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Son, mom graduate from college on the same day

UW-Oshkosh Today

Saturday was a big day in the Leggett household thanks to some family tenacity and clever timing.

Jack Leggett and his mother Karla Leggett, both of Oshkosh, each earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh during 2025 Spring Commencement.

Jack received his bachelor’s degrees in Anthropology and Spanish in UWO’s morning Commencement ceremony. Karla earned her Doctor of Education–Educational Leadership and Policy in the afternoon festivities.

“As an adult learner, it took me this long to decide to do it, and it’s special that the timing lined up with my youngest from the same university,” Karla said. “It’s really exciting. I’m so delighted.”

Jack was poised to cross the graduation stage first in 2024. However, last year, “he decided he wanted to add on the forensic science piece,” Karla said. The pursuit of that extra bit of education lined mom and son up to graduate together this spring (albeit just a few hours apart).

“She has just always been very supportive of any education I wanted to pursue,” Jack said. “I got to see her as a teacher throughout most of my adolescent, developing years. Seeing her impart all this wisdom onto others was inspiring to me.”

Goals in view

Karla Leggett currently works for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as an education consultant in early literacy. She earned her master’s degree from UWO as a reading specialist. She previously served as a lecturer in UWO’s Center for Reading Engagement and Academic Development and spent her last three years pursuing the UWO Ed.D. leadership and policy with an eye on becoming an assistant professor.

She cites encouragement from UWO’s Joshua Garrison, professor and associate vice chancellor, Faculty and Academic Staff



Mother and son, Karla and Jack Leggett, in their Commencement regalia.

Affairs, and program support in customizing her educational path for getting her to her next graduation. After looking at other programs, Karla said she was proud and excited to keep her pursuit of the Ed.D. local.

Graduating with Jack was a joyful bonus. In the end, their educational timelines lined up.

“I am so excited for him, and I feel slightly bad because I don’t want to take the spotlight off him as he graduates either,” Karla said. “It just turned out the way it did.”

Jack doesn’t see any shadows at all. In fact, it is his mom’s determination that is inspiring his next step —pursuit of a graduate degree in forensic sciences at East Carolina University later this year.

“Part of it was seeing my mom be successful in what she’s done,” he said. “(My parents) always instilled in me an expectation to at least get my college degree. They never forced me to say what that might be in.... (Forensic Science) has always been something I’ve wanted, and, with what I’m doing now, I need minimally a bachelor’s if not an advanced degree in this field.”

Keeping it local

Not lost on mom and son is the fact they

both pursued and achieved this milestone in their educations in their hometown, the city that Jack and his sister were raised in.

Jack said there was value in maintaining connections and work opportunities while still exploring a rich, unique and life-changing education within his K-12 school district’s bounds.

Physically, UWO is miles from the Leggetts’ house. Experientially, his close-to-home UWO experience opened up an entirely new world of education and opportunity.

“When I was first applying to colleges, UWO was on the back of my mind,” he said. “... But I’m so glad I did stay here. I think you can get an excellent education

here and sometimes even better than a lot of other schools... I get to see my parents. For a lot of kids, that’s not a regular thing. I keep a job with people whom I’ve known for a while, some my whole life. I think there’s value in that.”

Jack gets high marks from his forensic science program lead and UWO mentor, Associate Professor Jordan Karsten.

“Jack is honestly one of the best students I’ve had in my 11 years at UWO,” Karsten said. “His knowledge of forensic anthropology and his experience in casework is incredible for an individual graduating with a bachelor’s degree. He has personally assisted dozens of jurisdictions throughout Wisconsin on death investigations, both in the field and through his laboratory analysis. I cannot wait to see how his career develops in the coming years, and I look forward to being his colleague.”

Toasting two UWO grads

The Leggetts said extended family were at Commencement to help celebrate their special day after a full day at Kolf Sports Center, where 1,250 graduates and their families were welcomed on Saturday.

Jack said he looks forward to the chance to celebrate his mom. Karla said same for her son. But Jack said he is particularly keen on joining the family in raising a glass to mom after she spent so many years celebrating her kids.

“I’m going to have to convince her to drink a glass of wine for once,” he said.



Photo from Oshkosh Public Library

Library education scholarship

Emillie Cieslewicz, technical services librarian at Oshkosh Public Library and a graduate student at the Information School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receives the John V. Nichols Professional Library Education Scholarship from library director Darryl Eschete. The scholarship, funded by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation’s Library Development Fund, will support her final course in the Master of Library and Information Science program. Cieslewicz is set to graduate this summer.

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Construction resumes

Work has resumed on the William Waters Plaza gazebo across from the Oshkosh Public Library on Washington Avenue. Once completed, the gazebo is expected to resemble the library's iconic dome.

Future in Focus campaign launched

Insight on Business Magazine

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation launched its 2025–2029 Future in Focus Investment Campaign, a five-year initiative designed to accelerate regional growth and innovation.

During its first decade, GOEDC's public-private partnership has supported 28 corporate expansions, fostered \$471 million in new capital investment, created 1,131 new jobs, and retained 2,482 positions across Winnebago County. Additionally, GOEDC's access to capital programs have injected more than \$13 million in net new investment through the distribution of \$2.3 million in gap financing loans and grants to local businesses and entrepreneurs.

"Ten years ago, we set out to build an engine for economic opportunity, and the results speak for themselves," said Tricia Rathermel, President and CEO of GOEDC. "Our new Future in Focus campaign will channel this momentum into targeted programs that help employers grow, attract talent, and spark innovation."

The Future in Focus strategic plan centers on three key pillars for the region's future: a Thriving Economy, a Community Built for Workforce, and a Culture of Innovation. In conjunction with the initia-

tive's launch, GOEDC is conducting an investment campaign to secure the funding necessary for full implementation.

The team has already raised \$2.7 million toward its \$3.2 million goal. With the required funding and support, the initiative is projected to retain an additional 1,500 jobs, create 300 new positions, and generate \$250 million in net new investment for the greater Oshkosh area and Winnebago County.

Board Chair Dan Ruedinger added, "Our first decade proves what's possible when we invest together. As we launch the Future in Focus campaign, the next ten years hold even greater promise for Oshkosh and Winnebago County."

Oshkosh Media division receives Midwest awards

Fitzpatrick honored with recognition

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Media staff received nine awards in Wisconsin Community Media's annual Best of the Midwest Media Fest that was held on May 1.

The Media Fest is an annual competition open to community media centers and their producers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas.

At the same event, Oshkosh assistant city manager John Fitzpatrick received WCM's "Friend of Access Award," recognizing his over 25 years of support for community media in Oshkosh. The award honors those who understand, support and champion community media.

The following award-winning programs were produced by Oshkosh Media staff and aired on Oshkosh Media Gov TV, Life TV and Oshkosh FM 101.9 in 2024.

Awards of Excellence (Gold) were presented to City Manager Minute, Oshkosh Fire and Police Department Back to School Special, and Oshkosh State of the City 2024.

Awards of Achievement (Silver) were given to City Manager's Report "Top 10 of 2024," Oshkosh Holiday Parade 2024, and Special Assessments Replacement Plan.

Awards of Merit (Bronze) were presented to Altrusa Art in the Garden PSA, LWV Candidates Forum for Oshkosh Common Council, and OPD Youth Lead-



Photo from Oshkosh Media

Oshkosh assistant city manager John Fitzpatrick on May 1 received the Wisconsin Community Media's "Friend of Access Award."

ership Camp PSA.

In addition to the staff awards, local producers also earned honors.

