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# District updates referendum projects

## OASD to spend almost \$2 million on facilities

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The almost \$200 million Oshkosh Area School District facilities referendum passed by just 471 votes in April. Now the district is working on the design phase and other details and plans on

having most projects completed by 2029. OASD assistant superintendent of operations Julie Conrad-Peters provided the Board of Education an update on the referendum projects, which span from renovating elementary schools, adding air conditioning to elementary schools and building a new middle school. Conrad-Peters explained at the May 14 board meeting the district is currently in the design phase for the elemen-

tary school projects on the west side of Oshkosh, including the renovations and additions to Carl Traeger, Franklin and Oakwood elementary schools. Each of those schools is being renovated to accommodate more students as the district's long range facility plan calls for OASD to shift from 20 to 15 schools as enrollment declines.

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# Chef has big plans with big flavors

## Stollenwerk learning how to perfect barbecuing

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

When Aiden Stollenwerk was three years old, he started smoking meats. Now the 10-year-old has aspirations of becoming a true barbecue pitmaster. Barbecue isn't the only thing he enjoys cooking. Aiden cooks every day even if it isn't barbecue. One of his favorites is macaroni and cheese. In the years since starting, Aiden has learned a lot about smoking meats, barbecue and cooking in general. "You don't always need extra ingredients. Dark spots doesn't mean it's burnt; it means it's bark," explains Aiden. He gets help from his family in the kitchen, including his mom Michelle Holland and stepdad Steven Holland, and sometimes his younger sister Bella. "My favorite thing to smoke is pork butt," he said. "It goes on the smoker for 12 to 16 hours." Despite the name, pork butt comes from the upper portion of the pig shoul-



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Aiden Stollenwerk is learning to become a true barbecue pitmaster at a young age.

der, Aiden pointed out as he shredded the meat. He has a Pitt Boss Austin XL smoker that uses wood pellets to create the smoke to cook the meat. He gets up around 5:30 in the morning for the food to be ready

around 6 p.m. He is known as Chef Aiden with his own white chef coat and is always prepared with a meat thermometer because

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# Family hopes to improve safety of intersection



Oshkosh Herald

A stop sign was recently installed at the intersection of Division Street and Scott Avenue. A family that lives adjacent to the intersection hopes it makes the intersection safer.

## Steps taken to limit damage from motorists

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A local family is hopeful that a recently installed stop sign will catch the attention of motorists and make an area in Oshkosh safer. Liz and Chad Dillinger live near the intersection of Division Street and Scott Avenue. Multiple crashes since 2010 have impacted their property. Chad Dillinger bought the home in 2006 and since then the property has been the site of four crashes causing damage with the most recent happening last sum-

mer when a drunk driver drove directly into their home. "It hit the house and went into the crawl space," Liz Dillinger said. When the vehicle went over the curb, it lost a wheel. That wheel traveled at a high speed and struck the side of the house, just inches from a window leading into the kitchen. The vehicle was a compact SUV, but Liz Dillinger said if it would have been a pickup truck or a larger vehicle, it could have gone farther into the house. In an interview with the Herald, Chad Dillinger explained that motorists consistently "jump the curb" by the house and

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Jobless rate falls slightly throughout county

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rates dip from 3.1% to 2.8% between March and April, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The April 2024 jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and Winnebago County was at 2.5%.

Preliminary April unemployment decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over

the month. Jobless rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.

Jobless rates decreased in 31 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month, increased in three cities and stayed the same in one city, Fitchburg. Rates increased in 33 cities over the year, remained the same in New Berlin and decreased in Fitchburg.

Preliminary April 2025 jobless rates decreased in 69 counties over the month and increased in the remaining three counties. Unemployment rates decreased in four

counties over the year, stayed the same in two counties and increased in the remaining 66 counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society



May 28, 1910

**Steamer Paul L Sinks! Goes Down at Foot of Moore Street:** The steamer Paul L lies at the bottom of the Fox River, dockside at Riverside Park. The accident occurred this morning at 10:50 o'clock, when a load of coal that was being unloaded became over-balanced and caused a heavy list to port. 70-year-old Miss Maria Smith, a cook on board the vessel, was thrown overboard into the icy waters and was saved from drowning when rescued by Engineer John Yerke of Tustin. No other casualties were reported. The ship's cargo held 155 tons of coal and had just docked here after arriving this morning from Green Bay. The steamer is owned by Clark & LeFever and is commanded by Paul L. LeFever, son of captain William W. LeFever. The Paul L is valued at \$15,000 and the value of the lost cargo was \$300. Curious onlookers crowded the Main Street bridge to get a view of the unusual incident. Photographers took pictures of the scene and worked feverishly to develop postcards bearing the image which will be sold at local drug and book stores. The steamer is reported to be one of the newest, largest, and best equipped passenger and freight vessels of the Fox River. Work to raise the steamer commenced this afternoon and it is estimated it will cost \$2,000 to put the vessel back in shape.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, May 28, 1910

Golf outing to benefit United Way

Oshkosh Herald

The 16th Annual Golf to Give Outing presented by the Oshkosh Area United Way will be on June 4 at Westhaven Golf Course in Oshkosh. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch catered by The Roxy and Greene's Pour House.

Attendees will be able to play a round of golf, contests to win prizes and the chance to take home an array of auction items. All proceeds from Golf to Give support Oshkosh Area United Way educational programs that uplift young readers in the community.

Support from donors will help sustain the Growing Readers tutoring program, which provides personalized literacy assistance to children in third through fifth grades, building their confidence and setting them on a path to academic success.

Additionally, the United Way said funds will help provide books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, ensuring children aged 0-5 in Oshkosh and the surrounding area receive free, high-quality books each month — sparking a lifelong love of reading from an early age.

Registration for the event ends Thursday.

Worker strike continues at Cummins facility

Oshkosh Herald

Picketing outside the Cummins facility in Oshkosh continues as union members voted down a contract proposal from Cummins officials earlier this month.

UAW Local 291 President Ryan Compton told the Herald that after two days of negotiating, a new contract presented by Cummins was overwhelmingly rejected by union members on May 18.

More than 90 UAW Local 291 union members walked out of their jobs making components for military and heavy construction equipment in March. The workers will continue to picket outside of the Cummins facility at 1005 High Ave. in Oshkosh, Compton said.

He said negotiations are scheduled to continue with Cummins officials today and Thursday.

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Correction

**MAY 21, Page 10:** In the State of the City story, Anna Cannizzo was incorrectly identified as the director of the Oshkosh Public Library. She is the director of the Oshkosh Public Museum.

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# Muddy Waters tribute to benefit Oshkosh Masonic Center

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David Janke always enjoys a chance to play music in Oshkosh.

His musical interests over the past 50 years have taken him to venues around the country.

“Oshkosh is my hometown, so this will be special for me,” said Janke, 71, who now lives in Redgranite. “This is my community. Oshkosh always remains home.”

Janke, known professionally as Lil’ Davy Max, is an American Blues musician playing what he said is “vintage Chicago blues the way they should be played, steeped in the Windy City tradition.”

Janke is particularly looking forward to a benefit concert this weekend in Oshkosh. He will be performing with the Lil’ Davy Max Band at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Historic Oshkosh Masonic Temple, 204 Washington Ave. It’s an event Janke said has been a couple of years in the making.

Tickets are \$10 in advance at [MWTOMC.eventbrite.com](http://MWTOMC.eventbrite.com) or will be \$15 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The concert is a tribute to McKinley Morganfield, better known as Muddy Waters, an American blues singer-songwriter and musician who was an important figure in the post-World War II blues scene. Muddy is often referred to as the “father of modern Chicago blues.”

Janke said Muddy was somebody who



he has long admired. He recalled taking a chance calling Muddy at home and hitchhiking to Madison at the age of 14 to stand outside the venue where Muddy was performing.

“I wasn’t old enough to get in,” Janke said. “It was still worth it just to be there.”

Muddy died in 1983 but Janke hopes his music will live on.

“Muddy was good at giving advice,” Janke said. “One thing he said was to be the best Dave I can be. Nobody had said that to me like he did.”

Janke is working on lining up a list of other musicians to perform with him for the benefit concert. He’s always amazed by the level of talent available.

“I’m so happy to play with so many great musicians,” Janke said. “I call them all aces.”

Janke hopes it all makes for a memorable evening and said it feels wonderful to find ways like this to give back to the community.



Photos from David Janke

The Lil’ Davy Max Band led by David Janke will be performing a Muddy Waters tribute concert Saturday to benefit the Oshkosh Masonic Center.

## Volunteer needs

**Advocap** needs volunteers for its transportation program, which helps children, adults and seniors attend vital appointments. The agency is seeking compassionate volunteers aged 55 and older with a reliable car and a clean

driving record. Volunteers need to have a valid Wisconsin driver’s license, proof of insurance and a background check. With multiple ride requests coming in daily, the agency is flexible about the amount of time volunteers can commit.

