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No leak, but solution still not found

City remains in dark on 7th Avenue flooding

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city is still searching for a reason behind why basements in an Oshkosh neighborhood are continuing to flood.

Residents on a portion of 7th Avenue have dealt with flooding since a new box culvert was installed last September under the road between Iowa and Michigan streets.

The Oshkosh Common Council dis-

cussed the issue regarding the flooding at its May 27 meeting after an inspection



Rabe

report was completed. The city spent \$132,000 for the report by Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, which utilized four different methods to show that the new culvert was not leaking.

The conclusion from the report is that the city still does not know what is causing the flooding on 7th Avenue, said Justin Gier-

ach, Oshkosh's engineering manager with the public works department.

The next step for the city is to spend \$100,000 to continue the investigation and determine the source of the water. Public Works director James Rabe said this is a difficult situation due to the unknowns of groundwater.

"Groundwater is a strange animal," Rabe said. "We still don't know where it's coming from and how it's moving."

The city installed a new box culvert last year beneath 7th Avenue with the hope

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Packed downtown streets

The Oshkosh Farmers Market season started with 31 new vendors Saturday on its opening day, helping to attract a large crowd downtown. Market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz said the market normally has around 100 vendors on the first day but had 129 this year. The outdoor farmers market is scheduled Saturday mornings through the end of October.

Proposed cuts threaten services for disabled workers

Medicaid reductions could disrupt local support

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A local nonprofit that supports individuals with disabilities, along with parents of a man who receives services there, are warning that proposed federal Medicaid cuts could severely limit community services and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Lakeside Packaging Plus is a 63-year-old organization with locations in Oshkosh

and Neenah that supports associates with disabilities by providing employment, day services and supervised activities.

Chief executive Rob Servais said Lakeside could see significant disruptions if proposed congressional Medicaid reductions are implemented.

"Why would they mess with something that's so needed?" he said. "Why would you try to impact so many people's lives



Servais

that are really in need of these services?"

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 215-214 last month to narrowly pass what some have referred to as the "one big beautiful bill." In its current form, the bill would reduce federal funding for Medicaid by approximately \$723 billion over the next decade, according to a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) preliminary estimate.

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health coverage to low-income people, including children, those with disabilities and seniors. States administer the program, which is funded

by both the federal and state governments. According to the CBO, the federal reduction is projected to result in about 10.3 million fewer people enrolled in Medicaid by 2034.

The bill is now under consideration in the Senate and Majority Leader John Thune has indicated he hopes to have it passed by July 4. If the Senate approves the bill without changes, it will go to President Trump for final approval.

Currently, 65% of Lakeside's \$5 million annual budget comes from Medicaid

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Dominic Centner receives one of two scholarship awards from Cheryl Fowler, OACF Director of Education. Centner received both the Dr. Peter Muehrer 1995 Hall of Fame Scholarship and the Jeff Schettl Political Science Scholarship.

Area high school students awarded scholarships

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has awarded a total of \$236,300 in scholarships to 89 seniors at Lourdes Academy, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Valley Christian high schools.

Recipients, who were honored during ceremonies in May, were chosen by a volunteer committee. Scholarships range from one time to four-year, renewable awards.

These scholarships are supported by more than 250 funds established by individuals, families, businesses and organizations who believe in opening doors to education and are stewarded by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF).

In partnership with school districts and education advocates throughout their service area, OACF administers scholarship programs for public and private schools

in Oshkosh, Neenah, Green Lake, Omro, Princeton, Ripon, Wautoma and Winnebago. A total of 305 area high school and college students were awarded \$978,714 through the OACF and their regional education partners to pursue post-secondary education.

A full list of 2025 scholarship recipients and the funds that make these awards possible is available at oshkoshareacf.org.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

June 9, 1953

School Patrol Picnic Held: The annual school patrol picnic was held today at Menominee Park. Over 100 boys and girls were in attendance. The youngsters consumed 35 gallons of ice cream, 300 boxes of Cracker Jack, 504 candy bars, 912 bottles of pop and 1,560 hot dogs. Organized games and activities were included in the event sponsored by the Oshkosh Police Protective Association to show their appreciation of the work done by the school patrol.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 10, 1953

Corrections

June 4, Page 10: In the Oshkosh Gallery Walk story, Night Gallery is next scheduled for Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. Gallery Walks happen the first Saturday of each month, with the next one set for July 5.

June 4, Page 17: Oshkosh North's Lehna Mitchell qualified for the WIAA State Track and Field Meet in the 3,200 meters after finishing fourth at the Neenah sectional. Mitchell's time qualified her for state.





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Food Truck Friday

Friends of Oshkosh Seniors Center organized Food Truck Friday in South Park. The event featured food trucks, live music and cold brews. Proceeds benefit programs and services at the center.

Signage unveiled for Purple Heart Highway designation

Oshkosh Herald

New signage was unveiled Saturday designating a portion of Wisconsin Highway 21 west of Oshkosh a Purple Heart Highway.

The Winnebago County Veterans Services Office held a dedication ceremony near the intersection of Highway 21 and Oakwood Road as travelers head toward the Town of Algoma. The Veterans Service Office worked in partnership with the Winnebago County Highway Department and local veterans' organizations.

Veterans, families, residents and visitors

were invited to attend the ceremony.

The designated portion of the highway in Winnebago County honors the men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving the U.S. Armed Forces. The Purple Heart refers to General George Washington in 1782 with the pin recognizing heroic acts by troops in battle.

The nationwide network of Purple Heart routes with signage serves as a permanent tribute and visible reminder of a community's deep gratitude for its veterans.

Library sets summer reading community goal

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library is inviting readers of all ages this summer to help celebrate 125 years of stories on Washington Avenue by joining its Summer Reading Challenge.

Running through Aug. 16, the program encourages the community to come together in a shared love of reading.

This year, the library has set a community goal to read one million minutes. If successful, a Million Minute Celebration Party will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the library.

Readers can choose between a paper tracker or a digital tracker to log their reading time. Paper trackers are available at the library or can be downloaded from the library's website at oshkoshlibrary.org.

For digital tracking, participants can download the free Reader Zone app and

enter program code 05689.

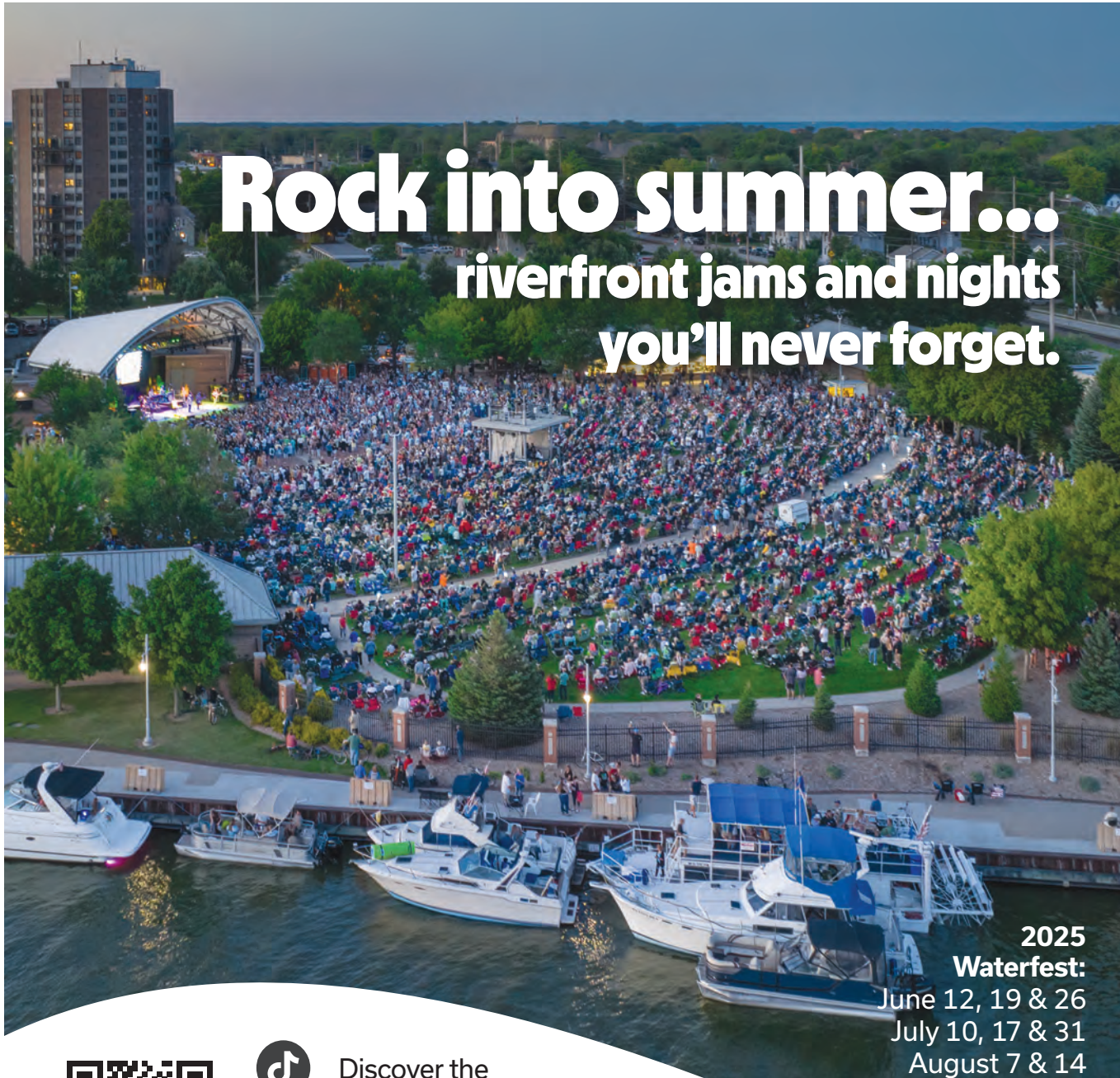
Any type of reading counts toward the challenge.