Producer John Nieman received an Award of Excellence for his TV show "The Place to Be Oshkosh." Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17 Winnebago County received an Award of Achievement for their show, "The Outpost." The Oshkosh Ice Hawks hockey team received an Award of Merit for their Season Preview TV show produced by Daryl Duchatschek and Ian Bartlett. Producers Dixie Jarchow, Thomas Cannon and Bill Gillard also received an Award of Merit for their show "Author Showcase of Oshkosh."

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School bullying

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harassed almost daily. Knowing this the school decided to take minimal action to none,” Lincoln said. “During each and every one of these attacks my mom attempted to contact the school – hoping for change – nothing was ever done.”

Lincoln concluded his remarks by asking the district to invest a minimal amount of money into stopping bullying within the district.

Laurel Luedtke, who has two children in the district, came to the board with concerns and possible actions that should take place. She called the school a “constant warzone.”

“Learning can’t take place when you are in fight or flight,” she said. “Mob-style fights, hospital level injuries and an administration office that I’ve personally witnessed deny the fact that these fights happen frequently.”

She said the response from the district has been inadequate.

“The assessment here is that, obviously, the current measures taken by the school district and the police have been insufficient when addressing these situations,” Laurel Luedtke said.

She requested the school board take immediate action to address bullying. Luedtke also suggested bringing in a third-party to investigate the bullying allegations within OASD, putting an anti-bullying policy and an anti-violence policy in place, and having strict consequences for violent and bullying behavior.

Her final suggestion was to have a larger police presence inside the schools and possibly bring in retired veterans to monitor the halls between classes.

After the Luedtkes made the comments, board member Tim Hess explained he had received an email from Lincoln months before last week’s meeting and forwarded it to administration. Hess was under the impression the issue was handled at that point.

“Maybe I failed this gentleman once; I don’t want to fail him again,” Hess said.

The Herald contacted the Luedtkes for comment on the bullying allegations but did not receive a response by press time.

In response to the allegations, the district issued a statement.

“The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority and we take all reports of bullying and violence seriously. We are committed to creating a safe learning environment for all students and are working closely with our students, families, and school staff to address these concerns,” the district’s statement said.

The board intends to take a look at policy 5517.01 – which refers to bullying – at a future meeting. The policy outlines and defines what bullying is and provides examples but does not show any penalties.

The policy outlines that any student who believes they are the victim of bullying “should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, or the superintendent.”

“Every student is encouraged to report any situation that they believe to be bullying behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above. All school staff members and school officials who observe or become aware of acts of bullying are required to report these acts to the building principal or assistant principal, or the superintendent,” policy 5517.01 states.

OASD has policies in place related to bullying in a student hazing and anti-harassment policy. The district also has numerous policies in place in regards to violence.



Oshkosh Herald

Construction on The Mill on Main housing project is progressing quickly on the south side of the Fox River just east of South Main Street in Oshkosh’s Sawdust District.

State of city

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on Main project at the corner of South Main Street and Seventh Avenue just south of the Fox River.

Developers have promised once the three-phase project is completed, it will add 300 housing units to Oshkosh’s housing stock.

The Oshkosh Common Council hired Grill in January following the retirement of Mark Rohloff, who held the position for 16 years. Grill had previously worked as city administrator for the City of West Allis.

Grill highlighted the different aspects of the strategic plan in the 2025 Oshkosh State of the City address, which was produced by Oshkosh Media.

For quality-of-life aspects, Oshkosh Public Library director Anna Cannizzo spoke about the newly renovated Waldwic Gallery being used to host temporary and rotating exhibits.

“The biggest part of our mission that this gallery helps advance is making the cultural heritage of the Oshkosh and Lake Winnebago region accessible. It’s not only mission critical for us, but allows us to better serve the public,” Cannizzo said.

Another aspect of the strategic plan is economic development as the city continues to work with developers to build up the central area of Oshkosh and the waterfront.

“We have a lot of projects that come to us that are already interested in Oshkosh and our community,” said interim community development director Sara Rutkowski. “We know that even though we

may not be the largest city in the state, we have a lot of wonderful development going on around here.”

Part of the city’s goal for economic development is taking blighted and underutilized properties and creating vibrant spaces.

As far as public safety goes, Grill and city staff believe the Oshkosh Police Department homeless outreach team and a satellite police station across from Opera House square will make the community safer.

Police Chief Dean Smith said the homeless outreach team will collect data on the homeless population and attempt to share resources with that population.

“If we don’t have a plan in place, on a path to go in that direction, we’re going to fail,” Smith said. “If we don’t have a plan we’re destined to stay exactly where we are and we’re just going to wander around and not change anything.”

The state of the city was also an opportunity for Grill to recognize the Oshkosh employee of the year, who is OPD Community Service Officer Ella Purvis. Purvis was working during the Oshkosh half marathon when she noticed a runner experiencing dizziness and dehydration. She helped him off the course before he lost consciousness.

Purvis sat with the runner for ten minutes before he regained consciousness and needed to be hospitalized overnight. Medical staff reported Purvis’s actions prevented more serious injuries from occurring during the incident.

Grill also encouraged citizens to join a board or commission in local government. For more information on joining a board, go to oshkoshwi.gov.



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Calendar of events

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EAA AirVenture Hiring Event, 4-7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
Modern Jungles: A Hmong Refugee's Childhood Story of Survival, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library
Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, May 22
Climate Reality, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library
EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: The 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
Little Mania Wrestling, 7 p.m., Sunnyview Exposition Center

Saturday, May 24
Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Menominee Park Zoo Opening Day, 9 a.m.
Quad Con Oshkosh Toy and Comic Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, May 25
Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Monday, May 26
DAV name reading, 7 a.m., South Park Veterans Memorial
AMVETS Auxiliary ceremony, 8 a.m., Riverside Park
Procession and memorial service, 9 a.m., Algoma Blvd. to Riverside Cemetery
Free Admission at the Military Veterans Museum, 10 a.m., 4300 Poberezny Rd.
Memorial Day Brat Fry - Sons of the American Legion Squadron 70, 11 a.m., American Legion Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Wednesday, May 28
Military Veterans Museum & Education Center's Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne

Saturday, May 31
CARRnival for Kids, 10 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.
County Park Classic fishing tournament, 10 a.m., Shelter 2, Winnebago County Community Park
Monsters in May Event at the Time, 11:30 a.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Wednesday, June 4
Golf to Give Outing for the Oshkosh Area United Way, 7:30 a.m., Westhaven Golf Club, 1400 S. Westhaven Dr.
Music on Main featuring The Water City Jazz Orchestra, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Friday, June 6
Food Truck Friday, 4:30 p.m., South Park
Morgan House tour, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Saturday, June 7
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
Veterans Benefit and Ride, 8 a.m., Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Rd.
Community Plant Cutting Swap, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library
Local Author Children's Book Fair, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

Wednesday, June 11
Brews by the Waterside featuring Minus 1, 5 p.m., Menominee Park
Music on Main featuring Mama Ginger and the Red Hots, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, June 12
Waterfest featuring Hairball, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Saturday, June 14
Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.
June Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater



Photo from Oshkosh Arena

Game day

Fox Cities Roller Derby hosted a match against the Windy City Rollers Saturday at Oshkosh Arena. Their next home doubleheader will be June 28 at Oshkosh Arena.

Community survey now open online

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh is conducting a comprehensive quality of life survey for all residents. Residents are invited to complete the survey online by visiting <https://polco.us/Oshkosh2025op>. The survey is open to all residents through May 30.

