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Area pumpkin patches, apple orchards provide memories in the fall

By Anya Kelley

It's officially pumpkin patch season. Here is a guide to pumpkin patches in the area with a bonus: two apple orchards to fulfill all the fall-fun-and-family needs.

Early Bird Acres - 1354 County Road FF, Oshkosh

Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to dusk

Early Bird Acres offers extra-large carving pumpkins for \$5. Pumpkins ranging from mini to jumbo are also available to purchase. Multi-colored stacking pumpkins are available in white, warted, swan, decorative and more.

While the farm always maintains a variety of pre-picked pumpkins, self-picking is available as well. No motorized transport is offered to or from the field.

Aside from pumpkins, Early Bird Acres has a variety of cornstalks, Indian corn and gourds for sale and an assortment of decorative items, local honey and maple syrup.

Photo opportunities are available on the farm overlooking the field and featuring fall colors in the background. The farm also has Pygmy Goats, Sheep and Chickens that guests can pet. Early Bird Acres is a cash only establishment and there is no ATM on site.

Pumpkins Plus - 4880 Ninth Street Road, Oshkosh

Daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pumpkins Plus sells a wide variety of goods over the fall season including potted Mums, a selection of gourds, butternut and acorn squash, straw bales and of course, pumpkins. Pumpkins range from mini to jumbo. Colored pumpkins are available in Cinderella, white, blue and yellow. Pick your own is not available at Pumpkins Plus.

Deals change throughout the season. Potted Mums go for \$12 each or five for \$50. If something is selling slowly, the price will be marked down. Occasionally, unique vintage garage sale items are available for sale.

Photo opportunities are available all over the farm, including in front of the barn, by the wagons filled with pumpkins and more. Owners Jo Anne and Ron O'Neill are always willing to snap photos for guests.



Photograph by Pumpkins Plus



Photograph by Early Bird Acres



Photograph by Early Bird Acres

Pumpkins Plus accepts checks and cash. Checks can be written out to Jo Anne O'Neill.

The Sunny Acres Farm - 4759 County Road GG, Oshkosh

Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Sunny Acres Farm has lots of activities to offer during the fall season. The farm has a self-pick pumpkin patch, corn maze, mini golf and bounce house to offer, as well as train rides around the farm. Guests can also paint a pumpkin.

There are over 50 animals around the farm that guests can pet and buy feed for. The Gift House has a variety of novelty

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goods for sale, and the farm stand sells fresh produce all season.

Child admission includes a free pumpkin of your choice. Photo opportunities are located all over the farm, but the most popular location is the giant orange chair.

Green Valley Acres Farm & Co. - 2130 Nee-Vin Road, Neenah Daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Green Valley Acres Farm & Co. is a local farm stand that cycles through seasonal produce all year long. Every fall they have a large selection of pumpkins available. This option is great for anyone looking to pick up pumpkins quickly without all the bells and whistles.

The farm stand works on a first come first serve basis. The owners often update what is available on their Facebook page so patrons can know before they go. The farm stand is cash only.

Rasmussen's Apple Acres - 3871 Wisconsin Highway 21, Oshkosh Daily from 1 to 4 p.m.

Rasmussen's has McIntosh and Cortland apple trees available for picking. Right off Interstate 41, the orchard has plenty of onsite parking and is a perfect family-friendly fall activity. Many of the trees hang low to the ground making them suitable for children to pick from.

Rasmussen's keeps their Facebook updated with how the season is going, weather alerts and more. They recommend guests wear sneakers or work boots as the ground can be uneven or muddy.



- Photograph by Michael Cooney

Schroeder's Orchard - 9458 Wisconsin Highway 76, Neenah Self-service during daylight hours, Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Schroeder's Orchard has been offering up freshly picked apples for over 20 years. They offer a wide variety and bag them up for customers. Schroeder's can often be found at farmers markets and craft sales in the area as well.

There is often a selection of apple goodies, like apple cider, for sale as well as peaches and pears at the start of the season. Schroeder's also offers pumpkins.



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Where Kale is Cool & Beans Rule Neenah's The Garden Brings Organic Magic to Life

By Becky LaDue

Tucked into a quiet residential neighborhood on Cecil Street in Neenah, "The Garden" is far more than your average urban farmstand. It's a buzzing, blooming, deliciously dirt-scented haven for veggie lovers, home gardeners, and curious cooks—and it's quickly becoming a fixture in the community since opening in May 2024.

"We're basically a grocer who grows," explained General Manager Toby Gable, whose passion for farm-to-table culture and organic market gardening is the driving force behind the operation. "We are a market garden, a nursery, a resource center for the regenerative-minded home grower, and an urban farm stand."

The two-acre property is brimming with veggie variety. With 64 well-tended beds and a commitment to seed-grown produce, The Garden grows a dizzying array of crops. "Part of that is we are still young and trying to throw pasta against the wall to see what sticks," laughed Gable said. "There's tons of unique veg here!"

Expect to find everything from kale, tomatillos, okra, dragon's tongue beans, ground cherries, pink celery, and even the cauliflower related Romanesco—along with all your regular and well-loved veggie varieties. "We focus on northern-acclimated seeds and totally alive, fresh food," said Gable.

Owned by entrepreneur Jordan Banda — who also owns Mill City Public House and several other area businesses — The Garden was once home to Pansy's Lawn & Garden Store, a local nursery operated by Enid Pansy from 1940 to 2003. Today, that legacy grows on under Banda's vision and Gable's leadership.



*The Garden's
General Manager
Toby Gable out in his
2-acre organic garden.
- Photograph by Becky LaDue*

The harvest schedule is modest and deliberate — small batches, five days a week — to maintain quality and reduce waste. "We like to keep everything in a tight cycle of harvest-wash-fridge to maintain the fruits and vegetables at their metabolic peak," Gable explained. The result? Bursting flavors and maximum freshness and nutrition.

And nothing goes to waste with adherence to The Garden's four-tier system for produce distribution: first, to consumers; second, to local food pantries; third, to animals in their network; and finally, the compost bin. "The product needs to serve all tiers ethically," Gable said.

The team is small but mighty: two organic gardeners along with Gable, two neighborhood teenagers affectionately dubbed the "weeding ninjas," and two staffers who run the storefront. Their collaborative efforts have created a space that caters to everyone from backyard beginners to private chefs seeking hard-to-find produce.