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# Braun leading fitness instruction with a smile



Ray Maurer (left) recognizes Dan Braun for his selection as a finalist for the national 2025 SilverSneakers Instructor of the Year award.

## Seniors Center instructor nets national recognition

By Chris Lusvardi  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Dan Braun is always leading group exercise classes at the Oshkosh Seniors Center with a smile.

Class participants say he does so while appearing to focus on one person at a time. When he turns away, they have the biggest smile on their face, said Mike Kirby, one of the class participants.

“I see the happiness he brings to people here,” said Kirby, who led the effort to gather support to nominate Braun for a nationwide recognition. Braun, the senior services manager at the center, was named a finalist for the national 2025 SilverSneakers Instructor of the Year award.

The award was established to honor SilverSneakers instructors across the country who inspire and encourage seniors to stay active. According to the organization, the award specifically recognizes those who bring dedication, joy and community to each class.

“It is so exciting to be able to share this award with Dan,” said Julie Logue, director of operations for Tivity Health. Logue said she met Dan through the SilverSneakers program about 15 years ago. “He has been a great influence in my life.”

Logue said nearly 2,100 nominations were received this year from throughout the country, and Braun was selected as one of the top five finalists.

“We did read each one,” Logue said. “We were looking at the quality of the nominations to see who is impacting lives. Dan is connecting with seniors to understand their unique needs. We’ve been impressed by his humble leadership, always leading with a smile.”

Kirby said he started by asking a friend to fill out a nomination online. Pretty soon, they asked nearly everyone in the class to do so as well. Having so many people say nice things about Braun and the center shows what an honor it is to receive the recognition and show the pride everyone has in the programs there, Kirby said.

“Oshkosh has one of the best senior(s) centers in the state,” Kirby said. “This just proves it.”

Braun leads the 45-minute classes at 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Different classes are offered on the other days of the week.

Braun hopes the center offers something that will meet the interests of different people throughout the community.

“Dan has brought his unique perspective to the senior(s) center,” said Ray Maurer, city of Oshkosh parks director. “He has built connections with the community, businesses and civic organizations. It shows how much he cares about people. The participants who attend his classes at the senior(s) center appreciate his approach to having open ears, hearts



Dan Braun leads a senior fitness class May 21 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

and establishing trust.” Braun said he has been humbled by receiving the recognition.

“As an instructor, you don’t always realize the impact you have on people,” Braun said. “I’m flattered to have been nominated.”

In addition to trying to make classes fun, Braun focuses on explaining why he has the group doing what they do.

“We want the workouts to be the best time it can be for them,” Braun said. “Participants want to be challenged, to learn, to grow and be pushed. They like the explanations, and we can see them learning to understand why we do it that way.”

Kirby appreciates the explanations, saying the classes help with stretching, exercise, balance and perhaps most importantly, socialization.

The classes have been so popular, Kirby said, the center has added more equipment, so more people have been able to come to the classes.

Braun has become known for bringing his unique sense of humor to the role. He is known for his “dad jokes.”

“You can switch arms now unless you like yours, then you can keep it,” is one of his favorites.

In addition to using humor, Braun said simple changes such as playing various types of music can give each class a different feel.

“We want our participants to feel a sense of independence,” Braun said. “We hope we give them a little bit of something to live a high-quality life and maybe reconnect with others. It’s all about having fun and staying physically fit.”

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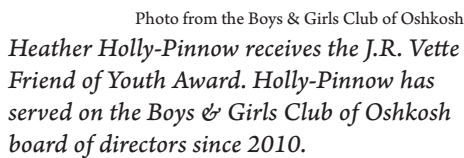
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"We are incredibly grateful for the passion and commitment each of these individuals and organizations bring to the club," said Tracy Ogden, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. "Their efforts make a real difference in the lives of the children and families we serve."

The Service League of Oshkosh was presented with the Award of Merit, which goes to a volunteer or contributor who has made an extraordinary contribution of time or resources.

Tesch was presented with the Professional Service Award, which goes to a staff member who rendered exceptionally devoted service.



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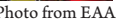
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## Vietnam vets will return after July 25 air show

One of the most emotional and touching events of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year will return this year as 100 Vietnam War vets will take a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on July 25 as part of AirVenture's annual salute to veterans.

Veterans from the Vietnam War will be honored as they travel to the nation's capital to tour war memorials at no cost to them. The veterans will return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show and thousands of people will welcome them back home.

This will be the 11th year that the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh under the auspices of Old Glory Honor Flight of Appleton, Wisconsin. That non-profit organization has organized dozens of Honor Flights since 2009 with a dedicated group of volunteers. The flights have included special flights to Pearl Harbor and to Vietnam.



*A water cannon salute welcomes the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in 2024 following its journey with Vietnam War-era veterans.*

Old Glory Honor Flight will be inviting area veterans who are currently on their waitlist. In addition, other Vietnam veter-

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Jefferson Elementary School principal Amy Ashton, who worked for the district for over 20 years, submitted her resignation after one year in her role at Jefferson, after serving as principal at Lakeside Elementary. One highlight she said from her tenure at Jefferson is when the school hosted Gov. Tony Evers in September as part of a school year kick-off campaign.

More information is available online regarding Old Glory Honor Flight or to make donations to the organization.

The OASD Board of Education approved the resignations at the regular school board meeting on May 14.

Last summer, the Oshkosh Area School District introduced 11 new principals across the 18 schools the district operates. Nine of those 11 hires were internal promotions within the district.

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# Legislators hopeful on state funding assistance

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council is poised to receive more state money from a program that has been underfunded for decades.

The Municipal Services Payment (MSP) Program was introduced in 1981 and was designed to cover the costs of state buildings across Wisconsin to lessen the impact on local taxpayers.

The council recently hosted a trio of state legislators who were hopeful that the 2025-2027 biennial state budget will include an increase to help Oshkosh and other communities with state-owned buildings.

State Rep. Lori Palmeri, State Rep. Nate Gustafson and State Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim on May 19 discussed the MSP program and other issues facing the city with council members and city staff. According to Mayor Matt Mugerauer, it was the first meeting with state legislators since COVID, when the meeting was held virtually.

At the time of the meeting, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), which is made up of state representatives and state senators with 12 Republicans and 4 Democrats, had already gone through the budget once and made a number of cuts from the governor's initial proposal.

Gov. Tony Evers recommended increasing the MPS by \$17 million, a 90% increase and the most significant increase in 15 years. In 2024, MSP funding was 37.6%, or \$18.6 million. Evers' proposal would double the funding to about 72% of state facilities and put about \$35 million into municipalities such as Oshkosh.



State Rep. Nate Gustafson talks about the state biennial budget process with other legislators, Oshkosh Common Council members and city staff. Oshkosh leaders are urging state officials to increase funding for state buildings to take the burden off local municipalities.

City Manager Rebecca Grill explained that Oshkosh and other municipalities often have budget challenges, and if the state would fully fund the MSP, these municipalities would be able to avoid cutting services.

Grill has urged council members and residents to contact their legislators to ask the JFC not to eliminate the MSP increase from Evers' proposed budget.

Dassler-Alfheim, Gustafson and Palmeri

all said it was a good sign that the Joint Finance Committee did not cut the increased funding for MSP proposed by Evers.

Palmeri reported while reading from the 2025-2027 budget in brief, the JFC removed 615 items from Evers' budget.

"Seventy-two percent isn't the full amount but it would be a healthy correction," she said.

"I would say if it didn't get cut out – that's a really good sign," Dassler-Alfheim added. "The fact that it wasn't stripped out gives us hope. I think it's a very good sign."

She said if the JFC didn't like the proposed increase, it would have already been taken out of the budget.

"One hundred percent would be great, but I think we have to be realistic," Dassler-Alfheim said.

This could signal that both sides of the political aisle see this as a good thing to increase the funding.

Council member Karl Buelow pointed out it wouldn't fly if he went to City Hall and decided he only wanted to pay 72% of his tax bill.

"I can't celebrate that we're still getting shorted on the MSP that we're supposed to be receiving," Buelow said.

Oshkosh received about \$1 million to cover the annual entitlement of state buildings last year. If Evers' recommendation is not pulled from the budget, Oshkosh's MSP funds would almost double to

receive about \$2 million.

It is estimated it would cost the state between \$40 and \$50 million to fund MSP to 100%. This would alleviate municipalities across the state from covering state costs and instead focus on funding local services.

Oshkosh is third in the state behind Madison and Milwaukee for the number of state-owned buildings. In Oshkosh, that includes UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh Correctional Institution and the Wisconsin Resource Center.

Although state properties don't pay property taxes, they do utilize city resources such as police, fire and garbage collection.


The state has a \$4 billion budget surplus. Members of the JFC eliminated over 600 items from Evers budget earlier this month, which included a new 9.8% tax on high-income earners, according to the Wisconsin Examiner.

Other cuts from the budget include \$500 million for Child Care Counts program, \$125 million to address PFAS and \$200 million to replace lead pipes across the state.

The Oshkosh Common Council sent a resolution to legislators in April requesting the MSP be funded 100%.

