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Residents advised to look into lead pipes

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Over 16,000 letters have been sent out to Oshkosh residents advising them of the lead status of their water service line. Officials hope the letters get more people to identify more lead pipes across the city.

The letters the city sent out are part of an annual notification that is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“There is no immediate action that needs to be taken if you got a letter,” public works director James Rabe told the Herald. “It’s an annual notification.”

There are approximately 21,000 water laterals in Oshkosh. The lateral is what takes the water from the main city water line into buildings. The city has reported around 9,500 of the laterals are not lead, 6,300 are confirmed lead and about 5,100 are unknown.

The city is working with residents to get that last number to zero. To do that Rabe is highlighting the lead service line replacement (LSLR) pro-

gram.

The LSLR program uses funds the city has applied for and received from the DNR. The city will pay the invoice of the project done by a pre-approved contractor up to \$5,400 for the service line replacement and \$1,300 for potential hard surface restoration. The property owner is responsible for 50% of the costs of the service line replacement.

To check a property’s status, go to Oshkoshwater.com click on the ‘lead service line information/replacement program’



Rabe

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Card trading

The fourth annual Wisconsin Herd Card Show, in partnership with Cardboard Legacy, marked a milestone this weekend, drawing an estimated crowd of more than 1,000 collectors and expanding to its largest size yet. Held at the Oshkosh Arena, the show featured 105 vendor tables — up from just 29 tables when the event debuted four years ago. Cardboard Legacy owner Nicholas Wienandt said nearly 20 additional tables were added this year to meet growing demand.

Board approves program to back student achievement

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Two Oshkosh schools will become community schools thanks to a grant to fund a pilot program to address a number of issues in public schools that affect student attendance and performance in the classroom.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors narrowly approved the \$158,913 grant that will support community health workers in two Oshkosh elementary schools. The three-year pilot program, Addressing and Preventing Childhood

Trauma in Winnebago County: A Community Schools Approach, is being led by Winnebago County Public Health and will provide \$500,000 in funding to the program over the next three years.

“The initiative’s primary goals are to improve economic stability for families, reduce childhood trauma, increase school attendance, and strengthen academic and social outcomes for students most impacted by systemic inequities,” public health director Doug Gieryn said in a memo to the county board.

Winnebago County Executive Gordon

Hintz expressed support for the program and stated these community schools already exist across the country, with around 30 in Wisconsin, including in Appleton, Green Bay and Sun Prairie.

The program is intended to address food insecurity, housing and transportation barriers, Hintz said. Oshkosh Area Community Pantry executive director Ryan Rasmussen said during public comment that OACP serves 4,400 students through its own student program. Those numbers line up with the Oshkosh Area School District’s report that over 50% of

students are economically disadvantaged.

“It’s a three-year experiment,” Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke said.

The resolution needed a two-thirds majority vote and received that with a final vote of 24-9 with one supervisor abstaining.

A number of supervisors voiced concerns that this program was “DEI” and opposed it on those grounds.

Supervisor Steven Binder said he supports the grant to support students in

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Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Students from the Oshkosh Area School District performed Jan. 19 during the district's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Vel Phillips Middle School.

District celebration includes student voices

Civility project honors 15 torchbearers

Oshkosh Herald

The second annual Oshkosh Area School District Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration provided a reminder that "true peace" is an active pursuit.

This year, student voices from throughout the district led the way, filling the room with reflections on justice and hope. From essays and speeches to performances, students honored Dr. King's legacy and showed how they are living it.

The school district said more than 200

people attended the event Jan. 19 at Vel Phillips Middle School to keep a new tradition growing.

During the event, the Oshkosh Civility Project (OCP) announced the 15 Torchbearers of Civility in commemoration of the group's 15 years in Oshkosh.

The 15 honored are community members nominated because they model the values essential to a healthy, connected and respectful community.

Those who received this honor included: E. Arthur Rehbein, Kim Cooper, Jennifer Skolaski, Craig Burnett, Mushe Subulwa, Brittney Maehl, Michael Ford, Barbara Herzog, John Nichols, John Fuller, Franki

Moscato, Timber Smith, Alana Erickson, Steve Hintz and Brad Spanbauer.

Since its founding, the Oshkosh Civility Project continues to engage with dozens of civic groups, partners with local government and K-12 educators, maintains a presence at community events such as the Oshkosh Farmers Market and consistently lifts up the importance of respectful dialogue and behavior.

As OCP founder and longtime core team leader Walter "Scotty" Scott—who passed away last year—shared, Torchbearers are those who "embody the practices and values we believe are essential to a healthy, connected, civil community."

Oshkosh North presents final shows at The Grand

Oshkosh Herald

Tickets are available for Oshkosh North High School's performances of "Hometown: Teen Edition" featuring a folk opera retelling of the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 12-14 and 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at The Grand Oshkosh. This is set to be North's final musical at The Grand as the venue is expected to be under renovations and a new auditorium is being built at North.

"Hometown: Teen Edition" is a full-length adaptation by the original authors specifically created to make the show accessible and appropriate for family audiences aged 10 and up. It maintains the original story and production elements.

Tickets are available at thegrandoshkosh.org or by calling 920-424-2350.

First Tuesday concert features horn quartet

Oshkosh Herald

First Tuesday at First Congregational on Tuesday features The Fox Valley Horn Quartet. The church is located at 137 Algoma Boulevard.

The group will perform music of John Lennon, Orlando Gibbons, Billy Joel, Thomas Morley and more. Dr. Bruce Atwell, Josh Hernday, Andrew Parks and Keith Dom Powell are the quartet's members.

The public is invited for music at noon, followed by homemade soups, salad, dessert, coffee and four kinds of fresh homemade baked breads. The suggested donation is \$11 per person.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

Jan. 29, 1908

Fire Destroys Robert Brand Company:

It was 18-below zero when the night watchman made his five a.m. rounds. Things looked fine. Fifteen minutes later, he heard an explosion and saw flames leaping from the second and third-floor windows of the finishing shop. He ran to a saloon across the street and called in an alarm. It was too late. The buildings were burning hot

when the fire crews arrived. There was no stopping it. The water from the hoses caked into frozen clumps wherever it landed due to sub-zero temperatures.

At the end of the day, the complex was a smoldering ruin surrounded by whorls of grimy ice. Firefighters fought the blaze for 16 hours. It took 10 months to break up and cart away the debris. Everything was lost. Almost 80 workers were put out of work. Damage estimates neared \$32,000. Robert Brand and Son was underinsured to such a degree that less than half of the loss would be covered. The Robert Brand Company is the builder of bank and bar furnishings.

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Discussions on gambling machines continue

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's mayor has floated the idea of banning video gambling machines in the city as business owners are attempting to skirt state prosecution by proposing "bars" be built into gas stations.

The Oshkosh Common Council are continuing discussions regarding video gambling machines in the city as applications have started coming in for licenses that would allow a loophole for getting the machines back.

Last summer, there was an effort by state officials to have gas stations remove video gambling machines from their premises. Mayor Matt Mugerauer stated he has concerns with license applications that are solely to evade a felony charge.



Mugerauer

"I don't like it," he said.

Mugerauer added he would like the council to have a discussion on banning the machines in Oshkosh. He expressed interest in the council updating city codes to make the video gambling machines illegal and having the city attorney's office or Oshkosh Police review the status of the machines.

Video gambling machines are illegal in all circumstances across Wisconsin. However, if an establishment has a class B liquor license, meaning they can serve alcohol, there is a \$500 fine for each machine up to five machines. If there are more than five machines, the business owner could face a misdemeanor charge and a fine up

to \$10,000.

But in the case of gas stations and other places having these gambling machines, each machine is a felony charge filed against the business owner. This could include a fine of up to \$10,000 and possible jail time.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is responsible for the enforcement of these machines. Special agent Travis Borkenhagen provided information to the council of the DOR efforts last year. He added there are 10 DOR special agents across the state and upwards of 17,000 licensed establishments across the state.

Lalita Khanal of Oshkosh Quik Pantry, 1212 Porter Ave., recently submitted an application for a Quik Pantry Pub to be built on the side of the existing gas station.

The analysis by city staff states, "The application notes that they will have five mechanical gaming machines and seeks to license the small portion of the business where those machines will be kept. This licensed premises site plan includes a separate exterior entrance, 'bar area,' area for five mechanical devices, and access to the shared restrooms for the building which is incorporated by the same individuals."

The 300-square-foot site plan shows a maximum occupancy of seven people that includes a licensed operator to serve customers. Khanal stated it would cost about \$100,000 to build the pub.

The application was laid over to the Jan. 27 meeting as the council has yet to establish a policy and possibly a new ordinance for addressing the video gambling machine issue.

City Clerk Darla Salinas said the proposed policy changes would ask new ap-

plicants to provide more information and detail about what the business plans to do with the license.

Council member Karl Buelow, who has worked as a bartender, made his position clear on the issue.

"Selling what is essentially flavored poison is a privilege, not a right," he said. "Alcohol is extremely profitable. There's a reason why these licenses are sought after and why people want these licenses – they can make people a lot of money."



Photo by Michael Cooney

Winter recreation

With temperatures remaining cold enough, ice skating has remained open this month on the Menominee Park Zoo lagoon. Free skate rentals and concessions are available from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The lagoon is also open for skating during regular zoo hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, but skate rentals and concessions are available on weekends only. Skating is weather and ice dependent. Updates are posted on the Menominee Park and Zoo Facebook page.

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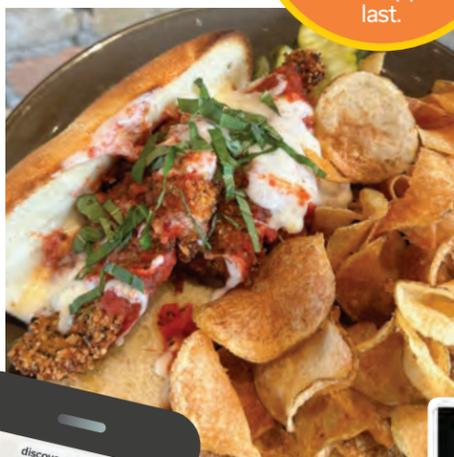
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Changes made as cold increases shelter demand

Salvation Army expands role as warming center

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As the winter cold intensified this month, the Salvation Army of Oshkosh is quietly filling a critical gap in the city's emergency shelter network — operating

both as a daytime warming center and an overnight emergency shelter for some of Oshkosh's most vulnerable residents.

During regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays the Salvation Army functions as a warming center. When temperatures drop further, the facility also operates around the clock as an emergency overnight shelter for men,

primarily serving individuals who cannot be accommodated elsewhere.

"We were seeing people sleeping around our buildings in dangerously cold weather," said Lt. Amy DeLomis of the Salvation Army. "We were afraid that someday we'd come in and find someone who hadn't survived the night."

The effort began quietly last winter to address people who are permanently banned from Day By Day Shelter and therefore had nowhere else to go. Over time, the program evolved into a coordinated system in which Day By Day remains the first placement option, with the Salvation Army providing shelter for men who cannot stay there or when overflow is needed.

So far this winter, the Salvation Army has primarily served men on Day By Day's permanent exclusion list, housing up to 12 guests at a time, with the capacity for additional people during emergencies. Guests receive a cot, blankets, a warm dinner, evening snacks and a light breakfast in the morning.

"Our staff and volunteers make sure people are treated with dignity," DeLomis said. "There's always food, water and someone willing to listen."

Shelter operations begin at 4 p.m., when the building transitions from daytime services to overnight care. During weekdays, this can mean operating 24 hours a day —

a significant strain for a staff of six and a limited volunteer base.

"This really stretches us," DeLomis said. "We rely on volunteers and support from our community partners to make this work. "The Salvation Army works closely with Winnebago County Emergency Management, Winnebago County Public Health, the Oshkosh Police Department and the Oshkosh Public Library to ensure safe daytime options when overnight shelter guests must leave in the morning."

While the overnight shelter serves men only, DeLomis said the Salvation Army is also assisting women and families through alternative means. Currently, four families are being housed in motel rooms because they cannot stay at Day By Day and are not eligible for shelter at the Salvation Army facility.

For some guests, the experience has been life-changing.

"I felt welcomed. I felt at home," said a shelter guest who asked to be identified as Dale. "This is the first place that's made me feel safe — like I wasn't just being pushed out because I'm another person on the street."

DeLomis said the work is rooted in relationships as much as logistics.

"They're people," she said. "No different than you or me. If we can keep someone alive through a Wisconsin winter, that matters."

Convicted killer not allowed to withdraw no contest plea

Oshkosh Herald

Daniel T. Wilson, 20, who was convicted of shooting and killing another man in July 2024, will not be able to withdraw his no contest plea.

In November, Wilson entered his no contest plea for first-degree reckless homicide for shooting Atem Mathiang, who was visiting family in Oshkosh from Michigan.

Last week, Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt denied Wilson's hearing. Wilson has had four different attorneys for the case. All have withdrawn with Kirk Obear being the most recent withdrawal on Jan. 20.

Wilson was initially facing a potential life sentence for intentional homicide but he pled to the lesser charge of reckless homicide with a potential prison sentence of up to 40 years followed by 20 years of extended supervision.

Wilson wrote two letters to Woldt asking for his plea to be withdrawn. The letters allege that Wilson did not know a no contest plea meant guilty. He also alleged that there was new evidence in the case.