Beyond vegetables, the farmstand also stocks a selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, and native plantings—and all the tools needed to grow your own.

And it's not just vegetables drawing in visitors. The Garden shares space with Pottery & Clay, offering pottery classes, paint-your-own-pottery events, and studio rentals. Local art, fresh bread from Thunderbird Bakery (delivered Wednesdays and Fridays), cheese curds from Union Star (Thursdays), and mushrooms from Mill City Farms all add to the charm.

Looking ahead, The Garden sees winter hoop houses, specialty tea creations, rare berry cultivation, and expanded production in its future. "We haven't fully realized the potential of the space and its expansion possibilities," Gable said. "If you grow it, they will come."

As for how it all gets done with integrity and attention to detail, Gable put it plainly: "It's easy to cut corners. Nobody's here to check what I do. But integrity is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. I will not cut corners."



A view of some of the local artist's wares inside The Garden's storefront. - Photograph by Becky LaDue



*An exterior view of The Garden on Cecil St. in Neenah.
- Photograph by Becky LaDue*

Extra work and extra labor—hopefully it shows in the end product.”

The Garden is open Tuesday through Saturday—weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 833 E. Cecil Street. To learn more, call 920-558-3060, email thegarden833@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

With veggies as vibrant as their values, The Garden is where kale is cool, beans rule, and every bite is as delicious as the last.



Vibrant veggies are available daily now through the end of the harvest season at The Garden. - Photograph by Becky LaDue

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Free community event honors Native culture, unity, and education

8th Annual Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow returns to Shattuck Park

By Becky LaDue

The beat of drums, the swirl of vibrant regalia, and the deep spirit of tradition will fill Shattuck Park in Neenah on Saturday, September 13, for the 8th Annual Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow. From 2 to 6 p.m., the community is invited to experience a celebration of Native American heritage—complete with music, dance, and food.

With coordination assistance from First Nation Outreach, Inc. of Appleton, the powwow is free and open to the public. It nearly disappeared just two years ago until a groundswell of community support and one anonymous donor stepped in to save it.

“Many people weren’t really happy about it being canceled,” said Barb Wisneski, a key organizer with First Nation Outreach. “An anonymous donor approached me and said they’d put out a match fund of \$1,500. We matched it and that kept our event going.”

A Living Tradition

The powwow honors culture-bearers from local tribes including the Menominee Nation, the Brothertown Indian Nation, and the Oneida Nation. Indigenous veterans will participate in an honor guard, followed by the Grand Entry at 2 p.m., where they’ll lead in dancers, royalty, and community elders.

Head Dancers this year are Daniel Guterrez and Marla Mahkimas. The powwow will feature Host Drums from Wind Eagle, Iron Gade, and Lazy Bear.

“Come and join us in our celebration of life,” said Wisneski. “The whole community, everybody in attendance, we would love to have you come out and join us in our intertribal dances.”

Educational and Inclusive

Unlike other powwows, the Neenah-Menasha event is educational and inclusive. While a program guides the event, there are no strict event time slots—allowing for a more relaxed and organic flow.

“As a people, we kind of just go with the flow of things as they happen,” Wisneski explained.

Following the Grand Entry, intertribal dancing invites everyone—regardless of heritage—to step into the circle. Later in the afternoon, exhibition and specialty dances take center stage.

“It starts with grandmothers, grandfathers, moms, dads, and the children. It’s just a traditional family thing,” said Wisneski. “My youngest grandson was out on the dance circle as soon as he could walk. You want to try to get them out there dancing.”

Food, Arts & Community

Every arts & crafts vendor at the event is Native American and instead of charging vendor fees, organizers ask for a donation—either monetary or an item to gift to dancers. The powwow strives to offer stipends to at least the first 50 dancers



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A view of the intertribal dancing circle. - Submitted Photograph



who register, either monetary or by gift. Last year, around 60 dancers participated, and the event cost approximately \$4,000 to produce with all dancers compensated.

*An overview of Shattuck Park, host site to the Intertribal Powwow – also on indigenous land.
– Submitted Photograph*

A Place to Learn and Belong

So, what keeps this event growing year after year? “We want our people to get together, but we also want the community to come and learn about our powwow, about our culture, about our traditions,” said Wisneski. “And it’s gotten bigger over the years! Set in Shattuck Park—on Menominee homeland—the location is symbolic – it’s just the perfect venue to support the event’s mission: connection, tradition, and education.”

Event Details:

Shattuck Park, 210 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
Saturday, September 13 | 2–6 p.m.

Rain Location:

Boys & Girls Brigade, 109 W Columbian Ave, Neenah
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Tribal dancers at last year's Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow greet participants who joined the festivities at Shattuck Park in Neenah.

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Downtown Oshkosh

Future Neenah Farmers Market 8 am-Noon
Shattuck Park • 210 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Aug 29-Sep 7 **End of Summer SALE** at

The Elsewhere Market & Coffee House
531 N Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 5-7 **Riverside Players Theater** presents **Chicago** 7pm
Riverside Park • 500 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

Sep 6 **Winchester Craft Fair** 9am
Nelson Park • 8522 Parkway Lane, Larsen

Sep 6 **Oshkosh Gallery Walk: Night Gallery** 6pm
Algoma Art Alley • 108 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

Sep 6 **Dublin's Oktoberfest** 1pm
2040 W. 9th Ave, Oshkosh

Sep 6 **Fountain Fest with American Platinum** 7pm
The Fountain Tavern • 3696 Stearns Dr, Oshkosh

Sep 6 **Art Activity Day: Glass Birds** 10am-2pm
Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass • 165 N. Park Ave, Neenah

Sep 7 **Arena Mayhem Car Show and Motorcycle Stunt Show**
9am • Oshkosh Arena • 1212 Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 7 **GB Gameday at Batley's Grill & Bar** 3pm
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah

Sep 9 **Elsewhere Coffee House FALL Menu Launch**
531 N Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 9-12 **Riverside Players Theater** presents **Chicago** 7pm
Riverside Park • 500 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

Sep 10 **Brews by the Waterside with Jacob Fannin** 5-9pm
Menominee Park • Hazel St and Merrill Ave, Oshkosh

Sep 10 **Music on Main** featuring **Natural Satellite** 5:30pm
Opera House Square • 315 N Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 11 **Sons of Serendip** America's Got Talent Finalist 7pm
Presented by The Grand Oshkosh • 100 High Ave, Oshkosh