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Volunteer services program assistant Kari Tschech, volunteer Michael Abraham, Executive Director Tanya Marcoe and board President Connie Anderson recently attended Advocap's annual meeting, where Abraham received the Volunteer Service Award.

## Advocap recognizes award recipients

Oshkosh Herald

Advocap recognized its annual award recipients May 8 during the organization's meeting and celebration.

The event also featured a review of the agency's accomplishments over the past year and a presentation of its annual report.

Michael Abraham received the Volunteer Service Award for Winnebago County, which honors individuals whose dedication positively impacts those in the community who are striving for self-sufficiency. It celebrates the invaluable contributions of volunteers who generously give their time to support those in need.

Abraham has turned driving into "a powerful act of service," according to the agency. Since joining Advocap's volunteer driver program, he has provided over 600 hours and driven nearly 16,000 miles to ensure individuals can access medical,

work, groceries and Special Olympics events.

Wisconsin Warmers was presented the Community Service Award, which recognizes groups and organizations committed to community action by creating opportunities and removing barriers to self-sufficiency. Their efforts reflect Advocap's mission and demonstrate the powerful impact of addressing economic and social challenges.

At the Oshkosh Seniors Center, a group of 30 volunteers known as Wisconsin Warmers, creates handmade items that bring warmth and comfort to those in need. From quilts and scarves to book bags and stockings, their donations go to local schools, hospitals, group homes and other nonprofits.

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# Rain garden starting to show benefits for local business

By Chris Lusvardi  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Jennifer and Heath Ruetten have been excited to watch plants start to grow in the rain garden outside Copper Hall in the last few weeks.

They're seeing the efforts to establish the rain garden at the business at 203 Otter Ave. start to pay off. This is the first full season for the plants that went into the ground early in September.

"We have all this mulch," Jennifer Ruetten said. "Every time it stormed, we had mulch washing into the parking lot."

They had no way to collect or use all the water, Heath Ruetten added.

Jennifer Ruetten said they have seen others who have completed similar projects but paying for it all seemed like it could cost more than they felt comfortable spending.

"We knew the concept existed," Jennifer Ruetten said. "We were interested in beautifying the space and showing what can be done in central Oshkosh. It's been amazing to watch. We take pride in being a downtown business owner."

As Heath Ruetten looked around the property, he pointed to other areas along the fence and particularly near playground equipment in the back where he wants to work on continuing to improve the drainage. He said they've been surprised to find out what's in the ground as they dig and take out gravel to replace with soil for the plants to better grow in.

They want the garden to serve as a backdrop for photos and added a bridge through the middle of the garden to use as a space to both stand for photos and as a path from the parking lot into their yard.

Conservation technician Alix Bjork-



Above: The rain garden uses water that runs off from the flat roof of Copper Hall.

At right: Jennifer Ruetten (left) talks with Jody Bezio about the rain garden at Copper Hall in Oshkosh.

lund-Patil with the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department said the work being done at Copper Hall is an example of what homeowners and business owners can do with the space and resources they have available.

The garden utilizes water that runs off the flat roof of the Copper Hall building.

"The rain garden is able to pick up pollutants, so it's a nice way to improve water quality instead of having it all run over into the parking lot," Bjorklund-Patil said.

She said benefits of rain gardens include protecting streams and lakes from pollution by reducing storm runoff, helping



to reduce flooding, beautifying yards and neighborhoods and providing habitat for pollinators and birds.

With No Mow May not happening this year in Oshkosh, Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department administrative associate Jody Bezio said they've received questions about what can still be done to benefit pollinators. She said rain gardens are something that can have benefits all year long, not just early in the season.

Bjorklund-Patil said native plants are required to be planted as part of such a project. The plants are expected to bloom at various times throughout the season.

She said staff members are available to help with the projects. Typically it's something homeowners are interested in, so Bjorklund-Patil has enjoyed seeing a business owner being able to participate in a project.

"We want to show it can be done any-

where," Bjorklund-Patil said.

Bjorklund-Patil said they helped to calculate how much water is expected to run off from the roof to know how large of an area the garden needs to cover. She also pointed out how far the garden should be from the building.

To receive financial assistance, Bjorklund-Patil said the department staff wants to make on-site assessments and provide as much input as needed. They want to make sure the project fits the criteria established to receive the assistance and enter into a cost-share agreement for the landowner to be reimbursed.

Landowners may be provided up to 90% of the initial cost to establish one rain garden up to a maximum of \$1,000.

"We can be as hands off or on as they would like," Bjorklund-Patil said. "We're happy to come out and help."

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Intersection safety

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drive through the vacant lot between the Dillinger home and the Family Dollar parking lot.

A stop sign was installed May 19 at the intersection of Scott and Division. It was an uncontrolled intersection prior to that with motorists on Division expected to yield, even without the presence of a sign.

There are a number of similar uncontrolled intersections in the neighborhood with motorists expected to yield to through traffic on Scott Avenue. The Wisconsin DMV motorists’ handbook states motorists should yield to cross traffic when entering an uncontrolled T-intersection.

The Dillingers were happy the stop sign was finally installed after years of waiting for a response from the city. City documents show a stop sign was recommended at the intersection last August.

Oshkosh Transportation Director Jim Collins confirmed a stop sign was approved last fall to be put at the intersection for motorists going north on Division but was administratively missed. The Dillingers contacted the transportation department again before the stop sign was installed.

Incident history

The most recent incident occurred in July 2024. The incident report states that on July 14, around 2:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to the scene where a vehicle had driven into the home in the 900 block of Central Street.

The crash caused an estimated \$50,000 worth of damage to the home but did not cause any structural damage.

The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated. Court records show last December Alanda J. Dewhurst plead no contest to OWI – second offense and was found guilty. She was sentenced to serve seven days in jail and complete community service hours.

The first crash that occurred since the Dillingers moved in was in January 2010



Photo from Chad Dillinger

The Dillingers documented the crash that occurred last summer when an SUV hit the side of the house. There is a dent in the house’s siding next to the window on the right where a tire hit the home after coming off the car.

when a drunk driver traveling north on Division Street approached the intersection and failed to turn onto Scott Avenue and ultimately drove into the Dillinger’s garage.

There were two crashes in 2018, the first in May and another in November. On May 29, 2018, according to the incident report, a driver was trying to evade police when he “failed to negotiate a turn northbound from Division Street onto Scott Avenue.”

The vehicle crashed into a fence just 13 feet from the Dillinger’s gas main.

In the November 2018 incident, a suspected stolen vehicle was traveling north on Division toward the Dillinger home when the driver struck the curb and crashed into an unoccupied truck owned by the Dillingers.

City records show there was an incident in May 2019 when a motorist struck a fire hydrant in the area of the Division and Scott intersection. Collins said the incident involved young people who may have been using marijuana.

Collins said he reviewed the situation and understands the Dillinger’s concerns, adding the crashes were considered extenuating circumstances.

Potential solutions

The Dillingers say the ideal situation to stop vehicles from driving into their property would be to make Division Street a dead end street and not connect to Scott Avenue. Another option they suggested was to make Division a one-way south-bound street.

“People use Division as a drag strip. Well, they use Scott like they’re drag racing, too,” Liz Dillinger said.

The Dillingers have been trying to get the problem resolved since 2018. Liz Dillinger said the initial interactions with the city and the transportation committee were dismissive.

“I know this isn’t the newest or nicest house in the city, but we love living here and would like to stay in this neighborhood,” Liz Dillinger said. “That meeting I went to, they were very dismissive of the

problem.”

The minutes from the Aug. 13, 2024 meeting state the house has been hit several times, with at least two of the incidents involving a drunk driver. The committee discussed that turning Division into a dead end would be an intensive process. The city would need to acquire a property, which would come at a significant cost.

Liz Dillinger recalled that one committee member told her the suggestions she brought to the meeting would not deter drunk driving. It was a sentiment repeated by Collins.

“In some cases, it doesn’t matter what you put there; it won’t stop drunk drivers,” he said.

Oshkosh Police Lieutenant Rob Kraemer suggested that concrete barriers be placed on the home’s terrace to stop vehicles.

“My response was – ‘Would you want those in your yard?’ Liz Dillinger said.

After the discussion, the committee approved recommending that a stop sign be placed in the intersection, which was installed earlier this month.

Pedestrian safety

A lot of foot traffic passes through the area, with some pedestrians walking to Oshkosh Laundry, Family Dollar, a nearby gas station and other businesses.

“There are college kids walking through here on the weekends going to the bars,” Liz Dillinger said. “There’s a lot of kids out here that are in danger because of this intersection.”

A number of intersections in the neighborhood between North Main and Jackson streets are uncontrolled with cars entering Scott not having any signage to yield or stop.

Collins said the best way to travel in uncontrolled intersections is to “slow down, look both ways before proceeding.”

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# OASD projects

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At the same time, the district is in the design phase of adding air conditioning to Lakeside, Emmeline Cook and Read elementary schools.