As Wilson represented himself on Friday, he told Woldt the new evidence was a video of his former attorney and family members. Woldt explained that the state would not have that video and that it was his responsibility to file that potential new evidence in the case.

During the hearing on Friday, Woldt said during the Nov. 24 plea hearing Wilson admitted he was entering the plea knowingly, intentionally and voluntarily.

Wilson was successful in getting his sentencing delayed for a month. He will be back in court in March for sentencing.

According to the criminal complaint, on July 2, 2024 OPD was dispatched to the 1000 block of Wisconsin Street after a woman called stating there was a body lying in her front yard.

Mathiang was found lying on the ground next to a pool of blood. EMS personnel attempted life saving measures, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. Two gunshot wounds were located in his upper chest.

An autopsy was done which determined the victim had five gunshot wounds. Police recovered six spent shell casings at the crime scene.

Officers spoke to two witnesses who were playing video games with Wilson at their home before going outside for a smoke break.

The trio went outside when they were approached by Mathiang, who allegedly was trying to sell the group marijuana. The witnesses told police Wilson fired a black handgun and then they ran back inside the home.

Wilson fled the scene and was later arrested during a traffic stop by Fond du Lac police.

Crews fight house fires during cold snap

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to two calls of structure fires during last week's cold snap.

OFD responded to a structure fire at 11:37 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the 1900 block of Minnesota Street. The home's two-car detached garage was fully engulfed in flames when crews arrived. The fire was extending to the adjacent house.

The occupants were able to exit the home prior to fire department arriving. The home sustained significant smoke and fire damage.

The day before the department responded to a house fire in the 900 block of West 10th Avenue. When crews arrived on the scene there was smoke and flames visible from all four sides of the house. There were no occupants at home at the time except for the family dog, which has

been presumed dead.

Mutual aid was provided by the Town of Algoma Fire Department, Fox Crossing Fire Department and the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department on both calls. The cause of the fires remains under investigation.

Fire Chief Tim Heiman said the task of firefighting is challenging enough by itself. When adding subzero temperatures to the equation, he said it gets even more challenging.

"Some of the biggest challenges we face are: frozen equipment, slippery surfaces, structural risks due to ice build up and access issues due to snow build up or icy roofs," Heiman said. "Our firefighters also have to deal with an added layer of cold, stress and fatigue. Firefighters are working hard, sweating inside their gear, then are suddenly exposed to extreme cold."

Fire safety tips

Heating equipment usage

Space heaters: Opt for heaters with tip-over protection and auto-shutoff. Keep them on a stable surface away from blankets and drapes.

Fireplaces and wood stoves: Increase cleaning frequency during heavy use. Keep firewood, kindling, and other combustibles away.

Frozen pipes

Prevention: Insulate pipes in unheated spaces. Apply heating tape or foam for additional protection.

Thawing safely: Use safe methods like a hairdryer or thermostatically controlled heat tape. Never use open flames.

Electrical load management

Overloading risks: In extreme cold, demand for electricity increases. Avoid plugging too many heating devices into one circuit.

Alternative heating

Avoiding unsafe fuels: Use appropriate fuels for heating devices, such as kerosene heaters, following manufacturer guidelines.

Proper ventilation: Ensure outdoor venting for all fuel-burning heaters to prevent buildup of dangerous gases.

Weather-related emergencies

Power outages: Have backup systems like battery-powered lights. Avoid candles, which can cause fires.

Generator safety: Place generators outdoors, away from doors and windows, and never use them inside.

Smoke and CO alarms

Vigilant monitoring: Cold can affect battery life. Regularly check alarms more frequently during extreme cold.

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County joins lawsuit over PFAS at Wittman Airport

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is joining a lawsuit over potential contaminated soil at Wittman Regional Airport.

Two weeks after hearing a presentation by a Texas law firm, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Jan. 20 unanimously voted to join Brown and Eau Claire counties that have already decided to pursue litigation.

The lawsuit centers around aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) to control and extinguish aviation fuel. Companies like 3M, Dupont, BASF and Tyco Fire products have used AFFF in their products since the 1960s.

If this flame retardant foam was used at the airport there is a chance it has got into the groundwater. It then may have caused contamination problems for years.

AFFF contains forever chemicals known as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

The Judiciary and Public Safety committee met before the meeting last week to go over the resolution to join the PFAS litigation with outside counsel.

Supervisor James Ponzer questioned having to pay 25% of the potential funds from the lawsuit to the Dallas-based law firm Baron & Budd.

Chris Edwards of Baron & Budd explained to the committee that the law firm

does not take any attorney fees if there is not a successful outcome. The fee would be paid if there is a settlement reached in the case or if the case is won by trial verdict.

Edwards also explained that the lawsuit does not create any obligation to remediate the potentially contaminated soil.

The county board heard the presentation at a special meeting on Jan. 6 and last week the board voted without any further discussion to enter the litigation.

During the Jan. 6 presentation Jason Julius from Baron & Budd told the board PFAS are one of the most pressing environmental issues for public entities "given the impact these chemicals can have on drinking water, soil, storm water and waste water."

A successful outcome would mean that Winnebago County gets to keep 75% of the funds to clean up the contaminated soil.

Chamber honors community, business leaders

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber recognized exceptional individuals, businesses and organizations during its 118th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

With 500 attendees present, the annual meeting Jan. 15 brought together leaders from the Oshkosh community and business community. The awards celebrate leadership, service, innovation and commitment to strengthening the Oshkosh community and local economy.

Outstanding Chamber Volunteer Award: DTMK Photography Innovations.

Propel Young Professional of the Year Award: Sierra Skindzelewski

Ambassador of the Year Award: Ann

Marie Koleske

Distinguished Service Awards: Wayne Youngwirth, Javad Ahmad and Phil Janes

Lynne Webster Leadership Award: Megan Lang

Stephen Mosling Commitment to Education Award: Sadoff Iron & Metal

College, Career, and Community Ready Awards: Avah Walter (Oshkosh West High School) and Giovannie Haralson (Oshkosh North High School)

Alberta S. Kimball Community Service Award: The Paine Art Center and Gardens

Horizon Award: Discover Oshkosh

Small Business of the Year Award: Glacier Dental

Enterprise of the Year Award: Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

UWO student receives leadership scholarship

Oshkosh Herald

Aryana McElwee, an elementary education major from UW-Oshkosh, was one of the recipients awarded a Tommy G. Thompson Leadership Scholarship from the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership.

Each of the 13 students from across the

University of Wisconsin system received a \$3,000 scholarship. The students exemplify Tommy Thompson's spirit of tackling big problems through teamwork and determination to make Wisconsin a better place.

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School grants

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Oshkosh that are economically disadvantaged, struggle to read and have high absent rates.

"We have the ability to give these students a better quality of education," Binder said. "If we don't take this money, somebody else is going to take it, and their kids are going to benefit from it."

The grant received approval by the Board of Health committee 5-0 and 3-2 in the personnel and finance committee. The grant is for a total of \$500,000 with \$158,913 for the first year. The program will start on June 1, 2026 and end on May 31, 2029.

Gieryn said this is being funded by an endowment from the UW Medical School. At the end of three years of the program, there will be an evaluation that will be done by members of the Whitburn Center at UWO.

Once that independent review is completed, Gieryn said, Winnebago County schools will be able to evaluate the evidence-based program and determine if it's something the district wants to bring in to their schools.

"Is this something that we want to take on?" Gieryn said. "Has it benefited our school districts and our families? Has it allowed us to do more teaching and less navigation of issues at home? Has it decreased absentee rates? Have test scores improved?"

Gieryn said those are all the questions the districts can ask in three years.

"This is a research project," he said. "Our goal here is to bring community schools to Winnebago to test it here and then see how things play out."

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City receives funds for water treatment

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

City officials were pleasantly surprised last week after a bipartisan funding package passed the U.S. Senate and now the nearly \$40 million of spending is sitting on President Trump's desk for signing.

Senator Tammy Baldwin announced she voted for a package that includes almost \$40 million for projects across the state.

If Trump signs the bipartisan funding package to support clean drinking water, public safety and economic development, Oshkosh will receive \$3.2 million for the city's new tertiary phosphorous and UV treatment system.

The city has also been awarded \$2.1 million from the state's clean water fund program. Director of Public Works James Rabe said this money will alleviate some

of the costs that Oshkosh would have to pay for the \$43.5 million project.

"This bill makes key investments to ensure people are safe in our communities and cops are supported, families have clean water and a safe environment to live in, and our local businesses can keep creating good-paying jobs," Baldwin said. "I'm also proud to once again work with countless Wisconsin communities in every corner of the state to deliver direct federal support for projects that address their specific needs, from replacing aging water infrastructure, to investing in emergency services, to supporting victims of crime and abuse."

The funding package included direct support Baldwin helped secure for 16 Wisconsin projects to help more communities get clean water, support victims of crime, and invest in emergency services and law enforcement.

Training program offered for women

Oshkosh Herald

Fox Valley Technical College is offering a Starting Point program for women.

Spring 2026 registration is now open with an application deadline of Feb. 6. Spring classes start Feb. 11.

The program is career and family focused with free child care available during in-person classes. It is offered in-person

on the Oshkosh and Appleton campuses as well as virtually.

Participants will learn about Fox Valley Tech and how to be successful in school. Counseling and advising will be provided to each participant, along with parent coaching if appropriate.

Application information can be found at fvtc.edu/women.

Council plans upcoming financial education events

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago Area Literacy Council (WALC) is hosting a series of financial education workshops beginning Feb. 11.

A workshop about what credit reports mean to lenders will be from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 in Conference Room A/B on the lower level of Oshkosh Public Li-

brary. WALC and Community First Credit Union will present information about credit reports and scores, shopping smart and building credit.

The workshop from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 18 will focus on what credit scores mean for individuals. To learn more, visit winlit.org/events.

Lead pipes

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then open the interactive map, type in the address to find out the lateral status.

The majority of the lead pipes in the city are located in the older parts of the city. Most properties on the west side and north side of the city are not lead. However, there are three areas in the city that are eligible for 100% financial assistance.

Those areas are census tracts 4, 7, and 12. Tract 4 runs along Bowen Street to Jackson Street from New York Ave to West Packer Avenue. Tract 7 is primarily the area around UWO from New York Avenue to Wisconsin Street and Tract 12 is south of the Fox River from West Ninth Avenue from Main Street to Knapp Street.

Although no immediate action needs

to be taken right now, Rabe said there is a possibility that the EPA will eventually set a deadline for all municipalities to remove all lead.

When that time comes Rabe said there will be a 10-year timeline set up giving municipalities across the nation 10 years to replace all lead pipes.

There are numerous health effects associated with exposure to lead in drinking water such as decreases in IQ and attention span in infants and children. For adults lead can increase risks of heart disease, high blood pressure or nervous system problems.

If lead is found in the water, there are simple steps that can be taken to reduce the amount of lead. This includes using a lead-removing filter and cleaning faucet aerators.

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Five candidates vying for two seats on school board

Oshkosh Herald

Campaigns are underway for the spring election with early voting set to get underway for next month's primary.

The Herald sent out a candidate questionnaire to each of the five candidates for three open seats on Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education with the same three questions. Four candidates will move onto the April 7 general election.

For more information on the spring election, including where to vote and what is on the ballot, go to myvote.wi.gov.

The candidates have been listed in alphabetical order. Some responses may have been edited for clarity and space.

Barbara Herzog

Barbara Herzog, 77, is an incumbent seeking another three-year term on the school board. She is a retired K-12 educator with experience as a teacher, principal and administrator.

Herzog holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Adult Education from UW-Madison.



Herzog

Relevant experience: I have served public education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and central office administrator.

I have served on the OASD Board of Education, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards board of directors, the CESA 6 Board of Control, The Paine Art Center and Gardens board, the Oshkosh Public Museum board, the Oshkosh Saint Vincent de Paul Society Council, the Women's Fund Board of the

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and as a member of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

For ALL students to have access to high-quality education, we need to successfully implement an effective math curriculum and a science of reading program. Each student behind one or more grade levels in literacy or math should have an individualized learning plan. When students are successful in literacy and math, they have more options in high school course choices and for plans after graduation. I will continue to ask questions of our administrators for actions they will take to ensure literacy and math success for each student and for them to explain plans they will implement to close the achievement/opportunity gap.

To promote inclusivity and diversity, I will continue to ask administration to present plans to close the achievement gap, advocate for ongoing professional development for all staff to better address the diverse needs of today's students and meet with historically marginalized student groups to better define what our district must do to ensure their success.

How would you work to engage families and the community to ensure all voices are being heard?

It is important to engage families and the community to ensure that all voices are heard. I would promote the use of focus groups and surveys by administration; increased presence of central office administrators in all schools; and encour-

agement of students, staff and community to contact board members and administrators to share feedback.

I will reach out to those who have interest or expertise in topics that the Board is reviewing as I did recently on the topic of media specialists. I will continue to reach out to historically marginalized student groups and will seek opportunities to attend events and meetings where parents and members of the community gather and share their feedback about the school district.

I will continue to attend PTO meetings and will seek feedback from parents and the community when I am in formal or informal settings.

What should the district be doing to address declining enrollment?

The Wisconsin Population Laboratory projected statewide declining population numbers for many years due to a declining birthrate.