Sep 11 **Brews on Bago** featuring **Jet Pack Stereo** 5-8pm
Jefferson Park • 915 3rd St, Menasha

Sep 13 **ReThink Addiction 5K** 7:30am
621 Evans St, Oshkosh

Sep 13 **Walk for the Animals** 8:30am
Sunnyview Expo Center • 500 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh

Sep 13 **Riverside Players Theater** presents **Chicago** 1pm
Riverside Park • 500 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

Sep 13 **Josh Blue Headlines** Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Finale!
7-11:00pm • Oshkosh Arena • 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 13 **Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow 2025** 2pm
Shattuck Park • 210 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

Sep 13 **Mister Mihm's Movie Marathon** 2pm
Time Community Theater • 445 N Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 14 **Jeff's on Rugby End of Summer Bash** 10am
1005 Rugby St, Oshkosh

Sep 16 **Copper Box LIVE at the Leach** 6-9pm
Leach Amphitheatre • 303 Ceape Ave, Oshkosh

Sep 17 **National Fox Day!** A day to celebrate the Fox 9am
520 Pratt Trail, Oshkosh

Sep 17 **American Legion Sportsmen's Banquet** 5pm
Woodey's Bar & Grill • 700 W Main St, Winneconne

Sep 17 **Music on Main** featuring **Sundae & Mr Goessl** 5:30pm
Opera House Square • 315 N Main St, Oshkosh

Sep 18 **Salute to Elton John** 7:30pm
Presented by Brennan Seehafer Productions
The Grand Oshkosh • 100 High Ave, Oshkosh

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- Sep 18 **Art After Dark: Renaissance Faire** 5:30-8:30pm
Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass, 165 N Park Ave, Neenah
- Sep 18 **Prohibition & the Temperance Movement in Neenah** 6:30-7:30pm
Neenah Public Library • 240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
- Sep 19 **Back In Black - The True AC/DC Experience** 7:30pm
Presented by E1 • The Grand Oshkosh • 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Sep 19 **Octoberfest at Sometimes** at Pioneer Island 4-11pm
1000 Pioneer Dr, Oshkosh
- Sep 19 **LBT Oktoberfest Celebration** 3-11pm
Lion's Tail Brewing • 116 S Commercial St, Neenah
- Sep 20 **Furry Flurry** 10am
Neenah Animal Shelter • 1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Sep 20 **Octoberfest at Sometimes** at Pioneer Island 4-11pm
1000 Pioneer Dr, Oshkosh
- Sep 20 **LBT Oktoberfest Celebration** 3-11pm
Lion's Tail Brewing • 116 S. Commercial St, Neenah
- Sep 20 **Applefest** 9am
First Presbyterian Church • 955 N Webster Ave, Omro
- Sep 20 **Oshkosh Touch-A-Truck** 10am-1pm
Leach Amphitheatre • 303 Ceape St, Oshkosh
- Sep 24 **Music on Main** featuring The Professionals 5:30pm
Opera House Square • 315 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Sep 25-27 **Rope by Patrick Hamilton** 7pm
Presented by Oshkosh Community Players
100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Sep 27 **Otto Grunski Runski** 8:30am
Curtis Reed Square • 1 Milwaukee St, Menasha
- Sep 27 **Dragon Boat & Mooncake Festival** 1pm
Neenah Public Library • 1240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
- Sep 27 **Rope by Patrick Hamilton** 2pm
Presented by Oshkosh Community Players
100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Sep 27 **Lara Beitz Comedy Show** 7pm
Time Community Theater • 445 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Sep 28 **Poplar Creek Oktoberfest** Noon-6pm
4541 County Road K, Oshkosh

OCTOBER

- Oct 2 **Pups in the Garden Fundraiser** 3pm
Fifth Ward Brewing • 1009 S Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 3-4 **Remember . . . Hiwela & Camp Fire** 10am-3pm
Algoma Blvd United Methodist Church
1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh
- Oct 4 **Winneconne Fall Fest** 10am-3pm
Downtown Winneconne
- Oct 4 **ReStorative Art Fest** Noon-6pm
Benefit for Habitat for Humanity • 1640 S Koeller Rd, Oshkosh
- Oct 4 **Old-Fashioned Saturday** Noon
Downtown Neenah event by Future Neenah
135 W Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
- Oct 4 **Oshkosh Gallery Walk** 6pm
Downtown Oshkosh
- Oct 5 **Autumn Wonderland Craft & Vendor Event** 9am
Oshkosh Convention Center • 2 Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 5 **Quarter Rama** by Altrusa Club of Oshkosh 9:30am-2pm
LaSure's Banquet Hall • 3125 S Washburn St, Oshkosh
- Oct 9 **Bier Hall begins** at The Gibson Social Club
(Every Thursday through December!) 537 N Main St • Oshkosh
- Oct 9 **Create & Converse** 5:30pm-7pm
Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass • 165 N Park Ave, Neenah
- Oct 10 **Streets of Hope, Day by Day Fundraiser** 6pm
Becket's • 317 City Center, Oshkosh
- Oct 10-12 **Village-Wide Fall Rummage Sale** • Winneconne
- Oct 11 **Mission We Hear You: A Benefit Concert** 6pm
Oshkosh Arena • 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 11 **Osh-Craft 6K & Fun Run** 9am
Sturgeon Spirits • 2663 Oregon St, Oshkosh
- Oct 11 **Oshkosh Public Museum's 4th Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration** 10am
1242 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Oct 11 **Winneconne Open for a Cause Bowling** 2:30pm
Marble Park Lanes • 675 Grant St, Winneconne
- Oct 11 **Oshkosh AlleyCat Bike Race #5**
Hosted by Winnebago Bicycle
Opera House Square • 315 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 11 **Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra** presents **Comfort** 7pm
UW-Oshkosh Theater Arts Center • 1010 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