Participants can earn goodie bags for reaching reading milestones, enter drawings for themed raffle baskets, and enjoy a full lineup of library programs and events throughout the summer.

The library is also collecting personal stories to mark the 125th anniversary. Community members can send a book memory, photo or family reading tradition to info@oshkoshlibrary.org. Submissions may be featured on the library's social media channels.

This program is supported by the Donald Hansen Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and additional community businesses and donors.

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Project SEARCH interns build skills, confidence

Oshkosh Herald

Each year, several young adults graduate from the Project SEARCH program at the Ascension NE Wisconsin - Mercy Campus. Six more young adults added their name to that list on May 30.

Project SEARCH empowers students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve competitive employment and helps them transition from school to the workforce through structured, real-world experiences. An instructor and job coach work with the interns and participating businesses to provide on-the-job training.

The program's goal is to eliminate barriers to employment.

"Ascension Mercy has been a host site since 2016," said George Davis, Ascension Mercy manager of volunteer services and Project SEARCH business liaison. "We offer a structured workplace in a compassionate environment as they work to develop valuable skills, helping them gain employment upon graduation. The interns are so deserving of employment and



Photo from Ascension Wisconsin

Mike Brickey, Anthony Footit, Tao Xiong, Gabriella Faust, Elizabeth Wakefield, Brandon Kamine and Dana Zander took part in the Project SEARCH program graduation May 30 at Ascension Mercy Hospital.

a happy, fulfilling life in our community."

At Ascension Mercy, interns receive classroom instruction on employability and life skills as they work together to learn how to perform internship tasks independently.

"I think it's a really good program," said

Project SEARCH intern Gabriella Faust, who was recently hired as a part-time cashier at Fleet Farm. "It was a great opportunity for me to work with people and improve different skills in new departments in the hospital."

Since 2016, Ascension Mercy has host-

ed and trained 96 interns. Rotations last approximately 10 weeks at 16 hours per week and expose students to a variety of roles across several departments including maintenance, patient transport, dietary, nursing, food service and environmental services, with many interns going on to be hired in these areas after graduation.

"This is a testament to how a successful partnership and innovative thinking can provide opportunities for any student of any ability," said Kayla Countney, manager of mission relations for Goodwill of North Central Wisconsin. "It is extremely rewarding to see students gain confidence and become empowered to showcase their skills, talents and abilities as they move into the workforce as young adults."

Project SEARCH is a collaboration between community businesses and agencies including Goodwill NCW, the Oshkosh Area School District, TMG Wisconsin, Lakeland Care and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) at Ascension Mercy.

Business news roundup

Oshkosh Corporation announced the renaming of its Defense segment to the Transport segment. The Transport segment will continue to deliver tactical wheeled vehicles and mobility products to defense customers. Additionally, it will focus on expanding into commercial markets, including the company's Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV) contract for the United States Postal Service (USPS). In conjunction with this transition, Oshkosh Corporation has appointed Steve Nordlund as executive vice president and president of its Transport segment effective July 14.

North Valley Precision, an Oshkosh-based industrial services company, has bought a manufacturing warehouse at 1725 Racine Road in Menasha for \$1.6 million.

The company is planning to expand its footprint in the Fox Valley. North Valley Precision provides quality assurance and control service, specializing in on-site inspections, data collection and supply chain quality control for manufacturing customers.

Sierra, a retailer specializing in outdoor apparel and gear, is coming to Oshkosh Center II, 1910 S. Koeller St. The store will be taking over the 23,592 square foot OfficeMax space, according to real estate company Midland Atlantic Properties, which represents the new tenant. This will be the tenth Sierra store in Wisconsin. No opening date has been announced.

Golden Nest Pancakes & Café has opened at 1716 Oshkosh Ave. The restaurant serves breakfast and brunch.



Oshkosh Herald

A groundbreaking sets the stage for construction to begin for a new OSMS clinic in the Town of Algoma next to Ascension Mercy Hospital. OSMS CEO Sandy Fragale, Dr. Bryan Royce, Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz and Dr. Luke Fraundorf took part in the groundbreaking.

OSMS breaks ground for new clinic

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Area residents will have a new clinic next spring to go to for a variety of injuries and specialized care.

The Orthopedic Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS) has operated a clinic inside of Ascension Mercy Hospital since 2021. A new clinic is now being built next door.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held June 4 in an open field at 200 S. Oakwood Road in the Town of Algoma to celebrate the start of construction.

"Quality communities have quality healthcare," said County Executive Gordon Hintz following the groundbreaking ceremony. "There's a need and demand for quality health care, and this clinic will make a difference in our community and across Winnebago County."

OSMS started in 1963 in Green Bay and opened the Orthopedic Surgery Center of the Fox Valley in Neenah in 2020.

OSMS CEO Sandy Fragale told the Herald that the new clinic will provide quality care to the greater Oshkosh Area.

"This will make sure everyone has that choice of great and quality care," Fragale said.

OSMS is a physician-owned company and one of the owners of the new clinic on South Oakwood Road will be Bryan

Royce, an orthopedic surgeon. Royce told the Herald the new clinic will build on the relationships made in Oshkosh.

"We're excited for the growth and moving into this new space that will have more space to see patients," Royce said. "It will allow people to walk directly into our doors."

One unique feature of the clinic will be that walk-ins are welcome as much as scheduled appointments. Royce said these walk-ins are a way for people to avoid the high cost of emergency room visits.

The clinic will feature 20 patient exam rooms, the latest X-ray and MRI technology, an on-site lab, along with infusion suites for treating rheumatic disease and other conditions. The facility will also be equipped to handle procedures like carpal tunnel release that can be performed under local anesthesia and will also offer physical and occupational therapy.

Construction on the OSMS clinic is underway, and officials stated it will open in the spring of next year.

The clinic will provide care for a plethora of ailments, including orthopedic, sports medicine, rheumatology and pain management needs. The walk-in clinic will offer same-day care for urgent orthopedic needs, including fractures, sprains, cuts, sports injuries and work-related injuries.

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Longtime school administrator leaving Oshkosh position

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District will be searching for a new assistant superintendent of operations.

The Lake Wales Charter Schools last week announced its board of trustees offered Julie Conrad-Peters the position as superintendent of the district in Florida.



Conrad-Peters

“I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve the students, families and staff of the Oshkosh Area School District for the past 33 years. Throughout my career, I have always sought ways to make a positive impact in the OASD and in the community,” Conrad-Peters said. “As I move into my next leadership position, I am excited to continue this positive impact in the community of Lake Wales and also to help develop future leaders and educators. I will deeply miss everyone here, as I have built so many relationships during my time in Oshkosh.”

Conrad-Peters has been with OASD for 33 years starting as a high school teacher and department head before becoming assistant principal at Oshkosh West in 2007. She served in that role for three years before being appointed principal at Webster Stanley Middle School in 2010.

After two years in the principal role, Conrad-Peters moved into an administra-

tive position as director of curriculum and assessment.

Her latest role in OASD started in 2023 when she was appointed to assistant superintendent of operations.

“Julie has been a tremendous asset to the Oshkosh Area School District and community for over three decades,” OASD superintendent Bryan Davis said. “Her leadership and deep commitment have truly impacted our students and our operations. While we are sad to see her go, this is a remarkable and well-deserved opportunity for her professional growth and allows her to be closer to her family in Florida. We extend our deepest gratitude for her service and wish her every success in her new role.”

Davis said the transition timeline for Conrad-Peters is being finalized, and the district will begin the search for its next assistant superintendent of operations in the coming weeks.

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Oshkosh couple facing multiple felony drug charges

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh couple is facing multiple drug-related felony charges following a search warrant executed on a pair of apartments in the city.

Donald R. Davis, 44, and Sarah L. Kubera, 40, have both been charged with delivery of methamphetamine and maintaining a drug trafficking place. Kubera is also charged with manufacturing/delivering cocaine.

Court documents state Oshkosh police started its investigation in January, and over several months, set up a number of controlled buys of controlled substances with multiple confidential informants.

A third individual is named in the court documents. It is alleged that the individual plays a large role in drug dealing of meth and fentanyl but has not been charged in Winnebago County in connection to the recent search warrant.

Maintaining a drug trafficking place is a

class I felony and has a maximum prison sentence of 18 months in prison followed by up to two years of extended supervision.

Delivery of methamphetamine is a class D felony and has a maximum prison sentence of 15 years followed by up to 10 years of extended supervision.

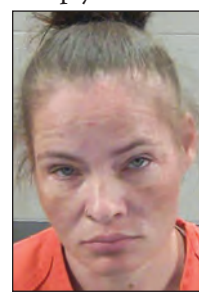
With those penalties, if convicted, Davis could face up to 16.5 years in prison followed by a maximum of 12 years of extended supervision. Kubera faces the same possible prison time, along with an additional seven and a half years in prison and five years of extended supervision for the cocaine charge.

Davis and Kubera were both in court last week in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood. Heywood set Davis's cash bond at \$750 and was ordered to maintain



Davis

absolute sobriety, no possession or consumption of controlled substances, and to comply with the drug-free 24/7 program.



Kubera

Heywood set Kubera's cash bond at \$2,000 with the same bond conditions as Davis. The two are not to have any contact with each other.

According to the criminal complaint, OPD began working with a confidential informant (CI) to purchase methamphetamine and fentanyl in January.

The CI told police that he deals with someone named "Pirate" or "P" but did not know the man's name. Police believe they know the individual's identity based on information obtained from a search warrant for the digital wallet app CashApp. The CI said this other individual often stays at a hotel and works with Davis to sell fentanyl and methamphetamine when in Oshkosh.

The complaint alleges Davis and Kubera delivered methamphetamine to the CI during these transactions. The investigation included two other CIs and controlled buys in Oshkosh in April and May leading to the search warrant being executed at two apartments in Oshkosh.

On May 29, simultaneous search war-

rants were executed at two apartments in Oshkosh, one on Brown Avenue and the other on Cumberland Trail.