Ted Neitzke, CESA 6 executive director, has noted that 37 of the 39 CESA 6 districts in our region have declining enrollments. Our district must be more proactive in reaching out to the 4K parents to encourage them to enroll in our district.

We need to promote countless examples of success throughout the district, especially those that set our district apart. Such examples include North Communities Program, West Global Studies Program, Carl Traeger Middle Show Choir and middle school jazz bands.

Data matters and stories matter. We need to reach out to students in private schools and home schools to encourage summer school enrollment. We need a strong commitment from administration and the Board to our career and technical education programs to attract more students into our middle and high school programs.

Paul Molitor

Paul Molitor, 70, is a retired chemistry professor with Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Nebraska. He also worked for United Rentals, Oshkosh Defense and Miller Electric Manufacturing Company.



Molitor

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

All students in this school system have access, I can't perceive of a staff member or teacher standing in the way of any student who wants to excel due to background.

The question includes abilities. A "high quality education" looks different for students of different abilities. For many, college prep is appropriate and the schools do a good job for the most part. Many students are not destined for college, I'm not sure what programs are available, but I will make sure that these students are not neglected, they need an education that will equip them for jobs that are available.

An improvement in the reading and math proficiencies are vital here along with critical thinking skills that many jobs require.

How would you work to engage families and the community to ensure all voices are being heard? Currently, a large part of the declining enrollment is undoubtedly due to families whose voices are not being heard. I hope to be available to community members who have concerns that are not being met and bring them to the attention of the board and thus make

changes in policy, when needed.

In addition, my background puts me in a position that my voice will add diversity to the voices on the board. I have vast vocational experiences, in and out of education, and a worldview that is Christian and conservative.

What should the district be doing to address declining enrollment? First of all, make an effort to find out why students are leaving the district. Answers to these questions can help design plans to make the schools more acceptable to these students.

In short, we need to get better in a few key areas. Proficiency scores need to be better. The schools need to be seen as a safe place for all students.

Many conservative leaning families are leaving the district due to the prevailing worldview that is being presented that is not consistent with traditional Christian values. I'd like to see a return to teaching basics with an overarching worldview that is not hostile toward any (left leaning or right leaning) orthodoxy. Not easy to do but was done in the past.

Mallory Schneider Birschbach

Mallory Schneider Birschbach, 39, is a full-time parent and community volunteer. She has a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies from UW-O.

Relevant experience: I've attended school board meetings in person for al-



Schneider Birschbach

most three years. I am currently in my fourth year as president of a parent-teacher organization, along with additional volunteering in my child's school.

I'm an advocate in the community that mobilizes citizens to be aware of and confront issues facing our school district, city

and county. My work experience is also rich in customer service, which means I am used to listening to people's concerns, which will be no different while serving on the school board.

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

Whether serving on the legislative committee or getting the board to collectively address our elected officials, we need to fix public school funding at the state level to help every student locally.

Special education is near and dear to my heart, as my own child receives additional services to support his learning. Our state legislators continue to not provide additional aid or increase special education reimbursement to levels necessary to cover costs. This puts a strain on funds for all students, and local taxpayers are left to make up the difference.

Yes, enrollment is down, but funding from the state has not kept up with inflation, along with providing extra funds to cover costs for higher support needs. Advocating for financial support for our students with higher support needs and diverse needs is intrinsic to promoting inclusivity and diversity in our community.

How would you work to engage families and the community to ensure all voices are being heard?

I would like to expand community involvement in board committees or create a committee that includes parent/caregiver representatives from each school, along

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School board

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with community members without children currently attending OASD schools.

Parents/caregivers and community members could come together in a formal setting to discuss concerns and highlights from each school and work collaboratively to address issues.

What should the district be doing to address declining enrollment?

Addressing concerns may help reverse the trend. Regarding test scores, the board approved new curricula to address literacy and math outcomes.

As a board, we cannot teach students, but we can ensure educators are supported, along with communicating goals and expectations.

Fiscal transparency is also discussed. I would be in support of changing the district budget process to look similar to the City of Oshkosh's process. It is more work, but if the books are opened in such a manner that the board can more thoroughly review items and spending, along with community input sessions, this would make the process more transparent.

The board is also working on a data dashboard. If approved, it would make information on student outcomes and fiscal realities more digestible and can foster accountability. While the approval of this initiative is before the election, I would support it and make sure it's used.

Jefferey Watts

Jefferey Watts, 40, is a full-time parent wrapping up his software and web development degree and an entrepreneur.



Watts

Watts flipped off the school board during the Sept. 24 board meeting. This was during the public comment section of the meeting. He told the Herald he was being heckled from the crowd and said that he regrets his demeanor but not his actions.

Relevant experience: Single father of children who are in the district, community volunteer, frequent school board attendee, experience working with special education and behavioral needs.

Oshkosh candidates forum to be held Tuesday

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh City Council and Oshkosh Area School Board candidates will participate in a candidate forum on Tuesday, two weeks prior to the primary election on Feb. 17.

The forum will be held from 6 to 8:45 p.m. at Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave. The public is invited.

This forum is co-sponsored by the Winnebago County League of Women Voters and Oshkosh Media.

Public policy questions may be submitted in advance to wclwvinfo@gmail.com, to Margy Davey at 920-233-5055 (leave a message) or at the forum. LWV reserves the right to edit submitted questions for clarity or brevity.

Questions must be directed to all candidates. There may not be time to ask all questions submitted.

Karen Schneider, publisher of the Oshkosh Herald, Neenah News and Winnebago News, will serve as a panel member.

The forum will air live on Oshkosh Media Gov TV, which can be found on Spectrum Cable channel 10 in the city of Oshkosh and channel 99 on AT&T U-verse. It will also stream live on the Oshkosh

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

All students deserve access to a strong academic experience which meets them where they are. This means properly supporting special education, literacy, intervention services, and mental health support as well as the resources required while still maintaining high academic standards.

Being all-inclusive begins with listening to teachers and families and being mindful of the resources available and making them accessible for the students who need them, not ideology. Being diverse should be reflected through our curriculum which teaches our children how to think critically, how to understand history, and respect one another, all while keeping the focus on academic excellence.

My priority would be equity which comes through access, accountability and support which makes sure every child has a real chance at a strong academic experience.

How would you work to engage families and the community to ensure all voices are being heard?

To create engagement with families we must first become transparent and accessible.

I find myself sitting in on many board meetings. I've spoken with parents, educators, staff members and make myself incredibly available for genuine conversations. The people of Oshkosh need to know that any concerns they have are being listened to and taken seriously, not just forgotten, or dismissed.

I would be more than willing to support better communication, community outreach and outreach that includes working families, single parents and anyone else who might feel disconnected with the overall process.

Discourse matters and it needs to be done so respectfully. We absolutely do not need to agree on everything, but should we not be willing to listen, explain our decisions clearly and remain accountable to the community that elects us?

What should the district be doing to address declining enrollment? The declining enrollment in our district is both a trust and financial issue.

As a father I personally need to have confidence that the district I let care for

Media YouTube channel and the free Oshkosh Media apps on Roku, Amazon Fire TV and Apple TV. The forum will be available on demand on the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel and will re-air several times on Gov TV before the Feb. 17 primary election.

The Oshkosh Common Council segment from 6 to 7:30 p.m. includes eight candidates for three seats: recently appointed incumbent Jacob Amos, Paul Esslinger, Eric Gumz, Logan Jungbacker, Alec Lefeber and Dan Lenz. Tim Neubauer and Meredith Scheuermann are also seeking election but are unable to attend.

The Oshkosh Area School Board segment from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. includes five candidates for two seats: incumbent Barbara Herzog along with challengers Mallory Schneider Birschbach, Paul Molitor, Jefferey Watts and Jacob Wolf.

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to inform citizens about major public policy issues and about candidates seeking office.

The League of Women Voters neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties.

my child's education is focused on strong academics, transparency, safety and excludes strong responsible stewardship. As a district we should be evaluating the programs families value, build up literacy and math outcomes as a primary objective, while supporting special education, and ensuring that our schools feel responsive, welcoming and safe for all who walk through the doors.

We must remain vigilant in our efforts to be both honest and transparent about finances while avoiding emotional traps and continuing to make data driven decisions which prioritize the reason I am even filling out this questionnaire – the "students" in the classrooms.

Retaining the families of the great city of Oshkosh starts with delivering the best education possible and rebuilding trust because clear communication and accountability matter.

Jacob Wolf

Jacob Wolf, 38, is a fiber optic technician with a high school diploma and some college education. Wolf unsuccessfully ran for a seat on the school board last year.



Wolf

Relevant experience: Father of three kids, volunteer coach in the community.

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

To ensure all students have access to a high-quality education, we must respect the different values each family brings to the table.

For too long, our district has used a

one-size-fits-all approach that treats our kids like they are all exactly the same. But we know every child is an individual.

I believe in a back-to-basics approach that focuses on the student. True inclusivity isn't about government mandates; it's about empowering parents and getting resources directly into the classroom to help kids of all abilities.

We can respect our community's diversity while ensuring every student has a fair shot at success. We need to stop treating our kids like numbers and put the focus back on the students, the families and the classroom.

How would you work to engage families and the community to ensure all voices are being heard?

Trust is where everything starts. If we want families to feel heard, we must be completely transparent on every issue.

Providing information upfront, rather than forcing parents to dig for answers, proves the district has nothing to hide. This honesty makes families feel respected and more likely to get involved.

An informed community is one that can truly work together to create a positive change for our district.

What should the district be doing to address declining enrollment?

To address declining enrollment, the district needs to prioritize internal improvements over external excuses such as vouchers or birth rates.

Families and teachers are leaving because of concerns regarding academic performance, fiscal responsibility and student outcomes. Quality education is defined by results, not architecture.

Beyond essential accessibility updates, our resources should be invested in driving test scores and building a culture of excellence that retains talent and motivates students.



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Winnebago County transferred 10 people to ICE in 2025

Program limited to inmates in custody

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) reported that 10 people were transferred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody in 2025 under federal immigration enforcement protocols, according to annual statistics presented at a Judiciary & Public Safety Committee meeting earlier this month.

In addition, four other individuals with immigration detainers were sent to other law enforcement agencies, and three remained in the Winnebago County Jail at the end of the year.

An immigration detainer is a request that the jail hold a person for up to 48 hours beyond their scheduled release so ICE can take custody. According to the ICE website, immigration detainers are only requests and don't impose any obligation on law enforcement agencies to comply. An ICE transfer is when local authorities hand someone over to federal immigration authorities for review of their immigration status and potential removal from the country.

The Winnebago County Jail recorded 4,893 total bookings in 2025, including 228 individuals born outside the United States, or less than 5%. Jail staff made 151 notifications to ICE during that period, resulting in 17 immigration detainers, the data shows. Not every person born outside the U.S. and booked into jail triggers an ICE notification, as some are legally in the country.

Of the 151 notifications, 62 involved individuals who were flagged for ICE during their initial court appearances at the Winnebago County courthouse. The remaining notifications came from arrests made elsewhere in the county, including

23 by Oshkosh Police, 17 by WCSO, 13 by Fox Crossing Police, and nine each by Neenah and Menasha police. The arrests were for local offenses and the individuals were later identified as potentially subject to federal immigration review.

Immigration detainers can be issued for a variety of reasons, including individuals who are not legally in the U.S., have overstayed visas, are already under removal proceedings, have outstanding federal immigration warrants, or are legally in the U.S. for refuge but may face removal if convicted of a crime.

Ten of the 17 immigration detainers issued in Winnebago County in 2025 involved individuals from Mexico, according to WCSO. Two detainers involved individuals from Nicaragua, two from Honduras, and one each from Romania, Guinea and Sudan.

Seven of the 17 people with immigration detainers were charged with operating while intoxicated (OWI), meaning about 41% of the county's detainers involved individuals whose contact with law enforcement stemmed from OWI offenses rather than other criminal activity.

The remaining detainers involved people booked for charges that included receiving stolen property, retail theft, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, battery or threat to an officer, resisting or obstructing, fleeing or eluding, probation holds, or warrants from other counties for failure to appear.

The most serious charges among Winnebago County's immigration detainers in 2025 involved two men born in Mexico who were living in Menasha: Alberto Castillo-Serrano, 22, and Fernando Alejandro-Tiburcio, 20. They are accused of stab-



Matz

bing one roommate and injuring another during an argument on Dec. 20. Both men are charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, and substantial battery, and are being held on \$250,000 bond.

ICE lodges immigration detainers after officers establish probable cause that someone is removable, often following a criminal conviction, and usually when the person is considered a public safety or national security threat, the agency says on its website.

District Attorney Eric Sparr, however, noted that ICE can technically take custody at almost any point after someone is arrested, even while the person is still going through criminal proceedings, and that the timing of deportation is largely out of local control. Sparr said he spoke with a district attorney in another state who was having issues with defendants being deported before trial on fairly serious charges.

"That can sometimes be a problem, because likely a warrant would remain out for the person on the new criminal case, and if the person at some point comes back here, we might have issues being able to prove the case due to witnesses we have lost contact with, or other issues," he said.

On the other hand, Sparr said early removal can reduce the amount of time someone spends in local custody, freeing up resources in the short term.

As of Jan. 16, 19 Wisconsin counties had agreements with ICE under the federal 287(g) program, which allows trained local deputies to perform certain immigration enforcement functions under ICE oversight.

