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Photo by Michael Cooney

A special tour stop

Christian music singer Sefh Schlueter was among the performers over the weekend at Lifest 2025, marking his first time in Oshkosh, where his dad grew up. Schlueter became known for his breakout song *Counting My Blessings*, which went viral in 2024. The annual music festival was held Thursday through Sunday at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

Discussions on city sales tax begin

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council has sent a request to state legislators asking that the city be able to implement a sales tax to create a new revenue source for the city, which faces tough financial decisions as its budget season nears.

Council member DJ Nichols introduced the resolution requesting the state legislature approve a municipal 0.5% sales tax in Oshkosh. If approved, Oshkosh would be the second city in Wisconsin to have its own sales tax and the only municipal sales tax in the county.

The resolution passed 6-1 at the July 8 meeting. At this stage in the process, officials said it is still a request to implement the sales tax; there is not a sales tax the city will be implementing at this time.

In Wisconsin, 69 of the 72 counties have a county sales tax of 0.5% with Milwaukee County having a 0.9% sales tax. Sales tax is imposed on retailers that make taxable retail sales, licenses, leases or rentals. The state collects a 5% sales tax from these purchases.

The sales tax would be applied to retail sales of items such as clothing, TVs and non-essential purchases; it would not apply to groceries or prescription medication.

Milwaukee is the only city in the state

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Final preparations underway as EAA AirVenture arrives

Oshkosh Herald

Attendees and those trying to navigate around EAA AirVenture next week in Oshkosh can expect some changes in an attempt by organizers to make the experience as smooth as possible. In addition, EAA has announced several highlights for those planning their visit to the show at Wittman Regional Airport or observing it from the surrounding area.

The show is scheduled to start on Monday and continue until July 27.

EAA is planning to convert a former camping area into the new Purple Auto Parking Lot. EAA said the 4,400-space lot will allow faster parking and access off Interstate 41 and Poberezny Road. Continual shuttles will carry attendees from the lot to the new South Knapp Gate admissions area.

“As we look at the growth of the event

and the grounds, we work to accommodate everyone,” said Jim Busha, EAA vice president. “Campers who spend an extended time here have priority for easy access to the flightline, while we want to maintain the most efficient in-and-out possible for those attendees who drive to the grounds each day.”

For motorists traveling into the area for the show between Oshkosh and Berlin, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has said a portion of Wisconsin Highway 91, which has been closed this summer due to construction, will reopen and work suspended for the week.

Traffic coming on and off Interstate 41 for the show will be routed to parking areas, impacting some surrounding streets. Traffic from the north will be directed to take Exit 116 west onto Wisconsin High-

SEE **AirVenture** ON PAGE 17



Image from EAA

Cherokees will be part of the planned mass arrivals coming this weekend to Oshkosh for EAA AirVenture.

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Fly-In Quilt Show chair Lynn Mozingo stands in front of the Eagle Quilt, which will be one of the quilts on display July 24 during the event at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South.

Fly-In Quilt Show to be held July 24

Oshkosh Herald

More than 500 visitors are expected at this year's Fly-In Quilt Show sponsored by Lakeside Quilters Guild.

For 35 years, Oshkosh area quilters have been welcoming visitors from around the world to share their love of quilting. "Friendships Around the World" is the theme for this year's event.

Admission and parking are free and the building is barrier-free. The show will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 24 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N. Campbell Road.

A quilters' marketplace is scheduled along with displays of bed-sized quilts, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings, and chal-

lenge quilts. Six local vendors will have items for sale and the Guild will sponsor lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizers said a highlight of the show will be bed turning at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when Guild members and guests share stories of quilts not hung in the show. Tickets will also be available for a beautiful raffle quilt.

Lakeside Quilters is a non-profit quilt guild with about 100 members that serves the greater Oshkosh area. The Guild's mission is to provide educational opportunities that promote the art of quilting along with giving back to the community. More information can be found at OshkoshQuilters.org.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

July 12, 1961

Stangels Opens Third Grocery Store in Oshkosh: The Stangel family has announced the grand opening of their third grocery store in Northeast Wisconsin. The newest offering will be located at 313 N. Sawyer Street in Oshkosh. Presently, Stangels operates stores in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Their offerings include homemade smoked hams and sausages made in their in-store kitchen in Manitowoc. Dan Stangel will manage the Oshkosh location. (This store would eventually be sold to Edward Prescott who would operate under the name of Sawyer St. Super Valu. In the coming years the store "shield" would change to Roundy's Shop Rite, then Sentry Foods. Today the business is a gas/convenient mart).

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 12, 1961

Correction

July 9, Page 8: In the article about Jubricosa Academy's productions showcase cast talents, the performances of Fiddler on the Roof will be at St. Mary Catholic High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah. Shows will run July 31 through Aug. 2, with evening performances at 7 p.m. on July 31 and Aug. 1, and two final performances at 2 and 7 p.m. on Aug. 2.

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Museum slated to display Tiffany's Garden in Glass

Exhibition opens Saturday through Jan. 3, 2026

Oshkosh Herald

Tiffany's Garden in Glass, an exhibition organized by the Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass, will be displayed starting Saturday in the Oshkosh Public Museum's Waldwic Gallery.

The exhibit will feature Louis C. Tiffany's lamps, windows and rare archival materials, taking visitors on a journey from inspiration to expression. According to the museum, Tiffany's exploration of glass as a creative medium and his enduring love of nature's beauty prevail in this exhibition.

The Tiffany Studios were staffed with designers, artists and artisans who shared Tiffany's passion for nature and willingness to explore techniques in using glass to achieve stunning designs that demonstrated unsurpassed craftsmanship. Perpetually in bloom, Tiffany's floral lamps and landscape windows are described as

reflecting the skill of his studios in faithfully translating natural forms into glass: velvety or paper-thin petals, waxy or veined leaves, dappled sunlight or shadow, and much more. Visitors can immerse themselves among the colorful lemon trees, natural landscapes, lilies, poppies and apple blossoms, represented in decorative glass art masterpieces that stand the test of time.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and is extending hours on Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. for the duration of the exhibition. More information is available at oshkoshmuseum.org.

In celebrating the history, art and culture of the Oshkosh area, the Museum will be offering a 50% discount on admission to patrons that share admission receipts or proof of membership from visits to the Paine Art Center or the EAA Aviation Museum during the Gardens in Glass exhibition, which is scheduled to run through Jan. 3, 2026.

Children's theater group receives community support

Oshkosh Herald

The Jolly Jesters Children's Theater program is receiving support through a grant from the Odd Fellows Endowment Fund within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

The Oshkosh Recreation Department plans to use the \$2,000 grant to provide essential resources that nurture creativity, build confidence and make the performing arts accessible to children in the community.

The Odd Fellows Endowment Fund is a field of interest fund established in 1996 to support local activities that are consistent with the goals of Odd Fellowship as well as youth theater activities.

Jolly Jester Children's Theater is a musical theater opportunity for children in first grade through eighth grade. The group plans to perform Newsies Jr for its 2025-26 youth show. Auditions will be held this fall.

For more information, visit oshkoshrecdept.com.



Photo from Oshkosh Public Museum

One of the items on display, Lemon Tree and Grape Vine with Trellis Window, was made in New York, between 1902 and 1910. Created by Tiffany Studios under the artistic direction of Louis C. Tiffany (1848-1933); design attributed to Agnes F. Northrop (1857-1953). The Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass, Queens, NY.



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Common Council sets new goals for city manager

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council has set five goals for City Manager Rebecca Grill. Since being hired by the council in January, Grill has been in the community giving talks about her role and meeting with staff about their duties and role within the city.

The goals laid out by the council range from community engagement to improving workplace culture.

The goals were developed by deputy mayor Joe Stephenson. One of the duties of the deputy mayor is to take the council through the process for the city manager performance evaluation.

“There’s a lot in here about process changes. There’s a lot of things that we want

to see done differently at City Hall and also other initiatives from the past that we want to move forward, things like revitalizing our downtown,” Stephenson said.

- Goal 1 – Develop and launch a community engagement plan.

- Goal 2 – Create a joint economic development strategy with the county.

- Goal 3 – Strengthen intergovernmental relationships and explore shared services.

- Goal 4 – Conduct organizational review and modernize structure.

- Goal 5 – Advance workplace culture



Grill

and operational efficiency.

Each goal was specifically tailored with timelines and reachable objectives within the timelines.

As for goal 2, the city is set to collaborate with the county partners to develop a joint economic strategy by November. The strategy will focus on attracting new businesses, supporting housing developments and redeveloping vacant properties.

“City Manager Grill, your first few months have been even better than we expected, in terms of how fast you’ve hit the ground running in this community and these goals reflect a vision that I think collectively that we

share,” Mayor Matt Mugerauer said during the council’s July 8 meeting. “We believe we can move farther and faster and these goals help us achieve just that.”

Goal 3 will look at enhancing the relationships between the city and other taxing districts, including the Oshkosh Area School District, Winnebago County and Fox Valley Technical College. Grill is tasked with having discussions with these entities and finding shared services and other collaborative opportunities.