At the Brown Avenue apartment, multiple firearms and ammunition were found along with 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, approximately 3.5 ounces of cocaine, 19.2 grams of fentanyl and various drug paraphernalia.

At the Cumberland Trail apartment, marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia were found.

In Milwaukee, search warrants were executed May 29 at two residences connected with the third individual. Several firearms and ammunition were located in the houses along with various drug paraphernalia. Neither Davis or Kubera are charged in Milwaukee County.

Davis and Kubera were both asked to give statements following the execution of the search warrant on Cumberland Trail. Kubera told police she was not interested in giving a statement, but Davis did provide police with a statement.

Davis told police the cocaine in the house was his and that he was addicted to it. He also told officers that he isn't a dealer but a "middler" – someone who provides contact information for people looking for a specific substance.

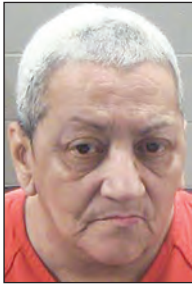
Both Davis and Kubera have preliminary hearings in their cases set for June 12.

Bomb scare suspect pleads to lesser charge

Oshkosh Herald

A 66-year-old woman who was charged with calling in a bomb threat at an Oshkosh house of worship has pled guilty to a lesser charge.

Pauline M. Beyer, 66, who now lives in Madison, was charged in 2024 with felony bomb scare. She was potentially facing 18 months in prison but pled guilty to the misdemeanor charges of unlawful phone use-threatens harm and resisting or obstructing an officer.



Beyer

Boulevard for a bomb threat. A woman called the house of worship asking whether she was calling a church or synagogue and what the congregation size was. She then responded with the bomb threat.

A private security contractor called the phone number back and determined it belonged to Beyer. Officers directed Winnebago County dispatch to attempt to contact Beyer while deputies brought an explosive detection K9 unit to the scene. Two houses in the area were evacuated.

Beyer, who lived in Clintonville at the time, allegedly admitted to making the call, telling officers she looked up the house of worship online and used her home phone to make the call. She told police she made the threat because she was being held hostage in her home and by calling in a bomb threat, the FBI would provide assistance.

Beyer told police she had no intention of coming to Oshkosh or harming anyone and denied receiving any type of mental health assistance or treatment.

Oshkosh woman facing additional charges

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh woman is currently facing criminal charges in four separate cases in Winnebago County. New charges were filed last week for a case involving stealing at a self-checkout and misuse of a corporate credit card.

Katie Niemuth, 41, is facing an array of theft charges across multiple criminal cases with some dating back to 2019. In the newest case, Niemuth is charged with six counts of felony bail jumping, theft of movable property (between \$5,000 and \$10,000) and one misdemeanor count of retail theft.



Niemuth

Bail jumping is a charge filed against someone who violates their bond. Conditions for Niemuth's bond included not committing future crimes, no possession of controlled substances and advising any employer about pending theft cases.

Court documents in the most recent case allege Niemuth skipped scanning several items at a self-checkout station at an Oshkosh business. Skip scanning is when a customer knowingly places unscanned items in shopping bags without paying for them.

An employee told police Niemuth skip scanned so many items that it "seemed intentional." Niemuth allegedly stole 17 items valued at \$390.44 from an unnamed business.

The criminal complaint also alleges Niemuth used a corporate credit card from a business she previously worked for. Niemuth allegedly used the credit card to hire an attorney for \$8,605 for her criminal cases.

Niemuth was not authorized to use the credit card by her former employer, according to an employee at the company.

In the four cases Niemuth has received a \$5,000 signature bond and was released, a \$1,000 signature bond and was released and a \$20,000 that was amended

to a \$5,000 cash bond and was released. In her most recent case, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set the cash bond at \$50,000.

Online court records show Niemuth remains in custody on the bond in her recent criminal case.

Her charges range from theft in a business setting to possession of methamphetamine to misappropriate use of ID to obtain money. Court documents allege she used her position at an Oshkosh clinic to make fraudulent billings totaling almost \$300,000 between 2019 and 2021.

Niemuth was pulled over in January for a traffic stop, and officers allegedly found methamphetamine in the car. She was also charged with additional theft in a business setting after it was discovered by her employer she was using the company credit card and Amazon account to make personal purchases without proper authorization.

During another traffic stop in April, Niemuth's vehicle allegedly had methamphetamine in it along with documents that appeared to be from a medical clinic.

In court, it was revealed that Niemuth had applied for a job using her maiden name of Garrigan, possibly to avoid potential employers from finding out about her pending criminal cases. However, Niemuth had been ordered by Heywood to tell any prospective employer about her pending charges as a condition of her bond.

Conditions of her new bond include no possession or use of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia, and she must maintain absolute sobriety. Niemuth has also been ordered to comply with a drug-free 24/7 program; she cannot use anyone else's credit card or personal checks and is not allowed to use self-checkouts.

Niemuth has a plea and sentencing hearing scheduled in her original criminal case in August. She pled not guilty to the original charges of theft – false representation and misappropriate use of ID to obtain money in October 2024.



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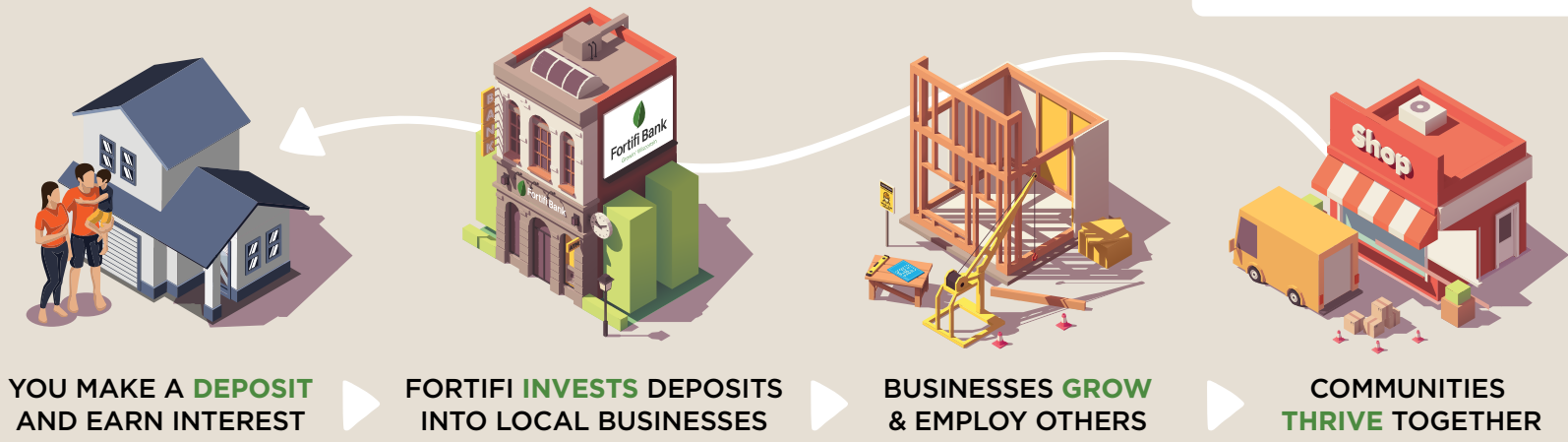
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Chamber develops leaders through community programs

By Trina Woldt
DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP OSHKOSH

The Oshkosh Chamber is investing in its most valuable asset — people.

Through dynamic programs designed to develop leadership skills in both youth and adults, the community is cultivating a culture of service, collaboration and progress. Spearheaded by the Oshkosh Chamber, initiatives like Leadership Oshkosh, the Mindset Leadership Program by Better Culture and Concierge Lunch & Lead are shaping a new generation of thoughtful, engaged leaders.

Leadership Oshkosh stands at the heart of this effort. This community leadership program brings together a diverse group of individuals who share a passion for Oshkosh and a commitment to making a difference.

Participants range from emerging leaders to seasoned professionals, united



by core traits: empathy, curiosity, and a drive to serve. They volunteer, advocate, and take on leadership roles across organizations, schools, and businesses. The nine-month program immerses them in key community issues and leadership challenges, all while building new and strong relationships.

This year, the Oshkosh Chamber is expanding its leadership development offerings with the Mindset Leadership Program by Better Culture. Aimed at new and mid-level managers, this in-person, seven-week course provides a powerful masterclass in how to lead with integrity, confidence and impact.

Built on Better Culture's Seven Principles of Leadership — Culture, Pride,

Growth, Standards, Decisions, Conflict and Fun — the program helps participants inspire their teams and drive meaningful culture change in the workplace.

Recognizing the importance of continuous learning and updates on community information, the Oshkosh Chamber has also launched Concierge Lunch & Lead, a quarterly lunch series that introduces newcomers and community members to key leaders and timely topics. Recent speakers include Rebecca Grill, Oshkosh's new city manager, and Gordon Hintz, Winnebago County's newly elected executive. These casual gatherings foster connections, spark dialogue and deepen the understanding of the community's direction.

In September, Youth Leadership Oshkosh will welcome the Class of 2026 — 24 high school juniors representing all four local high schools: Oshkosh

North, Oshkosh West, Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian. This nine-month program offers young leaders the opportunity to explore the community, engage in civic learning, and develop the confidence and skills needed to make a positive impact now and into the future.

Together, these programs embody Oshkosh Chamber's commitment to leadership at every level. Whether you're a student envisioning your future, a professional looking to grow, or a newcomer ready to engage, Oshkosh Chamber is building pathways to help you lead where you live — and make a lasting impact. As these programs continue to evolve, they ensure that Oshkosh remains not just a place to live and work, but a place to grow, serve, learn and lead.

For more information, contact Trina Woldt, director of Leadership Oshkosh, at trina@oshkoshchamber.com.

Weis Earth Science Museum closes doors for final time

Curator clings to hope for museum's future

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Weis Earth Science Museum at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus in Menasha closed its doors for the final time on May 31.