Sheriff John Matz said WCSO participates in the 287(g) program through the Warrant Service Officer model, which authorizes deputies to serve federal immi-

gration detainers and administrative warrants on noncitizens already in custody after local charges or sentences have been resolved. Under the program, officers identify and process removable noncitizens in custody.

"What I see in the numbers is not a mass deportation," Matz said at the Jan. 5 meeting. "What I see is a select number of individuals detained by ICE. What happens to them when they're detained by ICE and that deportation process, I don't know. I mean, I don't understand the whole process after that."

Matz said that 16 deputies completed required training and were credentialed as Warrant Service Officers in 2025. The training was completed online during duty hours and carried no financial incentives.

Corrections Captain Amber Rozek said the program came "at no cost" to WCSO because ICE provided the training, but Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke noted at the meeting that 16 officers still spent seven hours each on duty completing the online course, totaling 112 hours.

WCSO also participates in the federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), which reimburses states and local governments for certain incarceration costs related to undocumented individuals with qualifying criminal convictions. Rozek said WCSO has participated in the program for more than 25 years.

SCAAP funds are deposited into the county's jail assessment fund and are used for inmate-related expenses such as hygiene products, clothing, linens and recreational items. The sheriff's office reported an average annual SCAAP award of about \$20,196 per year over the past five years.

Matz said that WCSO's immigration enforcement efforts are limited to individuals already in custody and do not involve street-level immigration enforcement.

Read More campaign launches at Oshkosh Public Library

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Since the Read More campaign began last year, the group has rallied to donate over 600 books in the community.

The campaign is tackling literacy across the area with the message that reading can improve lives, help understand others and benefit the community.

"When you read something quietly something powerful happens," Oshkosh Public Library director Darryl Eschete said. "Reading helps us empathize with others by reading their stories. We understand others by reading."

The campaign is working to build better readers in Oshkosh, better leaders in Oshkosh and ultimately make the community better through reading.

Dozens of copies of the book "Cheer: A Book to Celebrate Community" written by Uncle Ian Aurora and illustrated by Natalia Moore. Attendees at the campaign launch, which was held under the dome at the Oshkosh Public Library, were encouraged to take the book home to read to their children or for themselves. There were also at-home reading kits available to track reading.

The campaign is highlighting that you don't need to read a long novel, books you don't like or read for hours a day because "just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference," said Trina Woldt, the director of Leadership Oshkosh.

The group was set to give out almost 400 books at the Oshkosh Holiday Parade, but it was cancelled due to weath-

er so the books instead were donated to Toys for Tots.

One Oshkosh couple, Larry and Pam Lang, learned about the Read More campaign in the Herald and donated 500 books to the Salvation Army.

The idea for the campaign came from Sam Coleman talking to the Leadership Oshkosh class last year about the perceptions around reading. The group, which included Eschete, dived into why society has begun looking down on reading even though it has so many benefits.

Coleman, assistant superintendent of instruction at the Oshkosh Area School District, said he wanted the campaign to have a similar effect as the "Got Milk?" campaign had in the 1990s. The campaign used athletes like Michael Jordan to promote that drinking milk leads to healthier bodies.

"I don't know if that's true but I do know the benefits of reading," Coleman said. "Quality of life and health outcomes are improved through reading...I want people to fall in love with reading."

The Read More campaign has continued to gather momentum and partners. Those partners include the library, Discover Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and SEPO.

One of the partners is the Winnebago Area Literacy Council. Executive Director Chu Paing, said the literacy council is partnering with Read More because "the campaign's mission to spread the love for reading aligns with our vision for the Winnebago area to be known for valuing,



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Kayde Kempen puts together an at-home family reading kit that includes snacks, the book "Cheer: A Book to Celebrate Community" and a reading log to track a family's time reading.

promoting and supporting literacy so that our residents achieve sustained independence and truly thrive."

The literacy council supports programs in the area that address gaps in adult literacy. This is achieved through programs like the Road to Work Workplace Literacy Program, which is supported by the Oshkosh Area United Way.

"We view literacy as an essential, wide-ranging skill needed to survive and thrive in today's society," Paing said. "To meet this need, we offer a broad array of adult literacy programs in partnership with institutions throughout our community."

For information on what the WACL is working on and its adult literacy programs, go to winlit.org.

The organizers of the Read More campaign agreed that reading is good and talking about reading is even better. Coleman said he recently finished reading "Turn this Ship Around! A True Story of Turning Followers Into Leaders" by L. David Marquet and said it's good to talk to people and give suggestions for what to read.

Eschete told a story about how simply knowing about a book is a way to connect with people around the world.

"One of the things about reading, with a year of studying, you can probably bring along a language to try and learn. You can passively conversate and ask where the bathroom is," he said. "Reading is a way to accelerate your learning, and I've always believed that depending on what you read, it makes you more human. You can read the experiences and thoughts of the person writing it."

The group has been working over the last couple of months on launching the campaign. They attended the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event at the library last year with a prompt for people: "Reading makes a better blank."

Woldt heard a number of responses including children saying reading makes better human beings.

But Woldt noted what she believes the most important aspect of reading and its effects: "Reading makes better communities," she said.

More information on the campaign and how to get involved can be found at readmoreoshkosh.com.

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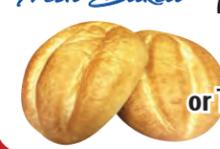
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 <p>2.99 6 ct Bolillo or Teler Rolls</p>  <p>4.99 6 ct Select Varieties Piggly Wiggly's Very Own Brownies</p>	 <p>4.99 10 ct Mini Danish</p>  <p>2.49 4 ct Ring Donuts</p>  <p>1.99 14 oz Italian Bread</p>

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 <p>17.43 30 pk, 12 oz Cans Pabst Blue Ribbon or Pabst Light</p>	 <p>28.99 750 ml Bottle Bailey's Irish Cream</p>  <p>12.99 750 ml Bottle Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon</p>  <p>10.99 750 ml Bottle Korbel California Champagne</p>



Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

The show goes on

The Oshkosh West High School Music Department's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" ran with three performances over the weekend at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium with one of the shows cancelled due to cold weather. The show followed the whimsical citizens of Oklahoma as they navigated the territory's path toward statehood and the delicate relationship between cowboys and farmers – especially between the charismatic cowboy Curly and the spirited farm girl Laurey.

Public library calendar

Some events require registration. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org to register or call 920-236-5203.

Monday, Feb. 2

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Read to a Dog, 4–5 p.m., ages 5–12
Let's Play Cribbage, 5:30–7:30 p.m., all ages

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Teen Tuesday: 3D snowflakes, 4–6 p.m.
Intro to Line Dancing, 6–7 p.m., all ages
Storytime for Grownups, 6 p.m., adults

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Detective Science: Hidden Messages, 4:30 p.m., grades K–5
Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Teen AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages

Friday, Feb. 6

End of Winter Reading Party, 4–6 p.m.
Preteen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3–5
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6–8

Saturday, Feb. 7

Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., grades K–5
Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., teens and adults
Hack Club, 1–3 p.m., teens

Sunday, Feb. 8

Movies with Friends, 1 p.m., all ages

Monday, Feb. 9

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Mini Job Fair, 1 p.m., adults
Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., grades K–5

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers
Adult DIY: Valentines, 6 p.m., adults
Stitch Together, 6:30 p.m., adults

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Detective Science: Mystery Powder Analysis, 4:30 p.m., grades K–5

Thursday, Feb. 12

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Second Thursday Book Club, 1:30 p.m., adults
Adult Animanga Club, 4 p.m.
Chess Club, 5–7 p.m., all ages
Genealogy and Local History Acquisitions 2025, 6 p.m., adults

Friday, Feb. 13

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K–2
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9–12

Saturday, Feb. 14

Nibbles and Giggles, noon–1:30 p.m., babies to preschoolers

Monday, Feb. 16

Library closed for staff in-service day

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Intro to Line Dancing, 6–7 p.m., all ages

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Detective Science: Solve a Mystery & Fingerprinting, 4:30 p.m., grades K–5
Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Teen Animanga Club, 4:30 p.m.
Chess Club, 5 p.m., all ages
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Friday, Feb. 20

Librarian Learns: Ice Yachting on Lake Winnebago, 9 a.m., YouTube
PreTeen Create & Chill: Decoupage Collage Decorations, 4:30 p.m., grades 3–5

Saturday, Feb. 21

Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., grades K–5
Hack Club, 1–3 p.m., teens

Monday, Feb. 23

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., grades K–5

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers
Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30 p.m.
Intro to Line Dancing, 6–7 p.m., all ages
Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?, 1 p.m., adults
Elementary Explorers, 4:30 p.m., grades K–5

Thursday, Feb. 26

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Oshkosh Public Library Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
Chess Club, 5 p.m., all ages

Saturday, Feb. 28

Table Top Role Playing Games, 11:15 a.m.–2:45 p.m., all ages

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Jan. 28

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

Saturday, Jan. 31

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

Tuesday, Feb. 3

First Tuesday at First Congregational featuring The Fox Valley Horn Quartet, noon, 137 Algoma Boulevard

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

tion 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.

Monday, Feb. 9

Wisconsin Herd vs. Birmingham Squadron, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Oshkosh Chamber Economic Outlook Breakfast, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Wisconsin Herd vs. Birmingham Squadron, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Feb. 12

Hadestown: Teen Edition presented by the Oshkosh North High School Music Department, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Arena hosting event for pet lovers

Oshkosh Herald

Pet lovers can enjoy a chance to spend time learning and having fun during an event at the Oshkosh Arena.

The Oshkosh Love Your Pet Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday featuring 39 vendors, educational workshops, a Love Your Pet Fashion Show and indoor dog park. Activities throughout the day benefit the Oshkosh Humane Society, Neenah Animal Shelter, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services and K9 units with both Oshkosh Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Tickets are \$10 for teens and adults and kids 12 and younger are free. Bring a bag of food (or two cans) to get half-off a ticket. The donated food will be split three ways

between OAHS, Neenah and Christine Ann. If attendees want to bring their pet, they need to sign a waiver and pay \$2 to be split and donated to the K9 units.

"We are looking forward to offering a day of affordable fun and learning for pet lovers throughout the region with the first-ever Oshkosh Love Your Pet Expo, hosted at Oshkosh Arena," said Maria Turner, event organizer and marketing and sales manager for VenuWorks of Oshkosh/Oshkosh Arena. "It's been a few years since Oshkosh has had a pet expo, and we're hearing nothing but excitement over bringing a new option back. Beyond that, we are inspired to do our part to help local nonprofits with their increased needs so they can keep doing the good work they do for so many."

Neighborhood group plans to light path with Valentine luminaries

Oshkosh Herald

The Miller Bay Neighborhood Association is planning to light a path for a walk through luminary lights on Valentine's Day.

The path will be in front of the George Washington statue on the triangle of Hazel Street, New York Avenue and Menominee Drive.

The neighborhood was not able to illuminate the statue's path on New Year's Eve due to cold and wind.

For this year, the path will be lit on Val-

entine's Day evening starting at 5:30 p.m. barring any inclement weather. There is no charge for this event, and everyone is invited to enjoy the display.

UnConference postponed

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh UnConference that was scheduled to be held Saturday at the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church has been postponed for the time being.

No further details about rescheduling the event were released.

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Sharp-shooting Paulson serves as leader for North

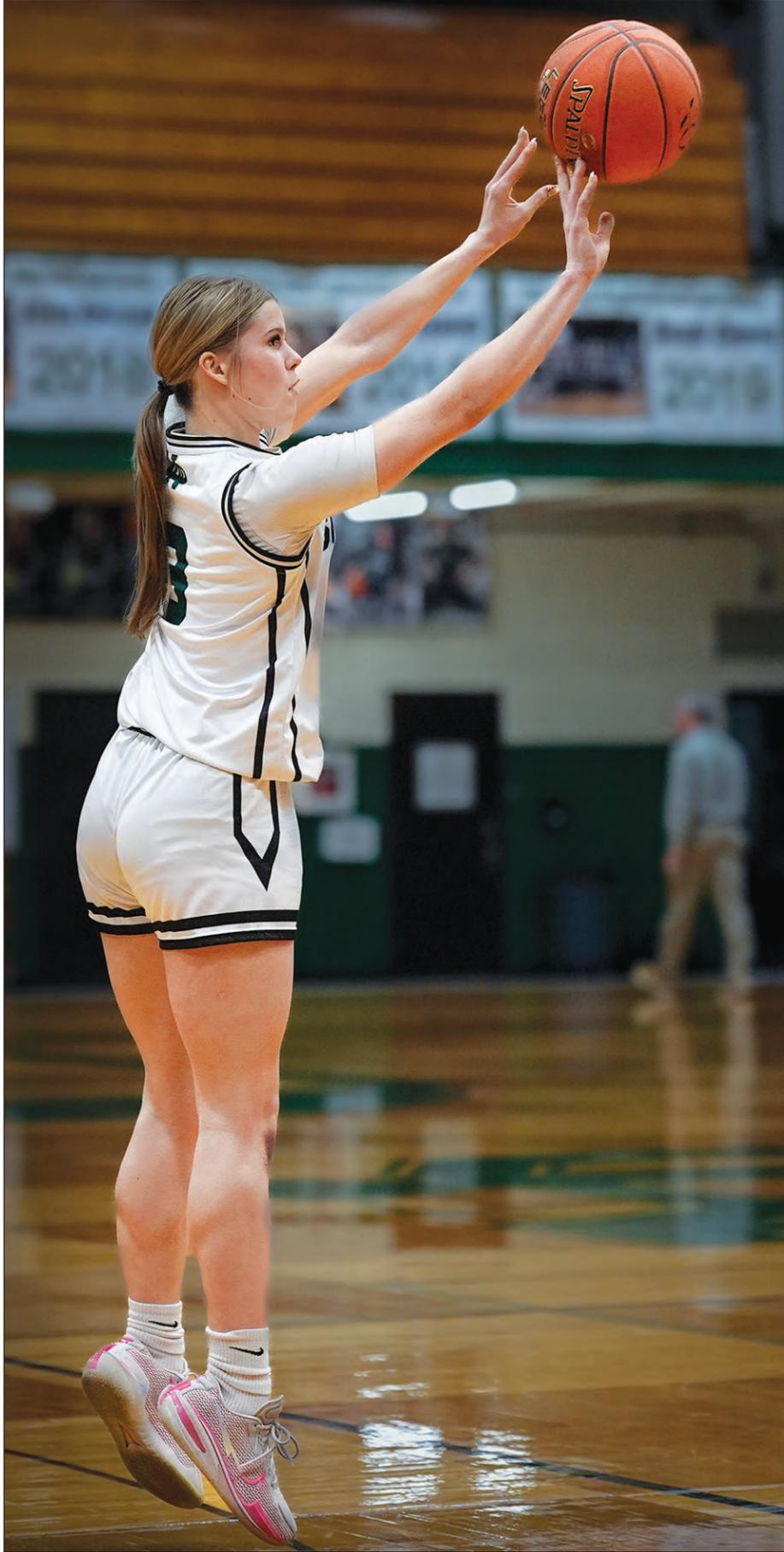


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Oshkosh North's Brinna Paulson is one of the top 3-point shooters in the Fox Valley Association and was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season.