The next steps for the \$198.7 million referendum will be bidding out these projects between August and February.

The design for the new middle school at the site of Jacob Shapiro will not start until the fall. District plans indicate the design process for the new middle school will begin in September and take one year to complete.

OASD is working with the firm Bray Architects for the preliminary design work. It is the same company the district worked with for the 2020 referendum projects, which included Vel Phillips Middle School and Menominee Elementary School.

Conrad-Peters informed the board a traffic study is currently being conducted at Carl Traeger on 20th Avenue near the YMCA on the southwest side of Oshkosh.

Initially the district and city officials believed installing sidewalks in the area would encourage students to walk or possibly ride their bikes to school. Now 30 years later, that has not been the case.

“They did not anticipate there would be this armada of SUVs coming to the

school every day to drop off and pick up children,” board member Barb Herzog said. “It’s time that we fix that.”

Conrad-Peters said the district is working with the city to finalize updated traffic plans for the building and is anticipating the new design at Traeger will be completed next summer.

The district will continue to update the referendum page on its website as the projects continue to progress. That information can be found at [oshkosh.k12.wi.us/referendum-2025](http://oshkosh.k12.wi.us/referendum-2025).

## Summer work

Aside from the referendum projects, OASD also has regularly scheduled capital updates to buildings and facilities across the district.

The historic Merrill school was demolished in November to make room for green space for students of Vel Phillips as well as a space for the community to use as the school board has identified the northside of Oshkosh as needing more parks.

Other summer maintenance projects across the district include multiple roofing and flooring updates, plumbing and electrical work. The roofing projects at West High School and Lakeside Elementary are set to cost around \$666,000. Also, both high school tracks will be resurfaced for a total of \$227,000.

The total cost of these projects is already in the budget and is set to cost \$1.8 million.

One major project, a new track and field, will be completed at Vel Phillips Middle School by August, and is not part of the summer maintenance project budget.



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Aiden Stollenwerk is looking to gather support to be able to participate in cooking competitions.

# Chef Aiden

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he knows the internal temp of the pork butt and other meats for the best flavor and tenderness.

When at home, Aiden tends to his garden where he grows the ingredients for his own barbecue sauce, Porkypine Slap Sauce, and seasonings.

“We grow peppers, tomatoes, thyme, oregano, onions and peas,” Aiden said while overlooking his raised-bed garden and a few pots for planting his herbs.

The dream for Aiden is to become a true BBQ pit master and open a restaurant. He already knows how to reach his dreams.

“You have to make a lot of food, sell it and be known around the world,” he said.

Aiden attends Oakwood Elementary School and is wrapping up 5th grade in Ms. Tritt’s class. Besides barbecuing, he enjoys drawing and playing video games. He is also in karate and has earned a pair of medals. The family has a pet dog, Rocky, and a pet turtle, Bows-er.

Along with cooking for his family, Aiden has also donated food to the community. He has cooked for the Algoma Fire Station on Omro Road and supplied food

for the Oshkosh North Wrestling team banquet.

Steven Holland said there were about 70 people Aiden cooked for at that event.

“It was three butts that we cooked. It was a lot of hard work,” Aiden said.

There aren’t many kids’ cooking competitions in the area, so they are raising funds to travel to Kentucky or Texas for competitions.

“I love making people smile with my food,” Aiden said as the reason he cooks for people.

In the meantime, Aiden will be competing in the Kids Cooking Competition as part of MeatFest at the Resch Expo in Green Bay on May 31. The event will supply the smokers and cooking equipment, and Aiden is confident it will be a fun time and a learning experience.

Chef Aiden has a Facebook group, his own YouTube channel and TikTok where he shares content about his cooking journey. All of his content can be found by searching “Aiden’s butt and other cuts.”

Porkypine Slap Sauce is available for purchase by request by searching Facebook for “Aiden’s butt and other cuts.”

Michelle and Steven Holland have set up a GoFundMe page, [gofund.me/cc0449bc](https://gofund.me/cc0449bc), to help with Aiden’s travel expenses to national cooking competitions.

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**2/\$3**  
5.3 oz  
Ratio  
Yogurt



**3.49**  
16 oz Individually Wrapped  
Food Club Deluxe  
American Cheese



**2.69**  
15 oz  
Food Club  
Ricotta

### frozen

WITH CARD  
All Items Are With Card



**2/\$7**  
13.8-15.8 oz  
Jack's Original  
Pizza



**4.99**  
13-33 oz  
Palermo's Rising Crust,  
Primo Thin, Ragu or  
Breakfast Pizza



**2/\$7**  
4-24 ct Select  
Dean's Novelties Cones,  
Cups, Bars, Sandwiches or Pops



**4.49**  
14 oz Ice Cream,  
3 ct Bars  
or 6 ct Outshine Bars



**5.49**  
48 oz  
Ore-Ida  
Potatoes



**8.99**  
30-40 oz Select  
Stouffer's  
Family Size Meals



**1.99**  
14-16 oz Select  
Food Club  
Vegetable Blends



**9.99**  
19.8-22.2 oz  
Home Bake  
Entrees



### grocery essentials



**4.99**  
15.6-22.1 oz Select  
Kellogg's  
Family Size Cereal



**3.49**  
24 oz  
Village Hearth  
Bread



**2.99**  
32 oz Pancake Mix  
or 24 oz Syrup



**3/\$5**  
14.5-15.25 oz  
Food Club  
Canned Fruit



**5/\$4**  
10-15.5 oz Select  
Food Club Canned  
Vegetables, Tomatoes  
or Variety Beans



**99¢**  
14.5 oz  
Swanson  
Broth



**2.49**  
15-24 oz  
Rinaldi Pasta  
Sauce



**99¢**  
16 oz  
Food Club  
Pasta



**3.49**  
8 oz  
Nerds Gummy  
Clusters



**99¢**  
4 pk  
Snack  
Packs



**2/\$6**  
46 oz  
Food Club  
Vegetable Juice



**2/\$4**  
6 pk  
Food Club  
Applesauce

WITH CARD  
All Items Are With Card

### WITH CARD



**5.99**  
12 oz or 10 ct Cups  
Green Mountain  
or McCafé Coffee



**11.99**  
22.6-30.5 oz Select  
Food Club  
Coffee



**2/\$3**  
20 oz Hunt's  
Ketchup  
or 12-20 oz Select  
Food Club Mustard



**2/\$4**  
10-10.75 oz  
Hostess  
Donettes



**2/\$3**  
5.6-5.9 oz or 2.05-2.39 oz Cup  
Cheetos Mac & Cheese  
or Kraft Easy Mac



**3.99**  
5.7-7 oz  
Pearls  
Specialties



**2/\$5**  
8-8.2 oz  
Idahoan  
Mashed Potatoes



**1.69**  
2 pk, 4 oz Containers  
Gerber  
2nd Foods



**2/\$7**  
1 oz  
Gerber  
Yogurt Melts



**4/\$5**  
2 pk, 2 oz or 4 oz Jar  
Gerber  
1st Foods



**3.99**  
4.47-7.23 oz  
Quaker  
Rice Cakes



**2/\$5.50**  
8-10 oz Select  
Old Dutch  
Chips



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12 Double Roll  
Scott Comfort  
Plus Bath Tissue



**5.99**  
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Kleenex  
Facial Tissue



**5.99**  
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Body Wash



**5.99**  
1-4 ct Select  
Duracell  
Batteries



**2.99**  
3 ct  
Rachel Ray  
Soup Bones



**4/\$5**  
2.75 oz  
Nature's Recipe  
Dog Food



**5.49**  
6 Big Roll  
Simply Done  
Paper Towel



**4/\$5**  
7 oz  
Renuzit  
Scents



**11.99**  
13 lb Bag  
Nunn Better  
Cat Food



**5.99**  
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Paws  
Cat Litter

### Summer Party Time!





**5.49**  
4 qt Classic Treats in Pails,  
12-20 pk Bars or 8 pk Cones



**2/\$11**  
6 pk, 12 oz Cans  
Bubbl'r



**7.99**  
12 pk, 12 oz Bottles  
Gatorade



**10/\$5**  
12 oz Cans  
Jolly Good



**2.99**  
24 pk, .5 Ltr Bottles  
Piggly Wiggly Spring  
or Drinking Water



**9.99**  
40 pk Rice Krispie Treats  
or 18 pk Frito Lay Variety Packs



**2.99**  
10 pk  
Capri Sun, Kool-Aid Jammers  
or Country Time Lemonade



**19.49**  
24 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles  
Coors Light or Coors Banquet





# meat & seafood



**1.29<sup>lb</sup>**  
Chicken Drumsticks  
Thighs... 1.59<sup>lb</sup>



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**1.99**  
12 oz Select Farmland Original or Pork & Bacon Sausage Roll



**7.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
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**3.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Gerber's Amish Farms Ground Chicken