City staff have been working with independent consultant, the National Research Center at Polco, to develop the survey. The survey, known as the National Community Survey (NCS), allows the city of Oshkosh to benchmark residents' opinions against other similar communities. The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, ratings of local government services and resident use of services.

Oshkosh has been conducting citizen surveys annually since 2009, and 2025 marks the fourth year that the city has utilized the NCS format.

Survey results are expected in mid-July and will be used to inform and identify priorities for future planning and how best to allocate resources. Survey results will be made available via the city of Oshkosh website.

Residents with questions about the survey may contact the City Manager's office by phone at 920-236-5002 or by email at citymgr@oshkoshwi.gov.

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West’s Reichenberger puts opposing pitchers on edge

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Emmy Reichenberger’s walk-up song differs significantly from the hip-hop, pop and rap favorites of her Oshkosh West teammates.

It’s Stevie Nicks’ rock classic “Edge of Seventeen” released way back in 1982 – two-and-a-half decades before Reichenberger was even born.

It’s an unconventional choice for a high school senior, but Reichenberger is a different type of ballplayer than most who don softball uniforms in Wisconsin. She is one of the best players in the rugged Fox Valley Association: an ultra-productive hitter who thrives in pressure situations and a solid catcher and team leader.

Senior Spotlight

Reichenberger was a first-team all-FVA choice as an infielder in 2024 and has an excellent chance of repeating that honor.

Twenty games into the 2025 season, Reichenberger was hitting .449 with one home run, and 25 RBI. She had an on-base percentage of .465 and a slugging percentage of .509 for an outstanding OPS (On Base Plus Slugging) of 1.073.

Reichenberger established herself as one of the elite hitters in the FVA in 2024, hitting .403 and leading West in almost every offensive category including home runs (two), RBI (22), on-base percentage (.456), slugging percentage (.645) and OPS (1.01).

“She set the bar high by making first-team all-conference last year and she may get even higher recognition this year,” said West coach Tim Kohl. “It’s been a pleasure to coach her these past years.”

Reichenberger is a third-year varsity starter who was a key player as a sophomore on West’s state-qualifying 2023 team that went 25-5 and took second in the FVA at 15-3. She hit .288 with 20 RBI.

Reichenberger has gone from newcomer to knowledgeable veteran. She’s one of only two seniors on the 2025 West roster.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West’s Emmy Reichenberger was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection last season and is once again one of the leading hitters for the Wildcats.

“She knows what it takes to go to state, so her experience in key games is crucial for such a young team,” Kohl said. “Our young players certainly look up to her and she’s been such a great example of what a good softball player and teammate should be.”

Reichenberger is more than just a base-hit machine. She is a clutch hitter who has a bring-it-on mentality whenever she steps to the plate with the game on the line.

“I enjoy it when I’m up in a pressure situation,” said Reichenberger, who plays travel ball during summers for Oshkosh-based 5 Star Wisconsin. “If I’m on deck or in the hole in that type of situation, I’m excited. There is always a ton of adrenaline. I’m sure a lot of it is nerves, but a lot of it is excitement and being hopeful for what I can do for the team.”

“I just try to hit the ball hard – make sol-

id contact. If it’s a line drive for a hit, great. If it goes over the fence, it goes over the fence.”

Reichenberger played first base as a sophomore and junior but is back behind the plate at her familiar spot. West had a top-notch catcher in 2023 and 2024 in Laina Hammen, but Hammen’s graduation allowed Reichenberger to move back to the position she has played for most of her softball career.

“I had always been a catcher, but we had Laina and she was an amazing catcher, so I didn’t mind moving to first,” Reichenberger said. “But I’m happy to be back catching. I love being involved in every play. It’s definitely more fun to play than first base and it’s a leadership type of position.”

Providing senior leadership is a responsibility that Reichenberger enjoys.

“It’s definitely a different situation than last year when we had five seniors who had been on varsity all four years and helped build the program,” Reichenberger said. “It’s fun to help the younger girls. I love all of them and they definitely have talent. It’s just a matter of getting game experience

and more reps.”

Reichenberger has been playing softball since the age of six and is nearing the finish line of her competitive playing career. A top student with a 3.9 grade-point average, Reichenberger will attend the University of Wisconsin next year where she will focus solely on academics. She is planning to major in biology and has an interest in sports medicine.

“I’m hoping to go on the pre-med track and maybe eventually do something in sports medicine or physical therapy,” she said. “I used to have arm and knee issues, so I’ve been in physical therapy. The human body has always interested me. I think I would really enjoy working with athletes.”

As for her unusual choice of a walk-up song, Reichenberger doesn’t care if “Edge of Seventeen” is old school. She just likes the tune.

“My dad (Jeff) really likes Fleetwood Mac and I’ve always loved Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks,” she said. “It’s just a fun song. I like the lyrics and love the beat. It just makes me feel happy and excited.”

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TRACK AND FIELD

Moore leads Knights at Trailways Meet

Erin Moore posted a pair of wins to lead the Lourdes Academy girls track and field team at the Trailways Conference meet held Friday in Deerfield.

The Knights finished second with 85 points, easily ahead of third-place Pardeeville with 66. Dodgeland won the team title with 116. Valley Christian tied for 10th place among the 19 teams at the meet.

Moore finished first in both the 800 meters and 1,600 meters, winning both events easily. The senior was nearly 13 seconds ahead of the rest of the field in the 800 meters and then won the 1,600 meters by more than 16 seconds.

Moore also joined Natasha Konop, Dasha Averkamp and Kylie Rietz to win the 1,600-meter relay, one of three relays the Knights won at the meet. Averkamp, Annie Moore, Khloe Bunton and Allison Stromske won the 3,200-meter relay, while Monse Luquin, Sabur Machiros, Rietz and Bree Kane teamed up to win the 800-meter relay.

Konop also had a strong meet finishing first in the 300-meter hurdles and third in the 100-meter hurdles, while Annie Moore picked up a third place in the 3,200 meters and a fourth place in the 1,600 meters.

Valley Christian boasted a trio of top-five finishers at the meet led by Anna Giannopoulos taking second in the discus. Alaina Wojtowski added a fourth place in the 100 meters and Mya Moran was fifth in the 1,600 meters.

On the boys side, Lourdes Academy finished seventh overall in the team standings with Valley Christian placing 13th.

The Knights had an individual winner in Mat Yaggie, who placed first in the 110-meter hurdles. The Knights also got third-place finishes from David Agosto in the 100 meters, Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters and Henry Spanbauer in the 3,200 meters. Isaak Rucinski picked up a fifth place in the long jump.

Jonah Menet in the 3,200 meters was Valley Christian's lone top-five individual finisher taking fifth in the event.

Both Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian earned a fourth place in a relay with the Knights taking fourth in the 400-meter relay and the Warriors finishing fourth in the 800-meter relay.

West girls second, boys third at triangular

Oshkosh West won a pair of relays to lead the way to a second-place finish at a Fox Valley Association triangular last week.

Sydnee Nelson, Kayana Turner, Emma Liebergen and Samantha Panske teamed up to win the 800-meter relay for the Wildcats, while Coraline Strebelinski, Kate Elliot, Rowen Stellflug and Gwen Liptow combined to win the 3,200-meter relay.

Liebergen and Turner also picked up a 1-2 finish, respectively, in the triple jump, while Kylie Triebold in the 200 meters, Abbie Tercha in the 800 meters, Sophia Geis in the 100-meter hurdles, Nora Pakula in the discus and Henna Kaiser in the high jump also added wins for West.