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Brinna Paulson proudly wears No. 3 on her Oshkosh North jersey.

The numeral perfectly fits the athlete.

Paulson is a longball artist. The senior combo guard is one of the premier sharpshooters in the Fox Valley Association and well known for her 3-point marksmanship.

Paulson ranks among the FVA leaders in 3-pointers made (43 through 14 games) and is North's second-leading scorer, averaging 11.9 points per game. The 5-foot-6 combo guard has swished 122 threes in her three-year varsity career, including 43 as a junior and 36 as a sophomore.

Paulson is more than just a shooter. She is a complete player who is a deft passer and a rock-solid defender. Paulson is second on the team in steals (2.6 per game) and third in assists (1.2 per game) and rebounding (2.9 per game).

"Brinna is a tremendous scorer," said North coach Rick Leib. "She can shoot it from 3-point range and get to the hoop. But she does more than just score for us. She's a good defender who is great at anticipating."

Paulson, who received all-FVA honorable mention as a junior, feels that providing leadership for a youthful North team is her most essential role. She and forward Alai Awak are the only seniors on the roster. Awut Alic, a 6-foot junior, leads the team in both scoring (16.7 ppg) and rebounding (6.1 per game).

"Both Awut and I have played AAU, so we have that experience of being in close-game situations," said Paulson. "This team is very young and we're doing our best to help everyone understand plays and our offense."

Paulson's strength is her ability to knock down perimeter jumpers. She knows how to create space for her shot and has developed an effective step-back jumper from the 3-point line.

"I started developing my step-back my freshman year and I've kind of enhanced it with my form," said Paulson.

Paulson displayed her soft shooting touch in a Dec. 15 game against Neenah when she drilled seven threes and scored 21 points. She also drained six trifectas and scored 26 points in a 81-57 win over Appleton West on Jan. 9.

Like most good shooters, Paulson understands the importance of staying confident in her shot and continuing to fire away – even when the threes aren't drop-

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ping. In the game prior to her huge 3-point night against Appleton West, Paulson was a ghastly 1-for-12 from the 3-point line and scored just five points in a lopsided loss to Appleton North.

"It's all about trusting yourself and your ability," said Paulson. "Sometimes that's hard. I airballed three times in the Neenah game, but came back and made the open shots."

"I think that shooting is 90 percent mental. You can't take things to heart when the shots aren't falling. I know that I've put the time in and they will eventually go in. You need to be in the right head space. The games where I can just let it flow and let myself get into rhythm and have fun, that's when the shots go in."

"If I'm feeling all jittery and nervous and forcing shots, that's when I struggle."

Paulson's exceptional shooting skills were developed from countless hours in the gym.

"Her ability to score comes from the amount of time she had put in the gym," said Leib. "She's one of those players who is always looking for a place to get shots up."

The gym is also a place where Paulson can relax and reset.

"If I have a bad game, I'm going to be right back in the gym the next day," Paulson said. "I'll put some headphones on and just go to work on my 3-pointers. It's very calming and it (her shooting skills) always comes back to you."

Paulson, who has played AAU club basketball with the Wisconsin Blaze Inferno, has been competing in travel ball since the third grade. She hails from an athletic family. Her father, Jeff, played baseball and wrestled in his prep days, while her mother, Katie, played softball and was a skater. Her sister, Breleigh, an eighth-grade student, plays club volleyball for FC Elite.

Paulson is a multi-sport athlete who was a valuable member of North's volleyball team the past three years as an outside hitter.

"From a young age, basketball was my main focus and volleyball was something

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West outduels North to retain Andrew Wallace trophy

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh North had all of the momentum.

Backed by the audible support from the crowd inside the Frank Schade Fieldhouse at Oshkosh North, the Spartans won back-to-back matches – the second coming via a pin – to take the lead over Oshkosh West with two matches to go in last Thursday’s dual meet.

The Wildcats’ Henry Hughes then took the mat with a mission.

“I was going out there to kill that. I wasn’t going to let that stand,” Hughes said. “I wanted to win and I knew I was going to win. I came in there with the confidence I needed and went out there and kicked some butt.”

Hughes’ pin of North’s Everix Blessent in the 215-pound boosted West back into the lead and the Wildcats capped the night with a pin in the heavyweight match to claim a 40-30 win over the Spartans and retain the Andrew Wallace Trophy in the 20th anniversary of the memorial dual meet.

“I think for the kids, it’s really big. It’s great for these guys to get the win,” West head coach Brent Schneider said. “It was a great dual. We knew it was going to be a tight dual which is good to see.”

It was the ninth straight win for the Wildcats in the series and comes on the heels of West’s 63-12 victory a year ago. The previous eight wins have all come by at least 29 points

North last won the dual meet in the 2016-17 season, the last of four straight victories for the Spartans.

“It was our goal to get it done this year but we can see the program is moving in the right direction and in the next couple of years we can bring it back to where the cup belongs,” said North head coach Dalton Holmes, who wrestled on the last Spartan squad to win the trophy. “We’re definitely moving in the right direction.”

West got a 13-3 major decision win from Nathan Hernandez at 165 pounds to take a



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Oshkosh West’s Xavier Vang and Oshkosh North’s Christian Johnson battle for control during the 126-pound bout at last Thursday’s dual meet. Vang won the match by decision to help the Wildcats top the Spartans, 40-30, to retain the Andrew Wallace trophy.

28-19 lead with four matches left, but the strength of the North lineup was about to take the mat.

Jamond Thompson-Schreck turned in a dominating performance at 175 pounds by beating Juan Heredia by technical fall, 18-3, midway through the second period. The Spartans’ Andrew Brockman then pinned Colton Nagy with 15 seconds left in the first period to give North back the lead at 34-30.

“We needed that. We wouldn’t have been that close if it wasn’t for those two,” Holmes said. “Those are two of my most experienced and skilled guys. I couldn’t have asked for anything more from them.”

Hughes, however, would stem the Spartans’ momentum building a 6-1 lead after

the first period only to see Blessent notch a takedown and two near-fall points to open the second period to tie the score.

The West sophomore responded with nine straight points – including getting Blessent on his back twice – to take a 15-6 lead into the third period and then, after a reversal to start the period, was able to finish off the win.

“It was the end game either by pin or tech fall and I don’t think he wanted it as much

as I did,” Hughes said. “Confidence (was the key). I really want to stress that point. If I believe in myself, no one can beat me.”

The win swayed the momentum back to West’s side.

“Huge turning point for us,” Schneider said. “It was a close match, too, and for him to grind it out and get the pin that was huge.”

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Oshkosh West’s Preston Schneider works for control of Oshkosh North’s Riker Farrell during the 138-pound match last Thursday.

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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Paulson, Alic spark Spartans to road win

Brinna Paulson and Awut Alic combined for 29 points in Oshkosh North's 40-35 nonconference win over Wisconsin Rapids last week.

Paulson knocked down four 3-pointers and finished with 17 points in the win. Alic added 12 points and five rebounds for North.

Promise Shehi was the next highest scorer for the Spartans with five points.

Lourdes Academy throttles Oakfield

Aubrey Schettle hit six 3-pointers to finish with 18 points in leading the Knights to an easy 76-21 win over Oakfield last Thursday in a Trailways Conference tussle.

Schettle finished 6-of-11 from 3-point range in the game as the Knights knocked down 12 3-pointers in the game.

Sarah Hafemeister added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Knights, while Adi Saucedo and Adhieu Liabwill finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Liabwill also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the Knights knocked off Weyauwega-Fremont, 61-51, behind 20 points from Schettle.

Adhieu Liabwill posted a double-dou-

ble with 13 points and 12 rebounds in the win, while Naomi Liabwill also reached double figures with 12 points.

Moran continues torrid scoring pace

Valley Christian turned in another big scoring night from junior Mya Moran as the Warriors topped Marion/Tigerton, 77-43, last week for their fifth straight win.

Moran poured in 33 points in the win, her third game of at least 30 points in the Warriors last four games. She is averaging 21.1 points per game this season.

Lizzie Fink added 27 points and 11 rebounds, finishing 5-of-7 from behind the 3-point line in the game. Anna Giannopoulos added eight points and Paige Boevers finished with seven points and 12 rebounds.

The Warriors also picked up a 67-45 win over Princeton/Green Lake earlier in the week with Moran totaling 30 points and Fink finishing with 20 points. Boevers chipped in nine points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Knights rack up win over Tigersharks

Four players finished in double figures as Lourdes Academy rolled to a 72-41 win over Princeton/Green Lake last Thursday.

Lucas Neuens scored 19 points to lead

the way for the Knights, who led 45-21 at halftime.

Harlan Kuehn totaled 15 points, while Jackson Buttke and Brady Bauer finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Earlier in the week, the Knights were held to just seven first-half points and fell to Oakfield 56-36.

Parker Slusarski was the lone player in double figures for Lourdes Academy with 13 points.

Wildcats fall at home to Ghosts

Joey Ware finished with 24 points and seven rebounds but was the lone player in double figures for Oshkosh West as the Wildcats dropped a home contest to Kaukauna, 67-46, last week.

Carter Kufel and Malakai Herlihy were the next highest scorers for the Wildcats with six points each.

Spartans collect nonconference win

Oshkosh North topped Brookfield Central 70-63 in overtime in a nonconference game held at Germantown High School on Saturday.

The Spartans held the Lancers scoreless in the extra period, outscoring Brookfield Central, 7-0.

Valley Christian splits pair of games

The Warriors notched a 77-32 win over Hustisford last week, while also falling to Rio, 55-45.

More information was not available from either game.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks can't hold early lead in loss

Oshkosh jumped out to a two-goal lead against Antigo on Saturday but the Red Robins came roaring back to score a 4-3 win, netting the game-winning goal with about 20 seconds left in the game.

Andy Toonen scored on the power play for the lone goal in the first period before Maxtyn Hammermeister picked up a shorthanded tally early in the second period to give the Ice Hawks the 2-0 lead.

Antigo tied the game at 2 after two periods and then took a 3-2 lead midway through the third period. Oshkosh tied the game with about six minutes to play on a goal by William Beck but Antigo would notch the game winner before the end of regulation on their home ice.

Zach Zimpel picked up an assist in the game.

Chase Magadan finished the night with 27 saves for Oshkosh.

Earlier in the week the Ice Hawks were shutout by powerhouse St. Mary's Springs, 10-0. The Ledgers outshot Oshkosh 35-14 in the contest.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Oshkosh duo contributes to Warbirds win

Marisa Youngwirth and Paige Knuth, both Oshkosh West students, each notched assists for the Warbirds co-op hockey team in a 4-3 overtime win over University School.

Knuth assisted on Sydney Vogtman's goal for a 2-1 lead entering the second period, while Youngwirth had a helper on a goal by Avril Quinn that tied the game at 3.

On the season, Youngwirth has four goals and an assist for the Warbirds, while Knuth has a goal and two assists. Oshkosh North's Olivia Baer also plays for the Warbirds and has two goals and an assist on the season.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Oshkosh posts two wins at FVA quad

The Oshkosh West/North co-op won a pair of dual meets at a quadrangular hosted by Kimberly last week.

Oshkosh topped Kimberly 36-33 and beat Appleton West 42-30, while falling to Neenah 54-15.

Marissa Bustillos went 3-0 on the day winning all three of her matches by pin and all in less than a minute. She scored wins in 31, 13 and 41 seconds.