Families and children filled the museum during its final days, wandering past ancient fossils, mineral displays and exhibits that have introduced thousands of visitors to the Earth's history.

Amid the chaos of last-minute visitors and gift shop sales, Donald Mikulic, curator of the Weis Museum, moved through the space like a nervous parent on graduation day — anxious, protective and visibly emotional as the museum prepared to go dark.

"Well, we've got to take it all down in the next few days," he said, gesturing to the exhibits lining the walls.

Mikulic's connection to the museum runs deep. His wife of 50 years, Joanne Kluessendorf, was a prominent Wisconsin geologist and educator, and the museum's founding director.

Kluessendorf worked to develop, design and secure funding for the museum, which opened to the public in 2002. She died in 2018. Now, seven years later, the museum she designed is shuttering.

It is part of the overall end of UW Fox Cities after UW-Oshkosh announced the campus is closing due to declining enrollment.

The 43-acre campus was jointly owned by both Outagamie and Winnebago counties. Outagamie, however, agreed in May to relinquish ownership to Winnebago in exchange for the contents of the Weis Museum, which will be donated to Appleton's History Museum at the Castle.

Dustin Mack, executive director of the History Museum, wrote in a press release last month that the collection will be integrated into the museum with a plan to open the retrofitted Weis exhibits to the public later this summer.

"We are incredibly proud to be able to keep the Weis (collection) here in the Fox Valley where it belongs," Mack said. "Museumgoers, school groups and tourists will have enhanced visitor experiences seeing multifaceted exhibitions on local history and natural history at one location."

Mikulic said the Weis Museum's collection is valued at approximately \$5 million and includes specimens from across Wisconsin and internationally.

"There's no public support for moving (the collection)," he said, adding that he has a petition with more than 1,000 signatures to keep the museum where it is. "We talked to the people proposing it, and they say they have support, but it's just community leaders and people who want to invest in College Avenue; in the Appleton tourist industry."

At recent Winnebago County board meetings, public comment was largely against closing the museum and moving its collection. However, at an Outagamie County board meeting last month, there were some who came out to support



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Donald Mikulic, curator of the Weis Museum, watches over the space his late wife helped design and direct, as the museum prepared in late May to close its doors for the final time.

moving the collection, including Stephen Weis, son of museum founders Leonard and Donna Weis, and Bruce Danz, whose fossil collection is among the museum's contents.

Mikulic criticized the transparency of the counties' process for closing the Weis and donating the collection.

"Even yesterday, people coming in here, most of them knew what's going on, but some people didn't know this was going to happen, because it's all been done in private — no public discussion," he said.

The plan was developed by former Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel and Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson. Winnebago supervisors met in closed session in January and twice in March to discuss the campus before voting on the plan April 15, the first day in office for newly elected Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz.

On Weis Museum social media posts about the closure, community members shared support and memories such as trick-or-treating there for rocks, attending field trips and public events where rocks and minerals were identified.

In addition to the Weis Museum, the UW Fox Cities campus includes the Barlow Planetarium, Communication Arts Center, University Children's Center and Community Gardens. The urgency behind the counties' transfer of the campus is due to the impact on child care services, as 25 families had 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.

A plan for the Menasha Joint School District to take over the campus under similar terms as Winnebago County's plan previously fell through. However, at a Menasha School Board meeting last month, it was noted that the district is in negotiations with Winnebago County on a plan to lease the Children's Center and retain the employees as school district employees. The plan is in the early stages and would require a vote by both the school board and the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

The university has begun removing its property from the campus, a process expected to continue through June. While Hintz has expressed support for reopening key assets such as the Barlow Planetarium once Winnebago County becomes the sole owner of the campus next month, no formal plans have been announced.

Barlow Planetarium director Teri Gee said she hopes to reopen the planetarium in July. The Weis Museum, however, is not expected to return.

As families said their goodbyes and staff prepared to dismantle the exhibits, Mikulic still held out hope — even as the doors closed for the last time.



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City presents Acanthus Awards for historic preservation

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The Oshkosh Landmarks Commission has nominated Acanthus Awards since 1981 to acknowledge people who promote historic preservation projects and the history of Oshkosh.

The mayor presents the four awards to the recipients during the second Common Council meeting in May as part of Historic Preservation Month.

Luanne Laib, owner of the two-story brick 1894 Baumann Block at 1124-1128 Oregon Street, has maintained and preserved this building since 2008.



Photo from the Wisconsin Historical Society
The Baumann Block and Star Theater 1894 is located at 1124 Oregon St.



Submitted photo
A Tudor Revival 1928, 1502 N. Main St.

Charles and Amanda Baumann originally operated a butcher shop and grocery store in the two store fronts and resided in one of the second-floor apartments. In 1910, the grocery store became the Star Theater, showing silent films for five cents. It was "one of the enterprises intended to play a part in the booming of Oregon Street."

Laib has replaced four furnaces and a boiler, a roof, and updated the wiring and lighting. She is to be commended for hiring a consultant to nominate the Queen Anne Baumann Block for the State and National Register, considered an architectural gem on Oshkosh's south side.

Sheryl Heinbigner's 1928 Tudor Revival home at 1502 N. Main St. is recognized for exterior rehabilitation, preserving its historic integrity while addressing structural and weather-related issues.

Heinbigner repaired and preserved the damaged sections of cedar siding, rebuilt the flower boxes and painted the entire house. Rather than replace the many beautiful hardwood windows, she had them repaired and preserved.

Heinbigner rebuilt the wooden gate in a round-arched opening, one of the outstanding architectural features of the front façade, which had been destroyed. To address water issues, she fixed the landscaping, replaced the concrete patio and installed new gutters. This is a tribute to the skilled Oshkosh craftsmen who built homes still in service today.

Jeffrey and Sandi Davis's 1910 concrete and stucco American Craftsman home at 1302 Washington Ave. was treated to exterior rehabilitation projects in 2023-2024.

They repaired the attic dormer, power washed the stone, and painted the stucco and wood exterior. As they repaired the flat roof and front porch, significant wood rot was revealed, so they reframed and reroofed the porch and installed a new gutter system. They installed a tongue and groove ceiling on the porch, repaired the

molding, and added new wood screens.

When they removed the soffit, they discovered original scalloped rafter tails that had been concealed for decades. Jeffrey and Sandi's pride of place is exemplified through restoring this unique home.

The Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St., has undergone extensive restoration and preservation projects.

This five-story structure was built in 1938 during the Great Depression without federal funds. In 2020, numerous, two-story windows were replaced to closely resemble the original ones. The entire Indiana limestone five-story exterior was cleaned.

As some of the original bronze lighting fixtures were located, they were polished and restored to their original setting. The lobby between the two court rooms on the second floor had been closed off but it was opened and now serves as the magnificent, original lobby. Throughout the building solid bronze railings, elevator doors, mailboxes, room signs and clocks have been polished and once again heightened the interior's splendor.

There was a need to build a security annex and welcome center. The architectural drawings from 1953 inspired the addition and balanced with the modern style. The original exterior with the hand-carved stone bas-relief designs on either side of the bronze doors was incorporated and now highlights the interior entrance.

The county restored and preserved the historic building for the 172,000 residents who can proudly tour their magnificent courthouse.



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American Craftsman 1909, 1302 Washington Ave.



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Flooding issues

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that it would alleviate flooding in the South Park area of Oshkosh. Instead, a number of residents on 7th Avenue have become concerned that their basements are flooding.

Residents went to the council and explained their concerns. Some said the problems could destroy their homes, and others explained their basements have been wet ever since the new culvert was installed.

Officials said spending \$100,000 for the report would give the city more information on the connection between the storm sewer and the groundwater. This next step, however, would not provide the city with a solution on how to resolve the flooding problems on 7th Avenue or in any other parts of the city.

“At this time, we’re still trying to determine if there is a connection between the two (groundwater and storm water). It certainly would not be any resolution as to how to fix the problem,” Gierach said. “We’re still trying to figure out what the problem is.”

Gierach has been working to find solutions since the residents brought the issue to the common council’s attention last year.

Old photos and maps of the area show that Stringham Creek used to run through that area of 7th Avenue, and Rabe said that the water in residents’ basements is at the same level as the water on the river.

Rabe stated last year that these houses are built on marshy land.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said it was important for the city to continue investigating the problem, even if it meant spending \$100,000 to find a solution.

“This is a scientific investigation, and it has to be scientifically done because otherwise we’re just potentially throwing money around at random things,” Mugerauer said. “This is the next logical step in that progression. It’s expensive, but it’s worth it.”

Toward the end of the discussion, council members talked about whether it would be appropriate to discuss the topic in closed session. Council member DJ Nichols mentioned the city’s potential risk and liability, which could send the topic to a closed session.

Nichols admitted he was holding back on asking specific questions during the open meeting because of the potential for those words to weaken the city’s bargaining position.

City Attorney Lynn Lorenson said several insurance claims have already been filed with the city. If those claims or individual residents affected by the flooding were part of the discussion, then Lorenson said the council would need to go into closed session.

City officials were unaware if those claims have been reviewed. City Manager Rebecca Grill suggested city staff take another look at the options before moving forward.



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Jim Schierl is shown with a dog during an animal encounter, part of the day programming at Lakeside Packaging Plus. Animals often visit participants at Lakeside, where Medicaid funding supports Schierl’s day services and volunteer opportunities.

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Medicaid cuts

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funding channeled through managed care organizations. The proposed cuts would potentially reduce funding for day services, community employment programs and transportation assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Lakeside supports approximately 250 disabled associates, providing day services and helping them find employment internally or within the community. Current job placements include positions at restaurants and other local businesses.

“We try to find out what their interests are and how we can find them a job to fulfill those interests,” Servais said. “We want people to have the best life that you and I have.”

Servais said potential cuts could force significant reductions in services. Some associates might see their weekly programming reduced from five days to two or three days, creating challenges for both the employees and their families.

“What is life really going to be like for them during those days they used to come here?” Servais questioned.

Servais said Lakeside is preparing for potential reductions while remaining hopeful that advocacy efforts might mitigate the most severe cuts.

