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## Changes coming for Oshkosh voters

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh voters will need to double-check where their polling place is for the upcoming February primary election. This includes election day voting and early/in-person voting.

The Oshkosh Common Council has eliminated four polling places for the spring election. Voters who previously voted at First English Lutheran Church, Father Carr's Place 2B, the American Legion Post 70 and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be voting in a different

Early/in-person absentee voting will take place for the February primary at the UWO Culver Welcome Center at 625 Pearl Ave. Early/in-person voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3 through Feb. 6.

Voters in districts 5, 6, 7 and 10 that used the American Legion, St. John's Church or Father Carr's Place 2B will now be voting at the UW-Oshkosh Culver Welcome Center at 625 Pearl Ave.

Voters in district 14 that previously used First English Church will now be voting at Wittman Regional Airport at 525 W. 20th Ave.

City Clerk Darla Salinas' original plan was to have the National Guard Armory be the polling place for a number of dis-

space this year.

These locations, according to city staff, are small, lack adequate parking and have other logistical challenges. City Manager Rebecca Grill added that there are ADA concerns with some of these sites.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Mutual aid

Members of the Oshkosh Vagabond Network hosted a free store Saturday at Opera House Square, offering food, clothing, books, water and hot coffee to anyone in need. The free store operates on a simple principle: no requirements, no paperwork and no conditions for receiving help. The organization describes its mission as supporting the people of Oshkosh, particularly working-class residents, low-income families, unhoused individuals, and others who are marginalized, through direct, community-based assistance.

## County hopes housing figure encourages new development

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County officials are on the precipice of spending millions of ARPA dollars to get housing built across the county while leaving questions about where these are going to be built and who is going to be building them.

Winnebago County needs 10,000 housing units over the next 10 years, according to county executive Gordon Hintz and housing grant specialist Lu Scheer. The county has been using that figure for the last three years.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a new program last month – the revolving loan fund. The idea is that the county puts in millions of dollars of American Rescue Plan Act money into this fund for more housing units.

“The reality is that if we want to drive down rental and purchase costs, and reduce homelessness for the long term, we need a dramatic increase in the supply of

housing,” Hintz said after signing the RLF resolution. “The RLF has the potential to play a role in doing this. We look forward to working with partners to move this forward.”

The county will now put a request for proposal out for non-profits to bid on becoming the agency that runs the RLF program. The county has put in \$4.5 million, mostly of ARPA funds, and hopes a non-profit will be able to fundraise and double that amount so the fund has closer to \$9 million.

Developers and homeowners will then be able to apply for funds that will be paid back. This could be for funds to build a new apartment complex or could be used to lend \$50,000 to a young couple needing it for a down payment for a home.

Housing issues have been discussed by some municipalities over the last couple of years. Oshkosh, Neenah and Menasha have all had these discussions when publishing housing studies and have set goals

for new housing units.

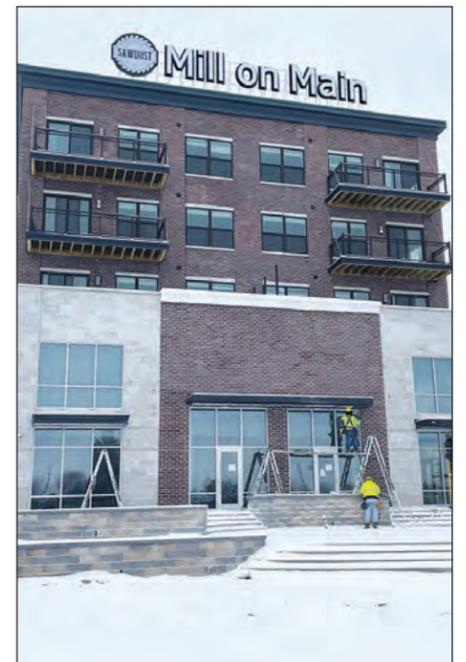
Other communities like Fox Crossing have space and are working with developers on a new subdivision and other projects.

Although county officials have stated there is a need for 10,000 new housing units by 2033, Scheer said the county has not set this figure as the goal it hopes to complete over the next seven years.

“We’re hoping that this revolving loan fund encourages developers to build here,” she said.

Figures for municipalities throughout the area show how many housing units have been built in Winnebago County in the last three years and whether the county is on track to build 10,000 housing units by 2033.

In Oshkosh, 406 housing units have been built over the last three years or are currently under construction. This in-



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Mill on Main is one of the housing projects in Oshkosh still under construction.

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## Dragon Boat Club seeks breast cancer survivor team

By Anya Kelley  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Fox Valley Dragon Boat Club (FVDB) is looking to grow its breast cancer survivor (BCS) team for the upcoming season.

The FVDB Club was founded by Rob Halbleib and Amy Rolph in September after they noticed a lack of representation for the sport in the greater Fox Valley area.

The BCS team, led by Stefanie Tyler, will compete in the BCS division at events around the state. Competitions give survivors a chance to show their strength and resilience while meeting others who have gone through or are going through similar challenges.

"It is so moving, it's unreal," Halbleib said.

Tyler became interested in dragon boat races after attending one in Oshkosh a few years ago. At the time, there were no local teams. In February, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and joined a support group that was advertising a BCS team.

"It's like the skies opened," she said. "For me, going through the process of treatment with having the breast cancer, it was a lot for you to show up, you do what

you're supposed to do. Yes, there's this finish line, but just that whole process is just a lot of mundane showing up for things and the treatment has its side effects. But with this, seeking that finish line has a different sort of feel[ing] to me and the strength, the mental component of it that is going to be beneficial."

After going through chemotherapy, Tyler said she lost most of her strength and stamina.

Joining the BCS team will give her the opportunity to regain strength both physically and mentally after finishing her treatment in October.

"It gives you something to be excited about, and it's not to say I don't have other joys in my life, but this is different," Tyler said. "The power, [that's] a word that's probably going to be used a lot, but I just think it's the best term to describe what this looks like. [Dragon boating is] this powerful sort of tool that we're able to use to show people that we got through this over here, and that's exciting."

In 1996, Don McKenzie, a professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver wanted to challenge the idea that women with breast cancer should avoid all

forms of upper body exercise.

As part of his research, he created a dragon boat paddling team of breast cancer volunteers that proved exercise didn't cause any complications with treatment and helped the women feel happier and healthier outside of the hospital.

The FVDB Club's BCS team currently has six members and they're looking to get to at least 40 before the season begins in the spring.

The FVDB Club holds an informational gathering 30 minutes before the start of their regular meeting and it's open to the public. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month in the Winneconne Public Library.

For more information about the club or questions, email [foxvalleydragonboatclub@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleydragonboatclub@gmail.com).

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

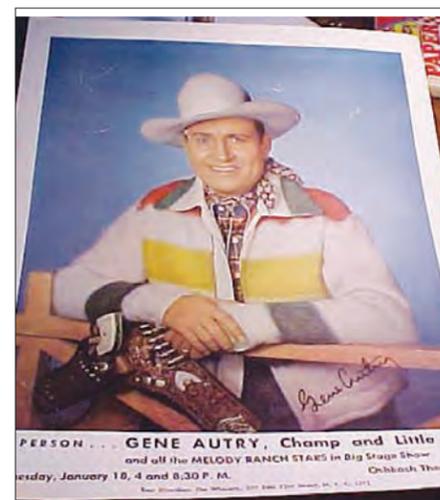


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### Jan. 18, 1950

**The Day the Singing Cowboy Rode into Town:** On this date, celebrated Western movie star and singer Gene Autry performed at the Oshkosh Theater. The city was electric in the days leading up to the appearance. The local Sears store invited kids to come and see Autry's famous horse "Champion" and gave away free autographed photos of the famous cowboy to the first 1,000 kids in attendance. Two live performances were held at 4pm and 8:30pm. Reserved seats were available for the matinee show with prices ranging at \$1.80, \$1.20 and 90¢ with the evening show a bit higher. Later that evening, Gene Autry dined with friends at the restaurant at the Hotel Raulf. Joining him were Mrs. G.C. Mamer of 408 Grant Street and her sister from Savannah Georgia, Mrs. Satherley. Satherley's husband is the vice president of the Columbia Recording Company and is a friend of Autry.

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## Class provides information about recycling

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For those who want to brush up on what they know about recycling, Tri-County Recycling is offering a Recycle Right Master Class.

The free introductory program will provide tools participants need to teach their family, neighbors, friends and coworkers how to recycle right. They will be able to learn what should go in a recycle bin, what stays out and get their recycling questions

answered.

Topics include why recycle, a deep-dive through the Tri-County Recycling Facility, local recycling basics, common contaminants and what happens to recyclable materials after they leave the sorting facility.

The class will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y. Registration information for the free event is available at [recyclemoretricounty.org/classes](http://recyclemoretricounty.org/classes).



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Wattman USA photo

The Oshkosh parks department is looking at purchasing the Wattman Maxi Express as the new train for Menominee Park. The train does not operate on traditional train tracks; instead it would be driven on paths throughout the park.

## City considers new train for park

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Parks Department has unveiled a plan to purchase an amusement train that will operate on park paths instead of traditional train tracks. The change would allow the train ride to be longer and accommodate more passengers.

Chad Dallman, the park services and event manager for the parks department, gave an overview of the new train Jan. 13 during the Oshkosh Common Council meeting. The Wattman Maxi Express is a four-car train that will be able to accommodate up to 24 riders.

The train was set to be discontinued in 2025, but public outcry forced the council to put \$50,000 back into the city budget to keep the train running last summer.

The train saw 11,320 riders in 2025, after the train was closed in 2024 due to Pratt Trail construction. Between 2021 and 2023 the train averaged almost 10,892 riders. Former parks director Ray Maurer

said at the time that the city was looking at making the train a revenue stream and not something that lost money.

Increasing ticket prices from \$1.50 to \$3 was also proposed at the council workshop last week.

The train is set to cost \$100,000. The city is working with community partners such as the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Discover Oshkosh to raise funds to purchase the train.

Another aspect that Dallman mentioned was the opportunity to provide historical information while on the tour. Since the train does not need to be on tracks it could bring riders to the Chief Oshkosh statue to learn more about that and other features of the Menominee Park.

The new train would operate on the same schedule as the Lakefly Cafe – seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The cafe would then be the central location for the train as the place visitors could buy tickets.

## Event highlights love stories at UWO

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Love comes in many forms and at the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, some of the best stories began on campus.

A pre-game social called “Hoops and Hearts” will be held before the men’s basketball game Feb. 11 designed for spouses, partners, friends, roommates and all whose meaningful relationships were built at UWO.

A festive courtside pre-game reception will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Kolf Sports Center, followed by the Titan men’s basketball game at 7 p.m. against UW-Eau Claire.

Hoops and Hearts Night includes free refreshments and activities, a festive pho-

to booth with Titan love-themed props, a chance to share a UWO “Love Story” to be entered to win a date night prize basket, halftime feature and more.

When registering and purchasing tickets, guests are invited to share their Titan Love story —whether it’s about the person they met in the residence halls, a lifelong friendship forged in class or finding a soulmate. Select stories may be featured during the game or event festivities.

Register and purchase tickets by Feb. 6 for the discounted rate of \$8 for adults or \$5 for ages 6-17 or 65 and older. Free parking is available in lots surrounding Kolf. Tickets are non-refundable.

## Meeting to look at Oshkosh initiatives

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Oshkosh area residents are invited to attend “Oshkosh Outlook 2026” from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 29 at Fox Valley Technical College, 150 N. Campbell Road, Room 133, Oshkosh.

The program will feature brief presentations by leaders of the key public institutions in Oshkosh about the major issues, initiatives and priorities that the public can expect to see in the coming year. Au-

dience questions will follow the presentations.

Invited presenters include Oshkosh City Manager Rebecca Grill, Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis, UW Oshkosh Provost Ed Martini, Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz and Fox Valley Technical College President Chris Matheny.

The event is sponsored by Citizens for a Strong Oshkosh (CSO).

## Television show premiere coming to The Grand

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Wisconsin Public Radio, PBS Wisconsin and Discover Oshkosh plan to present a special premiere event for the chance to see Oshkosh’s people, places and events on the big screen.

Area residents are invited to attend a free community screening of the Oshkosh episode of the public television show

“John McGovern’s Main Streets.” Guests at the free event Tuesday can enjoy a special video greeting from McGovern and Emmy Fink as part of the evening’s program.

A cocktail hour hosted by Discover Oshkosh starts at 5 p.m. followed by the episode premiere at 6 p.m.