Geis in the 300-meter hurdles, Kendall Irwin in the pole vault and Hailey Gibbs in the long jump were each second along with West's 400-meter relay team.

The boys, who finished third, were led

by Carter Crowe and Celso Collins, who swept the top two places in the 3,200 meters and pole vaulters Landen Egnoski and Colden Searles, who finished first and tied for second, respectively.

Juan Collins in the 800 meters and Clark Howell in the long jump also added wins for West, along with the 3,200-meter relay team of Owen Moon, Arjen Karns, Skyler Vang and Eli Maloney.

Alex Dedecker in the 200 meters, Dominic Moore in the 1,600 meters, Jack Heidl in the discus and Liam Otterson in the high jump all finished second. The Wildcats' 1,600-meter relay team also placed second.

Williams leads Spartans at triangular meet

Devon Williams won both the 200 and 400 meters as the Oshkosh North boys finished second at a Fox Valley Association triangular last week.

Jamare Scott in the 100 meters, Harrison Bell in the 100-meter hurdles and Andrew Oehler in the discus also added wins for the Spartans, while Scott, Evan Auler, Joshua Zietlow and Tyler Farnsworth finished first in the 800-meter relay.

Auler in the 100 meters, Zietlow in the 200 meters, Bell in the long jump and Davanta Kieya in the 1,600 meters each finished second.

The North girls best finish came in the 400-meter relay where the Spartans took second.

Valley boys, Lourdes girls second at meet

Valley Christian took second and Lourdes Academy was third in the boys standings at a Trailways East meet last week.

The Warriors got a 1-2 finish in the discus from Levi Rask and Ben Curtis to highlight the meet, while Isaiah Hyvonen and Brady Patterson in the 200 meters and Jonah Menet and Simon Menet in the 3,200 meters were each second and third, respectively.

Joshua Johnson landed a pair of second places in the long jump and triple jump, while Landon Loeck in the 100 meters, Patterson in the 400 meters, Curtis in the shot put also had second places. Valley Christian also took second in the 3,200-meter relay.

The Knights were led by Mat Yaggie who finished first in both hurdle events, while the foursome of Cameron Kapral, Brett Maki, Isaak Rucinski and Johnny Santiago won the 800-meter relay.

Henry Spanbauer added a second place in the 1,600 meters, while Kapral in the 100 meters and Matthew Loker in the triple jump were each third. The Knights also took second in the 1,600-meter relay and third in the 400-meter relay.

The Lourdes Academy girls took second with Valley Christian finishing third at the meet.

The Knights finished first in three of the four relays to spark their finish. Natasha Konop, Kylie Rietz, Sabur Machiros and Bree Kane won the 800-meter relay, Erin Moore, Annie Moore, Natasha Konop and Rietz teamed up to finish first in the 1,600-meter relay, while Khloe Bunton, Tessia Mroczkowski, Finely Coats and Allison Stromske combined to win the 3,200-meter relay.

Erin Moore led a 1-2-3 finish in the 200 meters with Machiros taking second and Rietz finishing third, while she also picked up a win in the 400 meters. Konop in the



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Lourdes Academy's Mat Yaggie clears a hurdle en route to winning the 300-meter hurdle race at the Trailways East Division Meet last week in Oshkosh.

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300-meter hurdles and Kane in the triple jump also added wins.

Kane also posted a second place in the high jump and a third in the long jump, while Annie Moore in the 1,600 meters and Allie Winchester in the long jump were each second with Bunton adding a third place in the 3,200 meters.

Alaina Wojtowski posted the lone win for the Warriors, finishing first in the 100 meters, while Lizzie Fink added a pair of second places in the hurdle events, with Mya Moran picking up a second place in the 800 meters and a third place in the 1,600 meters.

Valley Christian also took third in the 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

TENNIS

Wildcats finish 4-1 at Bay Port Invitational

Oshkosh West’s No. 2 doubles team of Luke Grassl and Henry Farrell went 5-0 to lead the Wildcats at the Bay Port Invitational over the weekend.

The Wildcats’ No. 1 doubles team of Yoseff Edsel and Kole Stauffacher added a 4-1 mark over the two-day tournament, while Jacob Stinski also finished 4-1 while playing at No. 1 singles. Jace Koepsell added a 3-2 mark at No. 4 singles.

The Wildcats beat Madison Memorial, De Pere, West Bend West and Kohler at the tournament, while losing a close 4-3 decision to Wauwatosa West.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats dropped a 6-1 decision to Neenah getting a win from Edsell and Stauffacher at No. 1

doubles to avoid being swept.

BASEBALL

Lourdes/Valley picks up win over Wayland

Nolan Gibson finished 3-for-3, while Eli Halla drove in four runs with a pair of hits as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian edged Wayland Academy, 11-9, last week.

Michael Santiago added a pair of doubles in the win, while Parker Slusarski finished with three RBIs. Brady Bauer got the win on the mound with two innings of scoreless relief.

Spartans held scoreless by Neenah

Oshkosh North scratched out four hits but fell short against Neenah, 6-0, in a Fox Valley Association game last week.

Zack Kiffmeyer, Braydan Frank, Connor Palmquist and Keegan Kinzfohl each had hits in the loss for the Spartans.

The Spartans also fell to Appleton East, 11-1, and to Appleton North, 11-1, last week.

Wildcats split pair of FVA games

Oshkosh West went 1-1 in the FVA last week. The Wildcats lost, 5-4, to Appleton North early in the week but came back to beat Kaukauna, 4-2, on Friday.

GOLF

Neuens, Buttke lead Knight golfers

Lucas Neuens and Jackson Buttke each finished in the top 10 to lead the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golf team to a sixth-place finish at the Sevastopol Pio-

neer Invitational last week.

The Knights finished with a team score of 343, one shot behind Oconto and three behind Southern Door. Green Bay Notre Dame, Kimberly and Ashwaubenon were the top three teams.

Neuens finished in a tie for fifth place after firing a 74, while Buttke was eighth with a round of 76. Ian Simmons was the next Lourdes/Valley finisher with an 82, while Olivia Gelhar rounded out the scoring golfers with a 111.

Wildcats drop dual meet to Kaukauna

Lincoln Houle finished one shot behind the medalist score to lead Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association dual meet against Kaukauna at the Oshkosh Country Club last week.

Houle carded a 38 to lead the Wildcats, while Parker Gerlach followed with a 42. Jaxen Lloyd added a 44, while Tyler Moderson and Tyler Mellgren each shot 47s for West.

Spartans dealt close loss by Patriots

Oshkosh North shot a team score of 166 on its home course at Westhaven last week but fell short of Appleton East by four shots in the FVA dual.

Owen Weber paced the Spartans with a 39, one shot better than Warren Seeley. Brandy Anderson and Wesley Loewe rounded out the North scoring golfers with a 43 and 44, respectively.

The Spartans also came up short in a dual meet against Kimberly at High Cliff, falling to the Papermakers 154-169.

Owen Weber led the Spartans with a 40 followed by Warren Seeley with a 42, Wesley Loewe with a 43 and Brady Anderson with a 44.

SOFTBALL

Wildcats, Spartans play to 7-7 tie

Oshkosh North rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score

at 7 and weather shut down the game, ending things in a tie. The game will not be finished.

Emma Niemczyk finished 4-for-4 with a solo home run, while Olivia Borowitz had a pair of hits, including a home run and drove in four runs for the Spartans. Morgan Kolodzik also had a pair of hits in the game for North.

Izzy Kramer had three hits, including a home run, to lead the Wildcats. Kramer also drove in a team-high three runs in the game.