Grill stated she appreciated the conversations with the council to create the goals.

Mugerauer noted a conversation with another council member who stated Grill was the right candidate at the right time for the community. The goals were passed by the council in the form of a resolution with no opposing votes.

Business news roundup

New North, a regional economic development corporation serving 18 counties in Northeast Wisconsin, has named Don Mc-

Cartney of Oshkosh Corporation and Rob Kim of Green Bay Packaging to its board of directors. McCarty is vice president of global digital operations for Oshkosh Corporation. The board terms began on July 1.

ThedaCare South Region has named Kellie Diedrick as the senior vice president. In this role, Diedrick will lead the region, which includes the system’s legacy hospital, ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah, and new health campuses in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh.



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Superintendent Bryan Davis presents 93-year-old Bernie Faust his honorary veterans high school diploma on Monday.

Korean war veteran receives honorary high school diploma

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 93-year-old veteran's dream came true this week when he received his high school diploma.

Bernie Faust served in the Navy during the Korean War and now has an honorary veteran's degree from the Oshkosh West High School. Caregivers, friends and family attended the ceremony on Monday that was full of smiles and excitement.

"I've been waiting 50 years for this," Faust said. "I'm on top of a mountain right now."

Faust could not hold back his joy and excitement as he spoke about getting his diploma at 93. He lives by a simple motto – never give up.

Faust received his honorary diploma from Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis during a small ceremony held at Eden Meadows, part of Miravida Living. Also in attendance were assistant superintendent of instruction Julie Conrad-Peters and Board of Education president Beth Wyman.

Faust worked at Rockwell for over 30 years and volunteered at EAA AirVenture for 44 years. In 2018, he was on board the Honor Flight that took local veterans to Washington, D.C.

He received a dishonorable discharge and therefore the school board needed to waive the district's honorary veteran's di-

ploma.

Mike Hert, who has been working with Faust on attaining his diploma, stressed that Faust deserves his diploma after turning his life around following his discharge from the service. He urged the school board to waive the policy and award Faust with his diploma.

"It means everything for him to get his high school diploma," Hert told the school board at the June 25 meeting.

Hert served in the Army and has worked with Faust over several months to get him his diploma. Two days after the meeting, Faust's diploma was approved by the board at a special meeting where the board voted to waive the policy and award Faust with his diploma.

Bernie's wife, Bonnie, said that Bernie had tried to get his GED, but the program he started was cancelled due to COVID in 2020.

Faust wore a green cap and gown for the ceremony, however, the diploma comes from Oshkosh West because Bernie would have graduated before 1972. Oshkosh High School became West, so for Department of Public Instruction records the diploma comes from Oshkosh West.

After receiving his honorary veteran's diploma Faust said, "I'm so happy to be here. I'm grateful God gave me the life to live to 93."

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Police arrest Oshkosh man after reckless driving pursuit

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Police officers arrested a 46-year-old Oshkosh man July 9 for reckless driving after a pursuit that started on Interstate 41.

As a result of the incident, Eleuterio Gaspar Maldonado, formerly of Neenah, is facing several charges, including his second operating while intoxicated (OWI) offense.

According to Patrol Division Lt. Rob Kraemer, officers responded to a reck-

less driving complaint at 2:09 p.m. near Interstate 41 southbound and Oshkosh Avenue. Police had been informed a vehicle almost ran another vehicle off the road and was swerving. Kraemer said the reckless vehicle exited onto West Ninth Avenue, possibly hitting a retaining wall, jumping the roundabout at the top of the off-ramp and then driving on sidewalks.

Kraemer said it was also identified that the vehicle was involved in a single-vehicle

crash in Winnebago County a short time earlier. Kraemer said a citizen followed the vehicle to a parking lot near Witzel Avenue and South Koeller Street, where police located the vehicle in a nearby gas station parking lot.

An officer attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle; however, the vehicle continued through the parking lot, failing to stop. The officer was able to position their squad car in front of the vehicle, preventing it from entering onto the street in the 1800 block of Witzel Avenue.

Kraemer said the driver then refused the officer's verbal commands to turn the vehicle off and exit the vehicle. The driver drove

around the marked squad car, over the adjacent terrace and onto Witzel Avenue.

Due to driving behavior conduct that presented an imminent and continuing threat to the public, Kraemer said a pursuit was initiated. Officers were able to stop the vehicle and arrest the driver within a few blocks of the initial stop attempt.

According to court records, the suspect is also charged with resisting or failing to stop, resisting or obstructing an officer, operating after revocation of a driver's license and failure to install an ignition interlock device. All are misdemeanor charges.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for Sept. 8.

Man charged in Menominee Park homicide

Oshkosh Herald

A Fond du Lac man has been charged with intentional homicide stemming from an altercation at Menominee Park during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Daunte D. Riley, 19, is facing life in prison for stabbing 27-year-old Oshkosh man Robert Brooks. Riley is charged with first-degree intentional homicide and disorderly conduct, use of a dangerous weapon.

Court documents allege the stabbing occurred July 5 in Menominee Park. There was a party at the park that culminated in the fatal stabbing that was allegedly captured on video by Riley's girlfriend.

Riley's cash bond was set at \$1 million by Court Commissioner Eric Heywood. Public defender Brianne Patzer argued that Riley's cash bond should be \$100,000 as the allegations in the case "are still just allegations."

Assistant District Attorney Amanda Nash told the Court on Monday afternoon during Riley's initial appearance that Riley was unprovoked when he allegedly stabbed Brooks.

Nash alleged that after the stabbing Riley chased down the victim and that the

district attorney's office has video of the entire incident, which Riley's girlfriend recorded.

Following the stabbing, Brooks was able to escape into an SUV.

The criminal complaint states, the vehicle struck a tree, and when police arrived on the scene, they called for an ambulance for Brooks. He was pronounced dead in the ambulance.

After chasing Brooks, Riley got into a vehicle that fled the scene and allegedly threatened a second victim with a bloody knife. Nash said Riley also attempted to clean the blood off of the knife.

Nash argued for a \$1 million cash bond because Riley is a flight risk and a danger to the public because he fled the scene of the homicide and tampered with evidence.

Brooks' father and younger brother spoke at the hearing and asked for a higher cash bond.

"I lost my son. This is not a game," Brooks' father told the court. He stated Riley showed no remorse for his actions.

Riley is due back in court later this month for his preliminary hearing.

Ceape Avenue drug case almost closed

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Police completed a months-long investigation last October into a possible drug house on Ceape Avenue. As a result of the investigation, four Oshkosh residents were charged with drug-related offenses.

All the cases linked to the investigation have been closed with the defendants sentenced except for one of the defendants, who has been allowed to participate in one of the county's deferral programs.

The Oshkosh Police Department's vice and narcotics unit ran an investigation last September that included three controlled buys of methamphetamine throughout the month. The four individuals were all living in the home in the 600 block of Ceape Avenue.

Tameka M. Stroik, 40, pled no contest to one count of manufacture/deliver amphetamine, less than three grams, and was sentenced by Winnebago County Branch 1 Judge Michael Rust to two years in state prison followed by three years of extended supervision.

Stroik was also charged with two counts of manufacture/deliver amphetamine, between three and ten grams. However, those charges were dismissed and read into the record for sentencing purposes.

Fireworks calls to police reach high point

Oshkosh Herald

The number of calls for service to the Oshkosh Police Department reached a high point for the summer over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

As of late last week, police said 120 calls for service regarding fireworks had been made in July, compared to the summer total of 140 since June 1. Police did not provide further details regarding recent fireworks enforcement, saying they are working on a more comprehensive fireworks report that is not yet completed.

Recent concerns have been raised about how illegal fireworks regulations will be enforced this year.

The Oshkosh Common Council last year approved a new escalating fine structure for people setting off illegal fireworks in the city. The fines are different for juveniles and adults with offenses tracked over

36 months.

"Fireworks may be enjoyable, but they can also cause distress to many in our community, especially those with PTSD or noise sensitivities," Oshkosh police public affairs officer Kate Mann said last month. "Loud explosions can also have a negative impact on pets, causing them undue stress and potential harm."

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to 14 fireworks-related calls over the holiday weekend, issuing two warnings and no citations.

Communications Capt. Lara Vendola-Messer said in most cases, deputies were unable to locate the source of the fireworks. That's often the case in rural areas, she said, where callers can usually only provide a general location, unlike in cities where specific addresses are more common.

Fire at uninhabited building under investigation

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police and Fire Departments are investigating a structure fire that occurred Saturday in the 1100 block of Pioneer Drive.

The police and fire departments were called at approximately 1 p.m. to investigate the fire. Police Patrol Division Sgt. Sarah Pauer said smoke was observed coming from an uninhabited building with an active fire located within. The fire was extinguished, and Pauer said no one was harmed.

The police department is looking for any information that may relate to the cause of the fire, Pauer said.

She said this could include any suspicious persons in the general area during hours of darkness on Friday or the early morning and afternoon hours Saturday.