Kaylee Beck and Madelyn Diehls also had 3-0 days, with each notching one win and two forfeit wins. Diehls earned her win by pin.

Zoey Syms picked up a pin in the win over Appleton West, while Elizabeth Draxler and Braelyn Johnson earned pins against Kimberly.

SWIMMING

Reeves, Ludwig post wins in dual meet

River Reeves and Blake Ludwig each scored top finishes for Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy in a Fox Valley Association dual meet against Neenah last week.

Reeves easily won the diving competition joining teammate Everix Blessent to post a 1-2 finish in the event.

Ludwig earned his win in the 100-yard breaststroke, while also picking up a second place in the 500-yard freestyle.

North/Lourdes lost the dual meet, 130-51.

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Wrestling

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West heavyweight Hunter Sawitski capped the match by pinning Dayvion Neal in 5:33 for the final margin.

The Spartans won two of the first three bouts in the dual meet as Sa'meir Nash posted a 19-4 technical fall win over Justin Allsup at 106 pounds and Stephen Nash ended his match by technical fall just five seconds into the second period, beating Blake Julian 18-3.

West, which got a technical fall win from Leonardo Rigoni in between the two North wins at 113 pounds, then rattled off three straight wins to take the lead.

Xavier Vang won an 11-5 decision over Christian Johnson at 126 pounds, followed by Colden Searles' pin of Liam Torres in 5:32 at 132 pounds.



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Oshkosh North's Stephen Nash scores back points in his 120-pound match against Blake Julian last Thursday.

The Wildcats' Preston Schneider then stuck Riker Farrell in 56 seconds at 138 pounds to boost West to a 20-10 lead.

"I just wanted to get my team in the best position as possible so I got out there and got it done," Preston Schneider said. "I'm just wrestling how I normally do and just

pushing the pace. Obviously when I get on top, just get it done."

Schneider's pin was one of four that the Wildcats earned in the dual meet, compared to just one for the Spartans.

"In a tight match like this you can't give up points when you don't have to and not giving up those pins is huge. And then the guys getting the pins and bonus points was huge," Brent Schneider said. "We knew it was going to come down to those close matches and whether we could get those bonus points."

Anthony Berger stemmed West's surge

by beating Liam Sullivan 22-14 in a seesaw match at 144 pounds, while Dominic Wyrwicki followed with a 17-2 technical fall win over Liam Bertram at 150 pounds.

Eskander Koko got West back in the win column at 157 pounds with a 19-6 win over Tre'Maine Chapman before Hernandez followed with his victory to extend the Wildcats' lead.

"This has a lot of history and I'm glad we could keep it with us," Preston Schneider said. "This whole week after practice we have been talking about the actual cup and who it's for. It was important to us.

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that just came along," Paulson said. "But over the years, I definitely learned to love volleyball and my teammates. It was so much fun and eventually, the two sports became equals for me."

Paulson's days as a competitive athlete will end following the 2026 basketball season. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay next year and major in nursing. She hopes to eventually become a nurse practitioner, or possibly a pediatric or NICU nurse.

Paulson currently works at Parkview Health Center and is already taking a Certified Nursing Assistant class.

"It's a little much with college classes and all, but I'm making it work," she said. "Working at a health care facility, I can see how much people care for the residents. Just being able to help them enhance their daily lifestyle is why I want to get into this field."

Paulson is a spectacular student, carrying a 4.923 grade point average.

"I just try and make good use out of whatever spare time I have," Paulson said.

"I also lift outside of basketball. So I'll just take my textbooks to the gym and study when I have a spare five minutes."

Paulson admits she will miss competitive sports when attending college and plans to play rec or intramural ball – just for the fun of it.

Until then, she's focused on leading her young Spartans teammates on the court.

"I'm going to do my best to help the underclassmen prepare for the coming years," she said. "I'm going to be sad to leave them because this team is really close."

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Obituaries

John William Gransee

John William Gransee, age 78, of St. Michael, Minnesota, formerly of Buffalo, Minnesota and Mercer, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.



He was born on January 19, 1948, in Ripon, Wisconsin, to Gilbert and Lorraine (Gneiser) Gransee. He grew up in Ripon and graduated from Ripon High School with the Class of 1966. After high school, John had several jobs, including driving truck for Green Giant and car sales, and later built a successful career as an underwriter with American Family Insurance.

Byron Draeger

I go the way of all the earth. In Adam all die. In Christ Jesus all are made alive.

In the name of the Father, Son- Jesus Christ, and Holy Ghost. I thank God for the life and family He has given me. Born March 20, 1925, to Herman and Clara (Klawitter) Draeger in the Township of Montello WI. Baptized, confirmed graduated from St. John Church School Montello WI, went to Montello High. Passed on to Eternal Life January 23, 2025. Thanks to Jesus Christ for ALL of the people who helped me unto GOD!

After leaving school I worked on a farm until I was married to Marilyn Abraham September 9, 1950. I worked as a plasterer for Grunske and then retired in 1988 from 1st National Bank (now US Bank) maintenance department. Marilyn and I were blessed with 2 children Carl (Mary) Draeger and Loretta Bunke. 4 Grandchildren Brannon Bunke (deceased), Brielle (Jamie) Meisel, Sarah (Jason) Wenzel, Douglas (Carly) Draeger. Great-grandchildren Abby Paque, Evan Paque, Tyler Wenzel, Bentley Wenzel, JJ Wenzel, Emerie Draeger, Kallie Wenzel, Berklee Draeger.

Into Thy Hands, Jesus Christ, I commend my spirit: in His Blood and Righteousness unto Holiness. Born March 20, 1925, through eternity. Lived to Glorify and Praise God the Father in the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dad was a humble man. Strong in his faith. He wasn't ashamed of the Gospel and shared it with anyone he had a con-

Cheryl A. Carley

Cheryl A. Carley, age 64, of Oshkosh. It is with great sorrow that we announce



Cheryl's passing at her home surrounded by family after a year long battle with cancer. She was born on March 20, 1961 in Oconto, WI a daughter of the late Monty L. and Sue A. (Swie-darke) Lipp. Cheryl married the love of her life James W. Carley on October 25, 1986. Cheryl had worked for Alliance Laundry in Ripon for 33 years until her retirement. She greatly enjoyed time spent at the Casinos along with thrift shopping, movies and going out to eat when she could. She also enjoyed being with her family and grandchildren and many friends. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her husband James;

It was during his time he met the love of his life, Cheryl, at a company retreat—an encounter that marked the beginning of a lifelong partnership. A true outdoorsman, he had a deep love for hunting and fishing, with duck hunting being his favorite. He spent many seasons trapping and enjoyed the time spent at their family shack in Wisconsin.

In recent years, John and Cheryl moved to Buffalo, Minnesota area to be closer to family, something that meant a great deal to them. John was a dedicated family man, known for his great sense of humor, wit and strong will. He always had a joke or story ready and easily entertained anyone near enough to hear them.

John's faith was also very important to him, and he enjoyed being involved in the Church when he was able. He was most

versed with. He told us his mother would read the bible to him and his siblings (Vivian, John, Dorothy and Bob) every day. The family went by horse and buggy to church on Sunday. When his mother became ill with TB and was confined to a sanitarium, his father was unable to take care of 5 children under 10 and farmed the land so at age 5 he went to the Lutheran Children's Home in Wauwatosa until age 12 before returning to live with his mother in Montello. He also credits the children's home for his faith. There were morning and evening devotions and prayers at meals and bedtime. Until the end he recited the lyrics of songs learned at an early age. He also quoted Scripture, Hymns, and the Catechism daily. In our morning phone conversations he would often begin the call with a verse or two from a hymn that came to mind when he woke up that morning. He served Trinity Lutheran Church for many years on the Board of Trustees, as a Deacon, and as an Elder until he could no longer physically do it. Then he continued to serve as a prayer warrior for all until the end. We were blessed to have him as our father; his life was a pattern of living as a Christian. He set a good example for us to follow.

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Memorials can be directed to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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a daughter, Alli (fiance Steven); brothers, John (Dawn) King and Kevin (Wanda) Lipp; sister, Kim (Jack) Paulsen; two grandchildren, Aubrey Carley and Aven Dunbar; daughter in law, Ashley Smith. She is further survived by numerous brothers and sisters in law, other relatives and many dear friends along with her precious fur baby cats.

She was preceded in death by a son, Shannon Carley; father and mother in law, Richard and Bernice Carley; a nephew, William J. King.

A time of visitation will be held for Cheryl on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 1 pm until 3 pm in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home 865 S, Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of sharing memories will take place at 3 pm. The family wishes special thanks to everyone for being there for Cheryl, especially the hospice nurses.

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recently a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl; parents, Gilbert and Lorraine Gransee; sister, Judith Keller; and brother-in-law, Craig Muntifering.

He is survived by his sons, Ben (Julie) Gransee, Sam (Natalie) Gransee, and Adam (Sarah) Brenizer; grandchildren, Isabel, Nicholas, Nora, and Brielle; brothers-in-law, Marc (Jim Hagen) Muntifering, Ron (Colleen) Muntifering, Chris (Marsha) Muntifering; sisters-in-law, Patrice (Jon) Bogart, Susan (Tom) Evans,

Gayle Billman

Gayle (Kliss) Billman, 71 of Neenah, WI passed away unexpectedly (at her home) January 23rd, 2026. Gayle was born in Oshkosh, WI where she lived her younger years with Edward and Claire Kliss. Gayle married the love of her life (Ron Billman) on October 15, 1994, and they cherished every day together until her passing.



Family and friends meant everything to Gayle. The most important thing in her life was spending time with the people she loved. She cheered her loved ones on in life with enthusiasm in every way. Attending life events, a phone call or commenting on a Facebook photo, Gayle's love and support was felt. In her free time, Gayle enjoyed playing cards, puzzles and tending to her garden of flowers and vegetables. She was active in TOPPS, her Red Hat Club and church through United Women in Faith.

A big part of what Gayle did was travel to see her two boys and her grand kids. Donovan lived in several states over the year. Ohio, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia

James Bufton III

While much of the world celebrated the joys of Christmas Day, James Bufton III slipped quietly away in his home on the shores of Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, WI. Born to Nellie (Bufton) Aylesworth and James Bufton, Jr., on April 9, 1949, in Kenosha, WI, Jim died on Dec. 25, 2025, taking with him his unique view of life, or The World According to Buff.



His mother, Nellie, moved to Waupun, WI, in the early 1950s and later married Kenneth Aylesworth. Jim grew up in Waupun, attending school and graduating from Waupun High School in 1967. He enlisted in the Army in April 1968, with basic training at Fort Polk and Fort Campbell, serving with distinction in the Air Cavalry, a prestigious ops group in the U.S. Army. Jim was awarded a Purple Heart - a testament to his bravery - for wounds sustained in U.S. military operations during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he attended UW-Oshkosh and studied at South Suburban College.

In July 1979, he married Debra May Terry, and they were married until July 1998.

Jim's wry humor and gravelly laugh peppered every conversation. He deeply loved his mother, visiting her frequently at her Waupun home and when she went into care before her death. He loved skiing, sailing, socializing, live music and

Ann (Bruce) Hanson, Mary Muntifering, and Jean (Jim) Elsenpeter; Cousins Lucy Poellinger, and Joyce Reinke; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held Friday, January 30, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo, MN at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior and a luncheon to follow. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Rosendale Cemetery in Rosendale, WI.

Arrangements have been entrusted to The Peterson Chapel of Buffalo. Online condolences for the family may be directed to <http://www.thepetersonchapel.com>.

and now Washington. Matt lived in Montana for eight years and currently resides in Madison, WI. Distance was not a barrier that could stop Gayle. She made a point to visit her family no matter where they lived and often turned that family visit into a vacation. Ron was always by her side on every trip.

Gayle is survived by her husband, Ron Billman; children, Donovan True (Joanne) & Matthew True (Katie); grandchildren, Brycen, Preston, Brett & Maeve. She is further survived by her sisters, Jody Hirte (Dave Woodland) & Deanne Kliss (Terry); aunts, Carol (Bob) Dorschner & Carolyn Worden and uncle, George (Judy) Worden

In addition to her parents, Gayle was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, David Hirte; aunt, Eve Agnew and uncle Del Worden.

A visitation for Gayle will be held at Algoma United Methodist (1174 Algoma Blvd) on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 10AM until a funeral service at 1PM.

Above all, Gayle was the glue of her family. She led by example and left a mark with kindness and love that can never be erased.

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playing his guitar, in no particular order. He was such an aficionado of the Blues, that friends affectionately referred to him as Blind Melon Buffy.

Jim worked in a wide array of businesses. In the early 1970s he was employed at The Deck, a popular bar near the Fox River in Oshkosh and co-owned and operated Summit Ski Shop in the downtown Oshkosh area. Later, moving into the sales, marketing and public relations industry, he worked in varying positions and served as vice president of sales and marketing at Top Brands, Inc. until retiring.

Jim was an early member of the Ravnos Ski Gang, a well-known, group of avid skiers originally founded in Oshkosh and and proudly wore its patch - a flaming skull suspended over a Rib Mountain ravine. A sailboat owner, he was a longtime member of the Oshkosh Yacht Club, and often spent time there and at Oblio's bar, regaling close friends with his worldview and with stories that never grew old.