Registration is recommended and available online at [pbswisconsin.org/events](http://pbswisconsin.org/events).

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# Board approves budget reductions to address deficit

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

In November, the community learned along with the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education members that the district is facing a \$6 million structural deficit.

Three months later the administration has identified \$4.6 million in savings, and the school board approved the reductions during its Jan. 14 meeting after hours of discussion and earlier input from students, staff, administrators and community members.

The reductions passed on a 4-3 vote with board members Kelly DeWitt, Tim Hess and Molly Smiltneek opposing the cuts, and Mike Ford, Barbara Herzog, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman supporting the budget reductions.

The first cut was effectively made in December after board members questioned \$600,000 in raises for administrators working at the district office. Hess and Ford stated they disagreed with the raises, with Ford calling them “dead on arrival.”

This shifted the district’s goal from saving \$6 million to \$5.5 million. At last week’s board meeting the district approved the \$4.6 million in cuts that will affect the district from the elementary schools to the district office.

The remaining \$900,000 in cuts will be based on student course selection for next year, which is currently taking place for middle and high school students. District officials expect to have those numbers by April.

Davis said the state funding system is broken. One example of that is the special education funding the Wisconsin legislature approved in the 2025-27 state budget, which outlined reimbursing schools for special education at 42% and 45% for the two years.

However, the state is only reimbursing 35% of the costs. This forces districts all over the state to move general fund money to cover special education costs.

Another factor in the structural deficit is general aid from the state not keeping up with inflation and staffing costs. The

board has already approved \$15 million in borrowing since August to help fill the funding gaps between the checks from the state. OASD is also facing declining enrollment.

All of these factors and more grew the structural deficit the district is facing and, according to Davis, will continue to face in the coming years.

The initial cuts would have eliminated 70 positions and over 20 teachers. Davis said under the new proposal, it is still “to be determined” how many people will not have a job next year within the district.

All of the teachers that could potentially lose their jobs have been notified, Davis said. Assistant superintendent of operations Brian Yerkey said by alerting the teachers early it will give them time to find a new job for the 2026-27 school year.

After the meeting Davis said that the deficit going into the 2027-28 school year is about \$2 million at this point. The district will have a better idea of what that number will be after the third Friday enrollment count in September.

The initial proposal outlined a number of different reductions including having elective teachers in secondary schools teaching six of seven class periods instead of five. The proposal also would have cut the driver’s education program.

The new proposal will not eliminate driver’s education but instead the district’s finance committee will look at how to make the program cost neutral. Davis said this includes looking at community partners to help fund the program and possibly increasing costs for taking the course. “Everything is on the table,” Davis said.

## Speaker series focuses on local government leadership

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The Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research at UW-Oshkosh is launching the Rebuilding Trust with Local Government Leaders speaker series.

A virtual event will highlight opportunities and initiatives designed to strengthen public leadership and community trust across the state in 2026.

The presentation moderated by Sam Larson will be from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 28. Larson is an associate professor of public administration and Whitburn Center se-

nior affiliate faculty.

Panelists include Whitburn Center Director Mike Ford, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Matt Richie and Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies and WisACT Coordinator Paul Van Auken.

The session will also invite input on ways WisACT members and community leaders can get involved in and support the Whitburn Center’s efforts. More information is available at uwosh.edu/whitburn-center.

## Top dog contest returns as fundraiser

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An online photo contest is returning to feature the cutest, coolest or most lovable dog in Northeast Wisconsin.

NEW Top Dog is calling on local dog owners to enter a photo of their canine companion and compete for the title of Northeast Wisconsin’s Top Dog. All proceeds benefit local animal shelters, rescue organizations and youth programs across the region.

NEW Top Dog, presented by the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis, is an online, vote-driven fundraising contest that pairs participating shelters and rescues with local breweries for four weeks of fun, photos and community engagement. Dog owners enter their dog’s photo, rally friends and family to vote, and compete for prizes — all while helping raise funds for participating rescues and kids’ causes in Northeast Wisconsin.

cial channels and encourage friends, family and community members to purchase votes throughout the contest; votes help raise money for participating organizations.

• Winners are crowned based on votes received, with prizes including fun local rewards and the chance for winning dogs’ image and naming rights to appear on a custom beer crafted by a local brewery.

This event is a collaboration among area rescue organizations, craft breweries, the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis club and local sponsors — all working together to make a difference for pets and children in local communities. Proceeds go directly to participating shelters and youth support programs throughout Northeast Wisconsin.

“NEW Top Dog is a celebration of our pets and our community,” said Ryan Albers, chairman of this year’s contest. “Whether your dog is a couch potato or an adventure seeker, entering them in this contest helps us provide vital support to local children and animals in need. The stakes are high this year and I cannot wait to see which lucky dog ends up on the label of our local brewery’s next big release. Join us in making a difference one vote at a time.”

Past contests have raised more than \$700,000 to support pets and kids in need across the region.

### Important dates

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# Board supports Davis after leadership ability questioned

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

In a 5-2 vote on Jan. 14, the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education voted against terminating Superintendent Bryan Davis.

The vote came after a lengthy discussion about and approval of budget reductions the district needs to make. Board member Kelly DeWitt made a motion to add a line to terminate Davis to the budget reduction resolution.

"I'm not happy with the direction of this district," she said. "I am hearing an overwhelming sentiment that people do not trust this district, and they want to see a change in leadership."

After DeWitt made the motion, Tim Hess seconded the motion. Those two were the only members voting in favor of the termination. The discussion on the motion began with board president Beth Wyman giving a list of duties DeWitt has not done as a board member.

"I was hoping we weren't going here, Kelly," Wyman said. "Kelly, you have missed the last six facility and finance committee meetings. You don't do your board evaluations. You have not done a school visit in two years."

DeWitt's seat is up for reelection in the spring. She has decided not to seek a second three-year term after being elected in 2023.

Wyman later in the meeting apologized for her comments and called them unprofessional.

Hess said that the board has not held



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*OASD Board of Education president Beth Wyman speaks to board member Kelly DeWitt about her recent performance as a board member following DeWitt's motion to fire Superintendent Bryan Davis.*

the administrators accountable.

"I have not seen anything that we are moving in a direction of improvement," Hess said.

Board members Molly Smiltneek, Mike Ford, Barbara Herzog, Chris Wright and Wyman voted against the termination.

"I don't think you punish an individual for a collective failure," Ford said.

Ford added the board did a review of Davis in executive session during a special meeting the first week of January and decided to retain the superintendent.

Following the meeting Davis spoke about his reaction to the vote, saying, "I work for the people."

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## Women's Association scholarships

The Oshkosh Area Women's Association this year awarded two \$1,500 Scholarships to high school seniors. Olivia Gelhar at Lourdes Academy and Brooke Peters at Oshkosh North received the awards from Jaye Roeming and Nancy Crha. More information about the High School Graduate Scholarship program can be found at [oshkoshwomen.com](http://oshkoshwomen.com).

## Oshkosh Job Center moves into new location

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Job Center has moved into a new location. The center is now located at 2211 Oregon St., Unit U.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to provide assistance with job search and career support. Services offered at the job center include self-service computers for job search and unemployment insurance claims along with staff

assistance with Job Center of Wisconsin (JCW) navigation and unemployment insurance claims/resources.

Other resources include printing, faxing and scanning services for job search/UI documents, resume reviews and mock interviews (in-person or virtually), mini job fairs to meet with local employers and referrals to state agencies and community programs.

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## Business news roundup

Jason Monnett was named president of **WBD Inc.** effective Jan. 1. Monnett joined WBD in 2001 and has held roles of increasing responsibility – from credit analyst to executive vice president – during his 24-year tenure. His promotion is a key part of WBD's overall leadership transition. Dan Schneider will retain the title of CEO, overseeing the transition of leadership as he prepares to retire at the end of 2026. Schneider has been in various roles with WBD during his 25-year tenure and has served as president and CEO since 2014.



Monnett

al oversight of card services within the Member Payment Systems department. Harper started at Fox as a mortgage loan processor. As AVP of mortgage processing and closing, Harper will be responsible for providing strategic leadership and influence over the Mortgage Loan Processing and Closing functions.

Jackie Nystrom has been selected as Chief Human Resources Officer for **Oshkosh Corporation**. Nystrom brings more than 20 years of HR leadership experience and a deep understanding of the company's People First culture, having served in roles of increasing responsibility since joining Oshkosh Corporation in 2010.

**Leeco Steel** announced the promotion of Drew Slade to senior account manager, North region, effective Dec. 1. In his new role, Slade will focus on growing key accounts in the region. Slade began his career with Leeco Steel in 2019 as a sales representative for the Canada division at the company's Oshkosh sales office. He has since advanced to account manager, North region in 2023, a role he has served most recently.

# Scholarship applications open to local trades students

Oshkosh Herald

Winneconne Thrift and Gift has opened applications for its 2026 scholarships, marking the sixth year the organization has partnered with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to support local students pursuing careers in the trades at a Wisconsin technical college.

Over the past five years, 10 students from the Neenah, Valley Christian, Oshkosh, Omro, Menasha and Winneconne school districts have been awarded scholarships. Unlike many traditional programs, this scholarship does not require minimum GPAs or standardized test scores.

"Students pursuing the trades often demonstrate valuable skills that can't always be measured by a grade or an exam," said Cindy Hendren, president of Win-

neconne Thrift and Gift, 911 E. Main St. in Winneconne. "Our goal is to support students who need financial assistance to pursue careers they are passionate about — careers that also provide a sustainable living."

For the 2026 graduating class, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, be a graduating high school senior in Winnebago County and plan to pursue a trade program at a Wisconsin technical college.

The application deadline is Feb. 13. Applications are administered through the Fox River Scholarship Center, hosted by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Interested students can begin the process by adding the scholarship to their application "basket" on the Fox River Scholarship Center website.

## Area unemployment rate rises slightly

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate increase slightly to 2.5% in November from 2.4% at the same time last year, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The preliminary November unemployment rate decreased in four of the state's 13 metropolitan areas over the year. Rates increased in four metro areas over the year, and rates stayed the same in five metro areas over the year.

Jobless rates decreased or stayed the same in 25 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities

over the year. Unemployment rates increased in 10 cities over the year.

Preliminary November 2025 jobless rates decreased or stayed the same in 55 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the year. Unemployment rates increased in 17 counties over the year.

Rates increased in 44 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining 17 counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment data reflects change over the year, as October 2025 data is unavailable as a result of the federal government shutdown.

## Hunter education classes offer preparation for hunts

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to register for a hunter education course before courses begin filling up in the spring. Whether someone is looking to learn more about firearm safety or wants to give hunting a try, the DNR has classes available to help them get started.

Hunter education plays a vital role in keeping Wisconsin a safe place to hunt. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, is required to hold a hunter education certificate to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

The DNR offers multiple course options and locations, so hunters can choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn.

Individuals aged 17 and younger are required to take the traditional or internet plus field day and are not eligible for the online-only course. Individuals ages 18 and older are eligible to take any option, including the online-only course.

- **Traditional:** Students attend a multi-day, in-person course to learn hunter responsibility and safety. This course has the widest availability statewide.

- **Internet plus field day:** Students complete an online course and then attend a one-day field day.

- **Online-only:** The online-only course has the same general content as the other course option, but it is entirely online. This course is specifically for students with prior hunting or firearms handling experience and is only available to individuals 18 or older.



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# Solutions Recovery secures funding for peer response team

By Anya Kelley  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Solutions Recovery ended 2025 on a high note after securing stopgap funding for the peer response team from the Winnebago County Board.

In September, Solutions Recovery executive director Megan Edwards presented at the county board's special orders meeting to announce a \$322,050 deficit for 2026 specifically related to the peer response team (PTR). The PTR runs the recovery center, open 365 days a year offering drop-in-style meetings with recovery coaches. The PTR also runs the Sober Living program and the peer support team.

Funding troubles began in February 2025 when the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant was removed from the federal government's website. According to Edwards, the federal government is reevaluating the criteria of eligibility for COS-SUP and eventually, it will be reposted.

"This stopgap funding that we received for 2026 is really for us to be able to have a

little bit of breathing room," Edwards said. "It helps us not to disrupt any of our service delivery while we try to come up with a long-term sustainability plan for the program, find more grant funds, things like that."

The Winnebago County Board voted to supply Solutions with the full amount for 2026. Along with the stopgap funding, Solutions has also engaged in fundraising efforts to support the PRT and recent developments to Wisconsin State Statue could potentially make securing funding easier in the next year.