- Oct 12 **Oshkosh Harvest Craft and Vendor Show** 10am-3pm
Oshkosh Convention Center · 2 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 17 **A Historic Paranormal Investigation** 5:30pm
Morgan House · 234 Church Ave, Oshkosh
- Oct 17 **World Ballet Company: The Great Gatsby Ballet** 7pm
Alberta Kimball Auditorium · 463 N Eagle St, Oshkosh
- Oct 18 **A Historic Paranormal Investigation** 5:30pm
Morgan House · 234 Church Ave, Oshkosh
- Oct 18 **Broadway's Rock of Ages** 7:30 pm
Oshkosh Arena · 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 18 **Rock Harp Experience – Harp Twins & Wolfgang Twins**
6pm · Oshkosh Masonic Temple · 204 Washington Ave, Oshkosh
- Oct 21-26 **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**
Fox Cities PAC · 400 W. College Ave, Appleton
- Oct 23 **Bier Hall begins** features music with **Copper Box**
537 N Main St · Oshkosh
- Oct 23 **Neenah Neighborhoods: East Wisconsin Avenue** 6:30pm
Neenah Public Library · 240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
- Oct 24 **CoComelon: Sing-A-Long LIVE** 6pm
Oshkosh Arena · 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh
- Oct 25 **EAA Space Day** 10am
EAA Aviation Museum · 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh
- Oct 26 **GB Gameday at Batley's Grill & Bar** 7pm
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Oct 31 **Batley's Halloween Party** 5pm
Batley's Grill & Bar · 1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Oct 31 **Trick-Or-Tease: A Burlesque Masquerade** 7pm
Oshkosh Arena · 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 **Fox Cities Roller Derby Monsters Brawl** 5pm
Oshkosh Arena · 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh
- Nov 1 **Harvest Moon Craft & Bake** 8am-2:30pm
Leannah Hall · Sacred Heart Church of St Jude Parish
515 Knapp St, Oshkosh
- Nov 7 **Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO** 7:30pm
Presented by CVH Entertainment
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 8 **People of the Waters Family Discovery Days** 11am-2pm
Oshkosh Public Museum · 1242 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 8 **Metallica with Scorpions Tribute Shows** 6:30pm
Presented by National Premier Talent LLC
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 8 **Kansas and Blue Oyster Cult** 7pm
Oshkosh Arena · 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh

- Nov 10 **GB Gameday at Batley's Grill & Bar** 7pm
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Nov 11 **Veterans Eat Free** 6am-11pm
Batley's Grill & Bar · 1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Nov 13 **Hope Rising: Stay, You're Story Isn't Over**
Community of Hope Fundraiser 6pm
404 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Nov 16 **Instability Red Carpet**
Pilot Premier 4pm (Show starts 6pm)
Time Community Theatre · 445 N Main St, Oshkosh
- Nov 18 **A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland** 7:30pm
Presented by Pace Live Corporation
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 18-23 **The Book of Mormon**
Fox Cities PAC · 400 W College Ave, Appleton
- Nov 20 **Bier Hall begins** features music with **Copper Box**
537 N Main St · Oshkosh
- Nov 20 **Historic Neenah Public Schools Presentation** 6:30pm
Neenah Public Library · 240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah
- Nov 21 **Pink Friday** 10am-8pm · Downtown Winneconne
- Nov 23 **GB Gameday at Batley's Grill & Bar** Noon
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- Nov 23 **UWO Marching Band The Sound of Thunder**
Indoor Concert 1pm
Kolf Sports Center · 785 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 27 **Festival Foods Turkey Trot** 8am
Oshkosh Senior Center · 200 N Campbell Rd, Oshkosh
- Nov 28 **Festival of Trees** 10am-6pm
- Nov 29 **Festival of Trees** 10am-4pm, 6-8pm
- Nov 30 **Festival of Trees** 10am-3pm
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Nov 30 **Santa's Workshop Craft & Vendor Event** 9am
Oshkosh Convention Center · 2 Main St, Oshkosh
- Nov 25-30 **Thanksgiving Sale** at the
Elsewhere Market & Coffee House
531 N Main St, Oshkosh

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **Festival of Trees** 10am-6pm
- Dec 3 **Festival of Trees** 10am-2pm, 6-8pm
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- Dec 4 **Downtown Oshkosh BID Holiday Parade** 6:15pm
Downtown Oshkosh
- Dec 5 **Festival of Trees** 10am-2pm, 6-8pm
Festival of Trees 10am-4pm, 6-9pm
The Grand Oshkosh · 100 High Ave, Oshkosh

Spectacular illuminated sculptures & environments

Oshkosh museums showcase seasonal exhibitions

By Chris Lusvardi

Exhibitions at two of Oshkosh's historic attractions are sure to catch the attention of crowds this fall.

The Nature of Light is back at **The Paine Art Center and Gardens** for a second time. As an immersive, nighttime experience harmonizing light, art, and nature, The Nature of Light transforms the Paine estate into a spectacular showcase of illuminated sculptures and environments.

This mystical adventure brings visitors on a journey both inside the mansion and outdoors throughout four acres of gardens, where they wander among dozens of illuminated art settings, thousands of colorful changing lights and more than three dozen unique geometric sculptural displays. The presentation also includes live performances by light dancers.

More than 50,000 people viewed the first presentation in 2022. With even more lights and dimensions, The Nature of Light has been recreated with new designs by Lightswitch and, once

again, features the sculptures of HYBYCOZO, including several new works.

"We are very excited to recreate this spectacular exhibition of light," said Aaron Sherer, Paine Art Center and Gardens Executive Director. "The second presentation will be even more incredible than the first. We can't wait for returning and new guests to see it. We believe they will all be blown away."

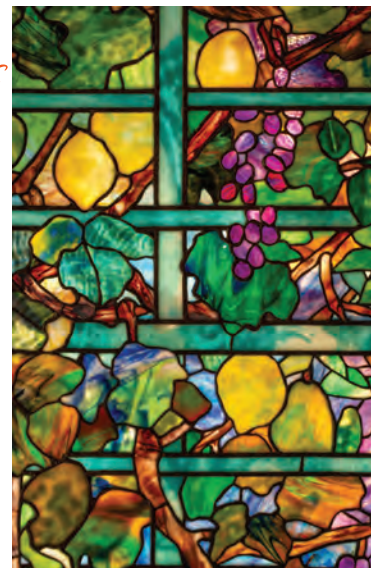
HYBYCOZO is a collaborative installation art collective made up of Serge Beaulieu and Yelena Filipchuk. Their work consists of larger-than-life sculptures that celebrate the inherent beauty of geometric form and pattern, and are composed in ways that harmonize the experience of sculpture, light and shadow.