He was a huge supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and donated to the organization for years.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather and ex-wife. He is survived by his step-brother, Daniel Aylesworth of Fond du Lac, and a nephew, Juldan Aylesworth, and further survived by many loving friends.

All are invited to a celebration of Jim's life at the Roxy Supper Club in Oshkosh on Monday Feb. 9, from 1-4 pm. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to donate to a Veterans non-profit support group of their choice.

Obituaries

Mary M. Olson

Mary M. Olson, age 85 of Oshkosh, WI passed peacefully on December 30th



at the age of 85 after a beautiful life. She spent her last days surrounded by family, enjoying Christmas with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary was born on December 4th, 1940 in Eau Claire, WI to Filomena (Florence, "May") and Anthony ("Bo") Difanis. She was the youngest of five sisters, Jean, Pat,

Betty, Karen, and Mary. Mary's childhood was spent along the banks of the Chipewa River on Silvermine Drive outside of Eau Claire, moving between the house her father built and her grandparent's (Girolamo) Farm, at the end of the same country road.

Mary graduated from Regis High School in 1957. In 1961 she married David Olson in Eau Claire. Soon after they moved to Seattle, WA for four years before returning to Wisconsin to make Oshkosh home. Mary retired from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh after many decades of service to the University, including serving as Administrative Assistant

to two University Presidents. She valued hard work and cherished the many wonderful friends and colleagues at the University. It was a cornerstone of her life in the community. Mary's legacy is one of giving to the people and community who meant so much to her. Her many years of volunteering and leadership in the community included The Oshkosh Public Library, Oshkosh Schools including serving on the School Board, The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry of which she was a founding member, The League of Women Voters, The Oshkosh Foundation, United Way and others. It was in these activities Mary found so many like-minded contributors who became close friends over the years. Mary was happiest when surrounded by family and friends. Nothing pleased her more than being around the children in her life. She carried the "Grandma" role proudly. She was always quick to learn their interest and engage with them. She loved it all, reading with them, sports events, music, traveling, talking school, whatever their interests, they became Grandma Mary's interests.

A dedicated runner for decades, Mary could be seen running her five miles around Oshkosh early mornings before work. She loved that time of day and the peace and serenity of seeing the town at its quietest, enjoying the many waterways, paths and parks. Mary continued her com-

mitment to health and fitness through the rest of her life walking and exercising outdoors and at the gym.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband (David), sister (Pat Gomez), Mother (May) and Father (Anthony). Mary is survived by sisters Betty Phillips, Jean Holstrom, and Karen Burkhart. Children Matt, Sarah Neal and Ben (Jane). Grandchildren Kate Olson, Abigail Olson, David Olson (Maria), Daniel Olson, Hank Neal, and Mary Neal. Two great grandchildren Dawson and Monroe Olson, as well as many family members who count her as aunt, cousin and friend.

Memorial services will be held 11 Am Friday January 30, 2026 at St. Raphael's The Archangel Catholic Church 830 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI. with a gathering of family and friends starting at 10 Am at church.

In lieu of flowers the family asks to consider a donation to The American Cancer Society or Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Family and friends of Mary extend their deepest gratitude to the wonderful caregivers at Arbors of Ridges in Burnsville, Minnesota and Minnesota Hospice. Their care and compassion for Mary meant everything to Mary and all those who love her.

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David Fell

David Fell, 63 passed away peacefully on Jan 17, 2026 surrounded by family after



battling lung cancer. He was born on Aug. 16, 1962, to Robert & Faith Fell.

David had an active childhood playing with family and friends enjoying all the toys and games of the 70's. He Loved

Music and played saxophone, keyboard and guitar. He even wrote music and lyrics for a band he was in. He traveled throughout Europe after graduating from Oshkosh North High School. He attended UW-Madison and Northwestern University and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1985.

He married Betty McGlynn and they worked & lived in Chicago. They have 3 children: Ryan, Julia and Elyse. He enjoyed his family's activities and watching them grow up. David is survived by Betty, his children Ryan, Julia and Elyse Fell. Brother Ken Fell (Mary), Sister Jackie Fredrick, Nephews: Jeremy (Kacie) Fell, and Nick Fredrick, Niece: Nicole (Chris) Konop. David was preceded in death by his parents Bob & Faith Fell, brother Paul, niece Christine Fredrick and sister-in-law Lisa McGlynn.

Thank you to his immediate family for caring for him and making sure he was comfortable and to Lightway Hospice Care Center in Joliet, IL.

David was an inquisitive, loving & caring person with a great sense of humor. Thank you for sharing your talents with us. The Memories of you will be in our Hearts Forever.

Roland Neal Woodruff, MD

Roland Neal Woodruff, MD, age 80, of Oshkosh, WI, died peacefully at home



surrounded by his loving and devoted daughters on January 23, 2026.

Roland Woodruff was born on August 1, 1945, in Spokane, Washington, to Bradley and Margaret (Marmes) Woodruff.

He was the eldest of six children. He grew up in Grand Island, NE, where he attended Central Catholic High School, Class of 1963, excelling in academics and football. Roland earned his B.S. from Loyola University in Chicago, IL, in 1966 and earned his M.D. at Creighton University in Omaha, NE, in 1970. He served in the U.S. Army stationed in Bupyeong-dong, South Korea, from 1970 to 1972, and at Fort Riley, KS, from 1972 to 1973.

On August 19, 1967, Roland married his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life, Nancy Recker. Together they shared 59 years of marriage. Their devoted partnership was the foundation of their family.

Dr. Woodruff practiced internal medicine in Oshkosh from 1975 to 2015, earning a reputation as a brilliant physician and a deeply respected colleague. He was known not only for his clinical excellence and diagnostic insight but also for the care, patience, and dignity he showed every patient who walked through his door.

Outside of his medical practice, he found his greatest joy in nature. An avid reader and lifelong learner, he spent countless hours gardening, sailing, golfing, walking through the woods, and fishing. He loved the outdoors and approached it with the same quiet curiosity and care that defined the rest of his life, carefully studying birds, trees, wild mushrooms, and fossils. He found peace in observing and understand-

ing the world, and he shared that appreciation generously with those around him.

He loved to travel, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy fine food and wine. Among many things, he was the best father and grandfather. He was endeared for his unique sense of humor and effortless ability to make people laugh. He was defined by his gentleness and humility.

Roland is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his daughters: Karen Woodruff (Paul DeLap) of Sun Prairie, WI; Sonja (Shawn) Bolchen of Two Rivers, WI; and Jana (Chad) Zimmerman of Watertown, WI. He also leaves behind his adoring grandchildren: Derek Woodruff-DeLap, Edward and Sarah Bolchen, and Henry and Bradley Zimmerman; his siblings: Jim (Mary) Woodruff, Mark (the late Chris) Woodruff, Mary Pat (Bob) Henchal, and John (Lori) Woodruff, all of Omaha, NE; his sister-in-law, Carol Woodruff; and his dearest friend, John Kroll, of Oshkosh, WI.

He was preceded in death by his brother, David Woodruff, and his parents, Bradley and Margaret Woodruff.

Special thanks to the exceptional caregivers and Aurora Hospice who made Roland feel safe and loved. We consider you family and are deeply grateful for the kindness you showed him every day.

A time of visitation will be held at Konrad-Behlman West (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM, with a sharing of memories at 5:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial for Roland will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament - St. Peter's Site (435 High Ave) on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM, with a visitation from 10:30 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Bluefield Project to Cure Frontotemporal Dementia in his honor.

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Gerald A. Fischer

Gerald "Jerry" A. Fischer, age 89, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on January 23, 2026, at Bethel Nursing Home, in Oshkosh, WI.



Jerry was born on July 18, 1936, in Green Bay, WI, son of the late Lester and Violetta (Langenfeld) Fischer. He graduated

from Oshkosh High School in 1954. Jerry went on to serve his country by joining the Army in 1958 and served in the National Guard for 6 years.

Jerry married Marilyn Rand on November 29, 1958. She preceded him in death on September 20, 2000. He later married Jean Winchester on March 20, 2004.

Jerry enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. He especially loved spending time up at the cabin in Spirit, WI. He was a lifetime member of the Van Dyne Sportsman club and enjoyed shooting trap. Jerry worked for many years as a Salesman for McDermott Pumps.

Jerry is survived by his son, Steven (Tamara) Fischer; stepchildren Gary (Kathy) Winchester & Bruce (Kim) Winchester;

grandsons, Jerrett (special friend Kaylea Emmer) Fischer and Alex (Sammie) Fischer-Berger; 4 great-grandchildren, Mercy, Sparrow, Olive, and Silas; step grandchildren, Wendy (Scott) Okon, Tim (Wendy) Winchester, Bill (Heather) Winchester, Sara (David) Ward, Emily (George) Metropulos; step great grandchildren, Rayleigh, Noah, Allie, Macy, Tess, Georgie, Cecily and Ellery; brother-in-law, Glenn Rand; sister-in-law, Carol Rand; as well as his nieces. He is preceded in death by his second wife, Jean; and son, James Fischer.

Jerry's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Gabriel's Villa for their compassionate care throughout his stay; he enjoyed listening to Paster Stuart and took great comfort in his sermons.

A memorial service for Jerry will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 12:00pm, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held beginning at 10:00am until the start of the service. Inurnment will take place following the service with military honors at 2:00pm, at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh.

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Robert A. Marin

Robert "Bob" A. Marin, age 81, was born to Richard and Beatrice Marin on November 11, 1944, in Oshkosh, WI. He was the fourth of six children. Bob attended Catholic Schools growing up, and was recruited by Lourdes High School, where he played on the football, basketball, and baseball teams. He was Lourdes' first Prom King and a member of the Glee Club. After graduating, he continued playing many sports, especially baseball, where he rarely went to a game without several home runs.

He married his wife Barbara Kay Bradley over 60 years ago, with whom he enjoyed spending time on Lake Winnebago and traveling. They had one daughter, Wendy Marin-Weiner.

Bob graduated from Fox Valley Technical College and worked for Rockwell International for 30 years as a Skilled Tradesman. He was asked many times to join their management team but declined because he did not want to be "The Man"—a testament to his endless humility. Bob went on to work at the YMCA for 6 years, and then the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for over 20 years as a Fisheries Technician, his dream job. He also ran his own Fishing Guide Service and was featured on Amazon Prime in a documentary called

"Mysteries of the Great Lakes."

Bob loved the outdoors and spent as much time as he could boating, fishing, and hunting. He was the winner of numerous fishing tournaments and awards and was a highly skilled archer. Over the years, he was a member or participant of many local organizations. To name a few, but not all: Fishing Has No Boundaries, Walleyes for Tomorrow, Josie's Gift, Boys and Girls Club, Tomorrow's Anglers, Pheasants Forever, White Tails, Otter Street Fishing Club, Ducks Unlimited and Sturgeon for Tomorrow—where he was a proud Director and Officer. He shared his love of the outdoors with his wife, daughter, grandkids, friends, and community. As a younger man, he was the life of the party, becoming a long-time mentor, sponsor, and friend to many in Alcoholics Anonymous. He was a very strong, hardworking man who was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Bob was also a deeply spiritual man who loved all and was loved by all, stating that God was his "Main Man". Finally, who could forget Bob's undeniably devilish personality that made him so much fun to be around?

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Wendy (Russell Weiner) of Ann Arbor, MI, and their children Abigail, Joshua, and Zachary. He also survived by his beloved dog, Sunny, and his brother, Jim (Tracy); and his sister, Linda. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard and Donald;

and sister, Sandy (Lee Hanson).

Please join us to commemorate the unforgettable Bob Marin this Saturday at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Visitation will last from 10 am to 12 pm, with a service and luncheon to follow. For more information, visit: <https://www.seefeld-funeral.com/obituaries>. We would love for folks to share their funny Bob stories (PG) with the family at the luncheon. After the Luncheon, all are welcome to continue the Celebration of Life until 7 pm at the Oshkosh Marriott Water-

front, 1 N Main Street, Room: Athearn B. There will be signs upon entering the hotel.

If you would like to continue Bob's legacy of working with local charities, you may contribute at the funeral home or go to his GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/5ce27fc7a>

Thank you to all who made his life such a joy. Peace be with you all.



David Romitti

David Romitti passed away on January 15, 2026, age 59, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



He was born on September 5, 1966, in Iowa, to John L. and Judith (Novak) Romitti.

David was a proud graduate of Madrid High School '84, where he enthusiastically participated in baseball, football, and track. He briefly attended DMACC in Ankeny, Iowa, and spent much of his working life in the retail field. He shared a close bond with his father and later devoted himself to caring for him until his father's passing in March 2025.

An avid sports fan and trivia enthusiast, David especially enjoyed NASCAR, the Green Bay Packers, Iowa State Cyclones,

Cincinnati Reds, and San Jose Sharks. He loved music, movies—particularly horror films—and was known for his quick wit, sharp humor, and ability to make others laugh. He fondly recalled seeing comedian George Carlin, speaking with football player Larry McCarren, and having first row Beach Boys tickets.

David is survived by his siblings, Teresa (William) Van Aacken and Jarrod Romitti; one niece; two nephews; two great nephews; and several friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Raphael's Good Samaritan Fund in David's honor.