“Our number one thing is that people understand what we do matters, and we need funding to do what we do,” he said.

Jim Schierl, a 34-year-old with disabilities, relies on Medicaid-funded services at Lakeside, where he spends 35 hours a week participating in day programs and volunteering. Since 2012, he has visited daycares and assisted living facilities to perform one-handed piano renditions by ear. His sing-alongs have become local favorites – one preschool even celebrates his visits with special “Mr. Jim Days.”

His parents, Katie and Dan Schierl of Clayton, said Jim has been on Medicaid since birth and the proposed cuts could eliminate his job coaching, day services and volunteering.

“I think he’s going to get very bored if he gets stuck at home, alone all the time,” Dan Schierl said. “It just wouldn’t be good



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At the Lakeside Packaging Plus Oshkosh location, disabled associates are employed internally or within the community and receive other services.

for him. It wouldn’t be good for the community.”

The Schierls said they’re concerned not only for their son, but also for others who are low income, elderly or disabled.

“It can affect people mentally, as well,” Katie Schierl said. “You know, you take away things that enrich their life and shutter them away like the old days when you didn’t see people with disabilities.”

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has been a key target for Wisconsin residents concerned about potential Medicaid cuts. Johnson has publicly criticized the “one big beautiful bill,” arguing the legislation does little to address what he calls out-of-control federal spending. He has also signified support for Medicaid cuts, stating on The Dan O’Donnell Show last week that states use Medicaid to game the system.

“It’s fraud, it’s money laundering,” he said. “Nobody wants to blow the whistle on it because it’s working great for the states.”

The Schierls were among those protesting the proposed Medicaid cuts last month outside Johnson’s office in Oshkosh.

“It’s just so important – for Jim, for others like him and for the elderly,” Dan Schierl said. “They’re not going to have a very full life if they don’t have some of these services. And everyone – and I mean everyone – should have health care, no matter what.”

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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

Oshkosh Area Community Band "Music of the Sixties," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

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

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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

Friday, June 20

Family Outdoor Movie Night featuring Inside Out 2, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian: Preliminary Round 2, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, June 21

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Sunday, June 22

Oshkosh Century bike tour, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA - 20th Avenue



Submitted photo

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh volunteers completed projects last week to assist homeowners in the community as part of the organization's Rock the Block program.

Volunteers help with home repair projects

Oshkosh Herald

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh volunteers worked together last week to revitalize a neighborhood as part of the organization's Rock the Block program.

The group worked in the Historic 6th Ward neighborhood, said Dan Traxler, director of resource development.

"Despite the weather adding some additional challenges to our event, we were able to complete this two-day event with an amazing crew of over 50 volunteers," Traxler said. "This program relies on sponsors and donors' support."

He said volunteers completed projects at 17 homes, all done for free to the home-

owners.

Projects included pressure washing, lawn edging, storm door replacement, painting/staining, mulching/weeding, lawn patching/seeding, curb appeal projects, trim, window cleaning, railings, porch repair, gutter cleaning, shrub trimming and more.

"It's kind of overwhelming as you get older, all of these projects build up," said Oshkosh resident Sara Sticheart as her picket fence received a fresh coat of paint. "We're all excited to have folks coming here and doing stuff for us."

Habitat Oshkosh has had a Rock the Block program repairing and maintaining 216 homes in the area since 2019.



Photo from Steven Holland

Young chef takes first place

Chef Aiden Stollenwerk, 10, of Oshkosh won first place in his age category during MeatFest May 31 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. Aiden made a pulled pork grilled cheese with Havarti habanero-jack and white cheddar cheese.



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Carson Cook, bachelor of science, College of Letters and Science

Melanie Gruenstern, master of science, College of Letters and Science

Alice Probst, bachelor of science, College of Letters and Science

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Leah Welch, doctor of physical therapy, School of Rehabilitation Science & Technology

Marissa Hennig of Oshkosh graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. Hennig is a graduate of Fox Valley Lutheran High School

Gregory Schrimpf of Oshkosh was among 3,591 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises in May. Schrimpf earned a master of business administration from the Office of Graduate Studies.

Aaron Droessler of Oshkosh earned a bachelor of science in business education from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kans.

Menards collecting items for food drive

Oshkosh Herald

The Menards store in Oshkosh is serving as a drop site for a food drive collecting items for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

General manager Julian Franzen said Menards offers a wide variety of non-perishable food items that can be donated to food pantries.

"We're kind of in a unique position

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The store will usually run a food drive a couple of times a year, Franzen said.

A collection box is located near the exit doors to place donations. The food drive runs through July 31.

Forensics competitors reach nationals

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West High School juniors Sam Raybern and Tenna Ruetten competed at the National Catholic Forensics League (NCFL) Grand National Tournament May 24-25 in Chicago.

They competed in the Dramatic Performance category among 195 other high schoolers from across the country. Dramatic Performance is a solo 10-minute, memorized piece featuring multiple characters, voices and mannerisms and is either serious or humorous.

Ruetten placed 13th in the nation

and received a trophy May 25 at the awards ceremony. Raybern placed 51st overall.

They were accompanied by coach and Oshkosh West teacher Michelle Huettl, who also participated in the event as a judge in another category.

The NCFL was founded in 1951 to create speech and debate opportunities for all.

Every year the NCFL sponsors the annual Grand National Tournament on Memorial Day weekend, offering six forensics events and four debate events.

Community Band to present summer concert series

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present a series of four concerts this summer.

Beginning today, they will be held every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School, 375 North Eagle St.

The concert today features Music of the Sixties, including a medley of songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, music from television programs of the decade and classical music from the period.

Other themes include American Songs and Composers June 25, From the Stage and Screen July 9 and For Children of All

Ages featuring the Children's Conducting Event July 23.

The OACB Jazz Ensemble will offer a bonus concert on July 29. Under the direction of Jon Basten, the band will play jazz standards and dance tunes featuring solos from band members.

The concert will also start at 7 p.m. at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

David Berndt is the band's music director, Basten is the associate director and Terry Hathaway is the music director emeritus.

Admission is free, although donations are accepted at the door. Each concert lasts about an hour.

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Oshkosh North's Jamare Scott (right) finished third in the Division 1 100 meters at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse last weekend.

Spartans' Scott, relays place in top four at state

Oshkosh Herald

Jamare Scott led a speedy group of Oshkosh North runners at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships.

Scott finished third in the Division 1 100 meters at UW-La Crosse's Memorial Stadium while also running on the Spartans' two medal-winning relays as Oshkosh North finished 13th in the final team standings, despite scoring in just three events.

Scott ran a time of 10.79 seconds in the finals, to finish about two-tenths of a second off the winning pace of Ben Lemirand of West De Pere. Scott was seeded second going into the final race after posting a time of 10.66 seconds in the preliminaries.

Scott was the highest individual finisher at the state meet for the Spartans since John Klinger finished fifth in the shot put in 2023.

The Spartans 400-meter relay team anchored by Scott and included Dalton Clark, Joshua Zietlow and Evan Auler finished second overall in a time of 41.93 sec-

onds. The foursome finished four-tenths of a second behind Homestead.

The same North foursome finished fourth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:27.76, about three-tenths of a second behind third place Brookfield East.

Oshkosh North, Homestead and Arrowhead each finished in the top four of both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays, with Homestead winning the 400-meter relay title and Arrowhead taking first in the 800-meter relay.

The Spartans also boasted individual qualifier Devon Williams, who was making his third straight state appearance. Williams fell short of advancing to the finals in either the 200 meters or 400 meters, placing 14th in the preliminaries in each event.

The Spartan girls were represented by senior Lehna Mitchell, who placed 20th out of 27 runners in the 3,200 meters. Mitchell earned her spot in the state field on time after placing fourth at the sectional meet in Neenah.



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West's Nelson repeats as state hurdle champion

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Sydnee Nelson's reign continues.

The Oshkosh West junior won her second straight WIAA Division 1 state track and field title in the 100-meter hurdles at UW-La Crosse's Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

After winning her preliminary race in a personal best time of 14.19 seconds on Friday, Nelson posted a time of 14.27 seconds in the finals to finish nearly four-tenths of a second ahead of the rest of the field.

"It was super exciting," Nelson said on Sunday after returning from La Crosse. "I'm still, not in disbelief, but just so happy it happened. That's what everyone's goal is the entire season so the fact that it did happen is so rewarding and makes me feel super proud of myself."

Nelson becomes the first two-time state



Photo by Doug Sasse

Oshkosh West's Kylie Triebold gets off to a start in the 400 meter preliminaries on Friday.

champion at Oshkosh West and established a pretty noticeable bull's-eye on her back entering the finals.

After winning last year's state title, Nelson was nearly unbeatable in the event during the regular season and then claimed both regional and sectional titles in the event. She entered the state meet with the fastest qualifying time and then posted the fastest time in the preliminaries.

Yet, despite her resume of success, she never felt it was a burden.

"I felt some pressure on the day of the finals but throughout the whole season, I didn't feel any pressure. I felt super relaxed the entire season," Nelson said. "I wouldn't say I was more nervous, because I knew what that race meant. I was just more excited I guess because I felt confident with how I would perform."

Nelson has qualified for the state meet in each of her three seasons, but as a freshman she competed in the 100-meter dash.

Having that experience, especially last year's win in the 100-meter hurdles, helped her stay calm entering this year's state meet.

"I felt more prepared and more relaxed. I definitely was not as nervous this year as I have been," Nelson said. "I knew how the crowd was going to be. I knew what warm-ups would be like. I knew how to prepare for the race. I just felt super relaxed and super calm for the majority of the meet."

Having two titles under her belt now, Nelson is already looking forward to earning a shot at a third title next spring.

"I think it's going to be exciting," Nelson said. "I am more determined because



Photo by Doug Sasse

Oshkosh West junior Sydnee Nelson captured her second straight Division 1 state title in the 100-meter hurdles at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse last weekend.