Lourdes Academy racks up win over Wayland

The Knights finished with 18 hits and scored a season-high 19 runs in downing Wayland Academy 19-17 last week.

Aubrey Schettle paced Lourdes Academy with four hits, while Reagan Jaber and Annika Hitchcock each finished with three hits. Izzy Mugerauer, Nomi Bolo-sukh and Lilly Doemel each chipped in two hits.

Jaber led the team with four RBIs and had a pair of doubles, while Doemel drove in three runs in the game.

Powerhouse Kaukauna shuts out Wildcats

Top-ranked Kaukauna held Oshkosh West to just one hit and handed the Wildcats an 11-0 loss last week.

Colleen Fitzpatrick had the Wildcats only hit and had a stolen base in the game as well.

The Ghosts led 5-0 after four innings but broke the game open with a six-run fifth inning to seal the win.

SOCCER

Pamer sparks Wildcats to win over Terrors

Ava Pamer scored a pair of goals to lead Oshkosh West to a 2-1 win over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association match last week.

Pamer leads the Wildcats with seven goals this season.

Mya Johnson and McKenzie Blair picked up assists in the game for West with Emma Last finishing with five saves in goal.

On Saturday, the Wildcats dropped a nonconference match to Plymouth, 1-0.

Spartans drop pair of conference contests

Oshkosh North went 0-2 last week in FVA play, losing to Kimberly 3-0 on Tuesday and 1-0 to Appleton West on Thursday.

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WANTS AND NEEDS

Meet Pirate Pierre. He'll be stuck on this island for the next few months until another ship arrives to rescue him. It's a great time to know the difference between **WANTS** and **NEEDS**.

Which is which?
A **NEED** is something you *must have* in order to survive. You need water, food, shelter, clothing and sometimes medicines.

A **WANT** is something you would *like to have*, but can live without. A computer, cellphone, television and a bike are wants, not needs.

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the difference between basic survival and nonessential items.

Look around the room you are in now. List three things that are **WANTS** and three things that are **NEEDS**.

WANTS	NEEDS

SURVIVAL SUPPLIES

When his ship began to sink, Pirate Pierre had to act quickly to grab things he would **NEED** on the island rather than things he might **WANT**.

How did he do? Circle the things he will **NEED** on the island. Cross out the things he might **WANT** that won't really help him.



Extra! Extra!
Wants and Needs in the Newspaper
Look through today's newspaper for five examples of things you **need** to survive. Then find five things you **want**.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

True Treasure Map

It's going to be six months until the next pirate ship visits Pierre's island. He made a map of the island.


Circle the places on Pierre's map that will provide **NEEDS**. Cross out places that provide **WANTS**.

Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

Help Pierre catch a crab for dinner!



Pierre needs fish! How many can you find on this page?



Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Pierre's ship sank after someone put a lot of _____ inside one of the cannons.

Pierre swam to the shore of a very strange island. It was covered with _____ ,

_____ ,

so he knew he'd have plenty to eat.

Instead of coconuts, _____ grew on the trees. And to catch fish, he used _____ for bait!

He built a little hut out of _____ that he found on the _____. It protected him when rain began to _____ from the sky.

Pierre was eager to _____ home.

He made a tall tower of _____ to catch the attention of passing ships.




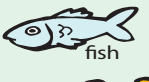








It worked! The captain of a _____ saw the tower and Pierre was rescued!

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sometimes it's hard to decide if something is a **need** or a **want**. For example, cake is a food, but is it a want or a need?

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



Write On!



Needs & Wants

List three things you **NEED** in your life and three things you **WANT**. Write a paragraph explaining your choices.



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Obituaries

Rose Marie Bohlman

Rose Marie Bohlman, age 64, of Oshkosh WI, passed away at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center in Green Bay, WI on May 13, 2025.



Rose was born on January 21, 1961, in Green Bay, daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Gerarden) Forsythe. She graduated from West De Pere High school in 1979. While attending UW Oshkosh she met her husband Dale Bohlman on Friday the 13th; they married in 1988 and were blessed with 36 years together.

Rose worked at a local nursing home as a PT and OT aid until she had children Elizabeth and Nathan. Being a homemaker and raising her children, alongside Dale, was one of the most important aspects of her life and her proudest achievement. Once the kids were older, Rose went into home health care. Her last clients were autistic boys who were very dear to her heart.

Rose was the secretary for United Women of Faith at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, Chair of the Sunshine Committee for the Oshkosh Garden Club, and Co-Leader of a Girl Scout troop. Rose enjoyed helping others, reading books, nature walks, gardening, crafting, and baking. She loved her pets, three rabbits and her dog Opal. Most of all, Rose enjoyed

talking and spending time with people. Rose truly represented what her name means – “Love”. When Rose was young, she was inspired by the Emily Dickenson poem *If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking*. This became her guiding purpose in life. Her compassion and caring for others were limitless.

Rose is survived by her husband, Dale Bohlman; children Elizabeth and Nathan Bohlman; siblings Cathy (Jeff) Leitner, Jean (Terry) Peterson, Andrew (Francis) and Anthony Forsythe, Mother-in-law Muriel Bohlman brother and law Scott (Victoria) Bohlman, nieces and nephews Joshua and Alisha Klingbeil, Nicole (Jacob) Phillips, and Phillips (Courtney) Bohlman. Grand-nieces Abby Leitner, River and Rain Klingbeil, Jocelyn and Lorelei Phillips. We would like to give special thanks to Jeanne Bredbeck for all her support and help that she gave Rose and her family during her cancer treatment.

A memorial service for Rose will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at 12:00 pm at The Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am. The service will be followed by a light lunch.

Donations may be made in memory of Rose Bohlman to The ABUMC Women of Faith or the Oshkosh Garden Club.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

Carol T. Gibson

Carol T. Gibson, age 95, of Oshkosh died at Ascension Mercy on May 11, 2025 with children by her side. Born April 19, 1930 in Oshkosh to Louis & Theresa (Jaworski) Shilobrit, the second of four children.



Carol attended St. Vincent Catholic Grade School and graduated from Oshkosh H.S. in 1948. She received a BS degree from UW Madison in 1952 and worked at Dodge County Welfare Dept. 1952-55, as a child welfare worker. She married Robert D. Gibson in 1954. Carol joined Winnebago County Social Services in 1956. After 11 years of temporary retirement and five children she returned to WCSS and Parkview Health Center in 1970.

At age 50 Carol obtained her Master's Degree from UWO and state of WIAODA certification. She worked at WMHI Gemini Unit from 1988-95 as an AODA social worker. She developed many strong friendships through her employment and enjoyed her work immensely.

Carol was a member of St. Raphael's Church, former member of St. Peters, and active in Parish Activities. After retirement she enjoyed many creative pursuits, including: gardening, ceramics, sewing and quilting. She joined the Christ Child Society in 1997 at St. Raphael's.

Along with friends she completed hundreds of crib quilts and receiving blankets for needy families of newborns. She was a member of Lakeside Quilters and past treasurer. Her greatest joy was in making quilts for babies, her loving family, friends and donations to worthy causes. She was also a long-time member of “The Writer's Group”.

Carol is survived by her children Diane M. Reinke, Julie M. Gibson, and David R. Gibson, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Robert D. Gibson 1997, brother Alex (Barb), Louis Jr. (Delores “Dee”) and Leonard (Adeline) Shilobrit, 3 sons: Daniel, James, and John and best friend Jeanne McCabe.

