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TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION

Gambling machines in gas stations OK

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh gas station owner has wrapped up the process of building a bar onto the station for the sole purpose of avoiding a felony criminal record.

The Oshkosh Common Council has set a new precedent that could allow any gas station in the city to be turned into a bar with the sole purpose of having illegal gambling machines.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer was the sole opposing vote at the Jan. 27 council meeting. He said the only reason the application was in front of the council was so the applicant would face a misdemeanor charge for the illegal machines instead of a felony charge.

“It’s an illegal activity that, by us doing this, we are giving our blessing to,” Mugerauer said.

Other council members said they were pro-business and voted to approve the new bar. The bar owners were clear they were doing this because the city allows it.

The city held a workshop recently for the council to discuss the topic with city staff and the Department of Revenue that oversees video gambling machines through its Department of Alcoholic Beverages (DAB.)

Council member Karl Buelow previously spoke against the machines and the idea of gas stations adding small bars. However, he announced at last week’s meeting he was

supporting these small rooms for the sole purpose of having the machines and obfuscating the felony charges.

He went as far to call them “micro-pubs.” There is no limit to the number of these Class B licenses the city can hand out.

“What happens if we have this in every single gas station in Oshkosh?” Buelow hypothetically asked himself. “I have two thoughts on that – number one so what.”

His other point was if the market supports the illegal activity why should city officials care.

Buelow and Mugerauer both pointed out that the state legislature has allowed this sit-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Team building

Sasha and Justin Smith (front) play in a pickleball tournament Saturday with Ken and Ann Levine to support the Fox Valley Dragon Boat Club at Pickle and Bags Oshkosh. The dragon boat club is recruiting members for a youth team, a breast cancer survivor team and a competitive team. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Winneconne Public Library.

Eight candidates head into council primary race

Oshkosh Herald

Voters will be electing three new members to the Oshkosh Common Council in the spring. The race has no incumbents, and eight candidates are contending for the seats.

Due to the crowded field, voters will be asked to participate in the primary Feb. 17 to whittle the field down to six candidates.

All but one of the eight candidates pitched themselves to the council in November to fill Kris Larson’s vacant seat.

The Herald sent questions to each of the candidates.

The questions were developed after looking at each candidate’s platform, which they announced in November and have since added to online.

Voters will be asked to vote for up to three of the candidates. For more information on what will be on the ballot and where to vote, go to myvote.wi.gov.

Candidates have been listed in alphabetical order and responses may have been edited for clarity and space.

Jacob Amos

Jacob Amos, 31, works as a loan officer. He holds a bachelor’s degree. Amos was appointed to a seat on the council in November. He serves on the city’s long range finance committee.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I am running for City Council because Oshkosh is my home and I care wholeheartedly about the future of our community.

From the moment I moved here, I knew I wanted to be involved and give back to the city that welcomed me. I want to be involved in ensuring that local government is transparent, fiscally responsible and focused on real community needs rather than politics or personal agendas.

As a loan officer, I work closely with families, small business owners and homebuyers, and I see every day how local decisions directly affect people’s finan-

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PawGram fundraiser supports Humane Society

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) has launched a new fundraiser for Valentine's Day in which community members can surprise their Valentine with sending a PawGram from a shelter pet – either a personalized email or printed letter and dog, cat, bunny or guinea pig plushie in the mail.

“This offers a way for you to surprise your Valentine with a really meaningful, personalized gift they won't forget,” said Ieva Engel, OAHS executive director. “At the same time, it's supporting a really great cause in honor of their loved one; it's a gift both the giver and receiver can feel really good about.”

There are two options for PawGrams, including a personalized email PawGram for a \$25 donation, in which the recipient will receive an emailed PDF PawGram with a shelter pet's Valentine photo and message. The second is a personalized mailed PawGram and a Plushie for a \$40 donation, in which the recipient will receive a padded 8.5" x 11" envelope in the mail with an exterior label that states “Someone Loves You” and a plushie of the donor's choice – dog, cat, bunny or guinea pig (plushies are 4-5" tall), along with a printed personalized PawGram with a



PawGrams can include a printed letter from a shelter animal along with a dog, cat, bunny or guinea pig plushie sent in the mail.

shelter pet's Valentine photo and message.

Donations raised from the PawGrams campaign will be used to provide nutritious food, soft blankets, medical care and a safe, warm place for shelter pets to stay

until they are adopted.

PawGrams can be ordered at givebutter.com/pawgrams26 and will be sent next week. Mailed PawGrams can be sent to any U.S. address.

Construction project begins around Franklin School

Oshkosh Herald

Construction was expected to start this week around Franklin Elementary School.

According to the Oshkosh Area School District, the West Ninth Avenue sidewalk entrance to the Franklin property closed to the public Friday. Students from nearby schools will no longer be able to “cut through” the Franklin site.

The area is expected to remain a fenced construction zone through August 2027. Pedestrians should use Mason Street to

walk or bike around the construction area.