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Park dancing

Mason Street Band performed Friday during the 16th Annual Park Dance at South Park. Peace Lutheran Church sold food and beverages as attendees danced the night away with their friends and family.

Funding for pedestrian bridge in limbo

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

It was announced last year the federal government would help to fund a pedestrian bridge across Interstate 41 in Oshkosh to help pedestrians and bicyclists cross the roadway and avoid roundabouts.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin announced the city was set to receive around \$8 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

However, when the Trump Administration took office earlier this year, several projects were put in jeopardy. Oshkosh Public Works director James Rabe said last week the USDOT staff member who was working with the city on the grant agreement was instructed to stop working on the agreement.

"After significant effort to engage with our federal representatives and other avenues, we have received word that the USDOT staff is once again reviewing the grant agreement," Rabe said. "We are now back to the same place we were prior to the new administration taking office with

reviewing the grant agreement."

The project was proposed for the federal funding to cover 80% of the bridge's total cost of \$10 million. The city would need to cover the remaining \$2 million of the bridge costs. Oshkosh would also lead the design of the project. When plans for the bridge were announced, Rabe said it was expected to be completed in 2027.

Rabe told the Herald he has kept in touch with Baldwin's office, which was in contact with U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy. Due to the 7-10 month delay of the grant agreement, it is unlikely the bridge will be completed by that time.

Rabe remains confident the grant will be approved and will be an 80/20 split.

Initial plans show the bridge will connect North Koeller and North Washburn streets near Taft Avenue on the east side of the interstate.

Between 2018 and 2022, there were 17 bike injuries and four pedestrian injuries while attempting to cross the interstate. In that same time, there have been two fatal crashes and multiple crashes involving serious injury.

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Bowling championships

Youth bowlers practice last week at Revs Bowl Bar & Grill as the 2025 USBC Junior Gold Bowling Championships got underway. The tournament, which is being held in Wisconsin for the first time, runs through Saturday. Youth from all over the country are competing at sites throughout the area, including Revs, which is hosting the under 18 boys division.

Plans underway for Harry Potter's birthday party

Oshkosh Herald

Caramel Crisp Corner is planning a birthday celebration for Harry Potter. The festivities will go from 1 to 4 p.m. July 27, with what organizers describe as magical fun and activities inside and outside the store, 200 City Center.

Organizers said guests can sip butter beer, check out Harry Potter merchandise and channel their favorite Harry Potter character in the costume contest. They can have a picture taken in the Hogwarts

photo booth. There will be snakes worthy of Slytherin House and a trivia contest to test Harry Potter knowledge.

Wisconsin author Christopher Micklos, writer of Tick Town, will be on hand to meet and greet guests and sign his book. Micklos is an alumnus of UW-Oshkosh.

Elle Binder will be there with her hand made Harry Potter bookmarks and help guests make their own. The party will also include local artists, who will turn their wild imaginings into physical form.

UWO student receives accountant scholarship

Oshkosh Herald

Zachary Kestell, an Oshkosh resident and UW-Oshkosh student, has received the Elizabeth Peters Memorial Scholarship for \$3,000 from the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants (WICPA) Educational Foundation.

The scholarship is named after Elizabeth Peters, CPA, who began her career as a staff accountant with Wipfli, Ulrich & Co. in 1949, at a time when major CPA

firms were not hiring women. In 1961, she became the first woman in Wisconsin to be elected as a partner in a CPA firm.

Fifteen accounting students received scholarships from the WICPA Educational Foundation, which were presented last month. Recipients were selected by the WICPA Educational Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee based on academic achievement, community service, personal statements and recommendation letters.

Local college graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 700 undergraduate students for the spring of 2025. Students from Oshkosh who graduated include Kyle Beregszazi, mechanical engineering; Gavin Sell, engineering technology management and Nicole Walber, construction management.

degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at spring commencement held May 17 include Isabelle Cartwright graduating Summa Cum Laude, international business - BBA; Jason Elmer graduating Summa Cum Laude, early childhood education - BSE; Josh Hassman, business administration - MBA and Griffin Sickinger graduating Magna Cum Laude, English - BS.

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Chamber supports businesses growth through connections

By Connie Carmical
CHAMBER DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

The Oshkosh Chamber continues to play a vital role in supporting and connecting businesses of all sizes throughout the region.

From the first point of contact — whether over the phone or in person — the Oshkosh Chamber takes a personalized approach to understand each business's goals and align them with the opportunities membership provides. Through ongoing engagement and relationship building, the Oshkosh Chamber helps businesses navigate their journey and maximize the value of their investment.

Membership offers access to a variety of benefits, including regular networking opportunities such as Business After Hours, OC Connection Breakfast, AM Oshkosh, Lunch & Learns and more. These events serve as powerful platforms for making connections, exchanging referrals and growing professional confidence. The Oshkosh Chamber actively fosters these interactions, encouraging members to bring business cards, make meaningful introductions and develop long-term relationships that go beyond a simple exchange of contact information.

In addition to monthly programming, the Oshkosh Chamber hosts several signature events each year that celebrate the business community and foster regional collaboration. Annual highlights include the Annual Meeting, Economic Outlook Breakfast, Business Expo, and two Golf Outings held in May and August.



These large-scale events bring together hundreds of local professionals, business leaders, and community partners for informative programming, high-visibility sponsorship opportunities, and impactful networking.

This summer, the Oshkosh Chamber has launched a special "Splash into Summer" promotion. New members who join between now and Aug. 1 will receive 15 months of membership for the price of 12, along with two VIP season passes to all remaining 2025 Waterfest concerts.

Additional benefits include a welcome feature on Oshkosh Chamber social media platforms, complimentary advertising opportunities, business discounts, access to the Oshkosh Chamber mailing list and pre-

mium discounts on group health insurance.

To further enhance connectivity among members, the Oshkosh Chamber recently introduced the Oshkosh Chamber Network Builder, a new initiative designed to facilitate one-on-one introductions via email. This program helps members grow their network intentionally and efficiently.

Oshkosh continues to see strong business development across industries — from advanced manufacturing and healthcare to technology, retail and hospitality. The Oshkosh Chamber plays a proactive role in this growth by advocating for pro-business policies, supporting workforce development initiatives, connecting entrepreneurs to local resources

and helping existing businesses scale.

Through partnerships with local government, educational institutions and economic development organizations, the Oshkosh Chamber works to ensure Oshkosh remains a competitive, vibrant place to live, work and do business.

The Oshkosh Chamber remains committed to serving businesses across all industries and sizes. With a strong emphasis on community engagement, relationship development, and tailored support, the Oshkosh Chamber continues to be a trusted partner in driving economic growth throughout the Oshkosh area.

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Sales tax

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with its own sales tax of 2%, which was passed last year, bringing the total sales tax in the city of Milwaukee to 7.9%.

At the council meeting last week, Nichols explained the resolution is more of a conversation starter for Oshkosh about ways the city can increase revenue.

“This is not a request to add a sales tax for the city of Oshkosh; that is not what this is,” Nichols said. “This is a request that the legislature will allow certain cities to levy a sales tax.”

This is the newest ask from Oshkosh officials in a series of requests the city has made to lawmakers in Madison in recent years. The city has requested more shared revenue funds over several years and earlier this year started calling for legislators to fully fund the Municipal Services Payment (MSP) program.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer made clear that this latest resolution is about local control.

“Madison enjoys taking away or restricting local control,” Mugerauer said. “They have for decades, and this is a time and a place to remind them that we know what’s best for Oshkosh because the people of Oshkosh put us here.”

The two-year state budget approved earlier this month is expected to generate approximately \$400,000 per year for the city from the MSP program. The city currently receives about \$1 million from the program. If fully funded, the city would have received \$2.7 million from the MSP program.

Council member Jacob Floam was the lone opposing vote to the sales tax resolution. He questioned the timing of the request and noted this is the third request

made to the legislature. Floam, a former county supervisor, said Winnebago County adding a sales tax in the future appears inevitable.

Floam called Nichols’ actions a “messaging resolution” and requested the city work with the county to come up with a solution over the next 12 months.

Nichols also stated they shouldn’t be concerned with asking the state for too much. At a meeting with state lawmakers earlier this year, council members were told that legislators don’t want to hear problems; they want to hear solutions.

The idea behind Nichols’ resolution was that Oshkosh relies too much on property taxes as a revenue source. By having a sales tax, the city would have an additional revenue source to cover services.

The sales tax resolution comes as Oshkosh officials start discussions on the 2026 budget. Council members are entering the discussions with the city facing a \$3 million deficit after the council moved money from the general fund last year to avoid raising taxes.

After last week’s council meeting, Nichols spoke to the Herald about the resolution and stated it was a good start to the conversation.

“Having the support of the council to ask the legislature to have more tools in our toolbox is essential,” he said. “This is something that we deserve as a city.”

At this point, city officials do not know how much a potential 0.5% sales tax would add to the city’s revenue. Oshkosh finance director Julie Calmes told the Herald the finance department has not yet researched

the potential impact of a sales tax.