Chapter DHS 72 Overdose Treatment Provider Certification and Covered Services was passed late in December of 2025 and will allow certain types of peer response services to become reimbursable through Medicaid. That is set to start in April of this year.

"We have been actively pursuing that and trying to gain an understanding of how becoming state regulated, essentially, will impact our day-to-day operations," Edwards said. "A majority of what we do

should, in theory, become billable."

In 2026, Solutions' goal is to continue maturing as an organization, putting an emphasis on gaining stability. Over the last five years, the programs at Solutions have grown exponentially due to the high need throughout the county. Sober Living had four beds in 2020 and is now up to 77.

"We're really trying to work on the balance between we want to sustain our services so that we can remain a reliable resource for people in the community, while also trying to understand how we can continue to expand our reach, enhance our mission, strengthen our mission and reach as many people as possible," Edwards said.

## Residents invited to send Valentines to veterans

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is asking for help in showing appreciation to veterans for their service and sacrifice by sending Valentine's Day cards to veterans living in WDVA facilities.

"In three years, we've been able to spread so much happiness because of the outpouring of support and love you all have shown," said WDVA Secretary James Bond. "Thousands of folks from across the state and nation have taken the time to participate, and I'm excited to continue this tradition again this year."

Since beginning this program in 2023, WDVA has received over 80,000 Valentine's Day cards for its members and veterans.

The response has allowed the department to bring joy to veterans homes in

Chippewa Falls, King and Union Grove, as well as to residents of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program.

The valentines are hand-delivered by staff, including Bond, to the veterans, loved ones and Gold Star families residing in veterans facilities.

Cards should be mailed by Jan. 31 to allow time to distribute to all the facilities on Feb. 14.

The department kindly requests that candy, food or snacks should not be included with cards due to allergies or dietary restrictions.

Send cards to Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Veteran Valentines, PO Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843.

## Sanitary district names new president

Oshkosh Herald

Richard Hansen has replaced Ron Harrell as president of the Island View Sanitary District as of Jan. 1. Harrell had been president since November 2007.



Hansen

Hansen said he and his wife moved to the area in the Town of Oshkosh in 1998, two years after the formation of the Island View Sanitary District.

His father was one of the original "lift station operators."

Hansen recalls ice skating around the discolored ice that formed along the shoreline from the discharge of individual drainage fields.

"Thankfully, the sanitary district has eliminated this circumstance," Hansen said. "Having recently retired after working 33 years as an engineer, the last 27 with a local paper company, I am looking forward to giving back to the neighborhood by serving on the IVSD board."

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**Teddy bear donation**

The Oshkosh Noon Optimist Group last week donated more than 30 teddy bears to the Oshkosh Police Department for the children of Oshkosh. These will be used to help the children navigate their emotions offering a sense of safety and reassurance in uncertain situations. The group is hoping these Teddy Bears will make the children feel comfort in new experiences with unfamiliar people and faces.

**Organizations awarded grants**

Oshkosh Herald

The Basic Needs Giving Partnership recently announced its final two rounds of grants for 2025 totaling \$1.7 million. This brings the total 2025 grantmaking to \$4.8 million with the previous multi-year and first round of technical assistance grants.

The group is investing \$1.5 million in one-year grants to 23 organizations that are planning or building capacity for collaborative systems change initiatives. These awards focus in one or more of the priority areas for this cycle: Early Care and Education (ages birth to 5), Housing Access, Mental Health, and Substance Use.

Organizations across the region are eager to address the root causes of the most pressing needs in the community by transforming policies, practices, mindsets and decision-making processes. The single year grants provide funding support to dive deeper into understanding the root cause of an issue, develop relationships and foster collaboration, engage community and explore the feasibility of a solution with potential partners.

The group also granted additional technical assistance grants totaling \$206,500 to 22 organizations. These grants — up

to \$10,000 each — are designed to help organizations strengthen their internal capacity through short-term technical assistance. From strategic planning and fundraising to governance and financial management, the support is tailored to help nonprofits grow stronger and more effective in advancing their mission.

The grants are part of the Basic Needs Giving Partnership's commitment to advancing equity and economic well-being across Northeast Wisconsin. Grants are focused on efforts that are addressing the root causes of poverty in rural, urban and suburban communities across the 10-county region.

Funding is generated by the annual U.S. Venture Open, the nation's single largest one-day charitable event dedicated to ending poverty. The 2025 event raised \$5.2 million for the Basic Needs Giving Partnership and 100% of every dollar donated goes to end poverty. In the 40-year history of the U.S. Venture Open, \$63 million has been granted to regional nonprofits.

A grantmaking match of \$600,000 from the J. J. Keller Foundation, \$200,000 from Oshkosh Corporation, ThedaCare and the Thrivent Foundation help lead this effort.

**Fundraiser allows donors to chip in to benefit pantry**

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Rotary Club is helping the Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry provide nutritious food for area families.

The Rotary club is bringing back Lara's Tortilla Flats chips and salsa for the fourth time since 2020. This year, for only \$15, donors can help fund the Oshkosh pantry to

stock their shelves and get a pound of chips and a pint of Lara's popular salsa to enjoy, just in time for the "Big Game" Feb. 8.

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# Voting changes

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tracts because of its parking and space inside. However, a pair of citizens and council members voiced opposition to the building due to the current politicization of the National Guard.

Micheal Patton said he had concerns about accessibility of the armory as well as the politicization of the National Guard.

“The way that the National Guard has been used, not around here, but elsewhere in the nation may cause people to feel that they can’t go and vote there safely,” Patton said.

He added the Armory is not centrally located and most people in Oshkosh don’t know where it is.

The Armory, 1415 Armory Place, is a block and a half south of Ninth Avenue. That could create issues for voters with accessibility needs.

There were discussions about whether the city could offer free bus rides on election day. Transportation director Jim Collins said people who cannot walk that block-and-a-half from the bus stop on Ninth Avenue would qualify for the city’s

paratransit service.

Margy Davey of the League of Women Voters agreed with Patton’s concerns. She said the move to the armory will disenfranchise voters.

“My greatest concern is that just a few years ago the National Guard was being used to protect voters from intimidation at polling places; now it’s scaring the s\*\*\* out of people,” Davey said. “There’s going to be a lot of people that don’t want to go to the armory, and it’s not just restricted to Black and brown people who speak with a non-Wisconsin accent.”

President Donald Trump deployed the National Guard to Los Angeles last summer as part of a crackdown on crime and immigration. Trump also deployed the National Guard to Washington D.C. and New Orleans.

Gov. Tony Evers has deployed the National Guard a number of times, including last summer during the flooding in Milwaukee and in Kenosha in 2020 following the police involved shooting Jacob Blake.

“It looks militaristic, unfortunately, because of all the equipment that they have there,” council member Karl Buelow said of the Armory in Oshkosh.

Buelow then made the suggestion to



Oshkosh Herald

Voters waited in long lines outside during the early/in-person absentee voting in October 2024 leading up to the presidential election. The site at 19 E. Irving Ave. will no longer be used for early voting due to accessibility concerns.

deny using the Armory and instead use the Seniors Center and airport for elections this year.

The council supported this change, and the city will not be using the Armory for voting this year.

Council member Jacob Amos also voiced concerns about limiting the number of polling locations. He stated his biggest concern with the combining of polling places is disenfranchisement of voters.

“Voter suppression is a huge thing,” Amos said. “And I just want to make sure as a city we’re not moving in that direction, while also figuring out ways to make the process more efficient.”

In addition to the changes to the election day voting, the council made a number of changes to early/in-person absentee voting procedures as well.

The city will no longer be using 19 E. Irving Ave. for early/in-person voting. The site has been used for this purpose since the city purchased the building two years ago. For the spring primary there will be early voting at the Culver Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3 through Feb. 6.

Following the 2024 presidential elec-

tion, the council had a discussion with police chief Dean Smith about the issues at the site. These issues included not enough parking in the lot of the building which led to Jefferson Street having cars parked on both sides of the street each day of voting.

The Herald reported at the time that every day there was early/in-person voting there was a line out the door with voters complaining on social media about the waiting time to vote.

City staff argued at the time it was an ideal site due to its location near the downtown area. However, two years later the city has a new city manager and city clerk that have taken another look at early/in-person voting.

Davey said she studied the 19 E. Irving Ave. site and said the city was lucky “that there was nobody injured or killed.”

The city does not need to pay anything to use the Irving building since the city owns it. As the council goes forward with the Culver Center, it will cost \$400 a day with a total cost of about \$5,200 for the 10 days outlined in the initial council resolution.

For more information on the spring election, go to myvote.wi.gov.

# Staying healthy while caring for others

Oshkosh Herald

It’s important to remain mindful of one’s own health when tending to loved ones that are sick, a health expert with ThedaCare said.

“Staying well while caring for someone who’s sick can be extra difficult,” said Dr. Karly Johannsen, a Family Medicine Physician with ThedaCare Physicians-New London. “Through taking precautions, you can help reduce the likelihood of catching and spreading illness.”

Hand hygiene is important when looking after a loved one who is sick, Johannsen said. She encouraged caretakers to thoroughly and frequently wash their hands using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

“Once germs are on your hands, it’s easier for them to get into your body when you touch your eyes or mouth,” Johannsen said. “Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol may work as a stop-gap measure. However, hand sanitizer is not effective against stomach bugs. Wash with soap and water if you’re caring for someone with a gastrointestinal illness.”

Physical distancing and masking are additional steps to consider when caring for a sick person, Johannsen advised.

“If you can, give your loved one their own room,” she said. “Provide them plenty of supplies like water and tissues and limit their exposure to other people. Ideally, the only person who should go in and

out of the sick room is the person taking care of the individual.”

Practicing cough and sneeze etiquette may help protect the caregiver and reduce the sick loved one’s ability to spread illness, Johannsen said.

“The person who’s ill should cough or sneeze into their elbow instead of their hands,” she said. “This can be trickier if the sick person is a child. Reinforce this concept often with young ones, reminding them to sneeze and cough into their ‘chicken wing.’ Before long, it may become a good health habit.”

In general, be mindful of others when feeling ill, Johannsen said.

“In recent years, we’ve come to appreciate the need for rest and recovery,” she said. “That also means distancing ourselves from others to keep them safe from our germs.”

When sick, stay home from work, school and gatherings, she said.

For respiratory illnesses, she advised a sick person resume normal activities only after their symptoms have improved and they’ve been fever-free for 24 hours without the help of fever-reducing medications.

If the person in question was sick with a stomach illness, they are encouraged to keep away from others for 48 hours after their symptoms have resolved, Johannsen said.

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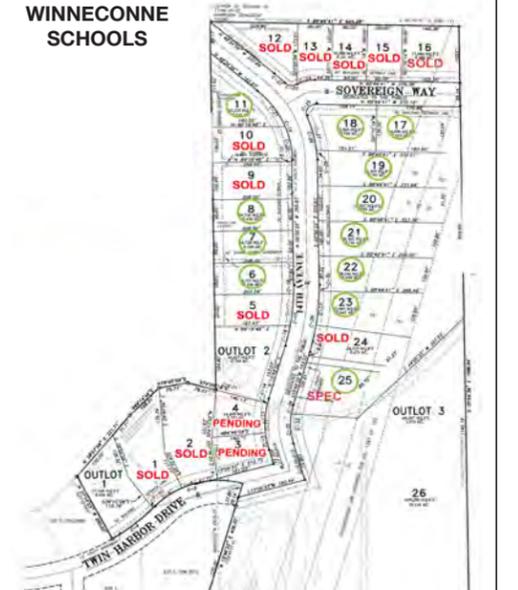
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# Housing units

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cludes the Red Earth development being built just off Lake Butte des Morts and the Mill on Main project still under construction.

Oshkosh has been focused on building housing units since a housing study was done in 2022. Since 2020, there have been 1,814 housing units built, under construction or approved by the council. Those are all units located in multi-family residential buildings.

Neenah has added over 300 housing units since 2023. The city is planning on building 960 housing units over the next 10 years, which would mean just under 100 new housing units every year.

In Menasha, the city has been building on a smaller scale with a housing study in place that calls for new housing on a timeline reaching 2040. The city has built 87 new housing units since 2023.

It's a total of 812 new housing units since 2023 in the cities in the county. If the housing units that have been built since 2020 are added, the number grows to 1,356.

Jennifer Sunstrom, director of public relations and government affairs for the Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin, said the housing problem has reached crisis level in the area and the biggest contributor to that is the lack of supply in the market.

"That is the result of significantly underproducing housing since the last recession, especially one and two-family homes, especially smaller homes and lots," Sunstrom said. "Given that the price of new construction has basically doubled in the last five years, we also need more diversity of home options like townhomes, condo, duplexes that are more affordable."