**2/\$7**  
13-14 oz Select Eckrich Smoked Sausage Links



**10.49**  
32 oz Select Garlic or Original Klement's Summer Sausage



**7.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Fresh Wild-Caught Ocean Perch Fillets



**5.99**  
Fresh Wild-Caught Lake Trout Fillets



**4.99**  
16 oz Wholey Tilapia Fillets



# deli & bakery



**7.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Kretschmar Ham off the Bone



**8.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Butterball Turkey



**6.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Cady Creek Mild Cheddar



**3.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Dawn's Potato Salad



**3.49<sup>lb</sup>**  
Sweet & Sour Coleslaw



**4.99<sup>lb</sup>**  
Hawaiian Fluff Salad



**3.99**  
7.2 oz Snack Factory Pretzel Crisps



**3.99**  
4 ct Large Turnovers



**2.99**  
6 ct Bolillo or Telera Rolls



**1.29**  
7 oz Mini French Loaf



**4.99**  
13 oz Brother's Mini Cake Donuts



**4.99**  
9.5 oz Gala Angel Food Cake



**5.99**  
8 in Strawberry Rhubarb Pie



# beer & liquor



**15.79**  
8 pk, 12 oz Cans Nütrl Vodka Seltzer  
AFTER \$3 INSTANT SAVINGS



**19.49**  
24 pk, 12 oz Cans Bud Light or Budweiser  
AFTER \$2 INSTANT SAVINGS



**12.69**  
18 pk, 12 oz Cans Busch or Busch Light  
AFTER \$2 INSTANT SAVINGS



**12.39**  
12 pk, 12 oz Cans Twisted Tea Hard Iced Tea  
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**15.69**  
12 pk, 12 oz Cans Simply Spiked or Happy Thursday Spiked Refreshers  
AFTER \$2 INSTANT SAVINGS



**19.49**  
24 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles Miller Lite, MGD or Miller Extra Light  
AFTER \$2 INSTANT SAVINGS



**17.49**  
30 pk, 12 oz Cans Keystone Light



**17.59**  
15 pk, 16 oz Aluminum Bottles Coors Light



**31.99**  
1.75 ltr Bottle Tito's Vodka



**19.99**  
1.75 ltr Bottle Canadian Club Whisky



**13.99**  
1.75 ltr Bottle Old Thompson Whiskey



**28.99**  
750 ml Bottle Kahlúa Coffee Liqueur



**21.99**  
1.75 ltr Bottle E&J VS Brandy



**18.99**  
750 ml Bottle Meiomi Red Wines



**16.99**  
5 ltr Box Select Franzia Wine



**13.99**  
750 ml Bottle Select Josh Cellars Red Wine



# Two men charged with pandering

Oshkosh Herald

Two men have been charged with pandering following an undercover operation by Oshkosh police.

Mauricio D. Morales of Combined Locks and Paul Castro of Neenah have been charged with misdemeanor counts of pandering-solicitation. The charge is related to prostitution and is a common charge when Oshkosh police run an undercover operation.

The Oshkosh Police Department regularly runs these types of operations that lead to several arrests, but often the suspect doesn't face charges.

The Herald reported last year that these perpetrators are often given a deferment option instead of facing charges.

The deferment option allows people to attend a one-day course through ThedaCare called Awareness and Information for Men (AIM) and is offered to first-time offenders.

The program is "designed to educate men on the damaging impact their decision to purchase another individual has on everyone – the prostituted individual, the men themselves and their families, the criminal justice system, and the entire community," a ThedaCare pamphlet explains.

However, for those arrested in these operations a second time or who don't qualify for the deferment program, they face class A misdemeanor charges of pandering-solicitation, which carry a maximum penalty of nine months in jail or a \$10,000 fine or both.

The program's goal is to challenge men to understand how their choices contribute to sex trafficking in hopes of preventing future offenses. AIM offers "hope and change to men through greater understanding of their sexual and addictive behaviors."

Participants can be referred by prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, probation officers and attorneys.

Court documents show the Oshkosh Police Department was running an undercover operation by posting sexual services on skipthegames.com and megapersonals.com. Both are websites known to law enforcement used by sex workers and human traffickers.

On Nov. 20, 2024, OPD conducted an operation posing a female officer offering sexual acts in exchange for money on these websites.

Both men admitted they were at the hotel to have sex for money. Morales told police as he was being arrested, he was unsure if his actions were illegal.



EAA photo/Connor Madison

The completed Sonex Waix-B is pulled out toward the flightline for its engine run-up after being built in seven days during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022.

# EAA's One Week Wonder arrives at National Air and Space Museum

Oshkosh Herald

The Experimental Aircraft Association has delivered a Sonex Waix-B aircraft, built in one week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum for display at its Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C.

The airplane will go on display there as an example of amateur-built and recreational aircraft.

"Thousands of people participated in the building of this 'One Week Wonder' at Oshkosh just a few years ago to show that building your own airplane is attainable," said Charlie Becker, EAA's director of chapters, communities, and homebuilt community manager, who accompanied the aircraft on the journey to its new home. "Now as many as a million people every year will see this aircraft as an example of a modern kit aircraft that can be built with simple hand tools by just about anyone."

More than 2,200 people were part of the aircraft build over the seven-day period, as they could place a rivet and have their names recorded as a builder.

The airplane received its airworthiness certificate and taxied on the final day of EAA AirVenture 2022 and made its first

flight a few weeks later.

It has since been part of the EAA's aircraft collection until an agreement was reached this year with the National Air and Space Museum for it to be a permanent part of its displays at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, which range from historic personal aircraft to the legendary Concorde and the Space Shuttle Discovery.

"This airplane will impress visitors with the innovation and technology that is everywhere in the homebuilding movement and recreational aviation," said Russell Lee, curator of homebuilt aircraft at the National Air and Space Museum. "Although one of the smallest airplanes displayed at the Udvar-Hazy Center, its power to excite visitors about the freedom of flight equals the largest aircraft displayed here."

The Waix-B went on display as soon as it arrived in the Boeing Aviation Hangar at the museum's Udvar-Hazy Center.

The Waix-B is a two-place, Y-tail aircraft designed by Sonex Aircraft of Oshkosh and powered by a Rotax 912iS engine. It is available as a kit and can be built for just over \$50,000. The aircraft can reach speeds of up to 170 mph, depending on its engine, and can fly more than 500 miles on a tank of fuel.

# Calendar of events

## Friday, May 30

Free Family Summer Kickoff, 3 p.m., Fortifi Bank, 400 N. Koeller St.

## 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

Opening Day at Pollock Community Water Park, noon, 1550 Taft Ave.

## 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

The Importance of Being Earnest presented by the Oshkosh Community Players, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Friday, June 13

The Importance of Being Earnest presented by the Oshkosh Community Players, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Saturday, June 14

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

June Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

The Importance of Being Earnest presented by the Oshkosh Community Players, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

## Tuesday, June 17

Live at the Leach Tuesday Night Concert featuring the Glam Band, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

## Wednesday, June 18

Music on Main featuring Janet Planet, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

## Thursday, June 19

Waterfest featuring George Thoroughgood and The Destroyers, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: The Art of Flying Historic Aircraft, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum



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Members of the 2025 Youth Leadership Oshkosh class, comprised of 23 local high school juniors, graduated May 9.

# Leadership Oshkosh raises over \$37,000 for Kids Foundation

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber’s Leadership Oshkosh class of 2025 celebrated last week with a graduation ceremony at The Waters and a record-breaking donation to the Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

Forty-three students graduated on May 22 from the Leadership Oshkosh program. During the annual program, participants served as adjunct members on a variety of nonprofit boards throughout the community, as well as organizing a record-breaking Trivia Night event, raising \$37,717 to benefit Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

“Oshkosh Kids Foundation appreciates the support of the Leadership Oshkosh class of 2025. The funds raised from this year’s trivia night will be used directly to fund housing for homeless families in the Oshkosh community at Tiny House Village. This equates to housing eight families for five months. Thank you for helping us bring housing stability to kids and their families in need in the community,” said Will Deppiesse, Oshkosh Kids Foundation chairperson.

The program started in 1989 by the Oshkosh Chamber, to help people grow and develop into community leaders. This year marks the 36th program year with 1,275 people having graduated from Leadership Oshkosh since its inception.

Each year, Leadership Oshkosh recognizes two people during the graduation ceremony. Erin Seiser from Evergreen Retirement Community received the Leadership Oshkosh Service Award. She graduated from the program in 2017. By 2019 Seiser was immersed fully in organizing, coordinating and bringing people together so that every participant in Health and Human Services Day walks away feeling inspired, informed and more deeply connected to the community.

The Ed Williams Leadership in Action Award was presented to Karen Boehm, the Director of Advancement at Lourdes Academy. Her vision, integrity and tireless energy continue to uplift students, families and the broader Oshkosh community. Boehm always takes the time to talk to the people she serves, whether it is delivering meals, stocking shelves at the food pantry or sell-



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The graduation ceremony for the 2025 Leadership Oshkosh class was held May 22 at The Waters.

ing Christmas trees at church.