“We would need to reach out to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to see what sales data we could use to make projections,” Calmes said.

Some information about the sales tax resolution was released prior to the council meeting, leading Winnebago County District 21 Supervisor John Hinz to attend the meeting and tell council members and city officials this idea was “ridiculous.”

Hinz, who represents the southeast corner of Oshkosh, also stated the council did not follow the chain of command when bringing forward the resolution. Hinz believes the request should have first come to the Winnebago County personnel and finance committee.

“The proper chain of command for something like this is to go to the county and discuss with the county about implementing this tax,” he said during the meeting. “You do not bypass the county.”

He asked the council to vote against the resolution and first discuss the issue with the county. Hinz wanted to see the city and county work together on the topic.

In response, Nichols stated Oshkosh and Winnebago County are equal branches of government. Since the county already has the right and ability to implement a sales tax, Nichols’ resolution was aimed at giving Oshkosh that same opportunity.

“Then this council can do a ton of outreach and a ton of math and say ‘Is this good for the city of Oshkosh?’ Nichols said. “Is this good for the people of Oshkosh?’ But we can’t do that work until we have that option on the table.”

Floam said after the meeting he voted against the resolution partially because he thinks the city should work with the county to talk with state officials.

This was a similar sentiment County Ex-

ecutive Gordon Hintz gave when he spoke with the Herald about the topic.

“I think the resolution would be stronger and more effective if the city had built a coalition with other municipalities around the state who want to generate revenue from non-residents who use their services,” he said. “As is, the resolution makes it look like Oshkosh has budget problems and is mad that the county hasn’t helped them out by providing them with county funding.”

Hintz added, “Given the lack of state support and high property tax burden on residents, it is understandable that the council would pursue a local sales tax that captures revenue from non-residents that use city services but who pay no taxes, especially when you think of how many events we have such as EAA and Lifest. In addition, Oshkosh’s neighboring towns utilize city services but don’t pay for those services and a sales tax would capture revenue from these town residents as well.”

Hintz added Winnebago County has the third lowest levy per capita in the state and has historically been a frugal county. However, Hintz does expect a conversation to happen at the county level regarding a sales tax.

“In our proposed budget to be released later in September, we plan on including a section on how much the half cent sales tax could generate for the county, how much property tax relief could be applied to the median home and discuss a number of other options the additional revenue could be used for,” Hintz said. “But ultimately, the decision is for the board to consider and make.”

The city’s sales tax resolution was sent to Gov. Tony Evers, the Wisconsin State Legislature and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.



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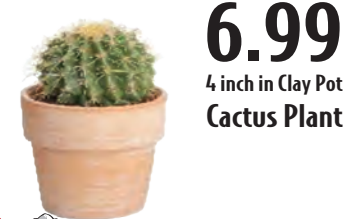
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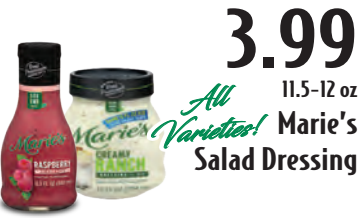
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Photo by Michael Cooney

Spike for tourism

Players came from all over the country to Oshkosh over the weekend to compete in the Waupaca Boatride Volleyball Tournament, which had 3,260 two-person teams registered across all divisions. Most of the 350 nets set up were used throughout each day of the tournament. The winner of the tournament qualifies for the Manhattan Beach Open, which is part of The Association of Volleyball Professionals tour. In addition to volleyball, the event featured live music and refreshments at Brighton Acres.

New additions announced for XRoads41 music festival

Lineup includes pop and country music acts

Oshkosh Herald

Organizers said those attending the upcoming XRoads41 Music Festival can expect more music and options in the event's second year.

The music festival is scheduled to bring some well-known country and pop music performers to Oshkosh Aug. 7-9 at Oshkosh Festivals Park. The festival is on the former Ford Festival Park site in Oshkosh, which was taken over by a new promoter in 2021. The grounds used to host Country USA and Rock USA.

According to organizers, performances will take place on two stages this year: the Bank First Main Stage and the Festival Foods Second Stage, inside the Cowboy Town Beer Bar.

The XRoads41 lineup includes country singers Cody Johnson, Kane Brown, Parker McCollum, Dustin Lynch, and Parmalee; pop newcomer Jessie Murph; hip hop performers Nelly and Flo Rida; and red dirt country artists Koe Wetzell, Pecos & The Rooftops, and Josh Meloy. Early 2000's hitmaker Rodney Atkins rounds out the Main Stage lineup, along with newcomers Ian Munsick, Drew Green, and The Castellows.

Frank Ray, The Powell Brothers, and Hank Ruff will perform on the second stage between main stage acts.

In the concert bowl, organizers said new enhancements will include a ferris wheel, a chair rental option, new premium ticket options including a Sky Deck and Garden Deck viewing area, and new food, shopping and activity vendors. Games and contests will be available.

Each day of the festival will have its own suggested dress up theme, with Military Appreciation Day (Stars, Stripes and Camo) on Aug. 7, Beach Boogie on Aug. 8, and Boots and Brims on Aug. 9.

Campers in the campgrounds are encouraged to decorate their sites like they are at a team tailgate to win a free campsite for 2026. The campgrounds will include a new "hub," with a general store, live music, food and coffee trucks, and the Sometimes at XRoads41 Campground Bar, organized by the Sometimes at Pioneer Island crew. The hub includes a stage with live musical performances each day, plus an Aug. 6 kick-off concert with national performing artist Frank Ray and special guests Makenna Mae and Jake Alan of local band Grand Union.

Both three-day tickets and one-day tickets are available, along with VIP experiences and campsites. For tickets and event details, visit xroads41.com.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, July 16

Music on Main featuring Kyle Megna and Ross Catterton, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, July 17

Waterfest featuring Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, July 18

Family Outdoor Movie Night featuring Wish, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Rebel Alliance Theatre presents The Taming of the Shrew, 7 p.m., 2211 Oregon St., Suite N

Saturday, July 19

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

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

Pigfest Rugby Tournament, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Soccer Saturday, all day, Winnebago County Community Park

Sober Living Fundraiser Volleyball Tournament presented by Solutions Recovery, 8:30 a.m., Menominee Park

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

Winnebago BMX Local Race, noon, Winnebago BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Old Time Radio Show featuring the United Men of Praise, 6 p.m., The Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Rebel Alliance Theatre presents The Taming of the Shrew, 7 p.m., 2211 Oregon St., Suite N

Till (2022), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Monday, July 21

EAA AirVenture starts, EAA and Wittman Regional Airport grounds, through July 27

Wednesday, July 23

Music on Main featuring Brent Bel, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band presenting For Children of All Ages, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

EAA Night Air Show, 8 p.m., EAA AirVenture Grounds

Thursday, July 24

Fly-In Quilt Show, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N. Campbell Road

Friday, July 25

Winnebago BMX Local Race, 6:30 p.m., Winnebago BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Eagah! At Friday Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

ABBAFAB, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, July 26

EAA Runway 5K, 6:30 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Winnebago BMX Local Race, noon, Winnebago BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Encino Man, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

EAA Night Air Show, 8 p.m., EAA AirVenture Grounds

Sunday, July 27

Winnebago BMX State Race, noon, Winnebago BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Harry Potter's Birthday Party, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

Tuesday, July 29

Oshkosh Area Community Band Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Wednesday, July 30

Winnebago County Fair, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Brews by the Waterside featuring Jet Pack Stereo, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Music on Main featuring Jay Edward Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Winnebago BMX Local Race, 6:30 p.m., Winnebago BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Thursday, July 31

Winnebago County Fair, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Waterfest featuring Vic Ferrari Encore Performance, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, Aug. 1

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Saturday, Aug. 2

Winnebago County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Downtown Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

UWO Titan 5K, 8:45 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Children's Day Parade, 11 a.m., Wittman Field to South Park

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Alien (1979), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

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Local artist brings to life new mural at Menominee Park Zoo



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Sara O'Leary poses with her most recent artwork, a mural featuring numerous zoo animals inside the Lakefly Cafe.

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

One woman's trips to the Menominee Park Zoo with her daughter over many years led to an opportunity to use her expertise in art to bring lively scenes and colors to the zoo.

The lion drinking fountain was Sara O'Leary's first opportunity to showcase her skills by re-painting the cartoon-like lion, which has been a staple at the park for many years.

"We were going to the zoo for years and always looking at the dilapidated statue. It was so sad," O'Leary said.

After seeing a post online about renovations taking place at the zoo, O'Leary reached out to the Oshkosh Zoological Society, offering her services to re-paint the fountain that had seen better days.

Last summer, O'Leary was able to donate her time and materials to bring a fresh coat of paint to the fountain. However, during the process she heard numerous stories from people who had fond memories of the lion fountain.

"I was really excited to be able to have this opportunity, and it was just a really cool experience," she said. "I got to hear so many cool stories from people about how they remember their kids drinking from the fountain and what it means to them."