Sunstrom added Wisconsin needs to build approximately 227,000 new housing units in the next decade if it wants to grow its working-age population. She said not keeping up with the housing needs will be met with a number of effects, including people buying houses later in life.

## Fire on West 10th Avenue under investigation

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 900 block of West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sunday evening.

"The first fire crews on scene found a two-story wood framed home with smoke and flames visible on all four sides of the home," Fire Marshal Jack Clark said.

The occupants of the house were not home at the time of the fire. However, the family dog is currently unaccounted for

"There is a whole list of consequences as a result of the housing crisis that is a subject all onto itself," Sunstrom said. "For instance, the average age of the first-time homebuyer has increased to 40 years old, almost 10 years older than historic average of late twenties-early thirties."

When asked if it was possible for Winnebago County to add 10,000 housing units from 2023-2033, Sunstrom admitted it's a hard question to answer.

"So far, even with the housing crisis gaining attention and with regulatory reform, we are still producing about one-half of the housing units we need to meet demand and with that, each year we are digging a deeper deficit," Sunstrom said.

She said it was important to look at predictors like building permits with the county and planned subdivisions or expansions.

The county reported 208 building permits issued in 2023 and 330 in 2024. From January to August 2025 the county issued 188 building permits for a total of 726 over that time.

A number of cities have set housing goals based on their own studies.

Oshkosh officials had a housing study done in 2022. It states that Oshkosh's population will continue to grow by over 3,200 permanent residents. Based on U.S. Census data, Oshkosh would have a population of around 70,000.

The study states that due to the forecasted population growth the city will need to build 1,700 new housing units by 2030, or approximately 160 units annually.

Neenah completed a housing study in early 2025 that has similar goals to Oshkosh despite having less than half the population of the county seat.

The Neenah Housing Study and Needs Assessment states the 10-year target for new housing units in Neenah is 960, which would be 96 units annually.

In Fox Crossing, the village has not done a recent housing study. However, the village is currently working with developers on a new subdivision off of Shady Lane.

The Shady Lane Estates could add as many as 69 single-family homes to Fox Crossing. According to the village's an-

and presumed dead.

The home sustained heavy smoke and fire damage. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

OFD was assisted by the Algoma Fire Department, Fox Crossing Fire Department and the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department.

Clark thanked Jeff's on Rugby for opening its doors for a warm place for the home's occupants to gather during the incident.



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Shady Lane Estates is a proposed development in Fox Crossing that will add 69 new lots to the village. This is after the village spent \$1 million constructing Sand Point Pond along Shady Lane between County Road CB and Cold Spring Road.

nual comprehensive financial report, the village built Sand Point Pond, a retention pond, to help with area flooding and to "allow for the urbanization of Shady Lane."

In Menasha, the city's 2024 housing study states Menasha is projected to need between 1,000 and 1,300 new housing units by 2040. The study's executive summary breaks down the need for single-family homes, apartments and housing for seniors.

Those municipalities alone are hoping to build almost 4,000 new housing units in the coming decade. But there is still a huge gap between what is being planned

by the cities compared to what the county is anticipating.

"We need more residents and business owners to understand the extent of the problem and the consequences of not addressing it," Sunstrom said. "This will mean we have to do housing very differently than we have done in the past to get the number of units we need and make them affordable to even middle-income individuals. We also need more people who are struggling to find affordable housing to speak up during hearings for regulatory reform and for development projects."

## Ice report

By Jim Nobbe  
PAYNE'S POINT HOOK & SPEAR FISHING CLUB

Since I started checking ice this season not much has changed on the lake in the areas around Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club until recently.

We have not really made much ice lately, especially close to the west shore. We developed a major shove/crack right off our landing last week, and it has been pretty active the last few days.

Darryl Lehman and I chiseled chopped and smashed as much of the shove as we could to flatten it out and hope it will freeze up this week. Once we know what

that crack is going to do and make a couple more inches of ice, we will put out our tree line and truck bridges.

There is a working crack .4 miles out that we have an ATV bridge on marked with an orange cone. There is a working crack that runs from Black Bird Island east then northeast toward High Cliff. It crosses where our road would be to Faro Springs at 6.3 miles from our landing.

Numerous clubs around the north side and east side of the lake have put their tree line and bridges out.

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8 Servings - 15 Min. Prep Time  
60 Min. Cook Time  
Yield: 8 servings.  
Serving size: 1-1/3 c. (325 mL) chili.

**Ingredients**

- 2 Tbsp. canola oil (30 mL)
- 1-1/2 lb./750 g extra lean ground beef (or 1 lb./500 g extra lean ground beef and 15-oz./426 mL can kidney beans, rinsed and drained)
- 2 c. diced green bell peppers (500 mL)
- 1 c. diced red onion (250 mL)
- 3 cans (14.5 oz./412 mL each) no-salt-added stewed tomatoes
- 1 bottle (12 oz./341 mL) dark stout beer
- 3 Tbsp. chili powder (45 mL)
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. ground cumin (20 mL)
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. smoked paprika (optional) (20 mL)
- 1 Tbsp. sodium-free beef bouillon granules (15 mL)
- 1 tsp. salt (5 mL)

**Toppings :**

- 1/2 c. chopped fresh cilantro leaves (125 mL)
- 1/2 c. finely chopped red onion (125 mL)
- 1 medium lime, cut into 6 wedges

**Directions:**

- Heat 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) canola oil in Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Working in two batches, brown beef, about 3-4 min. per batch, stirring frequently.
- Meanwhile, in a sauté pan heat remaining 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) canola oil and cook bell peppers and onions 4 min. or until onions are soft, stirring frequently. Stir into cooked beef. Add stewed tomatoes, beer, chili powder, cumin, paprika, and bouillon. Bring just to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat, cover and simmer 45 min. Stir in salt.
- Serve chili with choice of toppings placed in three small bowls.

**Nutrition:**  
Calories: 240; Total Fat: 8g; Saturated Fat: 1g; Cholesterol: 45mg; Total Carbs: 18g; Fiber: 5g; Protein: 20g; Sodium: 480mg; Potassium: 18mg

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## Violins of hope

Ben Frueh, a junior studying violin performance at Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, was one of the performers Jan. 14 during the “Violins of Hope: Wisconsin” at the Jesuit Retreat House. The statewide project, led by the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra in partnership with Violins of Hope–Wisconsin, weaves together music, storytelling and shared experience to foster understanding of history. The violins were on display at the retreat house, allowing attendees to view the instruments before hearing their stories and sound.

## Organizers to expand artist database for gallery walks

Oshkosh Herald

For more than 20 years, the Oshkosh Gallery Walk has brought artists, businesses and neighbors together on the first Saturday of every month.

To make these connections easier — and to spotlight exceptional local work — organizers are launching two complementary initiatives.

The first is a local artist database, which includes a \$10 per year profile that lets artists share contact info, monthly availability, a short bio and images (with descriptions and dimensions).

Businesses browse and contact artists directly to book shows for the Gallery Walk. The annual cycle runs April through March. Artists can join anytime for the same \$10 fee.

The next Gallery Walk is at 6 p.m. Feb. 7 in downtown Oshkosh.

### Oshkosh UnConference focuses on community response

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh UnConference will be convening from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard.

The theme of the event will be “How should the community respond to the

current moment?” The second is The Night Gallery, a juried exhibit of six artists presented in the Algoma Art Alley during the June, August and September Gallery Walks. Following strong attendance in 2025, The Night Gallery returns in 2026 with artists selected by a panel of local galleries and arts organizations.

Applications for The Night Gallery open Jan. 31 and close April 4. Artists and creatives are encouraged to both register for the Artist Database and submit to The Night Gallery.

The artist database signup is at [cognitofirms.com/JambalayaArts1/OshkoshGalleryWalkArtistDatabaseRegistrationForm](http://cognitofirms.com/JambalayaArts1/OshkoshGalleryWalkArtistDatabaseRegistrationForm).

The Night Gallery application will be available starting Jan. 31 at [cognitofirms.com/JambalayaArts1/NightGalleryArtistSubmissionForm2026](http://cognitofirms.com/JambalayaArts1/NightGalleryArtistSubmissionForm2026).

current moment?”

The event will include a potluck at noon.

Attendees are invited to find neighbors and community members who want to talk about the same things they want to talk about.

# Calendar of events

### Thursday, Jan. 22

Wisconsin Herd vs. Noblesville Boom, 11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oklahoma presented by Oshkosh West Choirs, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

### Friday, Jan. 23

Oklahoma presented by Oshkosh West Choirs, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

### Saturday, Jan. 24

Cold Water Classic Ice Fishing Tournament, 10 a.m., Asylum Bay

Cinderella presented by the Missoula Children’s Theatre, 3 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oklahoma presented by Oshkosh West Choirs, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

The Batman (2022), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Wisconsin Herd vs. Noblesville Boom, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

### Sunday, Jan. 25

Wisconsin Herd Card Show presented by Cardboard Legacy, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oklahoma presented by Oshkosh West Choirs, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

### Tuesday, Jan. 27

“John McGivern’s Main Streets: Oshkosh” Community Premiere, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

Winter Resource Fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

### Saturday, Jan. 31

Love Your Pet Expo, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oshkosh UnConference, 9 a.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard

Empty Bowls – Oshkosh Soup Dinner, 4 p.m., The Howard

Lilo & Stitch (2002), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Steely Dane: The Ultimate Steely Dan Tribute, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

### Friday, Feb. 6

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Morgan House Tour, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Signed, Sealed, Delivered by Reverie Theater Company, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

### Saturday, Feb. 7

Winter Flight Fest, 8 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Otter Street Fisheree, 10 a.m., Miller’s Bay in Menominee Park

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Galentines Celebration, 10 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Hairspray (2007), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

### Sunday, Feb. 8

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Souper Bowl Celebration, 12:30 p.m., T&O Bowling Lanes, 1007 Oregon St.

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# North's Alic hits milestone in close loss to Ghosts

By Zachary Bellin  
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Despite the 60-55 loss Oshkosh North suffered to the Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts, Awut Alic gave the Spartans something to smile about.

The talented junior hit a milestone, as she scored her 1000th point over her varsity career on the way to a team high 18 points.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Alic said. "Them passing to me, looking me open, and creating for me to get all my open shots has been so important so I really couldn't have done it without them."

The energy of her Spartan teammates was the most memorable part of her night that included a post-game celebration of her accomplishment.

"Us being compact and staying together through all the hard moments has allowed me to just have fun and enjoy being out there," Alic said.

Head coach Rick Leib said the accomplishment is not only incredible for Alic but it's great for Oshkosh North's basketball program.

"Awut is a young lady who works hard and she got a milestone," he said. "Not only is that great for Awut (Alic) but that's great for our school, our team, and then all the young kids (in the Oshkosh North basketball program) see that hard work pays off which is really important."

On multiple occasions Oshkosh North was able to get momentum on their side and lessen big deficits by going on scoring runs but they could only get the score in their favor one time the entire game.

Leib said he's proud of how the team didn't let the X's and O's of the game frus-



Oshkosh North's Awut Alic reached a milestone in last Friday's loss to Kaukauna, scoring her 1,000th point for the Spartans.

trate them and their focus towards the ultimate goal of winning.

"We were down 14 at one time and then we got it right down, and that's something we've been talking about," Leib said. "Just stick and don't look at the scoreboard, keep your nose down and keep going at it. So I was really proud of that tonight."

Oshkosh North won the opening tip off but couldn't convert on multiple chances which allowed Kaukauna to get a 4-0 lead early in the game. Brinna Paulson responded for the Spartans with her first of five three pointers in the contest then

Paulson connected again from beyond the arch, this time to tie the game 8-8. That was followed by Alic getting on the board with North taking their only lead of the contest 10-8.

Kaukauna would rapidly take the lead back by scoring four points in a row, but Paulson connected on a three pointer that'd hopefully be a momentum stopper. It wasn't, the Ghosts got four straight chances at the free throw line and made only one, but after an offensive rebound and two straight three pointers they led 21-13 with around 7:45 left in the first

half.

A steal by Paulson and a feed to Alic would this time successfully get momentum on the Spartans side, as they'd finish the half on a 17-11 run over the final six minutes thanks to the duo that started it. Regardless of that run, Kaukauna fended off a full-scale comeback with an Aubrey Lensmier two pointer and went into half-time with the lead 32-30.

Coming out of the break things looked to be heading in the right direction for Oshkosh North but once again momentum shifted quickly. Shots stopped falling for North and Kaukauna capitalized by going on a 12-0 run.