They have permanent public sculptures around the world from Dubai to Istanbul, Las Vegas, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Lightswitch, an experiential lighting and visual design practice with studios throughout the world, has created a wide spectrum of projects ranging from concerts for artists including Hans Zimmer, Michael Bubl  and Halsey, to theme park experiences for The Walt Disney Company and Universal Studios and distinctive projects including the relight of the Great Pyramids of Giza and the U505 at the Griffen Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

With a complete, defined collection of carefully curated experiences throughout the Paine estate, The Nature of Light showcases the synergy of HYBYCOZO and Lightswitch's combined creativity in an exhibition that engages, delights and entralls guests of all ages.

The Paine features a beer garden and wine bar, a gift shop with novelty items, and a gallery featuring HYBYCOZO sculptures for sale during the exhibition, which opened Aug. 1.



The Lemon Tree and Grape Vine with Trellis Window is feature as part of the exhibition through Jan. 3 at The Oshkosh Public Museum. - Photograph by Oshkosh Museum



QUARTER RAMA

LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn, Oshkosh
On Sunday, October 5 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with brunch served at 10:30 and bidding at 11:30.
Tickets (\$30) must be purchased by Wednesday, September 24 and are available at Travel Leaders, West Pointe Bank and Oshkosh Altrusa members.

HARVEST MOON

Craft & Bake, Saturday, November 1st from 8am-2:30pm at Leannah Hall, Sacred Heart Church of St. Jude Parish located at 6th & Knapp St., Oshkosh.
On Sunday, October 5 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with brunch served at 10:30 and bidding at 11:30.
Tickets (\$30) must be purchased by Wednesday, September 24 and are available at Travel Leaders, West Pointe Bank and Oshkosh Altrusa members.

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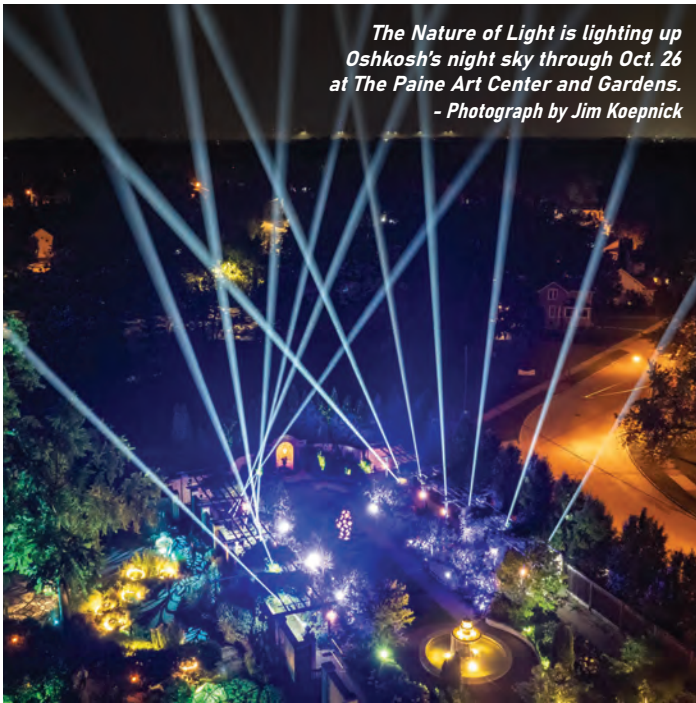
November 28	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
November 29	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
November 30	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
December 1	Closed
December 2	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
December 3	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
December 4	Closed (holiday parade)
December 5	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. / 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
December 6	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. / 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.





The Nature of Light features lighted displays outside the The Paine Art Center. - Photograph by Ken Cravillon

The Nature of Light is lighting up Oshkosh's night sky through Oct. 26 at The Paine Art Center and Gardens. - Photograph by Jim Koepnick



Reservations are required for the exhibition, which is open daily from sunset to 10:30 p.m. through October 26. Two types of reservations are available, Main Experience (outdoors only) and Ultimate Experience (indoors and outdoors). Admission price varies by reservation type, day and time - www.thepaine.org/make-a-reservation



Outdoor lighted displays of The Nature of Light. The Paine Art Center and Gardens. - Photographs by Ken Cravillon

Tiffany's Garden in Glass

The Oshkosh Public Museum is featuring Tiffany's Garden in Glass, an exhibition organized by the Neudstadt Collection of Tiffany Glass in its Waldwic Gallery through Jan. 3.

It features Louis C. Tiffany's celebrated lamps, windows and rare archival materials, taking visitors on a journey from inspiration to expression. Tiffany's tireless 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 reflect 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. Guests 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 Gardens in Glass exhibition is available to visit while the museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with extended hours until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings for the duration of this 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 dates.

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No reservations - come in & create

A place to make art in Oshkosh

By Jonathan Richie

More than a decade ago Rebecca Graf concluded there should be a place in Oshkosh where people can create their own art. The venture that began with visitors painting pottery and creating wood signs is continuing to evolve and grow with offering glass blowing classes.

Today, Graf owns and operates Fire Escape, Mud on Main and Elevated Glass. All businesses have the same goal - make a space available for people to create art.

"I hear all the time people thanking us for having this space open for people to create," Graf said. "Families love coming in here. They come in and enjoy it and some groups, like groups of friends, make it an annual trip."

After a trip to Madison where Graf and her daughter were able to create their own art works in a pottery studio, Graf knew the business model could work in Oshkosh.

"There wasn't anything like this," Graf said while clearing off a table with dried clay creating a light cloud of dust in Mud on Main. "The problem is I keep running out of space."

Running out of space has turned the Fire Escape into a burgeoning art empire putting roots in downtown Oshkosh. Graf



Rebecca Graf with a couple of pieces that were made at Mud on Main during the kids camp over the summer. Graf owns and operates Fire Escape, Mud on Main and Elevated Glass with the main purpose of having a place where people can make art. - Submitted Photograph

owns and operates quite a few different businesses downtown including Mud on Main, Elevated Glass and Pivot Nutrition.

"I'm a huge fan of the show Friends so this space is dedicated to the show," Graf says while showing off the different areas of Pivot Nutrition that all have a striking resemblance to the hit network TV show.

To go back to the beginning - Fire Escape opened in 2014 at 428 N. Main St. At the time the store offered creating wooden signs, painting pottery and canvas painting.

Three years later the company moved across the street to 423 N. Main St. In 2021, Fire Escape opened at 927 Oregon St.

Fire Escape is open from noon to 7pm Tuesday through Friday, from 10am to 7pm on Saturday and from 10am to 3pm on Sundays. There is no need to make a reservation just come in and create.