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Dennis Charles Berholtz

In Loving Memory of Dennis Charles Berholtz



Dennis Charles Berholtz, age 78, of Pickett, went to the Lord on Friday, January 16, 2026. Dennis, a beloved husband, father, friend, and dedicated community member, passed away leaving behind a legacy rooted in kindness, hard work, and a deep love for the outdoors. Born to the late Harvey and Esther (Sawallish) Berholtz on December 15, 1947, Dennis grew up with a zest for life that was evident from his first job as a paper boy, to cruising around in his infamous Nash Rambler—fondly known as the Green Monster—often with a mischievous grin and a knack

for stirring up a little trouble.

Dennis graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1966 before pursuing his Machinist Degree at Fox Valley Tech. He served honorably in the Army National Guard from 1966 to 1972, embodying his lifelong spirit of service. He married Pamela Jones on December 8, 1973, and together they built a loving home and raised two children, Claire Berholtz and Diana (Berholtz) Sina. Dennis and Pam recently celebrated 52 years of marriage.

His passion for the outdoors was unmatched—Dennis loved snowmobile racing, hunting trips with family, and camping getaways in Redgranite. He dedicated countless hours picking rocks with family on David & Diana's farm, never shying away from hard work or an opportunity to help. Whether on the maintenance crews at Kingsberry, Oshkosh Truck, or during his 29-year career at Kimberly-Clark

Beverly Kathryn Wintheiser

Beverly Kathryn Wintheiser was born July 11, 1931 in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Marquette University with a B.A. degree in Early Education. She taught in elementary school briefly but enjoyed teaching continuing education classes later in life. She adored poetry and was an avid reader and writer. Her interest in antiques led to a retirement hobby and a cookie cutter collection that led to many sweet memories at the holidays. Being a lifelong resident of Wisconsin, she enjoyed a good brandy old fashioned with friends and family. She met her husband, Tom, when they were cast opposite each other in a high school play their sophomore year. After 7 years of dating, they were married on August 22, 1953 and have spent 72 wonderful years together. She lived a beautiful life with Tom, including multiple trips to Europe, cruises in the Mediterranean, down the Mississippi River and the eastern seaboard, and many excursions throughout the United States. Their love and commitment to each other is an inspiration to all.



Bev often said her greatest joy was being a homemaker and raising seven children: Paul (Sue), Cathy (Fred) Maslow, Mark (Linda), Carl (Jody), Steve (Robin), Dan (Joan) and Jan (Brian) Bernhardt. She was preceded in death by her son Mark, her brother Harold, and her parents, Nicholas and Clara. She used to laugh and say that her epitaph should be "Charge Ahead!" Her strong, assertive and loving person-

ality was an inspiration to her 7 children, 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She was well loved and will be deeply missed.

Bev died on January 19th, 2026, at the age of 94. The family wants to thank Jessica, Brooke, Ericka and Cathy of Aurora Hospice at Home who were a comfort to Bev and her family. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral service will be at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM and Mass at 11:00 AM.

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Dennis is survived by his wife Pamela, their children Claire Berholtz of North Fond du Lac and Diana (David) Sina of Pickett; sister-in-law Judy Berholtz of Oshkosh, and countless other family members from the Berholtz and Jones families. He now joins his parents, Harvey and Esther Berholtz; sis-

ter and brother-in-law Shirley and Richard Krueger; brother William Berholtz; in-laws William and Carol Jones, and brother-in-law Reese Jones in eternal peace. His memory lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

A memorial has been started in Dennis's name for the Grace Ev. Lutheran School.

A memorial service with Military Honors for Dennis will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, January 30th, 2026 at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 913 Nebraska St. Oshkosh, WI 54902. Visitation will be held at the church from 2:00 pm until the time of the service.

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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.

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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,

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 Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

DATE SIGNED: January 15, 2026
Form completed by: Attorney Nathan P. Olson
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Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Eleise A. Roo

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1. An application for informational administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/17/1945 and date of death 10/19/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 171 Royal Oak Court, Menasha, WI 54952.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

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Can you help me bring this box of cauliflower to my farmers market stand?

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- = BROCCOLI
- = CALIFORNIA
- = FLOWER
- = PIZZA
- = PURPLE
- = CABBAGE
- = NEBRASKA
- = GREEN

Did you know...

- The word "cauliflower" means _____.
- White is the most common form, but at many farmers markets you can get cauliflower that is orange, _____ and _____.
- Cauliflower is a member of the _____ family.
- Many people use cauliflower to make _____ crusts.
- About 90% of the cauliflower grown in the United States comes from _____.

Replace the missing words.
 LEAVES HIGH YELLOW TIE ENERGY

Cauliflower can be boiled, fried, roasted, grilled, steamed, pickled or eaten raw. It can even be made into a pizza crust! It packs an _____ punch and is low in calories. It's high in fiber and _____ in vitamin C and other minerals (one cup of cauliflower has more than an orange) and so it's called a **superfood**. That means cauliflower helps keep your body healthy and strong!



Large cauliflower _____ grow as the cauliflower grows. When tall enough, a farmer will cover the white growing cauliflower with the leaves and _____ them in place. Why? This keeps the "flower" part white as it grows. If not covered, the florets turn _____.

Cauliflower is usually harvested when it's six to eight inches in diameter.

Have YOU tried cauliflower?

- YES! Yum!
- Not yet.

Extra! Extra! Letter Search

Look through the newspaper to find a word that starts with each letter below:

- C _____
- A _____
- U _____
- L _____
- I _____
- F _____
- L _____
- O _____
- W _____
- E _____
- R _____

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Roasted Cauliflower

Work with an adult to make this delicious and healthy cauliflower recipe that can crunch a little like popcorn.

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F.
2. Cut the cauliflower into florets all about the same size.
3. Sprinkle with salt and 2 tsp of olive oil. Toss these together to coat the florets.
4. Spread onto a baking sheet and roast for 10 minutes.
5. Turn each floret over and roast for 5 minutes. Take out of oven and allow to cool. Sprinkle cheese or lemon on top for extra flavor.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Farmers harvest cauliflower before this happens to it and it might surprise you. Hold this page up to a mirror to discover this surprise.

IF NOT HARVESTED,
 A CAULIFLOWER WILL SPROUT
 HUNDREDS OF TINY YELLOW
 FLOWERS. THE FLORETS WE EAT
 ARE FLOWER BUDS THAT
 HAVEN'T OPENED YET.

Standards Link: Math: Recognize and continue patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- COMMON
- CUP
- FARMERS
- FIBER
- FLORETS
- FOOD
- GREEN
- GROWS
- HELPS
- LEAVES
- LOW
- ORANGE
- RAW
- SUPER
- TALL
- TURN

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

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

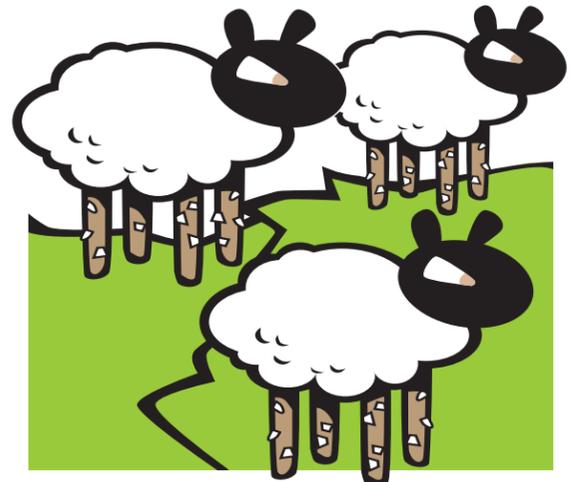
Kid Scoop Together Field of Sheep

Work with a family member to make this tasty treat.

INGREDIENTS:



1. Cover a plate with lettuce leaves.
2. Break off cauliflower florets to make the sheep's bodies.
3. Use pretzel sticks for legs and "glue" with cream cheese or peanut butter.
4. To make the head, slice a small section off the back of an olive and "glue" it onto the cauliflower using cream cheese.
5. Use pine nuts for eyes. Attach with cream cheese. Set out your flock for all to enjoy!
6. Cut tiny slices of olive to make ears.
7. Use pine nuts for eyes. Attach with cream cheese. Set out your flock for all to enjoy!



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written instructions.

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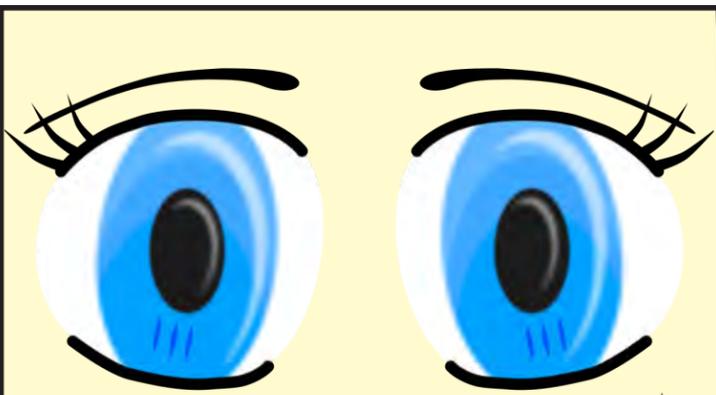
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Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.



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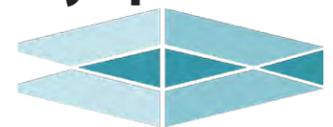
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Proposals: An Event of Their Own

What begins as a carefully planned night out—both partners dressed to the nines and looking forward to an evening with friends—can quickly turn into a once-in-a-lifetime moment. Increasingly, couples arrive at a new or meaningful venue only to find it transformed: rose petals scattered across the floor, softly glowing signs, romantic music filling the room, and a photographer quietly waiting to capture the surprise.

In today's wedding culture, proposals are no longer just a private exchange. They have evolved into thoughtfully designed experiences, often planned with as much care as other milestone celebrations. Many grooms-to-be are turning to professional photographers, venues, and even proposal planners to help bring their vision to life and create a moment their partner will remember forever.

Industry data reflects this growing trend. According to *The Knot*, the average engagement ring in the United States costs between **\$5,200 and \$6,500**, depending on style, materials, and region. But the ring is often just one part of the overall proposal experience. *WeddingPro* reports that many couples spend **several hundred to a few**

thousand dollars on additional elements such as photography, décor, floral arrangements, transportation, or a celebratory dinner afterward. For many, these details help elevate the moment from a surprise to a carefully curated memory.

These proposal stories often become part of a couple's shared history—retold at engagement parties, weddings, and anniversaries for years to come. A well-planned proposal can reflect a couple's personality, values, and shared experiences, making the moment feel deeply personal rather than performative.

At the same time, wedding professionals encourage couples to approach proposal planning with intention and balance. Setting a realistic budget allows the moment to feel meaningful without creating unnecessary financial pressure or inflated expectations as couples move on to engagement celebrations and wedding planning with family and friends.

Ultimately, whether simple or elaborate, proposals are about creating a moment that feels authentic. When thoughtfully planned, they mark not just the start of an engagement, but the beginning of a story couples will cherish—and tell—for a lifetime.



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From Runways to the Fox Cities: Wedding Dress Trends for 2026

Just as venues reflect more of the personal style of the bride and groom, so is Bridal fashion as wedding dresses in 2026 are less about rules and more about expressing their own story through style.

Brides are blending thoughtful design with timeless elegance and modern details that feel fresh on every aisle as dresses embrace a mix of classic silhouettes with bold fashion moments.

One unique trend is layered looks and dress toppers — as brides add detachable capes, embellished jackets, and embroidered overlays that allow them to shift

their style from ceremony to reception without changing gowns. Lace continues to reign, reimagined in romantic and dimensional ways that range from delicate motifs to more dramatic, textured patterns.

Silhouettes vary widely, with Basque waists, asymmetrical A-lines, and sleek sheath styles gaining traction alongside modern takes on fit-and-flare shapes.

Brides are also exploring unique, personalized touches — subtle color accents, 3D floral appliques, and thoughtful beading — creating gowns that feel elegant yet one-of-a-kind.

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Wedding Trends 2026

Local Flavor Meets Personalized Celebration

Couples planning weddings in the Fox Cities are crafting celebrations that reflect the region's blend of scenic riverfront settings, vibrant downtowns, and warm community spirit. In 2026, wedding trends here emphasize **local experiences, personalization, and versatile event spaces** that make each celebration uniquely Fox Cities.

One key trend is the continued popularity of **local venue diversity**. Couples are choosing from beautiful riverfront halls, historic downtown spaces, and modern banquet centers that highlight the area's character.

Outdoor and flexible event options remain strong. Many couples are blending indoor comfort with outdoor moments—think cocktail hours on patios, garden ceremonies, or receptions under lights beside the water. Landscaped parks also continue to attract those seeking a relaxed but elegant vibe, where local flora and natural settings play a starring role.

Personalization is at the heart of 2026 celebrations. Couples are weaving their personal stories into every detail—from local food and drink stations featuring regional flavors to entertainment that reflects their style and guests' comfort. Interactive experiences like custom playlists and engaging ceremony formats help make the day feel intimate and memorable.

Finally, many are prioritizing **guest experience and flow**, with extended cocktail hours, intentional break-time



From bold flavors to meaningful names, signature cocktails are becoming a popular way for couples to infuse personality into their wedding celebrations.

spaces, and lively receptions that keep guests connected and celebrating throughout the evening. Whether along riverfronts, in historic venues, or at modern ballrooms, local weddings in 2026 reflect place, personality, and shared celebration.

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