"That's the beauty of high school athletics," Leib said. "We didn't need a halftime right then and just that little break kills the big momentum. We changed our warm-ups and we did stuff different but yeah, welcome to high school athletics."

The Spartans defense created yet another run as both sides of the ball seemed to click for North. Promise Shehi scored the team's first points of the half and the offense was off from there. Navi Lao-Facundo showed her presence in the paint by nearly getting to a double-double over the run and Alic imposed her will by getting to the free throw line three different times and gathering five points from it.

"That's definitely something I've been working on, but it's also something I allow to come naturally," Alic said. "If my defender is close by me, I can just drive past them, but I'm also looking to attack too, so really it's whatever the defense gives me."

Conveniently, her 1000th point came from the free throw line amidst the 11-5

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Left: Oshkosh West's Kinslee Nelson (11) tries to dribble past Oshkosh North's Navi Lao-Facundo (24) during the second half of last week's rivalry game at Oshkosh West. Right: Oshkosh North's Owen Weber fights for possession of the ball between Oshkosh West players Tyler Moderson (right) and Kole Stauffacher.

# West girls, North boys collect wins in rivalry games

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Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North split a girls/boys basketball doubleheader played last Tuesday at Oshkosh West.

The Wildcats captured the girls game, 67-39, while the Spartans took the win in the boys game 76-44.

It was the 13<sup>th</sup> straight win for the West girls in the series. The last time the Spartans beat the Wildcats in a girls basketball game was in the 2018-19 season when

North took both meetings between the two teams.

Kamryn Stauffacher scored 18 points for the Wildcats, who shot 42 percent from the field compared to just 31 percent for the Spartans.

Mya Johnson added 10 points off the bench, while Samantha Panske added eight points and Colleen Fitzpatrick and Kinslee Nelson each chipped in seven points.

Nelson also finished with a team-high seven rebounds and five steals as the Wildcats scored at least 67 points for just the third time this season.

Awut Alic was the lone player in double figures for the Spartans, totaling 16 points in the contest while also finishing with five steals.

Brinna Paulson finished with eight points and Navi Lao-Facundo grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

The Spartans couldn't overcome 22 turnovers in the game.

On the boys side, North earned its 10<sup>th</sup> straight win in the series and marked the third straight game the Spartans have posted the victory by at least 30 points.

Bryce Ott and Owen Weber each posted double-doubles in leading the Spartans to the win.

Ott finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while also chipping in a handful of assists. Weber finished with 13 points

and 10 rebounds.

Jackson Anderson also reached double figures with 12 points and had six assists for the Spartans, while Brady Anderson had eight points and Kallum Larson-Poeschl finished with eight.

Joey Ware was the lone player in double figures for the Wildcats, finishing with 22 points. Billy Berg chipped in eight points.

Both teams shot well from the floor in the game – North shot 47 percent, while West was at 45 percent – but the Spartans knocked down nine 3-pointers while West finished just 1-of-9 from behind the arc.

The two Oshkosh schools will play another girls/boys doubleheader on Friday, Feb. 20, with the girls game slated to start at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow. The games were originally to be played at the Oshkosh Arena but the games have been moved to Oshkosh North.

# Wildcats, Spartans set to duel for Andrew Wallace trophy

Oshkosh Herald

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Sgt. Andrew Wallace Memorial Dual Meet between Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North will be held on Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. at Oshkosh North.

The dual meet is held in honor of Wallace, a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard who was killed in 2005 while serving in Iraq. Wallace was a passenger in a Humvee that was escorting a convoy of supply trucks when a roadside

IED went off.

Wallace, who was 25 at the time of his death, was an adaptive physical education teacher at Emmeline Cook Elementary School and helped coach wrestling at North before his deployment.

Prior to the start of Thursday's meet, a ceremony will be held to commemorate the occasion.

Oshkosh West has won the last eight dual meets between the two teams, posting a 63-12 win in last year's matchup.

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# Spartans' Lister has grown into leadership role

By Tim Froberg  
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Tylan Lister didn't become a poised, polished basketball player overnight.

It took time for the Oshkosh North senior to evolve into the rock-solid performer he is today.

"I remember when I started playing basketball back in the fourth grade with the boys' and girls' club team," said Lister. "I was terrible. I was this chubby little kid who would be airballing shots all the time. I was not good at all."

"But I was a hard-working kid. Eventually, I started taking it more seriously and I got better."

He sure did. Lister is no longer a chubby little kid – nor is he launching many airballs these days. He's grown into a 6-foot-2 combo guard and team leader who is looking to drive the Spartans back to the WIAA boys' basketball state tournament for the second consecutive year.

Lister was a starting guard for a North team that went 19-10 overall, 11-7 in the Fox Valley Association and reached the 2025 WIAA state semifinals before dropping a heartbreaking 58-57 decision to Wisconsin Lutheran.

A third-year varsity player, Lister has played a more prominent role this season, especially in terms of scoring following the graduation loss of standout forward Zay Mitchell, who has taken his considerable talents to Iowa State.

Lister has more than doubled his scoring numbers, averaging 9.2 points per game (through 11 games) after contributing 4.2 ppg as a junior. He's also second on the team in assists (3.8 per game), third in 3-pointers made (14) and fourth in rebounds (2.3 per game) and steals (1.8 per game).

"My role has definitely changed," said Lister, who averaged 2.0 assists, 1.3 rebounds and 0.9 steals, while sinking 23 3-pointers as a junior. "To lose a big scorer like Zay, I knew I was one of the guys who was going to have to step it up. I've put the work in and feel like my time has come. It feels amazing."

Amazing is a good word to describe Lister's work ethic. He's a gym rat who has put in countless hours developing his game.

"He loves basketball," said North coach Brad Weber. "He's in the gym whenever he can be and is obsessed with getting better."

Lister is a team captain who provides the type of strong leadership that every team needs. Lister has always been vocal on the court and doesn't mind taking charge, directing traffic and accepting responsibility in tense situations.

"He's been on varsity since his sophomore year and it's been fun to watch his role grow every year," Weber said. "The one thing that has been constant – no mat-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Tylan Lister is a three-year varsity performer for Oshkosh North and has taken on a bigger leadership role in his senior season.

ter what his role has been - has been his consistent voice on the court."

Lister considers his ability to communicate and connect with teammates to be part of his outgoing personality. He's not a shy, quiet guy, especially on the court.

"I've always been a big communicator and one of the roles I've always had on varsity was my voice," Lister said. "There's a lot of things going on mentally during a game. I knew going into the season that I had to be accountable and point those things out to my teammates."

"You can learn a lot about leadership from a guy like Zay (Mitchell) and I'm 100 percent comfortable being a leader out there. I would say that being a floor general out there and just staying focused and leading the team are my biggest roles.

I want to win. I love to win. That's the biggest thing I'm trying to do out there."

Tylan isn't the only Lister to make a strong contribution to Weber's North program. His older brother, Tyrus Jr., was a member of the 2020-21 Spartans team.

"I remember seeing him and Jordan McCabe (the former Kaukauna High superstar) going at it and I loved it," Lister said. "It inspired me."

Lister always loved playing the game but didn't really start developing his skills until late in junior high. That's when he also experienced a major growth spurt.

"Right around the middle of my eighth-grade year I started losing a few pounds and my dad noticed that I was growing a little bit," said Lister.

"My dad (Tyrus Sr.) has always been a

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tall guy and all of a sudden I was towering over him. It was kind of crazy."

Weber has built one of the state's finest boys' basketball programs at North, winning a state championship in 2018 and developing a future NBA star in Tyrese Haliburton. Lister appreciates the opportunity to play for Weber in such a high-level hoops program. His younger brother, Jayden Pyke, is a starting guard for the North junior varsity team.

"My brother (Tyrus Jr.) wasn't an all-star at North, but he's a straight-up guy and he told me how good the program was," Lister said. "He said they don't play favorites and if you're a hard worker, you're going to get a chance to play."

"When I found that out, I knew I had a coach that I'd love to play for. Web is really good. He's had a lot of great players in this program who he developed. With me, he brought my love back to the game of basketball. I will forever thank him for that."

Lister wants to play college basketball and is hoping he'll get the opportunity.

"That's always been my dream," he said. "I'm trying to make it come true and there's been some interest. I have to keep working hard. I know that sounds like a typical answer, but it's the truth."

Lister won't take any shortcuts. The gym is his happy place and it's tough to get him out of the building some days.

"You need to trust yourself and challenge yourself," Lister said. "You need to put in the hours that nobody sees, because that's how you're going to get there. I love being in the gym and I love basketball."

"As a kid, whenever I was frustrated at home, I'd just go outside and start walking around with a basketball. From an early age, it's always been my safe spot."

Lister is an integral part of a solid North team that is looking to compete for the Fox Valley Association title and make another deep tournament run. The Spartans stormed back from a 13-point first-half deficit in the state tournament loss to send the game to the wire.

Lister had the confidence to take the last shot and his 3-point attempt was right on line, but bounced off the rim.

"Competing at state was amazing – almost like an out of body experience," Lister said. "People say they're high on life. Well, that's how I felt. Incredible experience."

"We want to get back there and we know we're capable of getting it done."

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# Prep sports roundup

## HOCKEY

### Ice Hawks notch pair of wins

Oshkosh picked up 5-4 victories over both Stoughton and Beaver Dam to highlight last week.

Trent Krueger and Andy Toonen each scored a pair of goals in the victory over Stoughton on Thursday. Brennon Kraft also scored for the Ice Hawks.

Oshkosh led 3-0 only to have the Vikings come back and tie the score midway through the second period. Krueger scored late in the second period to break the tie, before Toonen made it 5-3 early in the third.

William Beck picked up two assists in the win, while Ethan Eichman made 26 saves in goal.

Maxtyn Hammermeister scored two goals in the win over Beaver Dam as the Ice Hawks took a 3-1 lead after the first period and held the lead over the final two periods.

Kraft, Zach Zimpel and Dayton Briski also scored for the Ice Hawks, while Hammermeister also led the team with two assists.

Magadanz made 27 saves in goal.

Oshkosh started the week with a 14-3 loss to the Fox Cities Stars with Toonen scoring a pair of goals and Elijah Johnston adding one.

## GYMNASTICS

### North/West takes 2nd at Purgolder invite

Neva Schlies and Aubrey Goyke each won individual events as the Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team finished with 131.8 points to take second at the Purgolder Invitational on Saturday.

Schlies finished first on the uneven bars (8.4), balance beam (9.3) and floor exercises (9.275), while also taking second on the vault. Her scores helped her claim the all-around title with a score of 35.475.

Goyke posted a score of 8.65 to take first on the vault and finished sixth in the all-around.

Other top finishers for Oshkosh were: Kendall Irwin, third on bars; Mia Drexler, fifth on beam; Joy Wheel, fifth on floor.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Warriors stretch win streak to three games

Mya Moran poured in 28 points and

Valley Christian notched its third straight win with a 51-46 victory at home over Sheboygan South last week.

Paige Boevers had a double-double with 11 points and 18 rebounds. Anna Giannopoulos added nine rebounds and five assists.

Earlier in the week, Moran notched a career-high 35 points on a near-perfect shooting night in a 72-68 on the road at Horicon.

Moran finished 11-of-11 from the field, including hitting all three of her 3-point attempts, while finishing 10-of-12 from the free-throw line for her total.

Lizzie Fink added 22 points and Boevers finished with nine in the win.

### Knights roll to win over Crusaders

Naomi Liabwill and Adhieu Liabwill each reached double figures as Lourdes Academy toppled Central Wisconsin Christian, 63-39, last week.

Naomi Liabwill led the team with 15 points, while Adhieu Liabwill added 14. Aubrey Schettle finished with nine points on 3-pointers and eight rebounds.

The Knights also lost to state-ranked Pardeeville. 67-34, but no information was provided on the game.

### Rough first half sinks West in loss

The Wildcats were held to just eight points in the first half and couldn't recover in a 58-42 loss to Appleton East on Friday.

Oshkosh West outscored Appleton East 34-29 in the second half but couldn't overcome the 21-point halftime deficit.

Ava Strasser and Samantha Panske each finished with 10 points to lead the Wildcats, while Kamryn Stauffacher finished with seven.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Balanced effort helps Knights net OT win

Four players finished in double figures as Lourdes Academy pulled out a 58-56 overtime win against Markesan last week.