The space is also available to rent out for parties and special events for all ages and experiences. Over the summer Graf offers kids' camps and she often showcases pieces kids make at Mud on Main.

The Mud Room or Mud on Main opened in 2018 and has more space to create with several pottery wheels and throwing clay (as the industry professionals call it) can be done in small or large groups.

"There just wasn't the room we needed at Fire Escape to have this many wheels," Graf said.

She mentioned all art has therapeutic benefits, but the concentration that throwing clay takes is on another level.

"You're trying to concentrate all your energy on the clay and focusing on the work. It's very therapeutic," Graf said.

Elevated Glass is the newest venture Graf has invested in to expand the artistic offerings available in Oshkosh.



An advertisement for Fortifi Bank. The top half has a dark green background with the text "Choose Main Street" in white. Below this is a circular diagram with four icons: a house, a shop, a building, and a construction site. Each icon has a text box: "YOUR FINANCES GROW WHILE YOU SAVE CASH", "YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THRIVE", "FORTIFI INVESTS CASH INTO LOCAL BUSINESSES", and "LOCAL BUSINESSES KEEP GROWING". At the bottom left is the Fortifi Bank logo with the tagline "Growin' Wisconsin". At the bottom right is the contact information: "FortifiBank.com | 855.876.1500", "400 N Koeller St | Oshkosh", and "Member FDIC".



Gus Campos shows the staff the tools/measures taken for glass blowing to make the experience safe and enjoyable. - Submitted Photograph

"It just happened that people were had expressed interest in glass work and we found GusGus," Graf said of Gus Campos who goes by GusGus on social media.

This new venture is housed right above the Mud Room on Main Street in a space used for storage for maybe 60 years, Graf said.

Pivot Nutrition is just above Mud on Main and down the hall from the nutritional shake shop is where Elevated Glass is setting up. There are stations set up around a fireproof table with a large ventilation system above the table to keep the space as safe as possible.

Due to the elements of glass and fire anyone interested in creating art at Elevated Glass will need to take an initial safety course taught by one of a few instructors, including Campos, Graf has already found.

"There's been interest in artists renting out the space to do glass work here," Graf said as she gives a tour of the space.

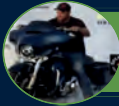


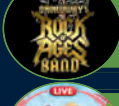






Elevated Glass opened in August and started with safety classes for staff to get an idea of the tools and the medium. "There is certainly more to come for this space," Graf said of Elevated Glass.

Anyone interested in learning the art of glass blowing can reach out to info@firescapeart.com to find information on classes offered and classes scheduled.

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SEP 7
ARENA MAYHEM CAR/BIKE SHOW
 Live Your Life MotorClub Hosting
 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (car show/cycle stunts)
 Car show 9-4 p.m.; bike show 4 & 6 p.m.
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SEP 13
JOSH BLUE COMEDY HEADLINER
 Finale of Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian
 7-11 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
 5 finalists compete; Josh Blue headlines
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OCT 11
MISSION WE HEAR YOU CONCERT
 Benefit Concert by Inner City Sound
 6-10 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)
 DJ & 2 bands plus top bill Static Affliction
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OCT 18
BROADWAY'S ROCK OF AGES BAND
 Band of Tony-Award Winning Show
 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
 Classic '80s hits: Journey, Bon Jovi, more!
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OCT 24
COCOMELON: SING-A-LONG LIVE!
 Featuring YouTube's CoComelon Cast
 6-8 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)
 Dance & sing with kids' favorite friends
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OCT 25
THE MASKED MURDERER
 Laughable Productions Murder-Mystery
 6-9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
 A Halloween who-done-it dinner & show
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OCT 31
TRICK-OR-TEASE
 A Burlesque Masquerade by Elle Mae
 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
 Sultry Halloween musical theater show
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NOV 1
MONSTERS BRAWL
 Fox Cities Roller Derby Exhibition
 5-7 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.)
 Vampires vs. Zombies in roller derby fun
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NOV 8
KANSAS & BLUE OYSTER CULT
 Premier Classic Rock Concert Event
 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
 Two legendary rock bands in one show!
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DEC 3
CRAZY TRAIN CONCERT
 Ozzy Osbourne Tribute Band
 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
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Making sure fans have fun!
Titan Stadium is
perfect place to spend
Saturday afternoon

By Steve Clark

Saturday afternoons are made for college football. And for residents in the Fox Valley, one of the top options to enjoy a day full of football and fun is watching the UW-Oshkosh Titans.

The Titans have built a program that rivals the top teams in the talent-laden Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and is establishing itself as a team to be reckoned with throughout all of NCAA Division III.

Yet, it's not just about what happens on the field at a Titan football home game. The university and football program have made the gameday atmosphere at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium something everyone can enjoy.

"You can love football, you can tolerate football, heck, you can even not like football and you can have a good time at Titan Stadium on a Saturday afternoon because there is so much to do," Titan head coach Peter Jennings said. "It's a really family-friendly experience to come out on a beautiful day in the Fox Valley, watch some very high-level football and have a great time."

Jennings has spearheaded the push to expand the atmosphere around the football games since his arrival prior to the 2022 season.

And his goal is simple: make Titan football games a destination for anyone who knows where Oshkosh is.

"Ultimately my goal, and it is a lofty goal, but my goal is to make it so there is only one spot to be in the Fox Valley on Saturday afternoons," Jennings said. "People are coming from Fond du Lac and Appleton even Green Bay and they might not have a kid on the team or be a Titan alum, but they want to see good football and have a great time. It's affordable, you can bring the entire family. Dad can get a few beers, the kids can have hot dogs and pizza and mom can just let her hair down. It's such a fun, fun experience."

A typical home game Saturday starts three hours before the actual kickoff of the game when the parking lots around Titan Stadium are opened.

Once the cars pull in, the grills, food tables and coolers come out and the start of the fun begins. "We have a very vibrant tailgating experience. All of our lots are always completely sold out," Jennings said. "There's



Action ON THE FIELD and FUN in the stands will keep you coming back!
Photograph by Jim Koepnick



JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium is a great place to spend a Saturday afternoon in the fall as UW-Oshkosh has enhanced the gameday experience to make it about more than football. - Photograph by Jim Koepnick

a ton of great food and competition amongst families and even some friendly competition amongst families from the other teams."

As gametime nears, the Titan Thunder Marching Band arrives to lead a Titan March of players friends and families into the stadium. The band then puts on a pre-game performance.