Our beloved mother had an exceedingly generous heart, offering to sew her niece a quilt the day of her death. She strived to pass on her strong faith and belief in God to her children and grandchildren. She prayed the rosary and watched the mass daily. She nurtured many strong friendships throughout her life and will be greatly missed. We hold on to our countless wonderful memories of her.

Visitation for Carol will be held at St. Raphael's on May 28 from 10:30-12, mass at Noon. Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages masses to be offered in her name.

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Jay John Meyer

Jay John Meyer, age 76, passed away unexpectedly surrounded by family on May 9, 2025. He was born on September 4, 1948, to Adolph (Duffy) and Marcella (Klotzbuecher) Meyer.



He attended Campus School and graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1966. He attended UW-O and graduated with a BA in Political Science, Business, and Psychology.

Jay was employed by Duffy Meyer Insurance and Driver's Education, Inc for many years establishing Jay Meyer CLU Investments and Benefits from which he retired.

On April 17, 1971, he married the love of his life, Linda (Kuehn). Jay shared his faith by teaching Sunday School for a total of 35 years at Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Jay was past president of Oshkosh Jaycees, Oshkosh Southwest Rotary and Fox Valley Life Underwriters. He enjoyed being around family, golfing, watching Wis-

consin sports and talking about politics.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Duffy and Marcella; father and mother-in-law, Fred and Louise Hamann; and brother-in-law, Darwin Tesch.

Jay is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Stephanie (Josh) Jungwirth; son, Jason (Veronica Johnson); grandsons, Adin and Maxwell Jungwirth. Survivors further include, brothers, James (Sue) Meyer and Jerry (Sue) Meyer; and sisters, Jodi (John) Ambrose and Julie (Andrew) Berger. Other survivors include sisters-in-law, Pamela (Dr. Richard) Ames, Deb Tesch and Lisa (Wayne) Buhrow; and brother-in-law, Russ (Debbie) Hamann; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin Ave, Oshkosh, WI on Saturday, May 31, 2025, with visitation from 9 - 11 with the service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established.

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Dennis Wojahn

April 20, 1948 – May 15, 2025
Dennis Wojahn, a lifelong resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, at the age of 77.



Born on April 20, 1948, in Oshkosh, Dennis proudly served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps from May 1968 to May 1970, including a year of active duty in Vietnam. Upon returning home from service, he met his future wife, Linda (Brown), and the two were married in 1972.

Dennis graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1978 and spent most of his career in the metals and manufacturing industry. He retired from Precision Steel Warehouse in 2013.

An avid outdoorsman, Dennis found joy in hunting, fishing, and being outside. In later years, he developed a passion for brewing beer and making wine, and he especially enjoyed traveling around the

Midwest with Linda. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Virginia Wojahn, and his sister Sharon.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Linda; his sons Darren and Paul (Katie); and his cherished grandchildren, Brooks, Grace, Genevieve, and Caroline.

Dennis will be remembered for his strength, determination, and dry sense of humor — and for the love he had for his family and the simple pleasures of life.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Parkview Health Center for the compassionate care they provided Dennis over the past two years.

A short service for family and close friends will be held on Friday, May 23 at 11:30 AM at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A celebration of life will follow at West End Pizza in Oshkosh from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

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FUNERAL HOMES

Diane Deising

Diane R. Deising, age 73, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on May 17, 2025 at her home.

Diane was born on November 12, 1951 in Wisconsin, daughter of the late Alfred and Martha (Ernst) Bartel. She graduated from Winneconne High School, class of 1970. She married Bob Deising in 1986. She worked at WNL for 14 and a half years, Carolina Designs for 5 years, and Badger Electric for 5 years. She finished her career as a self-employed cleaner and painter. She lived in Boom Bay for 15 years before making her way back to Oshkosh in 2015. She was a dedicated member to the Grace Lutheran Church.

Diane loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, biking, camping, and pontooning. When she wasn't outdoors, she could be seen enjoying time spent in a casino or on a Mexican vacations. She was a part of various leagues,

including softball, pool, and bowling. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn (Irving) Miller; nieces and nephews, Terry Miller, Brad Miller, Cindy Siekierke, Debra Shafer, Roger Bartel, and Alan Bartel; special neighbors, Linda (Kevin) Comber; and her best furry friend, Moocie.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob Deising; and brother, Arlin (Susan) Bartel.

A special thank you to Moments Hospice and Senior Stride Home care for the wonderful care they gave Diane.

A memorial service for Diane will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 11:00am, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held beginning at 10:00am until the start of the service.

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“Romy”, an Oshkosh legend in the park, closed his eyes to this world and opened them to the next on Oct. 21, 2024. A Memorial Celebration of Life: “In the Highways and Byways” for author/evangelist and YouTuber Romuald Simeone will be held on **Saturday, May 31st, 2025 11 AM and FREE PICNIC** next to the Menominee Park bike path near the rock where Fr. Allouez celebrated the first Oshkosh holy mass. Look for the travel trailer rv. **All are welcome. Professor Simeone is the author of: “Bible, Love Letters from Your Father, Books of John, Lectio Divina, Gospel, Letters and Revelation”** To donate to the public charity that sponsors his tv and radio programs to further his work, inquire at:

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Obituaries

Maralee Hamilton

Maralee Hamilton, age 95, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 13th, 2025, at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, WI.



She was born in Waterloo, IA on January 24, 1930, to Charles and Cynthia Barrett, the eldest of 6 children. She graduated from Jesup High School.

She married Joseph Rosicka September 23, 1949. They had 4 children who have survived her; Patty (Steve) Myers of Oshkosh, WI, Peggy (Steve) Austin of Bemidji, MN, Cynthia Thorson of Eagan, MN and Joseph (Karen) Rosicka of Eden Prairie, MN; her grandchildren Paul Ditty (Eddie), Sara Samples (Nathan), Chris (Elizabeth) Austin, Jenny (Paul) Fare, and Joseph E. Rosicka (Michelle); her great-grandchildren Nick and Dev Sam-

ples and Woodrow and Simon Austin. Her husband Joseph preceded her in death on April 2, 1955, dying in a car accident in Waterloo, IA, leaving her with 3 young daughters and a son yet to be born.

On January 3, 1959, she married Dale Abernathey and they resided in Bemidji, MN until his death on January 26, 1987. He was a wonderful and loving stepfather and helped raise her children on the farm north of Bemidji, MN.

On April 7, 1990, she married Ronald Hamilton and they resided in Big Lake, Monticello and later moved to Chanhasen, MN. Through this marriage, she gained 4 step children; Kathy Callagan, Jean (Darrell) Vang, Garnet (Gary) Widmark and Rick (Pam) Hamilton. Ronald died on July 7, 2007 and she moved to Oshkosh, WI to be near her eldest daughter, Patty.

In addition to her three husbands - Joseph Rosicka, Dale Abernathey and Ronald Hamilton, she was preceded in death by her brothers - Dick Barrett, Arthur

Sara Kutz

Sara Kutz, beloved sister, aunt, confident, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2025, with family by her side following a courageous battle with leukemia. She was 64.



Born in Berlin, WI on a crisp late summer morning in 1960, Sara approached life with the same vibrant energy as the season of her birth. Those fortunate enough to know her speak of a woman whose compassion knew no bounds, whose laughter could brighten the darkest room, and whose strength remained undiminished even in her final days.