Jackson Buttke and Harlan Kuehn each scored 13 points in the win for the Knights, while Brady Bauer and Henry Achterberg each added 12 points. Leading scorer Lucas Neuens did not play in the game.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes Academy

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## North girls

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Spartan run that brought the score to 49-44. Alic was rightfully celebrated over the PA system alongside her teammates and the fans.

From then on, the two teams would exchange baskets and reach the final score of 60-55.

Oshkosh North's top scorers in the contest were Alic with 18 points, seven rebounds and five steals then Paulson who scored 17 with 15 of them coming from beyond the arch and 12 points scored in the first half.

Leib credited Paulson's performance to her staying comfortable under face guarding defense by Kaukauna and believes a player of her and Alic's caliber can be a difference maker for a varsity program.

"What I was really proud of is that she (Paulson) didn't get rattled, she stayed

with the process and looked for shots when she had them," he said. "Brinna (Paulson) is another one of those girls like Awut (Alic) that loves the ball in her hands and you can tell. And for a program to take off, you don't need a whole bunch of them, but you need a handful, and we got a good start with those two."

Behind them in scoring was Lao-Facundo who finished the game with 11 points and nine rebounds, Raegan Batten with four points, Shehi with three points and Emaly Duran with two.

Even with the loss, both Alic and Leib were satisfied with the team's defensive performance as they finished the game with a total of 17 deflections, 13 steals and five blocks.

"That's what we want to do every game," Alic said. "If we're not aggressive and we're not backing up the team, we're not putting any pressure on them (the opponent). We want to apply pressure on teams to make them throw bad passes, take bad shots and all that."



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## Hall of Fame duo

The Oshkosh North Athletic Hall of Fame honored its two latest members, Libby Neveau (left) and Sydney Supple during halftime of Friday's girls basketball game. Both inductees graduated in 2019 and played four years of varsity softball together, combining for three Fox Valley Association titles, three WIAA state tournament appearances, including 2019 when the team went 31-0 and captured the first girls state title in North history. They finished 104-10 in four years. Neveau went on to play at Winona State University where she hit 47 home runs in her career with the Warriors. Supple, who currently works for ESPN and the Big Ten Network, played four years at Northwestern University and helped the Wildcats win multiple Big Ten Championships and made it to the 2022 College World Series where she started two game in the pitcher's circle.

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suffered a 79-65 loss to Central Wisconsin Christian.

Kuehn scored 17 points in the game to lead the Knights, while Buttke finished with 14 points and seven assists. Bauer and Achterberg finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

### Valley Christian takes down Tigersharks

Matthias Behling finished with 14 points to lead three players in double fig-

ures in Valley Christian's 52-38 win over Princeton-Green Lake on Saturday.

Derek Wallace added 12 points and Mason Everts finished with 10 in the win.

The Warriors also picked up a 61-50 win last week over Wild Rose as Behling erupted for a 28-point, 14-rebound effort in the win.

Wallace added nine points and Xander Osinga finished with eight.

In between the two wins, the Warriors fell to Horicon, 79-39. Wallace led the way with 16 points, while Behling finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

### Wildcats knock off Patriots

Joey Ware scored 21 points and Car-

ter Kufel notched his first career triple-double at the varsity level as Oshkosh West upended Appleton East 70-55 on Friday.

Kufel finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds in the win for the Wildcats, while Billy Berg also reached double figures with 12.

The Patriots were whistled for 28 fouls in the game, with West converting 19-of-29 from the free-throw line.

### North tripped in OT

The Spartans lost to Kaukauna, 94-93, in overtime on Friday.

No other information was available from the game.

## WRESTLING

### North crowns two champions at Markesan

Jamond Thompson-Schreck and Andrew Brockman each finished first in their weight classes to lead the Spartans at the Duane Bark Memorial Invite held in Markesan.

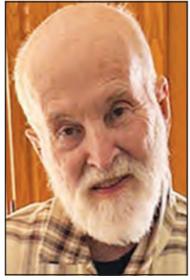
Thompson Schreck went 5-0 with two pins and three technical falls to take first at 165 pounds, while Brockman posted four pins and a major decision in winning the 175-pound bracket.

Stephen Nash took second at 120 pounds, while Dominic Wyrwicki (150) was third and Anthony Berger (144) was fourth

## Obituaries

### Robert George Gallinger

Oshkosh: A gentle-spirited man whose hard-working yet quiet, kind demeanor was endearing to all who met him, Robert (Bob) George Gallinger left his earthly home and joined Jesus at his heavenly home on Saturday, January 17, 2026, after a brief battle with pneumonia. Bob was



born on February 8, 1935, to Gordon and Jeanette (Rohrbeck) Gallinger.

Bob was raised on the Vinland Street family farm (a farm that was built by his own Great Grandfather in 1883) and spent 30+ years of his adult life as an employee of Rockwell International.

When the Korean War was winding down, Bob was called to serve. Family didn't realize until a few years back that his role while there was as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist! He further shared he never had concern for his safety while performing those duties.

Bob was honored to have flown to

Washington DC on an Old Glory Honor Flight, as well as being chosen as one of 50 Wisconsin Korean War Veterans to be flown to South Korea for a week in a once-in-a-lifetime Old Glory Honor Flight in 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic broke out and that extraordinary flight planned with his grandson was canceled.

Bob was also a private pilot and one exam away from becoming a commercial pilot. His 1941 Piper Cub was previously owned by the famous Steve Wittman and served as one of Steve's training planes; the Cub was Bob's pride and joy. When the tornado of 1974 hit the farm and severely damaged his Cub, he spent months rebuilding it in his home garage. His passion was giving rides, taking off from the family property's airfield. Bob piloted his plane until two years ago when painful back issues prevented him from flying.

Following retirement, Bob thought it was time to fulfill his dream of building a campground on the family property. In 1994, Hickory Oaks Campground came to fruition. Bob's strong work ethic and support from his brother and co-owner, Chuck, kept him busy with the camp-

ground seven days per week, all year round. Bob developed this little bit of wooded heaven into a successful, serene locale for those coming to the area for special events, as well as snowbirds wanting to stay during the campground season.

Bob's favorite time of year was the annual EAA AirVenture where as many as a dozen or more Cub Crafter pilots flew into the campground for the week to display their aircraft to interested EAA member parties.

Bob married Dorothy Mae Marsh on the Fourth of July, 1959. It was told (tongue in cheek) wedding guests threw firecrackers instead of rice following the ceremony!

Survivors include his daughter Kathryn (Fred) Glander, son Mark, son Michael (former daughter-in-law, Tamara); brother Chuck; grandchildren - Nathan (Mariam Mian), Alissa (Adam Streblow), Connor, and Kylee; three great-grandchildren - Arya, Adalyn, and Nadya; and niece Candice Marsh Luebke.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and his sister, Donna Lee Kott.

The family would like to express their

gratitude to Aurora Medical Center's compassionate and caring second floor staff, as well as Cindy from Aurora Hospice. Though he and his family's time in Room 227 was short, it's important this special group of angels be commended for the remarkable impact they had on Bob and family; they will be forever thankful for the sensitivity and tears shared.

A private memorial service will be held later this year. As was Bob's wish, the family requests memorial gifts in his name be sent to Valley Christian School Building Fund, 3450 Vinland St, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Bob was a faithful supporter of the Bible-based education Valley Christian provided.

"I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't, and die to find out that there is..." --Albert Camus

John 16:22 - Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

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### Elizabeth Lautenschlager

Elizabeth Lautenschlager, 85, of Oshkosh passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on January 14, 2026. She was born on February 10th, 1940 in Chicago, IL to Herman and Genevieve Link. She was married to her soulmate, John Lautenschlager, for 44 years.

She enjoyed traveling, bowling, golfing and hosting parties with her family and friends. Liz loved watching football never missing her favorite team, the Chicago Bears.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, John, her daughters Deanna (Billy) and Genevieve (Jim) and son John (Ann), and a loving brother Royal (LeAnn). as well as a beloved stepson Steve (Staci). Grandchildren are Sarah, Meghan, Jimi,

Becky, Lauren, Erica, Cortney, Alexa and Jackson. Great grandchildren are Carley, Alicia, Alivia, Gia and Madison.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved brother Peter and her grandson Nick.

Her family wishes to extend sincere gratitude for the loving and compassionate care given over the past year by Kim at Senior Helpers and to Lexi, Marissa and the whole remarkable team at Moments Hospice.

Per Liz's wishes, no formal service will be held.

The family requests memorial donations be made in Elizabeth's name to Moments Hospice.

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daughter Savannah.

Scott is survived by his mother, Darlene; sister, Kim (Casey and Emily); wife, Patricia; son, Rick (Danielle); granddaughter, Savannah; grandson, William; many family, bowling friends, and Rusty/Piper.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, William; son, Michael; and all of Scott's grandparents.

A service for Scott will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes West (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Wednesday January 21, 2026, at 6PM. A visitation will be held from 4 PM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery on a later date.

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### David Lawrence Paulick

David Lawrence Paulick, 78, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away on 1/17/2026 after years of battling Parkinson's disease.



David was born on 8/11/1947 to parents Joe and Florence Paulick in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at Mercy Medical Center. After

David graduated from Lourdes Academy in 1965, he went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army 1st Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. His service was a defining part of his life. He carried patriotism and love for his country with quiet strength and deep pride. One of his most meaningful experiences was participating in the Honor Flight at EAA in 2016. He proudly joined fellow veterans in visiting the memorials built to honor their sacrifice and service. He finally got the welcome home he, and so many others deserved, and it was something he cherished. He continued his commitment to fellow servicemen and women as a member of the Disabled American Veterans Association and was also a member of the Fox Valley Vietnam Veterans Association.

After serving in the war, he began his 40-year career at the Oshkosh Post Office where he proudly served the community and met every citizen at the front counter with a smile. He was a hard worker, a devoted father to his 3 children, and eventually a devoted grandfather to his 4 grandsons. David was a lifelong outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He enjoyed many years at Streich Point sitting in a duck blind alongside his son and close friends. When he wasn't hunting or busy at events supporting his kids and grandkids, he enjoyed being active. His love for an active lifestyle led him to complete many marathons and races. Out of all the races he attended, the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth was his favorite. When running was no longer feasible, he took up biking. He brought passion and purpose to everything he pursued, which led him to complete the 89-mile Race Around the Lake bike race. Whether outdoors or at home he lived life on his own terms and brought joy to every life he touched. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He is survived by his children Joe Paulick, Kevin (Amy) Paulick, and Megan (Dylan) Jacobson; four grandsons, Brant and Evan Paulick and Dawson and Hudson Jacobson; two brothers, Mike (Lori) Spanbauer and Tom Spanbauer; and numerous nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday January 23rd, 3-8 pm at Retros Pub in Oshkosh. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Oshkosh Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Association, an organization that David felt strongly about.

We would like to extend a thank you to all the staff at Parkview Health Center who took excellent care of David over the last 6 months.

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### Scott LeMay

Scott LeMay, age 65, passed away at his residence on January 14, 2026. He was born on January 14, 1961, in Maryland to William and Darlene (Krall) LeMay.

Scott went to Oshkosh West before entering the marines in March 1980, and married Patricia (Romme) while stationed in Okinawa, Japan on June 14, 1981. After returning from service their family grew with the birth of their son Rick and son Michael (deceased). Scott was a career machinist and lifetime outdoorsman. His love for hunting, fishing, and bowling were passed down to his son Rick and grand-

# Obituaries

## Pearly Seeley Voigtschild

Pearly Seeley Voigtschild, age 97, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the Edenbrook Appleton retirement home. Pearly was born on May 2, 1928, in New Lisbon, Wisconsin. She spent much of her life on a small farm near Winchester, Wisconsin, where she cultivated a sense of independence and resilience. Pearly founded and successfully operated Pearl's Wisly Washy laundromat and mending business in Winneconne for many years, becoming a valued member of the local community.

Pearly cherished time spent with her family and found joy in home redecorating and sewing projects. She also enjoyed taking bus trips with her friends, embracing opportunities for adventure and companionship. Throughout her life, Pearly was known for her fierce independence and strong spirit.

Pearly was united in marriage to Russell Seeley, with whom she shared 51 years until his passing in 1995. In 2001, she married Willard Voigtschild, remaining together until his passing in 2012. Pearly was preceded in death by her eight-year-



old daughter Minnie Jane, her parents John and Alice Fike and her siblings: Theodore, Stella, Goldie, Art, Chester, Dewey, Leo, Josephine, Acy, and Ethel.