After a relaunch in September 2023, the Youth Leadership Oshkosh program also celebrated the graduation of 23 high school juniors on May 9. These students, representing Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West, Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian schools, completed the program with dedication and distinction, marking a significant milestone in their leadership journey and contributing to the vibrant future of the Oshkosh community.

For more information regarding Leadership Oshkosh, contact [trina@oshkoshchamber.com](mailto:trina@oshkoshchamber.com).

**Leadership Program graduates:**

- Qamar Abbas, Smart IS
- Amelia Abraham Twing, Oshkosh Corporation

- Elizabeth Ahnert, Oshkosh Area Food Pantry
- Jacob Amos, Community First Bank
- Amy Ashton, Oshkosh Area School District
- Dani Jo Burns, Fox Valley Metrology
- Timothy Eichman, Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department
- Darryl Eschete, Oshkosh Public Library
- Katie Green, Paine Art Center & Gardens
- Matthew Harris, Oshkosh Police Department
- Aspen Hecker, Blended Waxes
- Amy Houle, Winnebago County Emergency Management
- Emily Kalmus, Blended Waxes
- Kayde Kempen, E Power Marketing
- Wendy Klapper, Fox Valley Technical College
- Stephen Klein, Amcor
- Audrey Lamson, The Waters
- Jeanne Mahlke, Silver Star Brands
- Neal Matherne, Oshkosh Public Museum
- Carlie Mills, Oshkosh Corporation
- Rema Momberg, Verve a Credit Union
- Elizabeth Neuman, Alliance Laundry Systems
- Veronica Ottow, Oshkosh Area United Way
- Crystal Resop, YMCA
- Jonathan Richie, The Oshkosh Herald
- Barry Rusch, Miravida Living

- Jason Schmidt, Oshkosh Area School District
- Dr. Hendrik Schultz, Aurora Healthcare
- Dr. Ulrike Schultz, Lawrence University
- Dr. Anne Stevens, UWO
- Yolanda Suess, Day by Day Shelter
- Justin Tadych, E Power Marketing
- Dr. Brian Temple, Aurora Healthcare
- Molly Templin, Lifest Oshkosh
- Vicki Tessmer, Evergreen Retirement Community
- Dr. Jerry Thomas, UWO
- Ben Thompson, 4imprint
- Matthew Trombley, Amcor
- Andrea Van Dyn Hoven, Care Patrol
- Mike Vaughan, Bank First
- Kayla Werner, Amcor
- Patricia Wilke, FVS Bank
- Kate Zurn, Resolution Center, Inc.

**Youth Leadership Oshkosh Class of 2025:**

- Lourdes Academy:** Anika Leitch, Aoife Mains, Kylie Reitz, Claire Trofka
- Oshkosh North:** Jack Anderson, Alai Awak, Everix Blessent, Campbell Gies, Byron Little, Jessica Myers, Kayli Olesen, Addison Perzentka
- Oshkosh West:** Kerrigan Kimball, Kiera Madel, Madysen Probst, Kymani Stephen, Novally Thao, Micah Troedel, Fern Ulrich
- Valley Christian:** Annabella Birr, Jonah Menet, McKenzie Murphy, Derek Wallace



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- Some events require registration. Visit [oshkoshlibrary.org](http://oshkoshlibrary.org) to register or call 920-236-5203.
- June 2**  
Book Buzz, 9 a.m., YouTube Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., ages 5-12
- June 3**  
Storytime for Grownups, 6 p.m., Planet Perk Magnet Fishing, 6 p.m., all ages
- June 4**  
Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults  
Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m., teens
- June 5**  
Teen AniManga Club, 4 p.m., teens  
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages
- June 6**  
This Month in Library History, 9 a.m., YouTube  
Preteen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3–5  
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens
- June 7**  
Read to a Dog, 9:15 a.m., ages 5–12  
Community Plant Cutting Swap, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., all ages  
Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., teens and adults
- June 9**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  
Mini Job Fair, 1–3 p.m., teens and adults
- June 10**  
Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers  
Adult DIY, 6 p.m.  
Stitch Together, 6:30 p.m., adults
- June 11**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults  
V3NTO Brass Trio presented by the Green Lake Festival of Music, 3 p.m., all ages
- June 12**  
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Second Thursday Book Group, 1:30–3 p.m., Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown, adults  
Adults AniManga Club, 4 p.m.  
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages
- June 13**  
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3–5  
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9–12, Paine Art Center and Gardens
- June 14**  
Games at the Library: Role Playing Fantasy Games, 10 a.m. – noon, teens and adults  
Wonders of Physics, Noon – 1 p.m., ages 6+
- June 16**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- June 17**  
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30–6:30 p.m., adults
- June 18**  
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults  
Kids on Canvas, 1:30 p.m., grades K–5  
Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.
- June 19**  
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Teen AniManga Club, 4 p.m., teens  
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages  
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults


- June 20**  
WonderSTEAM, 4:30 p.m., grades K-5
- June 21**  
Make Music Day, 9 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., all ages  
What It's Worth: Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m. – Noon, teens and adults
- June 23**  
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- June 24**  
Cake Pop Making, 2-4 p.m., teens  
Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults
- June 25**  
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
- Job Search Assistance, 1–4 p.m., teens and adults
- June 26**  
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.  
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages
- June 27**  
Tie-Dye for Teens, 2–5 p.m., teens
- June 28**  
Read to a Rabbit or Guinea Pig, 10 a.m. – noon  
Print a Present, 1–3 p.m., preteens, teens, adults
- June 30**  
Games at the Library: Classic Card Games, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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## Prep sports roundup

### GOLF

#### Knights fifth at Trailways Conference meet

Jackson Buttke finished third overall and the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golf team finished fifth overall among the 14 schools at the Trailways Conference Championships held Thursday at the Columbus Country Club.

Buttke shot a round of 85 to take third, finishing one shot behind Wayland Academy's Parker Brodgham and four shots behind medalist Oden Swanson of Abundant Life Christian.

Lucas Neuens added a round of 100, while Ian Simmons shot a 102 and Kaden Okon finished with a 106.

The Knights finished with a team score of 393. Abundant Life Christian won the team title with a score of 356.

### TRACK AND FIELD

#### North sprinters shine at FVA Meet

The Oshkosh North boys had an impressive showing in the sprint events as the Spartans took sixth place at the Fox Valley Association Meet last week.

Jamare Scott was a part of three wins for the Spartans. He placed first in the 100 meters and also ran legs on both the 400-meter relay and the 800-meter relay teams that both won.

Joshua Zietlow and Evan Auler also ran on both winning teams, while Dalton Clark rounded out the 400-meter relay team and Tyler Farnsworth completed the 800-meter relay team.

Devon Williams picked up a win in the 400 meters, while adding a second place in the 200 meters. Jaykwon Jones added a fourth place in the 400 meters, while Zietlow was fifth in the 200 meters.

The North girls had a pair of top-five finishers with Alai Awak taking fourth in the high jump and Lehna Mitchell placing fifth in the 1,600 meters.

The West girls had a pair of individual winners at the meet as Kyle Triebold finished first in the 400 meters and Sydnee Nelson won the 100-meter hurdles. Nelson also added a third place in the 200 meters, while Triebold was fourth in both the 100 meters and 200 meters.

West's 800-meter relay team of Nelson, Kayana Turner, Samantha Panske and Emma Liebergen also added a second-place finish.

The West boys were led by Carter

#### Oshkosh North drops final FVA dual meet

Wesley Loewe shot a 41 to lead the Spartans but Hortonville had three scores in the 30s and shot a 156 to best North's team total of 174.

Owen Weber and Brady Anderson each shot 44s for North with Warren Seeley and Jack Anderson each carding 45s.

#### Gerlach, Brewer lead West in dual meet

Parker Gerlach and Landon Brewer each carded 42s at Reid Golf Course as West shot a 172, 10 shots behind Appleton North.

Jaxen Lloyd and Tyler Moderson rounded out the Wildcats scoring golfers as each shot a 44.

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Crowe, who finished second in the 3,200 meters and third in the 1,600 meters.

Landen Egnoski picked up a second place in the pole vault with Colden Searles taking fifth in the event, while Clark Howell and Jackson Kasper placed third and fifth, respectively, in the triple jump. Owen Heim added a fifth place in the long jump.

The West girls tied with Hortonville for fifth place with Oshkosh North taking eighth overall. The West boys finished eighth in the team standings.

Neenah won the girls overall title, while Kimberly dominated the boys field.

## SOCCER

### Spartans collect win over Polar Bears

Gabi Pereira da Silva tallied the game's only goal as Oshkosh North edged Hortonville, 1-0, in a Fox Valley Association match on Thursday.

Natalie Kossolapov assisted on the goal for the Spartans.

The Spartans were coming off a 1-0 loss to Kaukauna earlier in the week.

### Oshkosh West suffers loss, tie

Mya Johnson notched a second-half goal as Oshkosh West rallied from a half-time deficit to earn a 1-1 tie with Appleton North on Tuesday.