Sara was the cornerstone of her family. She leaves behind her beloved siblings, Nancy Netys, David (Kathryn) Kutz and her baby brother Tim Kutz. Further survived by nieces and nephews, Anna Netys, Aleena (Lloyd) Volz, Michael Netys, Adam (Sarah) Netys, Gregor Netys, Eagan Kutz and Olivia Kutz as well as great-nieces and great-nephews, aunts, uncles, many cousins, and additional family. Her love for her family was evident in the small, thoughtful acts that defined her days—the daily calls, the dedicated support, and the continuation of family traditions she nurtured that will continue to bring her family together. Sara’s legacy lives on not only in her family but in the countless lives

Cynthia Mae Luethy

Cynthia “Cindy” Mae Luethy, 74, of the Town of Vinland, died Friday, May 16, 2025, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born November 15, 1950, in Oshkosh to the late Werner and Irene (Pugh) Otto. Cindy was a 1968 graduate of Oshkosh High School. On October 14, 1972, she married James Luethy. Cindy lived most of her life on Brooks Road.

For many years, she worked as a secretary in the financial brokerage industry, most notably with A.G. Edwards and Edward Jones. Cindy loved cooking and enjoyed doing cross-stitch, sewing, playing cards, board games, and doing Sudoku and crossword puzzles.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Luethy; two sons and their families, Brian James and Lois Luethy and their son, Liam; Jason and Alison Luethy. She is also survived by a brother and his

she touched.

Sara was preceded in death by her loving parents Omar & Marilyn Kutz and brother Tom Kutz.

Even as leukemia altered the course of her journey, Sara remained determined to find joy in each day. She spoke often of how her illness brought into sharp focus what truly mattered—the connections we forge, the kindness we share, the love we give freely. Her grace and strength throughout her illness inspired all who witnessed it.

As we bid farewell to Sara, we take comfort in knowing that the light she brought to this world continues to shine in all who loved her. She reminded us, through both her words and her example, that life’s true measure lies not in its length but in its depth, not in the time we are given but in what we do with that time.

A visitation with the family will occur on Friday, May 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive Oshkosh, WI 54904. A short memorial service will be held at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to leukemia research reflecting Sara’s hope that others might be spared the challenges she faced with dignity.

May Sara rest in peace, wrapped in the love that surrounded her in life and that continues beyond it.

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family, Frank and Sue Otto and their children, Noelle (Will) Weis, Brindle (John) Koeper; nieces, Teri Ellis, Angie Newell, Brenda Luethy; cousins and many friends.

Along with her parents, Cindy was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Leah Otto and Jim Ellis.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Heffernan officiating. Burial will follow in the Brooks Cemetery, Town of Vinland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be given to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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Barrett and Warren Barrett and her sister - Barbara Martin. Also, her stepson, Rick Hamilton and stepson-in-law, Gary Widmark. She is further survived by her sister Charlotte Peterson and a special sister-in-law Barb Barrett and many nieces and nephews.

Throughout mom’s life she enjoyed gardening, traveling and her relationships with friends and family. She was a hard-working woman with lots of spunk and made the best pie crust in the world! Although she suffered more than her share of heartaches in her life, she maintained a

Alice J. Olson

Alice J. Olson, age 88, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025.



She was born on July 25, 1936 in Iowa a daughter of the late Harold and Edna (Meier) Kuethe. She married Melvin V. Olson.

Alice was a long time member of Zion Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. She had worked as a Postmaster for the US Postal Service and was a member of the NARF (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), NAPUS, (National Association of Postmasters United States) and the Elk Ladies of Oshkosh Lodge # 292. She greatly enjoyed golf and time spent with family and her grandchildren.

Alice is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her husband, Melvin

James Dyer

If anything needs fixing in Heaven, the right guy just arrived. James Dyer (Jim)



was called to his Eternal Home with the Lord, on May 16, at his home, surrounded by family. Jim was born in Marinette, WI on June 23, 1945 to William and Mary-Ann (Charlson) Dyer. Jim and his sister

Kathy grew up on the family farm in Crivitz, which provided a strong foundation for most of his skills and qualities: work ethic, patience, contentment with the simple things, and keen discernment of right from wrong.

After eight years of courtship (she had to be sure!), Jim married his soulmate, Norma Jane Smith on September 28, 1968, in Wausaukee, WI. They moved to Oshkosh where they started a life together, he as a steamfitter with Johnson Controls and she as a nurse at Mercy Medical Center. Jim and Norma welcomed two sons and as a family, enjoyed fishing, boating, kids’ events and gathering with friends and family. In 1979, Jim and his partners founded Energy Control and Design, Inc. in Appleton, where he had a long and fulfilling career until his retirement.

After retirement, Jim used his additional free time to fish, make trips to see his grandkids, spend winters with Norma and many friends at their condo in Anna Maria Island, Florida. He treasured many trips to Wyoming mule deer hunting with friends, and a good cup of coffee with anyone who wanted to join the table. He was a member

loving and sweet spirit. We will miss her more than words can express.

We would like to thank the staff at Evergreen Retirement Community for the loving care and comfort they have provided the last 4-1/2 years. They were very special to Mom. Also, thanks to Generations Hospice who were there for her and the family in her final days.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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of 42 years; a daughter, Laura Lee Martin of Oshkosh; two grandchildren, Aaron (Stephanie) Martin and Ian Olson; five great-grandchildren, Mariah and Hailee Harris, Chase Martin, Elijah and Esmond Martin. She is further survived by a sister-in-law, Rochelle Kuethe, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jonathan Martin; a brother. Wendall Kuethe; sisters, Donna Sauerbrei and Gladys Rettig; brother-in-laws, Gerhardt Rettig and Leo Sauerbrei.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 11 am in Zion Lutheran Church 400 N. Sawyer Street in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10 am until the time of service. Burial will follow in Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery.

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of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, as well as Masonic Light Lodge in Crivitz and the Shriners.

Jim will be remembered by friends and family as a helper. He was quick to lend his handyman skills, knowledge, opinions (he had several of those), or simply a listening ear or kind word to someone having a hard time. He will also be remembered for his witty sense of humor and playful spirit. He rarely went anywhere that he didn’t know someone and was always quick with a wise crack, never taking himself too seriously. What he did take seriously was his faith, his family, his work and his friends. He will be deeply missed by many.

Jim is survived by his wife Norma of 56 years, and their sons Steve (Christa) of Lake Elmo, MN and Nate of Oshkosh; grandchildren Anna and Emmett Dyer, who will dearly miss their “papa.” He is also survived by his sister Kathy (Richard) Miller of Madison, NC, as well as brothers-in law Richard (Barbara) Smith and Gary Smith; sisters-in-law JoAnn Schlies and Marge Smith; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and MaryAnn, parents-in-law, Norman and Mildred “Toots” Smith of Wausaukee, WI, as well as many other relatives.

Per Jim’s wishes, a funeral will not be held. Rather, a Celebration of Life will be planned for the coming months. In lieu of flowers, Jim requested any memorials be directed to Shriner’s Children’s Hospital, Oshkosh Community Foundation or Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

Edeltraut Gabriel
Edeltraut (Zedler) Gabriel, age 89, of Oshkosh, WI, went to eternal peace on May 12, 2025.
She was born in Faulen-Rosenberg, Germany to Max and Gertrude (Schonschek) Zedler on May 22, 1935.
Traute and her family were sponsored by Franz Boschwitz to come over to the United States in 1951 and she became a US Citizen in 1959.
In 1954 she married Heinz Gabriel. They were married for 65 years until Heinz's passing. Together they had five children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom they were very proud of.



Family and faith were very important to Traute. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the church choir for a number of years. She also was a pretty good bowler in her days where she and Heinz met so many wonderful friends. She made some of the best German food and desserts, she loved to sew, knit and crochet. She even knit barbie doll clothes for her girls and made sure to crochet each member of her family a beautiful afghan.
Traute was a big sports fan and loved watching her Packers, Brewers, Badgers and the US and Germany Soccer games. She actually thought she was a coach at times yelling at the TV! She loved nothing more than going to watch her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting events, dance competitions, and recitals.