She is survived by her sons: Larry (Gloria) Seeley and Kenneth (Sandra) Seeley; and her daughter, Bonnie (Dave) Reynolds. She leaves behind five grandchildren: Kevin (Julie) and Ryan (Krissy) Seeley, Aaron (Toni) and Amber Brennard, and Crystal Seeley. Pearly's legacy continues through her four great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn (Rajay) Graham, Tyler Seeley, Warren Seeley, and Ella Seeley, as well as other family and friends.

The Funeral Service for Pearly will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 23, 2026 at Kessler Fahrenkrug Funeral Home, 304 S. Commercial Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956. The Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until the hour of the Service at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Resthaven Cemetery.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the staff at Edenbrook retirement home, the nurses from Bristol Hospice, and Oshkosh Family, Inc., for their compassionate care of our mother.



ing out at the YMCA. She was a voracious reader, and she was always on the lookout for her next great find at Goodwill. Most importantly, Lynne dedicated herself to being a loving mother and enjoyed every moment she spent with her daughters, Emily and Betsy. She also served faithfully in Children's Ministries at both Nortonville and Plymouth Church.

Lynne is survived by her husband, Rick; daughters, Emily (April) Hopkins-Schumacher, and Betsy (Austin) Chase; brother, Keith (Cassie) Saagman; and her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service honoring Lynne's beautiful life and spirit will be held at Plymouth Church (1325 Georgia St.) on January 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation starting at 12:00 PM that same day.

The family would like to thank the staff at Edenbrook and Eden Vista Care Facilities, the staff at the ADRC, especially Amy and Melissa, the Deaconesses of Plymouth Church, the Staff at the 20<sup>th</sup> Ave YMCA, as well as Theda Care Hospice.



ing trips to Canada.

Rick is survived by his wife, Barb Schmiedel; daughters, Amanda Schmiedel; Allison Schmiedel; mother, Shirley Schmiedel; sister, Roxanne Schmiedel; brother, Scott (Jane) Schmiedel; nieces, Kaitlin and Mia; nephew, Max; and several extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his father, Gene Schmiedel; and grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Special thanks to all the staff at Bethel Home and Ascera Care for their care and compassion, and all the health care providers that assisted along the way.

A memorial service for Rick will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr, Oshkosh, WI, starting at 1:00pm. A time of visitation will begin at 11:00am and continue until the start of the service.



## James Henry Grover

James 'Jim' Henry Grover, Jim, age 87 of Oshkosh, passed away on the 16th of January, 2026 at Parkview Health Center. Jim was born on December 16, 1938 in Fond du Lac to Felix and Helen (Hardgrove) Grover.



Jim has an older sister, Mary Kort (Jerry), an older brother, Herbert (Caroline) and a younger brother Thomas (Karen). Jim grew up in Shawano and graduated from Shawano High School. He attended St. Norbert College, Milwaukee School of Engineering and then joined the Army. Jim was Active Duty in the US Army & in Germany. He then went on to enter the US Army Reserves where he completed 20 years of service. Jim also entered into the Wisconsin State Patrol where he became a Trooper and was known as a 'Bear in the Air' flying a plane for the state.

Jim met his future with, Betty in Shawano & on September 8, 1962 they were married. Jim & Betty spent winters in the south, mostly Arkansas. He loved golfing and a warm climate with friends during their retirement years. Jim also enjoyed hunting & snowmobiling. Jim was an active usher at St. Raphael's Parish, belonged to the Knights of Columbus as 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, he was active in the Sons of the

## Pamela Ann Schneider

Pamela Ann Schneider, age 73, of Oshkosh passed away on Thursday morning January 15, 2026 at her residence. Pamela was born in Oshkosh on March 29, 1952 the daughter of the late Willis and Barbara (Boede) Manthey. On July 6, 1973 she married Charles R. Schneider.

Pamela is survived by her husband Charles of Oshkosh. Three children, Guenevere "Gwen" (David) Krehbiel, Alexander "Alex" (Nancy) Schneider and Anthony (Angie) Schneider. Siblings, Connie (Terry) Kelly, Randy (Sara) Manthey, Peggy Miller and Lisa (Jennifer) Manthey. Eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

## Thomas Rees

Thomas Rees, age 84, passed away unexpectedly, after a fall, on January 15, 2026 at ThedaCare in Neenah.

He was born in Oshkosh on January 29, 1941. Tom enjoyed hunting and fishing. He served his county in the United States Army.

Tom is survived by brothers; Mike (Judy) and Dale (Diane) Rees,

## Marjorie Berrig

Marjorie "Midge" Berrig, 86, passed away in Neenah, Wisconsin on January 18, 2026. She was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on October 1, 1939, to Elwin R.D. Sr. and Dorothy (Clark) Elsworth.

She married David A. Berrig on May 4, 1957, in Oshkosh, WI and together they had 4 daughters. Midge worked at Hoffmaster for 37 years until her retirement. She loved doing cross-stitch, word searches and enjoying a good old-fashioned. She often went to the cabin up north and in her younger years and traveled a lot to Texas, Kentucky, and Tennessee as well as going on casino trips with friends and family.

Midge is survived by her daughters, Patricia Owen, Peggy McHugh, Paula Qualley and Pamela (Doug) Van Ryzin; grand-

American Revolution, and also a member of the American Legion.

Jim is preceded in death by the love of his life, Betty Grover. And his parents, Felix & Helen. Jim is survived by his sister, Mary Kort, brothers; Bert & Tom and many nieces & nephews. His son, David Grover and his daughter Anne (Greg) Francis. Jim has five grandchildren, Matt Grover, Holly (Chris) Barnett, Kelly Grover, Mike Grover, and Jacob Francis, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Oshkosh, WI. Father Thomas Long will be the celebrant. Visitation will be held on Saturday at 9:30 until the time of Mass. Committal services will be held at Calvary Catholic Cemetery following lunch at 1:30 pm.

In Lieu of flowers donations should be directed to Mass intensions at St. Raphael's Catholic Church at 830 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Special thanks to the staff at Aurora Medical Center and Park View Health Center for the wonderful care given to Jim in his final days.

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She was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 11 am at the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the funeral home from 10 am until 11 am. Private committal services will be held at Schellers Cemetery.

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step-daughter; Laura Payne. He is further survived by four nephews and cousins.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife; Karen, his mother; Ruth, step-father; William White and half-brother; Jim Glazer.

Per Tom's wishes, there will be no formal funeral services.



children, Heather, Holly, Stacy, Samantha, Shannon, Megan, Carmen, Caitlen, Gena, Jennifer and Craig; and many great-grandchildren; best friends, Vicky and Ceil; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, David Berrig; special friend, Jack; parents, Elwin and Dorothy; sister, Patricia Nichols; brother, Elwin Elsworth Jr.; grandson, Joshua; and son-in-law, Sam McHugh.

Per her wishes, no formal services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Diabetes Association or planting a tree in her honor.



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## Marvin Richard Kotowski

Marvin Richard Kotowski, the youngest child of Kazmerz and Bernice (Polishinski) Kotowski was born on December 1, 1943, in Oshkosh. His soul found its freedom on two wheels. Marvin passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2026, and is now free to ride his bike once more, the wheels carrying him wherever he wishes to go, just as he always loved in life.

Marvin grew up near St. Josaphat Church and was baptized there, becoming a member of the parish. With his family's strong spiritual beliefs, he first came to know the Catholic faith. From an early age, Marvin discovered the freedom of having his own bicycle. He loved exploring the neighborhood, venturing into new places, or even making a quick trip to the grocery store for much-needed essentials. Riding was more than transportation; it reflected his curiosity and spirit that defined him throughout his life.

Marvin was drawn to fixing things, tinkering with parts, and always wanting to repair and upgrade his bicycles. Even though living on his own had its challenges, Marvin made the best of things and embraced life on his own terms.

Marvin had a unique sense of humor that he loved sharing with his great-nieces and nephews. He was always ready with a silly story, often about cats, bringing laughter and preserving memories for years to come. Marvin was the youngest of four siblings. He shared a particularly close bond with his brother Florian from Colorado, who remained in frequent con-

tact, visited annually, and cared about Marvin's well-being. His sister Phyllis was a devoted caregiver, giving guidance and support in his daily life. He also appreciated time spent with his sister Marcella and brother-in-law Woody, sharing stories especially about his beloved bicycle.

Over the years, Marvin was blessed with many meaningful friendships and loving bonds with people beyond the family who cared deeply for him.

Marvin is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and one sister-in-law, Marge Kotowski.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Kazmerz and Bernice Kotowski; his sisters, Phyllis Shea and Marcella Woodland; and his brother, Florian Kotowski. He was also predeceased by his brothers-in-law, Robert Shea, and Roland Woodland who were a constant presence in his life; his beloved niece and nephew Linda Briese and Thomas Woodland.

Marvin taught us that even with only two wheels, one can travel near and far and touch many lives along the way.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Omro Care, who for many years treated Marvin with warmth and compassion, embracing him as though he were one of their own; to the compassionate nurses and the dedicated team from Heartland Hospice, who stayed by his side through difficult times. We also appreciate the social workers and staff from Oshkosh Family, Inc., for their years of dedication and support, helping ensure

a meaningful farewell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at St. Jude Parish, St. Vincent Site, 1225 Oregon Street, Oshkosh. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00-11:00 a.m., followed by the Mass at 11:00 a.m. The graveside service will take place at Calva-

## Fay Ann Drayna

Fay Ann Drayna, age 88, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.



Fay was born on November 16, 1937, in Oshkosh to Leonard and Audrey (Windhauser) Penzenstadler. She graduated from Oshkosh High School. After

her children were born, she earned her degree in Library Science from UW Oshkosh in 1971. She worked as a librarian for the Oshkosh Area School District for 20 years.

Fay spent hours working in her flower gardens throughout her life. Her house was always filled with her dried flower arrangements. When the boys were young, they went on many trips including camping out west in their little orange pop-up. Later, she enjoyed several trips to Europe and across the US. She loved to sing and was a charter member of the Oshkosh Choraliers which she thoroughly enjoyed. The "pizza ladies" were her long-time best

friends: Cathy MacArthur, Sherry Redlin, Sandy Putman, and Judy Hielsberg. Fay is survived by her sons: Charles "Chuck" Kunz and William "Bill" Kunz; grandson, Aaron Kunz; Aaron's mother, Patricia Kunz; brother, Lee Penzenstadler; sister, Janet (Steve) Wissink; step son: Steve (Mary) Drayna; step grandchildren: Catherine (Ben) Brand and their son Calvin; Cameron (Michelle) McFarland and their children Jack, Brooklyn and James; Marnie (Joseph) Owen and their daughter Mimi; and the Penzenstadler nieces and cousins.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Roderick "Butch" Kunz, Ted Triphan, and Charles Drayna; sister-in-law, Suzanne Penzenstadler; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life for Fay will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54904, on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 12:00 pm. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 am until the time of the service.

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## John Henry Ambrose

John Henry Ambrose, age 73, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 14th,



with his family by his side after a lengthy battle of health struggles. John was born on July 28, 1952 in Watertown, Wisconsin, the son of the late Heron and Eleanor (Pitterle) Ambrose. He grew up in Jefferson, Wisconsin. After graduating high school John moved to Oshkosh, where he attended UW-O graduating with a degree in Operations Management. It is in Oshkosh where he met the love of his life, Jodi Meyer. They were united in marriage on July 12, 1980. Together John and Jodi raised two children, Jana and Joe.

While in college John worked at UW-O, and bartended at Tosha's bar and George's Gaslight. At 19, he got a job at Arrowhead Conveyor, and worked there for 18 years. He started in the factory, and worked his way up to Sales Manager. He left Arrowhead to work for Arrow

Conveyor Equipment Inc. for 9 years. He then worked for himself at Arrow Equipment up until the time of his death. In March 2020, John started delivering for The Chalice, to help his son out during the pandemic. He continued to deliver through the summer of 2024. He greatly enjoyed his time delivering and hanging out at The Chalice.

John would do anything for anybody. He was always there to help. He never sat still, and was incredibly hard-working. In fact, Monday was his favorite day of the week! Even in his declining health he never complained about anything, and just kept going.

He was a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge #27, Scottish Rite (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction), Tripoli Winnebago Shriners, Beja Shriners, and Zor Shriners. In Zor he was a member of the Zor Mavericks and took great pride and enjoyment in riding scooters in many parades. He was also a member of the Elks Club of Oshkosh.