I want to have that title of winning state three years in a row. It's my competitiveness coming out and I want to prove it to myself."

Nelson competed in three events at the state meet for the Wildcats.

She finished 14th in the preliminaries of the 200 meters but didn't qualify for the finals, falling about a half-second short of advancing.

Nelson was also joined by Kayana Turner, Samantha Panske and Emma Liebergen in the 800-meter relay, but the West foursome did not advance out of the preliminaries.

Nelson was one of three individuals from West to qualify for the state meet and the Wildcats did have another athlete make the awards podium.

Sophomore Kylie Triebold finished

fourth in the 400 meters on Saturday, holding her spot after Friday's qualifying races. Triebold finished with a time of 57.24 seconds in the finals to earn the medal in her first trip to the state meet.

Triebold was the only sophomore among the top seven finishers and finished less than three seconds behind individual winner Nicole Repka of Verona.

Rounding out the West girls qualifiers was sophomore Camille Phillips, who finished 15th in the preliminaries of the 100-meter hurdles but did not advance to the finals. Phillips posted a time of 15.61 seconds, which was a little more than three-tenths short of making the finals.

For the West boys, junior Clark Howell placed 23rd in the triple jump in his first appearance at the state meet. Howell posted a jump of 41-feet, 6-inches.

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Lourdes Academy girls grab second place state finish

Moore posts two individual wins to spark Knights

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy standout Erin Moore said she didn't feel too sad after finishing her final high school race, helping the Knights win the 1,600-meter relay at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse last weekend.

But she had her reasons. "No," Moore said when asked if it was emotional. "Because we got to go back and celebrate a trophy."

Moore won two individual events and was part of the winning relay team to help the Knights finish second in the Division 3 girls team standings. It was the highest finish for a Lourdes Academy girls team since winning the 2014 title.

The Knights scored in all six events it competed in at La Crosse and finished with 39 points, one point behind Cochrane-Fountain City in the chase for the title. Fall Creek placed third with 36 points.

"There were points left on the track



Submitted photo

The Lourdes Academy girls track and field team placed second in Division 3 at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships in La Crosse last weekend. It was the best state finish for the Knights since winning the title in 2014.

for both teams but you really don't know where you are at until you are walking into the (1,600-meter relay)," head coach Tim Moore said. "There is nothing I look back

on and say 'I wish this' because we were blessed. Overall, as a collective group, our girls performed their very best on this specific weekend."

Erin Moore played a key role in the Knights' runner-up finish, helping score 30 of the team's 39 points.

The University of Nebraska recruit ran both of her individual races on Saturday, first winning the 1,600 meters and then repeating her state title in the 800 meters.

"It felt really, really good. I felt confident in all of my races and I was really happy with my results," Erin Moore said. "A little bit for sure, you always have that pressure. But I was thinking more about the team and just maxxing out my points to get that

trophy and we did."

Erin Moore said her victory in the 1,600 meters didn't quite go as planned as she initially wanted to be more aggressive with her race.

However, once she found a comfortable pace she stuck with that and simply fended off any competitors who tried to overtake her. She finished with a time of 4-minutes, 53.70 seconds.

"We wanted to be more aggressive and see if I could do a 4:50. But I was thinking that if no one is taking the lead I might as well relax on a pace I feel comfortable with which I did and then close as hard

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Erin Moore takes the baton from Dasha Averkamp during Friday's preliminaries of the 1,600-meter relay.

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West doubles team reaches third round of state tourney

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West's top doubles team of Yoseff Edsell and Kole Stauffacher came within one win of advancing to the third day of the WIAA Division 1 State Tennis Tournament at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison last weekend.

The duo, which earned the No. 13 seed for the tournament, won its first two matches before falling in the third round to fourth-seeded Michael Li and Jacob Smith of Brookfield Central. Li and Smith ended up finishing third in the tournament.

Edsell and Stauffacher opened the tournament with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Isaac Noll and Luke Mews of New Richmond before stopping August Spencer and Lew Stuckey of Kettle Moraine, 6-1, 7-5.

Edsell and Stauffacher then lost to Li and Smith, 6-4, 6-1 to finish the season 24-6.

It was the second trip to state for Edsell, a senior, while Stauffacher was making his first trip.

Edsell and Stauffacher were one of two

doubles teams and three flights overall for West to compete at the state meet.

Juniors Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner fell to 10th seeded Hunter Shadman and Pierson Trapskin of Madison West in the first round, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6. Shadman and Trapskin lost to Li and Smith in three sets in the third-place match to take fourth.

Potter and Steiner finished 24-7 overall this season.

Kimberly's Aiden and Colin Meixl, who were the top seed in the doubles bracket, defeated Michael Balister and Miles Seder of Menomonee Falls, 6-3, 6-0, for the state title.

Rounding out the state qualifiers for West was senior Jacob Stinski, who face a familiar foe in the first round of the Division 1 singles bracket.

Stinski drew Appleton West's Cale Vogel in the first round and lost a close 7-5, 6-4 decision in his final high school match.

Stinski, who qualified for state in singles all four years, finished the season 20-12.

Nolan Shaub of Union Grove topped Alexander Bo of Middleton in straight sets for the Division 1 title.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Lourdes Academy's Annie Moore keeps pace with a Darlington runner during the 3,200-meter relay at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships last Friday in La Crosse.

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as I can," Erin Moore said. "I didn't feel or know that they were really with me until a girl tried to pass me, which motivated me to go faster."

Erin Moore finished nearly two seconds ahead of the rest of the field in winning the 1,600 meters, but had a little tighter race in the 800 meters.

The senior finished a half-second behind her record-setting time from last season, winning this year's event in 2:10.98, only six-tenths of a second ahead of the runner-up. Despite the close finish, Erin Moore led the whole way.

"I wanted to get the inside lane and stay in first and not let anyone past me and that's what happened," Erin Moore said. "It went exactly like I wanted it to."

Tim Moore was happy with the way his daughter ran but was also impressed that the field around her kept things competitive.

"She took the field out to try to work them a little bit and the field came with her," Tim Moore said. "Going through the first 400, there were five girls in the race and that's a testament to Division 3 and girls track in Wisconsin. They are not afraid to get after it. It was fun to watch."

Erin Moore had to bounce back quickly to run her third race of the day, joining Na-

tasha Konop, Dasha Averkamp and Kylie Rietz in the 1,600-meter relay.

The foursome was the fastest foursome in Friday's preliminaries by nearly five seconds and was the only relay team to finish under four minutes in the finals, posting a winning time of 3:59.61.

"It's definitely one of my favorite events, especially with the three other girls on the team and the alternates," Erin Moore said. "It felt really good to put us on top."

Moore wasn't the only Knight to be competing in her final state meet as Averkamp and Konop have both made multiple appearances in state events, along with fellow seniors Sabur Machiros and Bree Kane.

Averkamp joined Allison Stromske, Annie Moore and Khloe Bunton in taking sixth in the 3,200-meter relay, while Konop, Machiros and Kane along with Rietz were seventh in the 800-meter relay.

Konop also added a fifth-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

"It's always special and fun when a group can come together in a moment in time when it matters," Tim Moore said. "It was a great accomplishment for the girls and a really special experience for the coaches."

Also in Division 3, Valley Christian's Alaina Wojtowski advanced to state in the 100 meters for the second straight season.

The senior finished 12th in the preliminaries and did not advance to the finals, missing out on the top 10 by just two-tenths of a second.

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Obituaries

Marjorie Mae Stewart

Marjorie Mae Stewart, age 90 of Oshkosh, passed away on June 5, 2025 at



Bethel Home. She was born in Oshkosh on October 29, 1934 to the late Harold and Betty (VanBuran) Malkowsky.

Marjorie was united in marriage to Herbert Stewart on October 11, 1958, and together they lovingly raised two children, creating a warm and nurturing home filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories. Her career began as a dedicated bank teller at First Wisconsin National Bank, but she later embraced the role of a homemaker, where she found true joy in caring for her family.

A devoted member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marjorie found fulfillment in serving her community. She was actively involved in the church pantry and enjoyed the camaraderie of the Dorcas Circle, where friendships blossomed through shared faith and service.

Marjorie had a zest for life, often shar-

ing her passions with those around her. She delighted in historical reenactments, skillfully played the autoharp, tended to her vibrant garden, and brought joy to her family through her cooking. Her love for animals was evident, as she often found companionship and joy in their presence.

Marjorie is survived by her children, Russ Stewart and Lynn Stewart; grandchildren, Shannon (Samantha) Bartow and Joshua Stewart; great-grandchildren, Zoe, Zane and Parker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Stewart; son, Timothy Stewart; sisters, Dawn (Bob) Gehling and Lois (Al) Sagmeister.

A memorial service for Marjorie will be held at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the service. Inurnment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

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Thomas Gordon Johnson

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Thomas Gordon "TJ" Johnson,



83, of Oshkosh. Tom passed away peacefully in the early morning of June 3, 2025, at Bethel Home in Oshkosh. Born on the family farm in Scandinavia WI, February 4, 1942, to Thomas and Esther Johnson. Tom

lived his life defined by his love of family, friends and being outdoors.

Tom lived and worked on the family farm until after his graduation from Scandinavia High School in 1960. He moved to Oshkosh with his parents, shortly after, where he met his future wife, Karen. Tom and Karen were married at First Baptist Temple in Oshkosh, March 17, 1962. Together they built a beautiful family, welcoming 4 children.

On most weekends you could find the family camping, often at Evergreen Campsite, where lots of great memories were made. Tom and Karen enjoyed spending time together on several sporting activities as well. Fishing, hunting, bowling and darts to name a few. Brewers baseball was always on in the summer and the Green Bay Packers football in the fall. You could always find him rooting for his favorite team.

After working a couple jobs, Tom found his lifelong career at the Oshkosh Fire Department. Starting in February 1966, "TJ" as he was known to most of the firefighters, made several close friends who enjoyed the outdoors as much as he did. From spending time playing softball on the fire department team, to fishing in Canada, TJ was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed the time spent with his fellow firefighters.