Ava Pamer assisted on the goal while Emma Last finished with five saves in goal.

The Wildcats then dropped a 3-1 decision to Neenah on Thursday.

### Knights drop pair of Flyway Conference tilts

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian squad lost a pair of conference tilts last week, dropping a 1-0 decision to North Fond du Lac/Oakfield on Tuesday before losing 2-1 to Central Wisconsin Christian on Thursday.

## TENNIS

### Wildcats drop dual meet to Kimberly

Oshkosh West were edged in a pair of three-set matches and lost to Kimberly 5-2 in a Fox Valley Association dual meet.

Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and Isaiah Wilson and Jacob Lemke at No.3 doubles posted the wins for the Wildcats. Wilson and Lemke notched a 6-0, 6-0 victory in their match.

Both Quentin Prickett at No. 3 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner extended their matches to a third set but couldn't finish off the wins. Potter and Steiner lost the deciding set, 14-12.

## BASEBALL

### Spartans down Wildcats for season sweep

Oshkosh North won its second straight game downing rival Oshkosh West last week, 4-1, at EJ Schneider Field. North also beat West earlier this season.

The Spartans had beaten Fond du Lac earlier in the week.

The Wildcats also picked up a win earlier in the week, pounding out a 16-4 win over Winneconne.

### Knights blanked by Horicon

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## SOFTBALL

### Knights knocked out of WIAA tournament

Randolph scored five runs in the first inning and rolled to a 15-4 win over Lourdes Academy in WIAA Division 5 regional game on Thursday.

### Wildcats pound out win over Terrors

Oshkosh West totaled 16 hits and used a six-run sixth inning to finish off a 13-0 win over Appleton West on Thursday.

Colleen Fitzpatrick paced the offensive output finishing 3-for-4 with a double. Emmy Reichenberger, Hailey Hammen Sam Frank and Lizzy Peterson each added two hits.

Reichenberger and Frank each drove in three runs, while Fitzpatrick added a pair of RBIs.

Izzy Kramer got the win with four shut-out innings, allowing two hits and four strikeouts. Alexia Monroe fanned four over the final two frames.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats fell to Kimberly, 8-4.

Averie Tritt went 3-for-3, while Kramer

chipped in a pair of hits. Monroe notched the only RBI in the game.

### North drops game to FVA-leading Ghosts

Oshkosh North was held to just three hits in falling, 6-1, to Kaukauna on Thursday.

Olivia Borowitz doubled and scored the only run for the Spartans. Emma Niemczyk and Kara Cummings also had hits in the game for North.

In a 12-2 loss to Fond du Lac last week, Niemczyk and Borowitz combined for five of the Spartans' six hits.

Niemczyk was 3-for-3 and scored both North runs, while Borowitz was 2-for-2 and had the team's only RBI in the game.

Morgan Kolodzik tallied the Spartans other hit in the game.

The Spartans did pick up a 2-0 win over Kimberly on Tuesday.



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# North's Peters shows resiliency in return from surgery



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Oshkosh North pitcher Brooke Peters missed her entire sophomore season while recovering from elbow surgery but has bounced back and pitched at an all-FVA level for the Spartans.

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Pitchers are sometimes judged by their won-loss record, but Brooke Peters sees it differently.

She knows it's a win every time she steps into the circle.

The resilient Peters has battled through some major adversity in a softball journey that will continue at the collegiate level next year.

The Oshkosh North righthander has established herself as one of the better pitchers in the rugged Fox Valley Association. She was an all-conference pitcher last season, landing second-team honors after compiling an 8-8 record with a 3.08 earned run average and 71 strikeouts (third best in the league) in 95 1/3 innings pitched. She had a WHIP of 1.55.

Peters has continued her strong work this spring. Twenty-one games into North's season, Peters had a 4-5 record with a 3.87 ERA and 55 strikeouts in 86 1/3 innings. Peters, who usually plays first base when she's not pitching, has also been a threat at the plate with a .281 batting average.

Just being able to painlessly unleash her pitches is a joy for Peters. She has made an impressive comeback after missing the entire 2023 season following elbow surgery on her pitching arm. The procedure - a medical epicondylectomy with a platelet-rich plasma injection - was similar to the best-known elbow operation for pitchers: Tommy John surgery. It involved much of the same rehabilitation and basically the same timetable of 12-plus months before being allowed to pitch again.

"It definitely has made me stronger not only in softball, but in life," Peters said. "I feel fortunate to come back and pitch. It opened my eyes and made me realize how much of the sport I take for granted."

It took eight months of complete rest before Peters could resume throwing overhand and a full year before she could return to the underhand windmill pitching style involved in softball.

"The rehab was very long: a lot of physical therapy and mini motions at first, regaining my grip strength and light lifting," she said. "Eight months after the surgery I was put on a throwing program. When I started, I could only make 10 overhand throws the first day, then it would increase by five every day."

Dr. Etienne Mejia, a renowned orthopedic surgeon who has worked with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Milwaukee Brewers and Seattle Mariners and treated a wide range of professional and Olympic athletes, performed the surgery. Mejia's outstanding reputation for repairing million-dollar arms gave Peters comfort. Still, there was no guarantee she would be able to resume her pitching career.

"It made me feel good that he was do-

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ing the surgery," Peters said. "But I was still a little unsure what the outcome would be. I still wanted to go to college and pitch, but I wasn't sure if I would be able to."

She will. Peters has put the injury in her rear-view mirror and will pitch at the next level for Milwaukee Area Technical College.

"I try not to think about it (the surgery)," she said "My passion for the sport is so big that I was going to do everything I could to get back out there. I had a pretty good mindset coming out of surgery and a ton of support from my family and friends."

If there were any doubts about Peters' arm, they were erased in late April of 2024 when she threw a perfect game against Appleton West.

"I didn't even know I had a perfect game until after the game when the coaches told me," she said. "I was surprised."

Considering her mental toughness, Peters' comeback has been no surprise. Her parents, Heath Peters and Shannon Goers, were two of her biggest supporters through the ordeal along with John Kloehn, who has worked with Peters and a number of local softball pitchers through the years.

"Brooke is one tough person," said North coach Keith Koslowski. "Her high school journey is amazing. We've pitched her against the toughest teams in the league and she is a competitor at the core. She has put in a lot of hard work both in season and out. I appreciate her competitiveness and her toughness."

Peters gets considerable movement on her pitches. She throws a two-seam fastball, a riser, a curve and a change-up.

"When her spin pitches are moving, she is nearly unhittable," Koslowski said. "She has also done a good job at the plate, even though she didn't bat much last year."

Peters has played the game since the age of seven. She was a catcher in her early years before she began pitching about three years later. Peters also lettered in golf the past four years at North.

"I loved pitching right away," she said. "The more I pitched, the better I became. My mom has always been my biggest supporter and my dad has spent a lot of time helping me develop into a pitcher. He has caught for me since I was little and still does."

Peters is excited about the future. A strong student at North, Peters is planning to major in the medical science field at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

"I'm hoping to become an ultrasound technician," she said. "I really like helping people and I feel that sonography is something I would be good at."

She is already quite good at softball. Peters is thrilled she will get the chance to play the game at the next level - something that looked a bit iffy when she initially hurt her arm prior to her sophomore season.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," she said. "The coaches there are great and I'm excited for all the new opportunities I will get. When I first had the surgery, I knew that I was going to have to work really hard if I was going to come back and reach my goal of pitching in college. The fact that I'm even able to play today - after all I went through - seems kind of amazing to me."

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# School district recognizes staff members, community partners

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The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) brought together educators, families and community leaders to celebrate the careers and dedication of long-serving staff members at its 41st Annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner.

The May 21 celebration highlighted the contributions of 48 retiring district employees and 35 staff members reaching their 25-year milestone with the OASD. The evening also recognized community partners whose support the district said has strengthened educational opportunities for thousands of local students.

District and school leaders recognized each retiree, sharing stories that highlighted their dedication and the impact they had on the Oshkosh community through their careers.

OASD Board of Education members congratulated and thanked the honorees as they received their awards.

Retirees received a glass apple as a lasting memento, while 25-year employees were gifted commemorative clocks.

“This evening represents everything that makes our district exceptional - the dedicated professionals who have devoted their careers to our students and the community partners who share our vision for educational excellence,” Superintendent Bryan Davis said. “These honorees embody the collaborative spirit that drives continuous improvement in everything we do for our students and families.”

The 35 employees reaching their 25-year milestone were celebrated as pillars of consistency and dedication, represent-

ing the district’s commitment to nurturing long-term career growth within the Oshkosh educational community.

The district also presented its Friend of Education Awards to three recipients whose contributions have significantly enhanced student experiences and outcomes.

Kim Nguyen received the 2025 Individual Friend of Education Award for his exceptional advocacy and hands-on involvement in district initiatives. As a dedicated parent, the district said Nguyen has championed facilities improvements and community engagement efforts that benefit all OASD students.

The district said his leadership on Facilities Advisory Committees and instrumental role in referendum outreach demonstrates his belief that strong schools create thriving communities.