He loved his family deeply, especially his grandkids. John is survived by his wife, Jodi; children Jana (Dan) Singer and Joe

(Stephanie) Ambrose; grandchildren, Kai and Eloise Singer, and Harper and Zach Ambrose, all of Oshkosh. He is further survived by his siblings, Kathy (Jerry) Andersen of Madison, Jim Ambrose (Mary Marozick) of Menominee Falls, Jean Ambrose (Jack Waffle) of Whitewater, Bob (Pat) Ambrose of Oconomowoc, and Cindy (Chris) Nash of Jefferson; brother and sisters-in-law, Jim (Sue) Meyer of Oshkosh, Jerry (Sue) Meyer of Fort Collins, Colorado, Linda Meyer of Oshkosh, Julie (Andy) Berger of Marshfield, as well as

numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Duffy and Marcella Meyer; his infant brother, Jerry; and brother-in-law, Jay Meyer.

A very special thanks to Aurora Oshkosh, Dr. Lake, Dr. Hanes, Dr. Wallace, the numerous ER staff and inpatient nurses, Davita dialysis staff, and Aurora at Home Hospice, for their loving care and compassion.

Per John's wishes there will be no funeral. A family Celebration of Life will be held this summer.

## Karen Sue Hopp

Karen Sue Hopp, age 72, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born on



February 24, 1953, and dedicated 29 years working at Hoffmaster as a machine operator. She enjoyed chocolates, mints, listening to Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles, and being with family.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Jenny Hopp; son, Jason Hopp; sisters Nancy Jo Pradovic and Patti Martens; brother, James Robert Schroeder (Maureen); aunt,

Susan LaRose; brother-in-law Dick Hopp (Joyce); and three sister-in-laws; Sally (Gene), Janie (Warren), Christa, and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Hopp; parents Helen & Lawrence Schroeder; brothers-in-law Ted Hopp and Duane Hopp, and her dog Brody.

Services to celebrate Karen's life will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at St. Jude Parish (formerly St. Vincent Catholic Church), 1225 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI. Friends and family are invited to gather from 4pm to 6pm followed by a service with Deacon Pat.

Karen will be forever cherished in the hearts of those who knew her.

## Bryan Christopher Bremer

Bryan Christopher Bremer passed away unexpectedly on January 10, 2026, due to a sudden medical condition.



Bryan was born one month premature on February 10, 1976. He attended Oshkosh West HS and played on their tennis team and graduated with honors.

After high school he attended UWO and played on the college tennis team. Some of his tennis buddies and himself decided to form a band, Fallout, and practiced in Bryan's parents' basement. They were very successful with the college crowd. After Fallout, Bryan played with Boxkar and in both bands wrote many of their songs and played guitar (self-taught). Boxkar played many gigs around the country including an Inauguration of one the Presidents of

the US.

Bryan was a wonderful caring person who would help anyone in need. Also, the best son and brother anyone could ever want and will be beyond missed by family and friends.

Preceding him in death were both pairs of Grandparents and his dog; Antonio. Surviving him are his parents; Garfield and Marcia Bremer, his brother; James (Kandi) Bremer and his furry friends; Batman, and baby Loki, also many wonderful Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

As requested, there will be no service. However his band mates are doing a Celebration of Life on Bryan's Birthday, February 10. Contact Christopher Szebeni on Facebook for information. Thank you to the many friends who have contacted the family with their kind words about our loving son Bryan.

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## Legal Notices

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Raymond Joseph Bornhofer By (Petitioner) Raymond Joseph Bornhofer**

**Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000020**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: First - Raymond Middle - Joseph Last - Bornhofer To: First - Raymond Middle - Colby Last - Evans Birth Certificate: First - Raymond Middle - Joseph Last - Bornhofer

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs Place: 415 Jackson St Rm 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: 2/9/26 Time: 8:30 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.

**NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:**

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a

Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Oshkosh Herald.

**BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: January 7, 2026 /s/ Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, BR4**

**Runs: January 14, 2026, January 21, 2026 and January 28, 2026.**

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY Case No. 26PR2**

**Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Brett D. Gelbach

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informational administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/04/1982 and date of death 11/24/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2962 Sunset Point Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 21, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Court-house, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

**DATE SIGNED: January 15, 2026**

Form completed by: Attorney Nathan P. Olson Address OLSON LEGAL GROUP, LLC 21 W. New York Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone 920-230-7020 Bar Number 1059348

**Runs: January 21, 2026, January 28, 2026 and February 4, 2026**

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## Harold G. Drecktrah

Harold G. "Gene" Drecktrah, age 87, passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.



He was born to the late Harold W. and Ella (Christopherson) Drecktrah on November 1, 1938 in West Salem, WI. Gene married his high school sweetheart Mary Schomberg on June

30, 1962. Gene graduated high school in 1956, received his BS from UW-LaCrosse in 1961, then completed his PHD from Iowa State in 1965.

Gene joined UW-Oshkosh in 1966 where he held multiple positions until his retirement in 2002. He was a professor, associate dean, co-chair of the biology/microbiology department, active researcher and curated the UW-O insect collection. Gene was an avid UW-O Titans sports fan and supported all the men's and women's teams. He was a proud member of the Titan Booster Club, bartender for the University Club and an active member of the athletic committee for many years. One of his proudest accomplishments was being part of the UW Foundation board of directors. It was there he was able to contribute to the overall growth and direction of UW-

O, including the establishment of multiple scholarships in education and biology.

Gene led an active and adventurous life filled with travel both domestic and international. Many summers were spent crisscrossing the states on extended camping road trips with his family. His love of craft beer may have only been topped by his passion for insects, and both interests were satisfied throughout his travels in Wisconsin and beyond. Being an avid sports fan, he closely followed all his hometown teams; the Packers, Bucks and Brewers. Later in life he rediscovered his love for cars and took much pleasure in driving and showing his classic cars.

Gene is survived by his sister Anne, his two sons, David (Jessica) and Daniel (Liz) Drecktrah and two grandchildren Lucy and Brock. In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary in 2002.

A celebration of Gene's life will be at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes- westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh) on Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the UW - Oshkosh Scholarship Program in memory of Gene.

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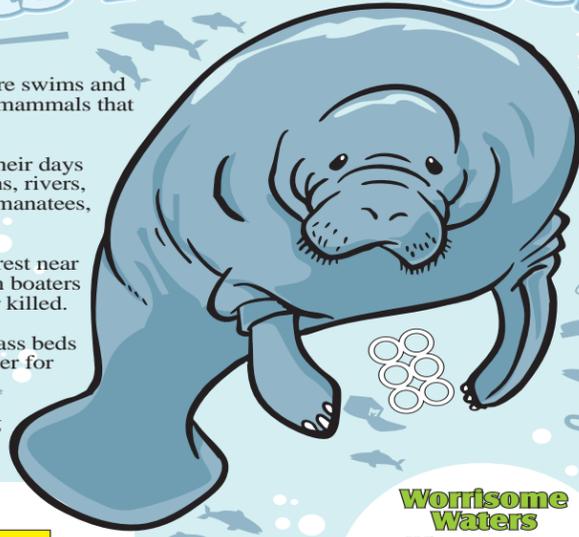
In warm, shallow salty waters and rivers, a large, gentle creature swims and grazes. It's called a **manatee**. Manatees are shy, slow-moving mammals that eat plants, and they are completely harmless to people.

Manatees have lived on Earth for millions of years, spending their days munching on seagrass and other water plants in tropical lagoons, rivers, and bays. Florida is one of the best places in the world to find manatees, and thousands live there today.

Manatees need our help. Because they swim slowly and often rest near the surface, they can be badly injured by boat propellers. When boaters ignore speed zones and warning signs, manatees can be hurt or killed.

Manatees also depend on clean, warm water and healthy seagrass beds to survive. Pollution can damage their habitat and make it harder for them to find food.

By protecting waterways, following boating rules, and keeping the water clean, people can help make sure manatees stay safe for many years to come.



### Worrisome Waters

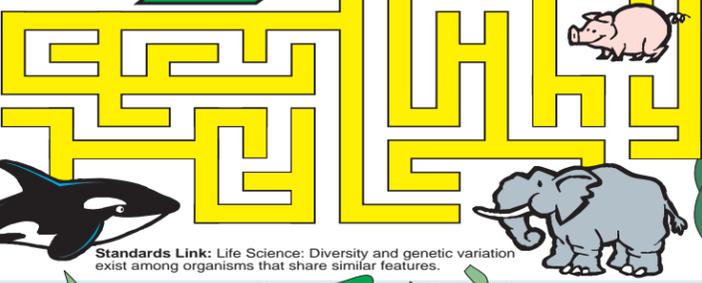
When manatees accidentally eat trash left behind by humans, they can die. Help clean the lagoon by finding all of the things that don't belong.

Standards Link: Scientific methods: Sort objects by attributes.

### What's That?

Manatees are mammals. To what animal is the manatee related? Complete the maze to discover the answer.

START



Standards Link: Life Science: Diversity and genetic variation exist among organisms that share similar features.

## Manatees are the State Marine Mammals of Florida



In 1981, singer and songwriter Jimmy Buffett and Florida Governor Bob Graham helped start the Save the Manatee Club to protect manatees and the places they live. At the time, manatees were in serious danger, and people wanted to make sure these gentle animals would not become extinct.

Thanks to years of education, research, and conservation, manatees are doing better today. The Save the Manatee Club continues to work to protect manatee habitats and reduce injuries caused by boats and other human activities. Even though manatees are no longer listed as endangered, they are still considered threatened and need people's help to stay safe.

The Save the Manatee Club also helps people learn more about manatees. On their website, you can watch manatees on live webcams during certain times of the year. Scientists can recognize individual manatees by the scars on their bodies, which helps track and protect them.

You can even adopt a real manatee through the Save the Manatee Club! Adopting helps support conservation efforts in Florida. When you adopt, you receive information and a photo of your manatee and learn how your support helps protect these amazing animals.

For more information, visit [savethemanatee.org](http://savethemanatee.org)

### The Mermaid Legend

Long ago, sailors told tales of lovely sea creatures called mermaids. When early European explorers first saw manatees, they thought they were mermaids. Christopher Columbus wrote in his log book that they were not as beautiful as he had thought they would be.

*"They are not as beautiful as they are painted, to some extent they have a human appearance in the face."*

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Understand the origin and format of legends.



Find at least five differences between what Pirate Pete **thinks** he sees and what is **really** there.



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Extra! Extra! Manatee Math

Look through the newspaper for numbers that add up to the length and weight of manatee calves and adults.

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums.

**FACE FACTS:** When manatees greet each other they nuzzle each other on the face.

### Manatee Facts

Manatees come up for air every 7 to 10 minutes.

Adult manatees eat over 200 pounds of water plants each day.

Manatee calves are 7 feet (2 meter) long when they are born and weigh about 150 pounds. They grow to be about 10-foot-long and weigh about 1,000 pounds.

### THE MANATEE SECRET CODE

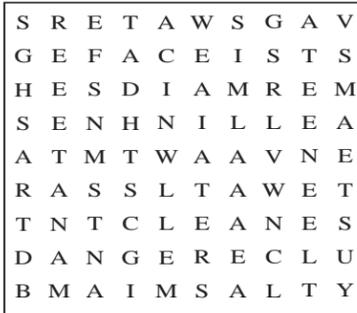


Standards Link: Life Science: When the environment changes because of natural or man-made forces some animals struggle to survive or become extinct.

### Double Double Word Search

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

- MANATEE
- GENTLE
- GIANTS
- DANGER
- MERMAIDS
- CALVES
- TRASH
- WARM
- WATERS
- SWIMS
- SALTY
- TEAM
- CLEAN
- FACE
- TALES



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

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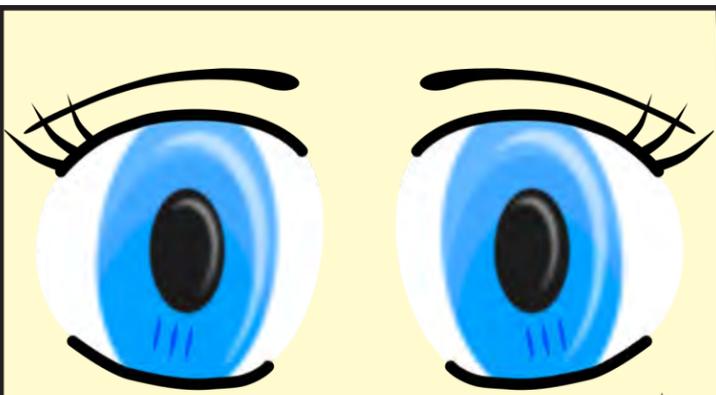
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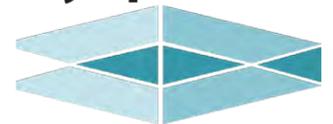
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