The lion fountain needed to be sanded down in parts, patched in other parts, then more sanding, coats of primer, paint, more paint, blending, touch-ups and detailing before several coats of clear coat were applied, zoo education coordinator Kate Grassley said.

O'Leary is also responsible for the brand new mural inside the Lakefly Cafe at the zoo. The mural features many animals including a bald eagle, bear, fox, squirrel, egret and wolf.

O'Leary said the mural was Grassley's brainchild. O'Leary got the concept from Grassley and did the entire mural free-



Submitted photo

The lion drinking fountain at the Menominee Park Zoo has been a staple for years. Sara O'Leary was eager to give the fountain a much-needed update, including some repairs and new paint.

hand.

She said the fun part about the mural is that it is designed with a tree as the centerpiece and the trees branches have shelves that the zoo has stocked with gift items available at the zoo.

When O'Leary moved to Oshkosh her daughter, Cecilia, was two years old. Going to the zoo and seeing the animals became a regular part of their summer.

"Our favorite is probably the turkey," O'Leary said, while chuckling. "We've been going to the zoo for years and now she's almost 10."

O'Leary admitted she hasn't been able to use her art skills in her job as a quality assurance manager, but this experience gave her that opportunity.

"I went to an art middle school, art high school and art college and was never able to do anything with it. Until now I wasn't able to do anything with it," O'Leary said. "I'm excited I got to do some cool art for the community to enjoy."



Oshkosh Herald

Fun after the muddy run

American Platinum performed Saturday as part of the 42nd Annual Nekimi ATV/UTV Mud Run and picnic. The event raises funding for the Town of Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department, which is moving closer to its goal of purchasing a battery-operated Jaws of Life. The fire department said the advanced tool offers increased mobility, faster deployment and greater reliability, which are critical advantages during life-saving emergency responses. By eliminating the need for hoses, pumps and generators, the fire department said it allows its team to work more efficiently in tight and challenging conditions.



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AirVenture

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Interstate 41 traffic from the south will be directed to take Exit 113 east (Wisconsin Highway 26/County Road N), then turn left onto Poberezny Road and proceed two miles to general parking. The alternate south route will take Exit 116 east (Highway 44/South Park Avenue), turn right onto Knapp Street and stay right on Poberezny Road to follow the traffic pattern to general parking.

Traffic patterns, which the Oshkosh Police Department determines, reverse in the afternoon and evening.

For anyone looking to catch a glimpse of group arrivals of aircraft, EAA said a tradition is continuing this weekend in consultation with the FAA that is considered a unique part of the “World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration.”

The announced mass arrival schedule, which is subject to change, includes at 10 a.m. Mooneys, 1 p.m. Bonanzas and 5 p.m. Cessnas on Saturday. At 10 a.m. Sunday, Cirrus is scheduled followed by at noon Cherokees.

The mass arrivals are expected to take 10-20 minutes each, with other arrivals on hold during those periods. EAA said other aircraft should be aware of these dates and times and plan their Oshkosh arrivals accordingly.

Daily air shows are scheduled to take place from 2:15 to 6:30 p.m. July 21-26, and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. July 27. The night air shows will begin at 8 p.m. July 23 and 26. EAA said the schedule for each show is subject to change without notice.

EAA said some of the afternoon air shows throughout the week will feature unique themes. July 22 will be Innovations Day. BETA Technologies will make an appearance, and American Drone will be performing spraying demonstrations using unmanned aircraft. July 23 will honor the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II with a parade and run-up featuring several aircraft from the era. July 25 will be EAA’s annual Salute to Veterans, headlined by the Wisconsin National Guard, which will showcase various aircraft from its fleet.

This year some of the air show performers will take time to meet attendees and fans. Each day during the week of AirVenture, performers will be featured at the EAA Member Center, which is lo-

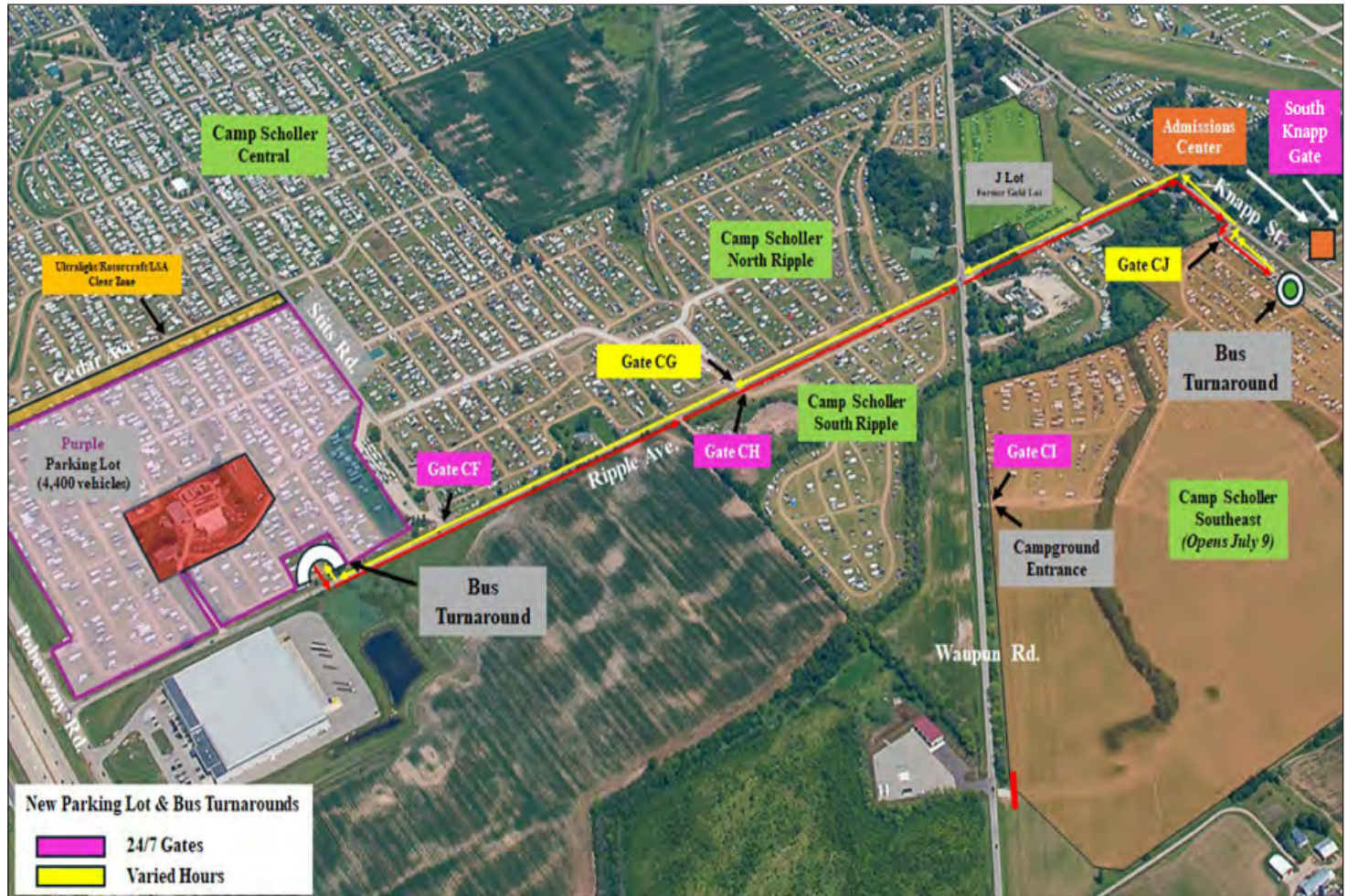


Image from EAA

EAA AirVenture is making some additions and upgrades to the camping and vehicle parking areas, including adding a 4,400 space Purple Auto Parking Lot.



Images from EAA

Goodyear is planning to bring two of its airships that will be seen during EAA AirVenture. One of Goodyear’s aircraft, Wingfoot One, will be wrapped in its 1925 markings in honor of 100 years of the company flying the blimps.

cated on the EAA Four Corners, west of Boeing Plaza. The event is open to all attendees. The first meet-and-greet each day is scheduled at 8:30 a.m., with the second guest scheduled to appear at 10 a.m.

EAA said this year’s lineup is highlighted by Michelle “MACE” Curran, a former USAF Thunderbird pilot and combat veteran.

In addition, Goodyear is planning to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its famed airships by bringing two of them to Oshkosh. The appearance of two airships marks a unique occurrence in the more than 50 years that Goodyear has brought its blimps and airships to Oshkosh.

“There is no aviation event more ‘blimp-worthy’ than EAA AirVenture Oshkosh and to have two of Goodyear’s airships over the grounds will make this year unforgettable,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. “We have seen the excitement that Goodyear’s presence at Oshkosh has created throughout the years, whether it is flying during the air shows or even parked as a memorable photo opportunity on the grounds.”

Plans are for the airships to participate in flying activities during the week, in both the afternoon and night air shows on se-

lected days. When not flying, at least one of them is scheduled to be parked near the EAA Aviation Museum and Pioneer Airport during the duration of its stay.