Two healthcare organizations earned the 2025 Corporate Friend of Education recognition for their innovative approach to student wellness. The district said Tri-County Dental and Bridging Brighter Smiles have transformed access to dental care for OASD students through comprehensive mobile hygiene programs.

Tri-County Dental’s long-standing partnership with the district has provided on-site preventative dental care to elementary students, breaking down traditional barriers to healthcare access.

Bridging Brighter Smiles has expanded this vital service to middle and high school students, ensuring oral health support reaches students across all grade levels.

# Obituaries

## Jeffry Alan Lawson

Jeffry Alan Lawson, 64, passed away on May 15, 2025 in Milwaukee, WI. He was born in Milwaukee, WI on August 10, 1960 to Kirk and Sharon (Wiegmann) Lawson.

Jeff graduated from Oshkosh West and went on to have a career as a granite and marble finisher.

Jeff loved to fish, ski and spend time with his family. He will be remembered for his kind and generous nature, passion for sports cars and his extraordinary grill-ing techniques.

He is survived by his son, Austin (Steph-

anie) Lawson; grandson, Cameron; mother, Sharon Lawson; and his brother, Eric (Amy) Lawson.

Preceding him in death are his father, Kirk Lawson; and sister, Laurie.

A gathering will take place at Seefeld Funeral home on Thursday, May 29, 2025 from 1pm to 3pm.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jeff’s former wife, Ann Trabbold for all of her care and support during this difficult time.



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**Rosemary Sammons**

Rosemary Sammons, age 82, passed away at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee on May 21, 2025. She had spent the past few years fighting a courageous battle against acute myeloid leukemia. She was born to the late William and Amelia (Leinweber) Schuhart on March 19, 1943 in Oshkosh. She married Bruce "Mike" Sammons on January 22, 1966.

Rosemary was a lifelong resident of Oshkosh. She was an honors student at Oshkosh High School and graduated in 1961. She was an outstanding homemaker and a secretary for her family's business, Sammons Plumbing.

Rosemary was a member of the Oshkosh Lady Elks. She enjoyed golfing with her friends and husband. She loved spending time at her cottage on Lake Rest Island and her winter home in Arizona. She was an avid reader, an excellent cook, and a loving nurturer to her children and grandchildren. She especially loved the many visits from her grandpup, Kiwi.

Rosemary is survived by the love of her life, Mike; daughter, Michele (Rob) Gordon; and son, Wade (Jill) Sammons. She is also survived by her grandchildren Lexi Gordon, Brinley Gordon (fiance Aidan Labbe), Nora Sammons, and Cormac Sammons. She is further survived by her siblings, Bill (Susan) Schuhart and Barb

(Dan) Van Dyke, as well as her nephews.

In addition to her parents and her in-laws, Willis Bruce (W. B.) and Ione Sammons, she is preceded in death by her sister-in-laws, Shirley Schuhart and Betty Sammons.

A funeral service for Rosemary will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-West (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the nurses at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic in Oshkosh and the nurses at St. Luke's.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saving Sully Dog Rescue.



**Kenneth C. Smestad**

Kenneth C. Smestad age 83, of Neenah passed away unexpectedly on Monday May 19, 2025. Per Ken's wishes no services will be held. For the full obituary please visit: kesslerfh.com.

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**James A. Poellinger**

James A. "Uncle Jim" Poellinger, 84, passed away on May 19, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born April 4, 1941, in Oshkosh to Paul J. Sr. and Nona Maybelle (Collier) Poellinger.

James attended and graduated from Oshkosh High School and went into the U.S. Navy where he worked in the engine room during the Cuban Blockade.

He and Lois "Lucy" Gransee got married in 1966 and together they raised their son, Steven Poellinger. James worked as an independent sales agent and worked for the Lutheran Brotherhood. He wrote Security Plus policies for over 20 years in Waukesha. James later owned and operated Uncle Jim's Woodworking – designing and duplicating antique furniture. He was very active in dart



**Pauline Manns**

Pauline Manns, age 68, of Oshkosh passed away on Wednesday afternoon May 21, 2025 at Edenbrook in Oshkosh. Pauline was born Sikeston, MO the daughter of Robert and Anna Margaret (Gross) Thompson. She married Willie James Manns in Milwaukee.

Pauline is survived by her husband, Willie of Oshkosh. Two sons, Damon (Michael Calabresa) Manns of Appleton and Omar Manns of Oshkosh. Three daughters, Noel Bobo of Oshkosh, Petrina

tournaments under the name of Uncle Jim. James also loved to collect antique cars. He will be remembered for being kind, helpful and thoughtful.

James is survived by his son, Steve (Laurie) Poellinger; grandchildren, Nicole (Nathaniel) Macht and Alexis Poellinger; brothers, David (Bonnie) Poellinger and Paul (Sandy) Poellinger Jr.; and sister, Marlenea Erhard; he is further survived by his former wife, Lois "Lucy" Poellinger as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Paul Sr. and Nona Poellinger; and sister, Nancy Poellinger.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11am at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh, WI, with military honors to follow.

Special thank you to Patricia Tucker as his roommate and caregiver.



Manns and Tina Manns both of Madison. Two brothers, Terry and Robert Gross both of Milwaukee. Nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

A visitation will be held at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 10 am until 12 pm.

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Obituaries

Judith Marie Ziebell

Judith Marie Ziebell, who was affectionately named “Queenie” by her husband, passed away peacefully at the age of 84, on Monday, May 19, 2025 in the caring hands of Frontida Liberty House in Fond du Lac, WI. She was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on April 6, 1941 the daughter of the late Earl E. and Dagne H. (Peterson) Chase.

Judy lived her entire life in Oshkosh and she spent many summer days of her life enjoying the lake in Mt. Morris where the family cottage was. She always enjoyed big family gatherings there.

Judy married Thomas Neal Ziebell on September 21, 1963, they had been happily married for 55 years at the time of Tom’s death. They had three daughters, Julie, Susan, and Debra. While raising the girls she worked seasonally at Miles Kimball, and really enjoyed working at the Hallmark Store in Park Plaza, where she made many good friends. She was also a Crossing Guard, because she really enjoyed the children and they often gave her sweet little gifts.

Judy was a member of the Elks Ladies #292 where she was part of a few com-

mittees. She enjoyed league bowling for many years. She also loved playing the organ, she played by ear and could play anything after hearing it once. She really loved playing Christmas music, Marches and Hymns.

Judy and Tom enjoyed many trips to South Dakota and Wyoming. A few of their favorite places were The Devils Tower and Yellowstone National Park in WY, they always loved seeing the buffalo. Their absolute favorite was Deadwood, SD, where they gambled at Kevin Costner’s “Midnight Star Casino”.

Judy will always be remembered for her

Julie Ann Demski

Julie Ann Demski, born on October 19, 1957, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Leo and Frances Demski, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, at her home in Appleton, Wi.

Julie lived a vibrant and eventful life, facing trials and tribulations with joy, kindness, and an extraordinary generosity of spirit. She touched the lives of many family members and friends and had a deep, abiding love for animals and children.

Raised in the Catholic faith, Julie

love of animals, especially her own pets. She often talked about how proud she was of Tom being a police officer. She always said, “He was one of the good ones.” She had a very compassionate heart and loved people with a good sense of humor. She will be greatly missed and forever loved by her family and friends, but we smile knowing our parents are finally reunited. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and mother-in-law.

She is survived by her daughters: Julie Augsburger, Susan (Michael) Mosling and Debra (Thomas) Meyer; grandchil-

dren: Evan Augsburger, Chase Mosling, Mitchell Meyer and Sarah Meyer; special friends who are like family, Jim (LuAnn) Messing. Judy was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister; Darlene E. Chase and grandson; Ethan Augsburger.

The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the gentle and compassionate care she received at Frontida Liberty House.

Per Judy’s wishes her service will be private.

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Julie will be remembered for her wild adventures, her open heart, her gentle soul, and the kindness she gave so freely to others.

She was a white bird in a golden cage, now she is free to fly.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh WI, 54901, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. You are asked to please wear tie dye to the memorial to honor her free spirit. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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Maya Lin's design was two long black granite \_\_\_\_\_ that formed a V shape. On the shiny and smooth \_\_\_\_\_ of the wall are the \_\_\_\_\_ of more than 58,000 soldiers who died or went missing in the Vietnam War.

## A Powerful Monument

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in 1982. Visitors to the monument soon realized how powerful and special Maya Lin's design was, and each year about 5 million people visit it. Visitors often leave photos, flowers, flags, and military items at the wall in honor of a soldier they knew.



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## Expanding the Memorial

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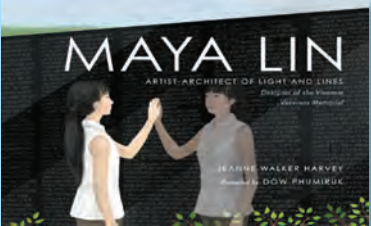
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