She is survived by her son, Ralph (Pearl) Gabriel; her three daughters, Karen Tiffany, Heidi (Andy) Turner, Linda (David) Kollmann; her eight grandchildren, Kirk (Stephanie) Tiffany, Matthew (Christal) Gabriel, Ryan Gabriel, David (Megan) Chivington, Scott (Wakenya) Tiffany, Michael (Morgan) Chivington, Jordan (Emily) Kollmann, Hannah (Mo) Kollmann; her seventeen great-grandchildren, Reese, Leah, Abigail, Mackenzie, Payton, Wren, Olivia, Isabelle, Junior, Aston, Cienna, Vincent, Subira, Finley, Duncan, Marigold and Chloe; her great great-grandchild, Gwen; her sister-in-law, Diane Zedler; her sister and brothers-in-law, Anneliesa and Rudolf Hagemann; her sister-in-law, Traudl Gabriel; and special friend, Cassie Novotny.
She is preceded in death by her hus-

band, Heinz K. Gabriel; her son, Dieter W. Gabriel; her grandson, Sean David Kollmann; her parents, Max and Gertrude Zedler; her brother, Gunter Zedler; her in-laws, Karl F. and Erna Gabriel; her brother-in-law, Kurt H. Gabriel; her grandson Ryan's late wife, Breckan Gabriel.
The family would like to thank the staff at Theda Clark Hospital and Theda Care Hospice for taking such compassionate care of our mother. We would also like to thank Dr. Benjamin Heinzen and Sara Kolell-NP from Ascension and Paster Jeffrey Knoll of Zion Lutheran Church for their kindness and care they have always given and shown our mother.
A private family service will be held.

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Obituaries

Mary Louise Davis

October 17, 1940 – May 7, 2025

Mary Louise Davis, 84, of Oshkosh,



Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at home on May 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness.

Born on October 17, 1940, to Bernice and Rayno Romme,

Mary lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service. She married William “Bill” Davis on October 25, 1958, at Peace Lutheran Church. Together they built a life full of love and purpose.

Mary is survived by her sons, David Davis (Kimberley Glover) and Michael (Lori) Davis; grandchildren, Nicole Berndt, Lindsey Hayes, Bradley (Kurstin) Davis and Neal (Lauren) Davis; great-grandchildren, Mason Berndt, Peyton and Ashton Woods, Alexis and AJ Hayes, Emelyn, Alaina, Olivia Davis, Skylar, Landon and Willow Davis. She is also survived by her siblings, Sue (Dick) Rutledge, Carol (Tom) Bast, Tom (Audra) Romme and Jim (Deborah) Romme; as well as many cherished nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents, Bernice and Rayno Romme; in-laws, Marvin Davis, Beatrice (Sy Kadinger) Davis, Josephine Beyer and Andy Anderson; her brother and sister-in-

law, Bill Romme and Jean Schlaeger; her nephew, Paul Davis; brother in-law, Ron Davis and sister in-law, Donna Morgan.

Mary volunteered as a hospice caregiver for more than 20 years, giving comfort and dignity to others. She was rarely still—always helping at church, volunteering at food pantries, catching up with friends over breakfast or lunch, or enthusiastically cheering from the sidelines at her great-grandchildren’s sporting events. She always knew what time the Packers, Badgers, Brewers or Bucks were playing. Her energy, compassion, and kindness

Larry P. Lautenschlager

Larry P. Lautenschlager, age 84, passed away peacefully May 9, 2025 at Home of Hope in



Fond du Lac, WI. He was born May 30, 1940, to parents Phillip and Elsie (Reickman) Lautenschlager in Oshkosh, WI.

After he attended Oshkosh High School, he married the love of his life,

Carol Lippold. They met on the 4th of July and married on June 15, 1963. He called her his “little firecracker.” Together, they raised a daughter, Kelly.

He worked 37 ½ years at Morgan Doors, while working as a recording secretary in Union 1363, he later became president for many years. He was also a

touched everyone who knew her.

Grandma would frequently say, “This too shall pass,” a gentle reminder she offered often to those facing hard times. As well as “You only get to do this once; I did the best that I could. Loved a lot.” Her words and her unwavering spirit will stay with us always.

Mary’s faith was unshakable, and her family takes comfort in the words of Revelation 21:4: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

The family extends special thanks to

Whitney Hoeft and Ericka Kinney from Aurora Home Hospice for their exceptional care and support.

A funeral will be held on June 2nd at Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Visitation will take place from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with a service to follow. A private family burial will be held on June 3rd.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to Peace Lutheran Church in her honor.

We love you, Grandma.



foreman. He worked at Northwestern Fan Company for 5 years and then 7 years at Oshkosh Truck until his retirement.

Larry enjoyed woodworking, especially making cabinets, tables and decorations for craft fairs. He also enjoyed working on the lawn and taking care of the bushes and trees. In his free time, he loved fishing in the pond in his backyard and fed the fish. The fish heard him walk on the dock and waited for the food. He taught Carly and Ryan how to fish. They enjoyed being together and Larry loved them so much.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol Lautenschlager; daughter, Kelly (Jeffrey) Weisjohn; grandchildren, Carly (Brett) Sonnenschein and Ryan (Sophie M.) Weisjohn; great-grandchildren, Jonah and Jayla; sister, Patricia Faust; brother-in-law, Jay (Nancy) Ratchman; two German Shephards; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Phillip and Elsie (Reickman) Lautenschlager; stepbrother, Eugene (Diane) Roepke; nephew, Scott Roepke; parents-in-law, Clarence (Marion Hildebrandt) Lippold; and huskie, Thunder.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, with service to immediately follow.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Mercy Medical Center ICU, Oshkosh and the nurses and volunteers at Home of Hope in Fond du Lac, for their excellent care and kindness.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Dustin Joseph Keller

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000430

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Dustin Joseph Keller To: Valerie Joseph Moon Birth Certificate: Dustin Joseph Keller

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: June 30, 2025 Time: 3:30 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4811 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 6, 2025 /s/ Hon. Michael D. Rust Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch I

Runs: May 14, 2025, May 21, 2025 and May 28, 2025

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Raymond Kenneth Stieg

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000452

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Raymond Kenneth Stieg To: Avery Kenneth Stieg Birth Certificate: Raymond Kenneth Stieg

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 5th Floor, 415 Jackson Street, Room 531 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: June 19, 2025 Time: 11:30 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4912 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 6, 2025 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6

Runs: May 21, 2025, May 28, 2025 and June 4, 2025

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Hannah Nang

Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000227

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Hannah Nang To: Nanghannah Jeju Jireh Birth Certificate: Hannah

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 410 Oshkosh, WI 54903 Date: July 22, 2025 Time: 11:30 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 13, 2025 /s/ Hon. Michael D. Rust Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1 Runs: May 21, 2025, May 28, 2025 and June 4, 2025

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Nang Jan Hom By (Petitioner): Ja Nu By (Co-Petitioner): Sai Long Jireh

Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000228

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Nang Jan Hom To: Nangsarah Mewan Jireh Birth Certificate: Nang Jan Hon

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 410 Oshkosh, WI 54903 Date: July 22, 2025 Time: 11:30 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 13, 2025 /s/ Hon. Michael D. Rust Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1 Runs: May 21, 2025, May 28, 2025 and June 4, 2025

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