The band, which started up two years ago, has bolstered the game day experience at Titan Stadium. The band also puts on a halftime show and performs after the game as well as filling timeouts and breaks in the action with music.

"(The band) creates more of a collegiate atmosphere at the games. We love having the band," Jennings said. "The best part of the day is after a big win, the band is playing the fight song and going to celebrate with them."

In addition to the band, there is an array of raffles, giveaway and in-game contests to keep the spectators entertained and university officials are always looking for new ways to involve the crowd.

"We are trying to find new and different ways to keep them engaged. Not distract them from what is on the field but to give



Fans fill Titan Stadium for Saturday afternoon home games for the UW-Oshkosh football team. The program averaged about 2,000 fans per home game in 2024 and Titans' head coach Peter Jennings is trying to get that number higher. - Photograph by Jim Koepnick

The Titan Thunder Marching Band performs in the pregame and at halftime as well as during breaks in the action of UW-Oshkosh football games adding to the gameday atmosphere at Titan Stadium.
 - Photograph by Jim Koepnick



them additional things to pay attention to,” said UW-Oshkosh Sports Information Director Brady Halverson. “It’s very important to us to make sure fans have fun. We want people to come and have a good time.”

The university has also broadened its concession stand items as well.

Of course, there are the traditional tastes of popcorn, hot dogs and pizza but one of the additions to Titan Stadium – as well as other UW-Oshkosh athletic events – is Titan Gold. The beer – which is produced by the Fox River Brewing Company – is now available at the concession stands and is a refreshing addition to watching football.

“In Wisconsin, football and an ice cold beer go together and I think we would be naïve if we didn’t think that,” Jennings said. “I think that aspect does appeal to some people.”

With a tremendous gameday plan in place, Jennings’ biggest responsibility is making sure the on-field product is worth all of the hoopla.

The Titans have finished 6-4 the past three seasons but knocked off four opponents ranked in the top-25 at home a year ago. UW-Oshkosh has five home games this season starting Sept. 20 against Roosevelt University, while opening the rugged WIAC slate on Oct. 4 against UW-River Falls.

All home games this season are schedule to start at 1 p.m. “Our guys do a great job of being great community partners, but it does help to win. It does raise the profile of the program and people want to get behind a winner,” Jennings said. “Titan Stadium holds 10,000 people, and we would like to play in front of 10,000 people every game. The gameday atmosphere and the gameday experience just adds to that becoming a reality.”

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 Community Players**

October 4 **Mariachi San José***

October 15-25 **Spirits of The Grand
 tours***

October 31 **The Pocket Kings
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November 22 **John Harmon with
 UWO Jazz Ensemble***

December 13 **Brady Lee: Home for
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Celebrating it's 30th Anniversary

Comic book store is anchored in downtown Oshkosh

By Jonathan Richie

For 30 years House of Heroes has served the Oshkosh community as an entry into the world of comic books, graphic novels and collectibles.

This month marks the 30th anniversary of the business opening its doors in Oshkosh. The store's owner Scott Dercks spoke about the history of the store, the customers and how they have kept up with trends within the industry.

In 1995, House of Heroes opened on Fulton Avenue before eventually finding its home at 407 N. Main St. in the heart of downtown Oshkosh. The store offers new and vintage comic books along with graphic novels and a plethora of other collectible items.

Dercks has been a comic book fan his entire life, and it all started with Spiderman.

"It's always been Spiderman for me, the first time I saw the comic book," he said.

It's a similar story for Tripper Pech. Pech has been in his role for over eight years as House of Heroes' store manager, but he has been shopping at the store since he was a kid.

"My mom brought me into the store and I immediately became a fan of Batman," he said. "To this day I just love everything Batman."

The store carries all of the classic comic book characters and also the newer comic books that explore alternative universes. It's a place that has become somewhere to explore your interests and also meet people with the same interests.

House of Heroes has also followed and helped a number of growing trends the industry has seen over the last 30 years. One of those first trends, which is still going strong today, was Pokémon.

"Pokémon was all over the place and we sold a lot of those cards in the early days," Dercks said.

The card game turned kids into collectors overnight, and the game's tagline, "Gotta catch 'em all," didn't hurt. Pairing that with a popular animated kids' show was incredibly helpful for business in the early 2000s.



The walls at House of Heroes are lined with brand-new comic books for customers to peruse along with vintage comic books and a number of collectible items.

- Photograph by Oshkosh Herald



House of Heroes has been a staple in Oshkosh for 30 years and the store continues to reach new customers due, in part, to the knowledge of the staff. Tripper Pech, Christopher Whitmore, store owner Scott Dercks and Lukas Schmerse stand in the store with a vintage Superman comic book.

- Photograph by Oshkosh Herald

The next card game in the 2000s was Yu-Gi-Oh! And similar to Pokémon, both franchises continue to have dedicated consumers searching the market to add to their collections.

"We get people that come in and they just want to explore something they saw on TV or in a movie," Pech said.

Dercks added when The Walking Dead TV show became a hit in 2010, fans of the show came in and the story was more than the TV show.

"They didn't know it had come from a graphic novel," Pech said. "People were coming in to check out the graphic novels and often find something else that interests them."

The store also used to have a large area designated for table-top games like Dungeons and Dragons and Magic: The Gathering. Those tables have been removed to make more room in the store for other merchandise, such as the ever-growing popular Funko Pop figurines.

In recent years the shop has shifted to listing all products available in the store on Main Street online and on the House of Heroes Ebay page. Pech said that about 20% of total sales are online purchases.

House of Heroes still receives most of its support from customers visiting the store on a regular basis. Some of these customers have been visiting House of Heroes since 1995.

"We have customers that come in here every week that have been shopping here for 30 years," Dercks said.

This is partly due to Downtown Oshkosh being a welcoming place for shoppers.

"It's a great atmosphere that has evolved over the years," Dercks said. "We're very thankful to the customers who often travel from out of town."

The store has also expanded into the podcast world. The House of Heroes official podcast "Nerd Funk" launched in May and can be found at houseofheroescomics.com/podcast or wherever you get your podcasts.

"It's really cool what they're doing over there," Dercks said. House of Heroes has a simple plan for the 30th anniversary – throw a party at the store for the employees, customers and supporters. They were unable to celebrate the 25th anniversary due to COVID so this will be an opportunity to celebrate a big way.

"We're just going to have a party, nothing too big," Dercks said. "It'll be something for us to enjoy with the community, especially since we've got this space downtown to enjoy."