Goodyear said one of the aircraft, Wingfoot One, will be wrapped in its 1925 markings, in honor of 100 years of Goodyear flying the blimps. The markings honor Goodyear’s first blimp, Pilgrim, which began flying in 1925.

Goodyear’s airship participation at Oshkosh began in 1971 when America made an appearance at the EAA fly-in. Since then, it has been a regular visitor to the gathering, with its last appearance in 2021.

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Run, walk to benefit Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is organizing the annual Pedal Out Hunger Ride to raise funds for its food pantry and hot meal programs.

All proceeds from the annual ride and walk go to fund food and equipment purchases for pantry and kitchen operations.

The family-friendly event starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 16 offers recreational riders multiple bike and walking routes. Early bird registration discounts are available through Aug. 1. More information is available at donate.salvationarmywi.org/event/oshkosh-2025-pedal-out-hunger/e699611.

Wheelchair, scooter washing services offered

Oshkosh Herald

A free Winnebago County wheelchair and scooter wash will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 at J & R Auto Service,

29 Main St., Oshkosh.

Services provided during the event include wash, minor inspections and repairs in addition to food, music and door prizes.

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Photo from Paine Art Center and Gardens

Outdoor shopping

The Paine Art Center and Gardens hosted *Faire on the Green* on Sunday. The event featured over 100 booths of makers, artists and craftspeople, making it one of the largest art and craft fairs of the summer in Oshkosh. In addition, attendees could enjoy treats from food trucks and live music.

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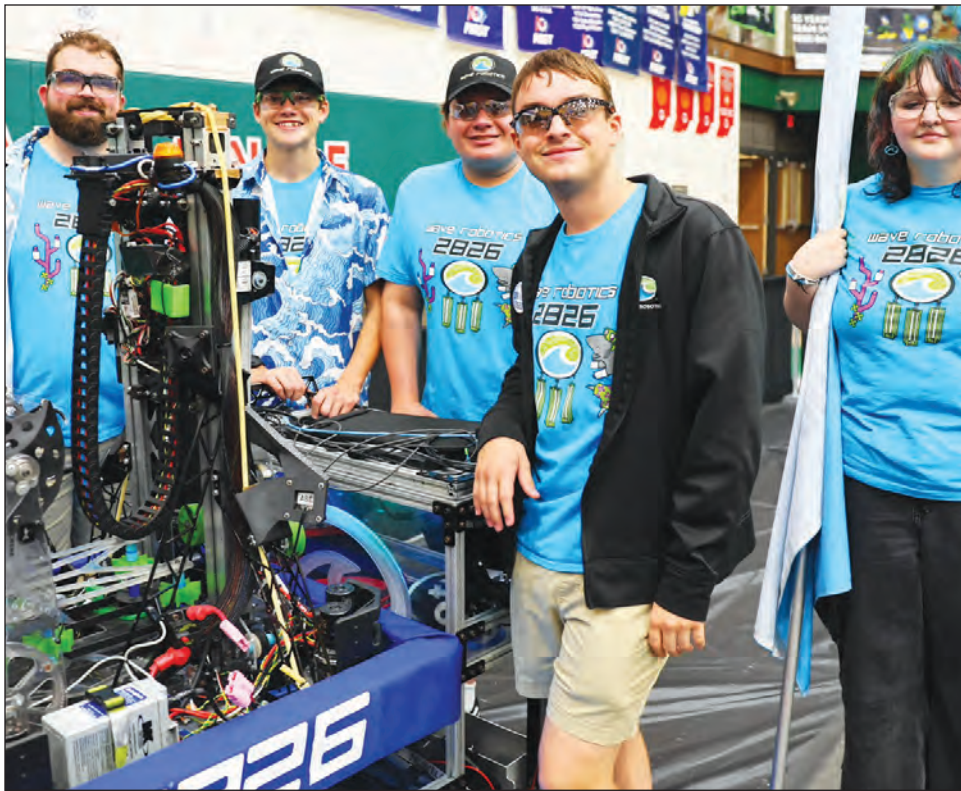


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Wave Robotics

Members of the Wave Robotics 2826 team from Oshkosh North High School traveled over the weekend to compete in the Indiana Robotics Invitational (IRI). The event was held at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Mission trip shows deeper meaning of privilege

By Christine Maxa
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Fareeha Ahmad has a knack for math. That innate interest led her to major in information systems and analytics at Loyola University Chicago with a minor in computer science and business.

The 20-year-old Oshkosh resident also excels at organizing things and has a passion for helping people. Those qualities led her to experience the deeper meaning of privilege.

Ahmad's journey began when she started a club in her freshman year at Loyola affiliated with Humanity First International. The nonpolitical, nonreligious and nonsectarian charitable trust operates in 49 countries on six continents, including the U.S. The organization works with the world's poorest and most vulnerable people to assist with disaster relief, medical aid and education.

"Whether volunteering at a food bank or just donating things or doing fundraisers from projects that are outside of the country," Ahmad explained why she chose Humanity First. "All of these things are available to you through organizations like Humanity First, which is why I got involved in the first place. Any type of humanitarian relief you have, if you have an urge to do that, there's an organization to do that."

Gift of Health missions

Volunteers from student organizations at specific universities take part in trips organized by the Humanity First, and they often pay their own expenses. In July 2024, Ahmad joined the organization's weeklong Gift of Health mission to San

Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. This past May, Ahmad joined Humanity First's inaugural Gift of Health medical mission to Tanzania.

"On this trip, since I was bringing myself onto it, I was a student lead along with another student from the University of Toledo College of Medicine," Ahmad said. "I wanted to go for just volunteer purposes because I am so passionate about that even though I'm not a premed student."

"My role was to oversee the students," Ahmad added. "Make sure everything was going well on their end and that they had everything they needed. I would work with the local team and also the doctor's admin leads to make sure everything was running smoothly."

The team consisted of two physicians from the U.S., members of Loyola University's Humanity First Student Organization and volunteer undergraduate students from DePaul University, University of Michigan and the University of Toledo Medical School.

Land of many landscapes

The Humanity First team landed in the seaside city of Dar es Salaam, then drove to the city of Morogoro, about 119 miles west. Besides being an agricultural hub, Morogoro is an educational center that draws NGOs, nonprofits and missions from around the world.

Morogoro also lies near Mikumi National Park, a classic stretch of savannah where baobab, acacia and tamarind trees grow and zoo-favorite wildlife roam. Group members spent time in the national park and went on a safari.

"Just seeing the different cultures and



Submitted photo

Fareeha Ahmad of Oshkosh joined Humanity First's inaugural Gift of Health medical mission to Tanzania in May.

the tribal people in each region was really cool," Ahmad said.

Life at the clinic

While the landscape provided plenty of poetry, the tropical savannah climate did not come without challenges for the team. Setting up a fully functional clinic meant braving blistering heat, suffocating humidity and sudden downpours. Dr. Kaleem Malik, Dean of Global Health at The Chicago Medical School and Director of Medical Disaster Response for Humanity First USA, assisted with the design of a dynamic and efficient system of care the team would use at the clinic.

Dr. Naeem Lughmani, Medical Director of Humanity First USA, coordinated with local physicians and translators to help the team seamlessly rotate through stations and gain firsthand clinical experience. Though Ahmad said she doesn't have medical leanings, the budding computer scientist discovered she had a technical talent.

While the students learned to take vitals, gather medical histories, transcribe notes and assist with direct patient care, Ahmad became particularly fond of manning the blood glucose meter. Like the rest of the world, Tanzania has a serious diabetes problem, and glucose measurements were vital.

"We did blood glucose tests, and that was, like, my most favorite thing to do on this trip," Ahmad said. "We had this machine that pricks the finger to measure the blood glucose. I would always want to be stationed there."

Education important

The mission wasn't just about diagnosis and treatment. In an area where people go years — sometimes decades — without

seeing a doctor, basic knowledge about managing conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, gastrointestinal or musculoskeletal disorders can be lifesaving. So a great deal of time was spent educating patients and families on managing their diseases through diet, exercise and lifestyle changes.

"A lot of the issues we were seeing were things that were considered normal or day-to-day issues that we see in our world here," Ahmad said. "But the conditions had gone untreated for so long. Some of these people had never seen a doctor. A lot of those issues had exacerbated because they had never had that privilege."

Privileges defined

The team spent three days at the clinic and saw 1,024 patients. Their days started around 9 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. During that time, the team had life-changing insights about privilege.

"First, having two hospitals nearby," Ahmad recounted how the trip changed the way she thought about her life in Oshkosh. "Having grocery stores within reach. Being able to have all these things at such easy access is such a privilege. Oshkosh is small, and everything is within 10 minutes away. It's so easy to get to everything, which is such a privilege."

Having the insight to know this, Ahmad found, is the ultimate privilege.

"I feel like that's kind of cheesy, but it is definitely humbling," Ahmad said about her reflections. "It's already a privilege just being able to do the trip. It's such an amazing thing to be part of because it definitely puts your life here and your privileges here into perspective. Everyone knows and is aware of that, but to see it firsthand is something different."