Joseph Griebing

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Joseph "Joe" Griebing, age 69, on June 1, 2025. He was born January 18, 1956.

Joe was always up for adventure, i.e. competing in Special Olympics, singing in a choir, trips to the zoo, Timber Rattler games, viewing of holiday lights and a good game of Uno to share a few.

Joe had a special place in his heart for music especially that of Elvis and Johnny Cash.

Joe is survived by Karen Koelbl and her family.

He is reunited with Elizabeth Lee.

Tom is survived by his wife of 63 years, Karen; daughters, Kim (Michael) Sawall, Kristine (Dean Coenen) Schoonover and Tammy (Thomas) Bauer; son, Dean (Heather) Johnson; grandchildren, Chadrick (Carla) Schoonover, Valerie (Daniel) Mullen, Tiffany (Joseph) Harding, Alex (Stacey) Schoonover, Payge (John) Mulligan, Erin (Jared) Pixley, Tylar Johnson and Hailey Johnson; great-grandchildren, Tristan (Feather Cornelius) Schoonover, Brennan Mullen, Ethan Schoonover, Arthur Pixley, Zachary Schoonover, Jacob Mulligan and another due early 2026; and great-great-grandson, Anakin Cornelius. He is further survived by many loved nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Esther Johnson; in-laws, Harold and Ruby Anderson; brothers, LaVerne (Alice) Johnson and Kenneth Johnson; sister, Arlene (DuWell) Arendt; brother-in laws, Joseph DuWell and Orville Arendt; nieces, Linda McCoy and Susan Duerr; and son-in-law, Randy Schoonover.

Visitation will be celebrated from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Bethel Home Chapel, 225 N Eagle Street, Oshkosh WI, with a Christian service to immediately follow at 2:00pm.

His final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh WI.

Thank you to the staff at Moments Hospice and Bethel Home for all their care and support.

Tom loved his family very much. He felt he was truly blessed with a great wife, great kids & grandkids as well as great friends. So, we will not say goodbye but so long for now. We love you and miss you already.



Thomas Lee Charles

Thomas "Tom" Lee Charles, age 79, passed away with his family by his side



on June 7, 2025, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born on September 23, 1945, to parents, Melvin and LaVerne (Judkins) Charles, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

After high school, Tom enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served for a four-year term during the Vietnam War era. While enlisted, he learned the electronics and radio communication skills needed to operate and maintain a ham radio. Later on, he was able to continue this as a hobby and talked to people all around the world and even to astronauts in space.

On September 29, 1973, he married the

love of his life, Barbara Miller, at St. Peters Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Together, they raised a son, Christopher.

Tom enjoyed tinkering with anything electronic. He often worked on upgrading PC computers as a hobby. Tom also enjoyed learning to write computer code. When the weather was nice, Tom would enjoy riding his bike in the country.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Charles; son, Christopher (Alexis) Charles; grandchildren, Joshua and Nathanael Charles; sister, Rene (Val) Palmer; nieces and nephews, Shawn (Sarah) Palmer, Alisa (Paul) Matthies, Aaron (Sarah) Palmer and Kim (Justin) Mueller.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Melvin and LaVerne (Judkins) Charles.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held.



Gerald Mathew Johnson

After many rounds, the fight was called. On May 31, Jerry was finally at peace.



Gerald Mathew Johnson was born on June 30, 1934, in West Allis to Wesley and Mae Johnson. He attended Marquette High and was proud to say he was part of the undefeated football teams of 1950-

1952. His education at Marquette solidified his strong faith and love of learning. After a stint at Marquette university, he joined the Marines and in addition to boxing he excelled at being the "Radar O'Reilly" of his unit. His stories of antics in the Marines kept his family amused for years.

Returning to college Jerry met and married Pequitte Schwerin and had two children that were his world.

Jerry was a phenomenal dad and taught us the art of sarcasm, love of art, music appreciation, love of learning, kindness towards others and self-reliance.

He was constantly giving to others whether it was chocolate, clothes or little trinkets he loved.

Like his mentor Don Quixote, he was constantly jousting at windmills and defending the downtrodden. He was the risk manager at

UW-Oshkosh and enjoyed traveling to conferences across the states. Later the title of "parking czar" was added and he loved to banter with staff and students regarding tickets.

He met and married Carol Burich in 1982 and together they added a bonus sister for us to harass and adore.

Jerry is survived by his children, Mary (Matt) Bayens, Eric (Laura Johansen) Johnson and Sue (Jeff) Schumeth; grandchildren, Hannah (Jan-Michael Vincent) Tupas, Fletcher Bayens, and Calvin and Tyler Schumeth; his sister, Margaret Maxel and many nieces and nephews. He is further survived by his best friends, Tom Smeeton and Tom Flaherty.

Preceding him are his wife, Carol; his parents, Wesley and Mae Johnson; and his two brothers, Wes (Arlene) and Richard (Katherine) Johnson. As well as his beloved pets, Wolfie and Serdchik.

A visitation will be held at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 Westhaven dr. on Monday June 30th, 2025, at 1200pm with a mass to follow at 100pm. Military Honors will take place at church after mass. His final resting place will be Sacred Heart cemetery.

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Barbara D. Rasmussen

Born: July 26, 1933 in Oshkosh, WI
Died: May 27, 2025 in Oshkosh, WI



Barbara D. Rasmussen, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on May 27th, 2025. Barbara was born on July 26, 1933 the daughter of Linda (Fierke) & Harry Bauer. She graduated from Oshkosh High School.

Married Neil D. Rasmussen in Oshkosh at Peace Lutheran Chapel on December 22, 1951. They were married for 66yrs. until he passed away in 2018. Together they raised 5 children.

She was a amazing wife, mother, grandma, aunt & sister very nurturing & supportive.

Employed at Winnebago Mental Health & Wisconsin Resource Center as a food service supervisor for 27yrs. retired from there in 1996.

She enjoyed traveling, multiple trips to Arizona to visit family. Also many road trips with her husband and close friends Orville (Jug) & Elaine Albrecht in their RV camper.

Spent many weekends and summers at the family cottage in Newald WI., the home away from home. Many family memories there.

She enjoyed knitting many items for her

loved ones from ponchos, sweaters, mittens, blankets & dish towels in her spare time.

Also reading books, bird watching & spending time with her dog Lady.

Loved spending time with her family as much as possible looked forward to the holiday gatherings.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by son John (Nicki) Rasmussen; four daughters, Karen Fenrich, Susan (John) Farmer, Lynn (Richard) Hawley, Jodie Rasmussen ; grandchildren Katie Dante, Tanner Rasmussen, Brian, Adam, Melissa, Trevor, Alex, Andrew, Hope, Mary Dawn Fenrich Scott Farmer, Amy Goebel, Erica Szessterniak, Connor, Garret Hyler, Molly Schonscheck, several great grandchildren; a sister Lois Leinenveber; and brother in law Curtis Rasmussen.

Preceding in her death are her parents, husband & sisters.

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every single day. They’re unseen, unheard, but always near so missed, so loved & held so very dear.”

A special Thank~You to the staff at The-da Care Regional hospital stroke unit in Neenah WI. Everyone of you are AMAZING in comforting our Mother & her family.

No funeral services will be held per her wishes. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Oshkosh Area Human Society in Barbara’s memory would be appreciated.

Virginia Evans

Well, done, good and faithful servant. Virginia “Ginny” (Garbe) Evans, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin,



ended her journey on Earth on Thursday, May 1, 2025. She was 93 years old.

Ginny was born in Oshkosh, where she did all of her schooling, including graduating with a degree in

primary education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She lived in a variety of places along her journey, including Shorewood and West Allis, Wisconsin, Okemos, Michigan, and Honolulu, Hawaii, before settling back in Oshkosh.

On June 19, 1954, she married her soulmate John Evans and celebrated 70 years together last June. They have two children, William (Bill) and Ann.

Ginny had a great love of gardening and flowers, even creating a mini business, making dried flower arrangements and wreaths. She especially loved living at their “country” house on Nekimi and having her own shop to arrange flowers in. She also had a love of entertaining and cooking, which she graciously welcomed anyone to the table. She and John belonged to a gourmet club, she cooked many meals at church. Everyone always raved about her delicious meals, especially her family’s favorite meal “chick-

en and noodles”. Ginny also had a vast love of traveling, enjoying trips all over the world with her husband. Ginny also prioritized family time with her children and grandchildren. Her love of family also included the love of pets, including many dogs and cats over the years. When Ginny wasn’t busy in the garden, or the kitchen, or traveling, she loved reading and doing crossword puzzles. She always kept up on current events by watching several TV channels daily.

Ginny is survived by her husband John R. Evans, her sweet kitty Lucy and her two children, William (Bill) Evans and his wife Carol, of Colorado, and daughter, Ann Dettlaff and husband Joseph of De Pere; grandchildren, Michael Dettlaff, and his wife, Mary Claire, Thomas Dettlaff and his wife, Sara, Russell Evans and his wife Crystal Jager, and Erik Evans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Reinhold, Garbe, siblings, sister Myrtle Meekma, and brothers Herbert and Norbert Garbe.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 110 Church St., Oshkosh on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:00 am. Visitation, also at the church, will begin at 10:00.

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Obituaries

Donna Mae Bouras

Donna Mae (Butt) Bouras, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 1, 2025.



Donna was born on June 26, 1936, in Oshkosh, WI, the daughter of Loretta (Balda) Butt and Alfred Butt.

She graduated from Oshkosh High School and married the love of her life, William (Bill) Bouras, Sr., in 1954. Together, she and Bill welcomed their five children in the City of Oshkosh before moving their family to the Village of Winneconne in 1971.

In her early years, Donna loved breeding and raising Peekapoo puppies, tak-

ing yearly trips to Las Vegas, playing bingo, and bowling with her husband, Bill. While raising their children, she worked part-time at various Oshkosh businesses, including the Oshkosh Candle Factory, Miles Kimball, and Mary's Toys n' Togs. When her children grew older, she worked full-time at Mercy Medical Center for 27 years, where she held positions in the maternity ward, the psychiatric ward, and the radiology department.