House of Heroes will officially celebrate its opening in September. Information on the celebration can be found on the store's social media pages and on houseofheroescomics.com.

Gaining attention & Faiola affection

Off the Wolf Supper Club draws widespread interest

By Anya Kelley

Winneconne's Off the Wolf Supper Club is garnering wider attention after the Supper Club Guru, Ron Faiola, chose to add it to his 2026 Wisconsin supper club book. In addition, the Wisconsin Supper Club Chasers, Jim and Michelle, stopped by for dinner in August.

Off the Wolf, formerly known as Biggar's Supper Club, was established in 2021 and has been a long-time staple of the community. The menu is filled with supper club classics including fish fries and old fashioned. The specials change daily. Jennifer Schmitz, the owner, makes all the desserts herself.

The Wisconsin Supper Club Chasers, who have 45,000 followers on their Facebook page, visited in August. Off the Wolf has been a partner of their "The Wisconsin Supper Club Dining Destinations Guide" for a few years. Guests who bring the guide to dinner can get a special meal deal and a stamp for every club they visit.

The chasers shared a Facebook post of fun community interactions they had while at Off the Wolf and Jim said, "I would be in trouble if I visited regularly, it was fabulous, and I had to have a Smith and Curran when I saw that it was an after-supper cocktail choice."

Faiola, the supper club guru, features over 250 Wisconsin supper clubs in an interactive map on his website wisconsinupperclubs.com, but only 50 get added to the coveted "Wisconsin Supper Clubs" books. The book that is set to be released in fall 2026 will feature Off the Wolf Supper Club.



The menu at the supper club offers items ranging from classics to specials that change daily. - Photograph by Off the Wolf



Off the Wolf Supper Club is located at 204 W. Main St. in Winneconne. It is open 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The daily specials and dessert options are posted daily on its Facebook page.



Located at 204 W. Main St. in Winneconne, the Off the Wolf Supper Club serves a variety of cocktail choices at its bar. - Photographs by Off the Wolf

COMEDY
Live at the Time
SEPT 27
7:00 PM

Lara Beitz has risen as a star of LA comedy & has been featured on Showtime, Comedy Central, AppleTV+, Prime Video, The Late Late Show, Just For Laughs Festival TV and more! On Comedy Central's "Lights Out with David Spade", Lara was the first comedian ever to do stand-up. Lara has toured with Joe Rogan, Marc Maron, Theo Von, and Pete Holmes.

This show is rated 18+ for some language and adult themes.

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Newly remodeled resort for your upcoming wedding or special event

Bridgewood Resort unveils stunning renovation and newly imagined dining spaces

By Becky LaDue

The Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center, a long-standing gem in Neenah, has just wrapped up a major renovation — and with it, a bold new chapter begins. Under the leadership of General Manager and Vice President Ryan Batley, the resort has expanded its offerings and refreshed its look, all while staying open and fully operational. The project, which included the addition of 39 new guest rooms and a reimagined dining concept, is the latest realization of a 25-year vision that began when Batley's father saw the potential in the Bridgewood Golf Course property.

"Our goal has always been to create a 'Park N Play' experience for guests — clean, comfortable, and fun — all in one spot," Batley said. "This expansion was always part of that dream. To see it finally come to life is incredible."

Construction While in Operation

Renovating a 24/7, full-service resort is no small task. Batley noted that one of the biggest challenges was updating the hotel lobby without disrupting service.

"The tile removal alone was deafening and dusty. Our front desk systems couldn't go offline, so we built temporary barriers and rerouted guests while still checking them in," he explained. "We even worked through a stretch of -20-degree weather." Batley praised his team for adapting daily. "Our Front Desk, Housekeeping, and Engineering teams were incredible. And our guests were understanding and patient throughout."



A view of one of the brand-new hotel rooms ready to accommodate guests at the Bridgewood Resort. — Photograph from Bridgewood Resort

A Personal Project, Built In-House

While most past renovations were outsourced, this time the Batley team took the reins themselves.

"We underestimated how much work installing 39 rooms would be — unloading deliveries, hauling everything up three stories without an elevator, assembling furniture, cleaning — all while running 94 existing rooms, the conference center, and restaurant," Batley said. "I'm proud of the final product, but even more so of the team and the vision it brought to life for my dad." Guests have responded positively, raving about the modern design, cleanliness, and serene feel of the new wing. "Every room offers a beautiful view — from the wedding pergola to Neenah Creek," Batley added.



Bridgewood's beautiful ballroom — an amazing venue that can accommodate all types of formal/informal events. — Photograph from Bridgewood Resort

A Fresh Take on Dining

The resort's newly named Batley's Bar & Grill onsite dining location has also evolved with the addition of "The End Zone," a semi-private addition to the existing Sports Lounge—already very popular with guests. It complements a trio of event spaces — the Pattie Shack Pavilion, Joe Bowers Room, and The End Zone — now serving everything from graduation parties and rehearsal dinners to reunions and celebrations of life.

"We've also repurposed our former putting green into a family-friendly play area," said Batley. "It includes a playground, cornhole, giant checkers, a basketball hoop, and pickleball court access. It's a hit with resort guests and local families alike."

*A bird's eye view of the Bridgewood Resort including its new 39-room tower addition.
- Photograph from Bridgewood Resort*



Led by longtime Food & Beverage Director James Bellmore, the restaurant menu is designed to appeal to both locals and hotel guests, spanning everything from casual fare to banquet meals.

“What sets us apart is our flexibility,” Batley said. “Whether it’s a quiet dinner, Packers game watch party, or live music by the firepits — there’s something for everyone.”

Looking Ahead

Batley isn’t finished dreaming. Future ideas include adding cabins or glamping sites on the former golf course land, expanding the ballroom, and potentially introducing an outdoor pool or small water park.

“After nearly 25 years, we’re still just getting started,” Batley said. “We’re deeply rooted here — our team of 180 lives, works, and raises families in this community. We’re grateful for the support and excited for what’s next.”

With its refreshed look and renewed vision, Bridgewood Resort continues to be a key destination for both visitors and the community it proudly calls home.

For more information or to book a room or event visit bridgewoodresorthotel.com or follow them on Facebook at Bridgewood Resort Hotel.



*Just one of the new family friendly outdoor amenities is the new pickleball courts.
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*Batley's has some great outdoor spaces to enjoy.
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