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Late rally lifts Oshkosh Legion to tight triumph over Marinette

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion rallied for two runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull out a 5-4 win over Marinette in a rain-shortened game at EJ Schneider Field on Saturday.

Caleb Lee started the sixth inning being hit by a pitch and was at third base with two outs and Oshkosh trailing 4-3. Ryder Mullen then reached on an error allowing Lee to tie to the score and Shaun Gavin followed with a double to plate Mullen with the go-ahead run.

The game was stopped one batter later. Gavin led off the bottom of the first with a home run to left field before the Legion took a 3-0 lead in the second on a run-scoring single by Nate McWilliams and an RBI double from Gavin McMillan.

Avery Mosloski retired the first 11 batters he faced in the game for Oshkosh before surrendering a solo home run for Marinette's first hit of the game in the fourth inning. Marinette then scored three runs in the fifth to take the lead.

Mosloski finished with nine strikeouts in five innings, while allowing just four hits but did not figure into the decision.

Parker Slusarski pitched a scoreless inning of relief to earn the win.

Gavin finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs to lead the Oshkosh offense, while Lee chipped in a pair of hits in the game.

Oshkosh dropped a pair of games earlier in the week losing to the Appleton Doubledays, 10-0, on Thursday after falling to Fond du Lac, 9-2, on Wednesday.

Gavin and Slusarski each had doubles in the loss to the Doubledays, while Noah Muehrer and Connor Palmquist also had hits in the game for Oshkosh.

The Legion trailed just 2-0 after three innings but Appleton erupted for six runs in the fourth inning to break the game open.

Oshkosh was held to just three hits in the loss to Fond du Lac, with Charlie Clark, Zach Kiffmeyer and Nolan Cheever each tallying base hits in the game. Palmquist had the lone RBI in the game for Oshkosh.

The Legion will cap off a busy week with games at home against Fond du Lac and Green Bay Southwest on Wednesday and Thursday before travelling to New London on Friday night.

Boys & Girls Club Alumni to host fourth annual golf outing on Sept. 15

Oshkosh Herald

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Alumni group is holding its fourth annual golf outing Sept. 15 in support of club members. The outing, presented by NTD, will take place at Westhaven Golf Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by a four-person scramble at 9 a.m.

All of the proceeds raised from the outing will benefit Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Club members by providing scholarships to attend the club, where they receive homework help, participate in educational programs, access mental health services, receive basic needs support, and enjoy a safe, supportive environment. With your support, the Alumni group has raised more than \$41,000 since holding its

first golf outing in 2022.

The cost to golf is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf and cart, registration gift, lunch, and the opportunity to take part in a 50/50 raffle, bucket raffle and a chance to win prizes for the top golfers. Additional raffles may also be featured throughout the day. A social hour will follow after golf. This is a cashless event and guests must be at least 21 years old to participate.

To golf in the Alumni & Friends Golf Outing, register online at bgcosh.org. To support the outing with a sponsorship or by donating a raffle basket or prize, contact Bethany Ferguson, Development & Grants Coordinator, at 920-233-1414 x122 or bethanyf@bgcosh.org.

Oshkosh 17U Legion to host regional tourney

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion will host the 17U regional tournament this weekend at EJ Schneider Field.

Games will begin on Friday, July 18 with Sheboygan and Fond du Lac facing off at 2 p.m., with Neenah and Oshkosh to follow at approximately 4:30 p.m. The third game on Friday will feature Marke-

san against the winner of the first game.

The double-elimination tournament will continue on Saturday and Sunday, with a potential final game slated for Monday evening, if necessary.

The Oshkosh 17U Legion currently is 14-6 on the season and finished third in the Manitowoc Father's Day Tournament earlier this season.

Obituaries

Norman August Moss

Norman August Moss, a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2025. Born on June 12, 1939, Norman spent most of his life as a proud resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories.



Norman was a graduate of Winneconne High School and proudly served his country as a member of the National Guard. He dedicated many years of his career to Rockwell International, from where he eventually retired. He loyally maintained his UAW 291 union membership to the end.

The love story of Norman and Joyce (Galow) began on the roller-skating rink at Westward Ho. They were united in marriage on August 11, 1962, building a beautiful life together until Joyce's passing in 2011.

Norman's life was rich with passions and connections. He found immense joy in the outdoors, particularly through hunting and fishing, often sharing these cherished moments with his sons and grandchildren.

He was a proud and active member of the Otter Street Fishing Club, where he enthusiastically volunteered at various

fisherees, with a special place in his heart for the Kids Fisheree. Norman also treasured his "extended family" at Jerry's Bar and had a fondness for his "extra smooth" Korb brandy.

Norman was the son of the late Helen and Gordon Moss. He is survived by his devoted children: Russell Moss his wife Phyllis, children Alexander (Melissa) Moss, Rebecca Moss; Randall Moss children David Moss, Emily (Matt) Keller, Ashley Moss (Max Schebel), Bryon Moss his wife Kristen, children Sasha Fieldhack, Deven Fieldhack, Abbey Moss and Liam Moss, Jennifer Hollis her husband Alan Hollis Jr. Norman delighted in his great-grandchildren: Zachary Moss, Hayden Moss, Preston Moss, Patrick Keller, and Miles Schebel. He leaves behind his beloved sisters, Cherrie (Bob) Schultz and Debbie Borski, and was preceded in death by his sister, Judith Weitz and brother-in-law Tom Borski.

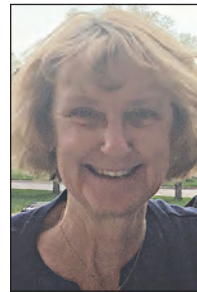
A memorial service for Norman will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Eastside (402 Waugoo Ave) on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 2PM. A time of visitation will take place from 12:30PM until the time of service.

Norman will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His kindness, his enthusiasm for life, and his dedication to his family and community will forever be remembered.

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Denise G. Kokke

Denise G. Kokke, age 67 of Oshkosh, passed away at Cherry Meadows of Appleton on Sunday, July 13, 2025. She was born in Fond du Lac to the late Harold and Phyllis (Rock) Funk on January 30, 1958.



For many years, Denise dedicated herself to her job at Amcor, but her true joy came from spending time with her kids, Adam and Erin. Denise cherished family vacations, especially trips to Sanibel Island, Florida, where she made lasting memories with her sisters. Known for her amazing cooking skills, she also loved gardening, playing games, and filling her life with music—The Beatles being her absolute favorite. Denise had a big heart and a spirit that lit up every room.

Denise is survived by her children, Adam Kokke and Erin Kokke; siblings, Diane (Jim) Swalby, Dawn Funk, Daryl Funk; nieces, Lauren (Bryan) Collies, Aimee (Jeremy) Grissmeyer; great-nieces-

and-nephews, Hannah (Anthony) Neubauer, Charlotte Collies and Alexander Collies; great-great-nephews, Elijah, Jackson and Michael.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her niece, Jennifer Swalby.

A celebration of life for Denise will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests honoring Denise's memory with a donation to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, a cause close to her heart.

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Gary LeMay

Gary E. LeMay, age 76, passed away peacefully at Aurora Baycare Medical Center, surrounded by his family on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. He was born to the late Joseph and Virginia LeMay on October 4, 1948 in Oshkosh.



Gary married his high school sweetheart on July 1 1967 and they enjoyed 58 wonderful years together. He joined the U.S. Army in 1968. While serving in Korea his first daughter was born. He then started a career in baking which lasted for 35 years, working for several bakeries before opening Townsend Bread Basket. After moving on from baking, he served drinks and smart remarks at his favorite establishment, Sun-

set Resort in Townsend, WI, where he met many amazing friends over the years. After retirement, Gary and Vicki moved back to Oshkosh to be closer to their grandbabies which he loved dearly.

Gary loved hunting, fishing and sturgeon spearing with his family, as well as watching the Brewers and Packer games. A highlight of his life was attending the ICE BOWL. He also enjoyed going to Laughlin, NV with friends, and in 2017 for their 50th Wedding Anniversary Gary took his kids and spouses along so they could experience Laughlin and see why he enjoyed it so much.

Gary is survived by his wife, Vicki (Noe); children, Joy Schaefer, Tari LeMay (Ron Hackbarth), Shaun LeMay (Melissa), Amy Vlosak (Adam); grandchildren Jessy Urbschat (Dakota), Christopher Urbschat, Corey LeMay (Kristal), Carson and Brinley LeMay, Arthur and

Aubrey Vlosak; great grandchildren, Koryn Drews, Carter LeMay and Mackenzie Zeinert. He is also survived by brothers, Harry and Jeff; sisters, Carol Spiegelberg and Linda Schmidt; in-laws, Darlene LeMay, Lee Noe (Sandra), Tom "Da Muzz" Muzzy and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by siblings, Ginny, Delores, Joseph (Jr), Patty and Billy. Also, in laws Art and Neve Noe, Jan and Kerm Keeler, and Sue Muzzy.