After retirement, Donna and Bill spent most of their time enjoying their beautiful property along the Embarrass River in Leopolis, Wisconsin. Donna enjoyed frequenting casinos in northern Wisconsin, and she was also a master at puzzles at home. They eventually moved "up north," where they often looked forward to visits from family and friends. She loved meeting and holding her new grand-babies,

watching grandchildren splash in the pool, gathering for summer cookouts, and hearing all about the kids' adventures in the woods.

Donna will be greatly missed by all and will be welcomed and loved in heaven by all who are waiting for her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her first-born, Sue Ann Bouras-Steig; her parents, Loretta and Alfred Butt; her sister, Bonnie Thompson; her brother, Noel Butt; and her great-grandson, Nathan Ulrich.

She is survived by her children: Mary Lou (Mark) Fabiano, William Jr. (Kari) Bouras, Nick Sr. (Kathy) Bouras and Lisa Bouras. Grandchildren: Raymond (Jodi) Steig, Robert (Jenny) Steig, David Jr. (Denise) Ulrich, Terry (Audrey)

Ulrich, William (Heather) Bouras, Elizabeth (Tom) Last, Nick Bouras Jr., Derek (Megan) Blochwitz, Malissa (Aaron) Knapp and Drew Blochwitz. Step-grandchildren: Sherri Dewhurst and Samantha Dewhurst. Donna's very special niece: Lori (David) Stevens. She is also survived by 33 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren, and additional nieces and nephews.

*Special thanks and appreciation go to the staff at The Residence of Oshkosh for the excellent care and kindness shown to our mother.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



John W. Stark

June 2, 1936 – June 2, 2025

John W. Stark, age 89, passed away at



home in Oshkosh, WI, on June 2, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born in Middletown, OH on June 2nd, 1936. The Stark family lived in Middletown until 1951 and spent each summer in Wisconsin

at the Stark cottage on Lake Winnebago. They moved to Appleton in 1951, and John graduated from Appleton West High School in 1954. He enlisted in the USAF and spent 4 years at Malmstrom Air Base in Great Falls, Montana as a surveyor.

After discharge, John returned to Wisconsin and enrolled at UWO. While attending UWO, John met the woman he treasured, Patricia Piepenburg. In 1960 they married and had two children, Pamela Sue and Bradley Donald. John and Pat celebrated 64 years of marriage on October 29, 2024.

John spent part of his career working for J.I. Case Garden Tractor Division for 19 years, starting with inventory control and

working up to V.P. of Marketing. He then joined the Wisconsin Independent Business Association as the Northeast Sales Rep. for 18 years.

Heading into their retirement years John and Pat had a goal to golf all 50 states. They enjoyed many road trips and were able to accomplish this goal. Their favorite trip was six weeks in Alaska. They also spent many winters in Gulf Shores, AL with a great group of friends.

John is survived by his sister, Marianne Berenz; wife Pat, children Pam (Joe) Peyer, Brad (Wendy) Stark; granddaughters Brianna Peyer (Kyle) Kleitsch, Briel Peyer (John) Brugger, Brittany Peyer, Bailey Stark (Kyle) Sandvold and Sydney Stark; great grandchildren Alyce and Harper Kleitsch, Emmy and Claire Brugger and Sawyer Sandvold.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister Donna Stark and great grandson Graham Kleitsch.

John will still be riding his bike in his next life and planting beautiful gardens.

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



Daniel Edward Radig

Daniel Edward Radig, age 68, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday morning, June 7, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center. Daniel was born in Oshkosh on November 16, 1956 the son of the late Norman and Margaret (Westover) Radig. Daniel was an Artist and also an Author. He was a faithful member of St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church) and he served as a volunteer at the Oshkosh Public Museum. Daniel is survived by three sisters, Judy Robinson, Lynn (Dean) Reichenberger and Mary Jo Radig all of Oshkosh. One brother, William (Lennette) Radig of Omro. Nieces and nephews, Dawn (John) Morgan, Mandy (Tim) Lofgren, Sarah (Steve) Adkins, Robbin (Jeff) Crandall, William Radig, Jr and Matthew Daniel Radig. Great nieces and nephews, Liam Radig, Ella Adkins and Cameron Crandall.

Daniel's aunt LaVerne Reimer, cousins and best friend, Michael (Christina) Reimer. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 12 pm at St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church). Father Louis Golamari will be the celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 10 am until the time of Mass. Private family committal services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church) at 1025 W. 5th Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54902. Daniel's family would like to send a special thank you to the staff of the Aurora ICU and also his hospice nurse Amy Jo. Daniel didn't just live up to his potential, Daniel exceeded it.



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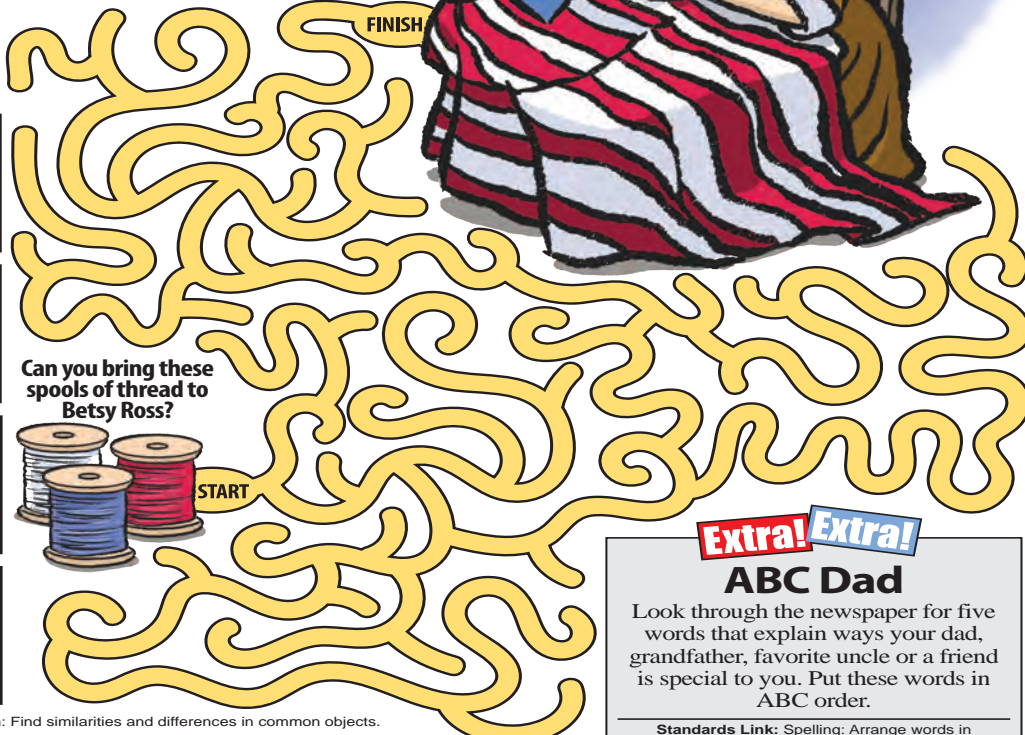
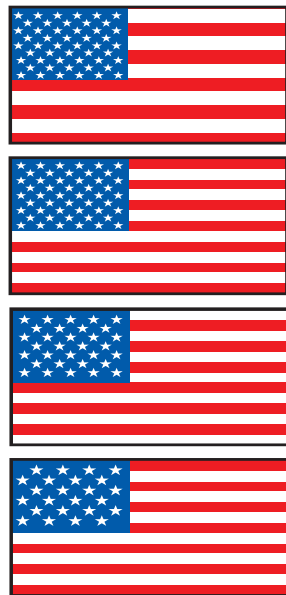
The flag of the United States of America has red and white stripes and white stars on a blue background.

The first flag was sewn by hand by a seamstress in Philadelphia in the year 1777. Some say that New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson came up with the idea for how the flag should look, and Betsy Ross made it.

The flag was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Americans celebrate that day as Flag Day each year.



Only one of these flags is the real American flag. Can you find it? Have an adult check your answer.



Can you bring these spools of thread to Betsy Ross?



Standards Link: Science Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra! ABC Dad
 Look through the newspaper for five words that explain ways your dad, grandfather, favorite uncle or a friend is special to you. Put these words in ABC order.
 Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Father's Day Flags

Are you looking for a special way to say "Happy Father's Day?" Make your dad a flag all his own! It's simple!

1. Make a list of words that describe your dad.

2. Choose the three best words from your list.
3. Find or draw pictures that represent the words you have chosen.
4. Cut out the pictures and arrange them on a letter-sized piece of paper to look like a flag.



Standards Link: Design: Use a variety of media to create a design.

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Flag Talk at Sea

Long before cell phones and radio communications, people on ships needed a way to communicate to people on other ships, or on shore – people who were too far away to be reached by yelling. A system of nautical flags was developed, each flag represented a letter of the alphabet and/or a meaning. Fill in the missing vowels to discover what these flag examples mean.

Y _ S

N _

M _ N

D _ VER
D _ WN

OVERBOARD

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

E	L	P	M	I	S	F	T	H	Z
V	M	W	S	Y	A	D	L	F	J
D	Q	L	S	P	E	C	I	A	L
R	A	L	E	T	T	E	R	T	G
A	H	D	R	Y	P	P	A	H	T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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What Flags Mean

The colors and symbols on the flags of countries and states are chosen with great care. They each mean something that people feel represents their country.

Color by numbers to discover what each color represents.

18 - 3 = BLUE
 11 + 5 = RED
 20 - 3 = WHITE
 12 + 2 = YELLOW

16

often represents courage, hardiness, blood and/or valor.

15

often represents freedom, vigilance, justice, perseverance, peace and/or prosperity.

14

often represents the sun, wealth and/or justice.

16 17 15

These three colors combined usually represent revolution and freedom:
 and _____.

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