A Celebration of Life will take place on

Friday, July 18 from 2-5PM at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes (100 Lake Pointe Dr) with family and friends sharing memories and Military Honors taking place at 5PM.

The family would like to thank Dr. Matas Morkevicius and the staff at Aurora Baycare ICU for their wonderful and loving care they gave Gary.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in Gary's name.

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Gordon Rexford Cady

Gordon Rexford "Gordy" Cady, age 86, of Pickett, WI, passed away at his home with his family at his side on Sunday, July 13, 2025.

Funeral services for Gordy will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 12noon in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive.

A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am until the time

of service. Full military honors will be accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard of which Gordy was a longtime member, immediately following the services.

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Obituaries

Donald Joseph Martin

Donald "Don" Joseph Martin, age 91, passed away on July 9, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on May 4, 1934, to parents, Gilbert Joseph and Eleanor Catherine (Gundrum) Martin, in North Fond du Lac, WI.



Don graduated from Lomira High School in 1952, where he excelled in football. During his high school years, he took technical college level courses in salesmanship and managed a small grocery store on Old Highway 41 in the evenings. His scariest moment was

working there and getting robbed at gun-point one evening.

He was united in marriage to Laura Vera Hunter on May 21, 1955. Together they raised three children until their separation in May of 1980. Don served 3 years as a Paratrooper, first at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in the 101st Airbourne and was later transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During his service, he was on duty as an MP, who would search the hills of Tennessee for AWOLS and also worked as a mechanic in the motor pool. His dream was to purchase and live on his own small farm. That dream came true in 1971.

After his military service, he went on to further his education at the University of Education- Stevens Point, and

later to the University of South Dakota-Brooking, earning his master's degree and PhD in Rural Sociology. In 1970, he began as a Professor of Sociology/Social Work. He received the UW Oshkosh Distinguished Teaching Award and 3 years after he started, he became a chairman. Don retired as a Sociology Professor in 2003, after 33 years. In honor of his retirement, the Sociology Department created an annual scholarship to a deserving student.

He is survived by his children, Norman J. (Janet) Martin, Mark J. (May) Martin and Michael J. Martin; grandchildren, Theodore "Ted" (Lexi) Martin and Thomas "tom" Martin; great-grandchildren, Cece Martin; loving partner, Patricia Reimann; mother of children, Laura Martin; and many cousins, nieces, neph-

ews and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Gilbert Joseph and Eleanor Catherine (Gundrum) Martin; siblings, Eleanor (Valentine "Val") Zibung, Geraldine V. (Norman Olsen and then Gordon Day) Olsen-Day, Eileen A. (Elroy) Luedtke, Marietta P. (Dan) Scheid, Gilbert A. (Jan) Martin and Louis (Patricia) Martin.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave, Omro, WI, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with service to follow at 12:00pm.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Residence Inn and Aurora Hospice for their care.



James J. Balza

James "Jimba" J. Balza, age 85, passed away on July 7, 2025, in Oshkosh, WI. He was born on April 9, 1940, to parents, Ira and Geraldine (Miller) Balza in Green Bay, WI.



After graduating from high school, he entered into the United States Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1960. While in the service, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Susan Baker, on September 26, 1959, in Kenosha, WI. Together, they raised three

Amy (Jesse) Gonzales and Melissa (Chris) Thompson; great-grandchildren, Brynn, Blake, Evelyn, Emmitt, Elainna, Abel, Liam, Brantley, Charlie, Sienna, Zachary, Braidon, Brynlee and a baby boy on the way; sister-in-law Patricia (Harry) Adamson; many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Susan Balza; parents, Ira and Geraldine (Miller) Balza; parents-in-law, Margaret (Stanley) Baker; and sister, Judy Koch.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI, from 3:00pm to 5:45pm, Eulogy at 5:45pm and Military Honors to take place at approximately 6:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to your local Veterans Association in his honor.

The family would like to thank Hartland Hospice and all of the staff at The Residence of Oshkosh for their on-going care and support.



Carol Jean Spanbauer

Carol Jean Spanbauer (82) passed away peacefully on March 13, 2025, after a long battle with dementia.

A celebration of life will be held for Carol Ames Spanbauer on July 19, 2025. Family and friends may gather at the TJ's Harbor Restaurant Pavillion (7098 S Hwy 45 Oshkosh) from 12 until 4 pm.



children.

He started his career after graduating from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, at American Motors. Most recently he retired from Pitney Bowes as a collections agent. Jim's hobbies throughout his life included golfing, bowling, and watching many sports, most importantly, the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed watching old westerns and golf on television. In his younger years, he would travel seasonally to warmer destinations with his wife, Susan. He was also active in a Winneconne snowmobile club and dance club. He was a Freemason involved with Lodge #186 in Winneconne, WI.

Jim is survived by his children, Tracie (Dennis) Schlaak, Amy (Mike) Walczak and Lee (Frank) Goetz; grandchildren, Owen (Rachel) Rice, Evan (Olivia) Rice, Molly Schlaak, Samuel Schlaak, Preston (Abby) Goetz, Payton (Carlie) Goetz,

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By (Petitioner) Sabrina Lynn Brouillette

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000640

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From: First - Sabrina Middle - Lynn Last - Brouillette

To: First - Sabrina Middle - Lynn Last - Dittman

Birth Certificate: First - Sabrina Middle - Lynn Last - Dahle

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson Street, Room 410 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 15, 2025 Time: 8:45 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Danielle Alise Dolinac By (Petitioner) Danielle Alise Dolinac

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 25CV664

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To: First - Dani Middle - Alise Last - Dastralis

Birth Certificate: First - Danielle Middle - Alise Last - Dolinac

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St, Room 531 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 13, 2025 Time: 8:15 am

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Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.

Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

COFFEE A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)

Pencil or dowel

A stick about twice the height of your sound box

String or wire



File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.

On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.

Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can.

Hold the gutbucket as shown here, pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

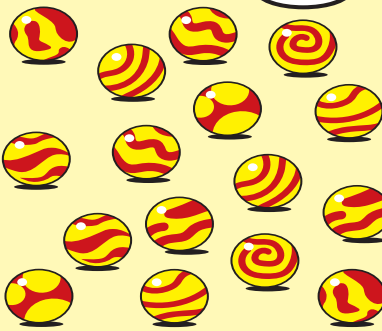
Find the differences between the two pictures.

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Match the marbles.



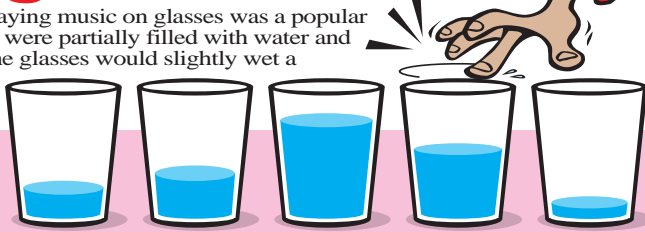
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During the 1700s, playing music on glasses was a popular pastime. The glasses were partially filled with water and the person playing the glasses would slightly wet a finger and rub it around the top of the glass.

The more water you put in the glass, the deeper the note it will play.

Fill some glasses with different amounts of water, and see what kinds of sounds you can create.

Try tapping the rim of each glass with a pencil or spoon for another kind of sound.



1/2 1/8 3/4 3/4 2/3
 1/4 1/3 1/2 1/2 1/8

Under each glass, circle the fraction that best describes how much of the glass is filled with water.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Identify and use fractions.

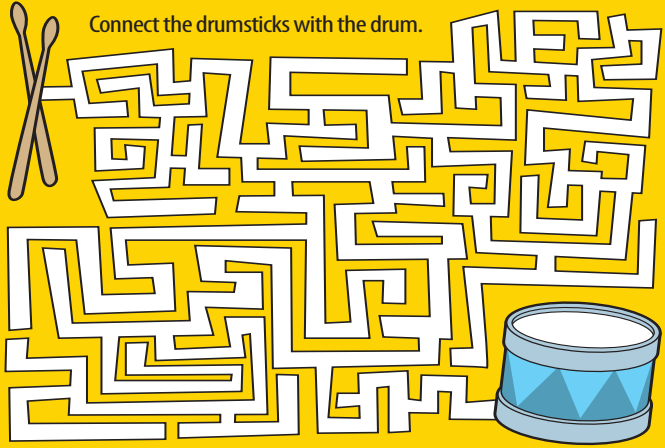
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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When the song **Yankee Doodle** first became _____, the word **macaroni** in the line "stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni" didn't refer to the _____. Instead, a **macaroni** was a traveled young man who liked overdressing in very _____ clothing. So by just sticking a _____ in his cap and calling himself a "macaroni," **Yankee Doodle** was proudly claiming to be the country _____ (an awkward and unsophisticated person) that the English mocked.

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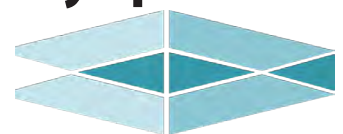
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