As of this week, construction equipment and fences will move onto the Franklin site, which is located at 1401 W. Fifth Ave. Construction trucks will be using the entrance at Mason Street and Sixth Avenue.

To keep students safe, the district said no construction traffic is allowed when students are heading to or from school.

The construction project is part of the plans voters approved in the April 2025 referendum as the building will be ex-

panded. The first phase of the project, which is slated to take about a month, is designed to reconstruct the Campbell Creek storm sewer that runs through the Franklin school property.

The building expansion includes a new academic wing, a larger gym, an expanded cafeteria and building renovations. The first part of the project will focus on the new addition on the south side of the school. The existing school building will not be under construction during this initial phase.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

Feb. 1, 1909

Local Candy Maker Fails – Files for Bankruptcy: Peter Kolb, local candy maker, filed for bankruptcy today due to business failures listing liabilities at \$7,544 and assets at \$4,408. It is claimed lack of sufficient trade to meet high operating expenses was the only reason for the financial embarrassment of Mr. Kolb, who bought out John Oaks about two years ago. Kolb now has a suit pending against Mr. Oaks for alleged breach of contract in starting the business again. Kolb claims his purchase of Oak's business included a contract for them not to go into business in this city within a stated length of time.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, February 1, 1909

Scholarship program brings awareness, understanding of county government

Oshkosh Herald

High school seniors who reside in Winnebago County that plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution are eligible to receive one of nine Winnebago County Board \$2,100 scholarships.

The program was developed to promote an awareness and understanding of county government.

Interested students need to complete and submit an application form and write a 500 to 800 word essay addressing the

question: “If I were to run for any Winnebago County elected position, which one would I run for and why?”

Elected positions include county board supervisor, county executive, judges of circuit court, district attorney, sheriff, clerk of courts, county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds.

All application requirements must be followed to be considered. The deadline to apply is March 31. If interested, go to winnebagocountywi.gov.

DMV offers information on obtaining an ID for voting

Oshkosh Herald

Ahead of the Wisconsin Spring Primary Election on Feb. 17, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting. Valid identification for voting purposes

includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card. There is no separate “voter ID.” A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

Anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at 844-588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov.

Start the application now at wisconsinidmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center.



EAA photo/Connor Madison

The whole family can be involved in hands-on activities, such as the airplane coloring table, at EAA's Winter Flight Fest.

Winter Flight Fest to feature activities

Oshkosh Herald

The annual Winter Flight Fest will bring hands-on activities and the skiplane fly-in to the EAA Aviation Museum.

The all-ages event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday features activities across the museum, with the skiplane fly-in taking place at the Pioneer Airport facility right behind the museum. All museum activities are included with regular museum admission, while the skiplane fly-in is free to attend.

The hands-on activities in the museum include:

- Paper airplane launcher – Fold your best creation and see how it flies
- Pararescue challenge – Design a miniature parachute and test it in a wind tunnel
- Indoor model airplane flying – Discover what it takes to build and fly a radio-control model
- Rotorcrafting – Build your own helicopter with a working rotor from recycled household materials

Scale plastic model builders can put their work to the test in a contest in the museum's Air Racing Gallery. Entry is free and open to all ages, with separate divisions for adults and youth. Contestants must have their models registered at the Air Racing Gallery by 1 p.m. Judging will begin at 2 p.m. with winners being announced immediately after.

A unique facet of fun flying will be on display as skiplane pilots from throughout the upper Midwest descend on Pioneer Airport to participate in the annual fly-in. Arrivals will begin at 8 a.m. with the airplanes remaining for several hours.

Complimentary chili will also be served at Pioneer Airport. Shuttles will operate from the museum to Pioneer Airport throughout the day. The skiplane fly-in is weather permitting, with pilots being notified in advance of a cancellation. Skiplane pilots are asked to register their aircraft online at eaa.org/eaa-museum/eaa-skiplane-fly-in-pilot-sign-up.

Winnebago ice report

By Jim Nobbe

PAYNE'S POINT HOOK & SPEAR FISHING CLUB

The main north-south crack .4 miles off our landing has healed up.

We pulled the two truck bridges and the ATV bridge off it this afternoon. We put a truck bridge on the east-west crack north of our treeline roughly a mile.

The bridge is located just east of Haystack Reef. It is marked with four Christmas trees. We also have a truck bridge at 3.1 miles out on the main road on our treeline.

The crack runs southeast to north-northwest. It is roughly 10" wide. We still have the truck bridge on the crack that runs east off of Blackbird Island roughly a half mile west of the island.

There was a new crack that started Saturday south of it about 3/4 of a mile that runs east also. It dies out about two miles out in the lake.

With the drastic temperature changes and little snow, I suspect the lake will keep cracking in random spots for the foreseeable future so pay extra attention while you're traveling on the ice.

Samers Bay breakwall project to resume

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said construction efforts on the Samers Bay breakwall project are planned to resume this winter, with a portion of the construction likely to occur during the sturgeon spearing season.

The main objective of the project is to install an offshore breakwall on the north side



Submitted photo

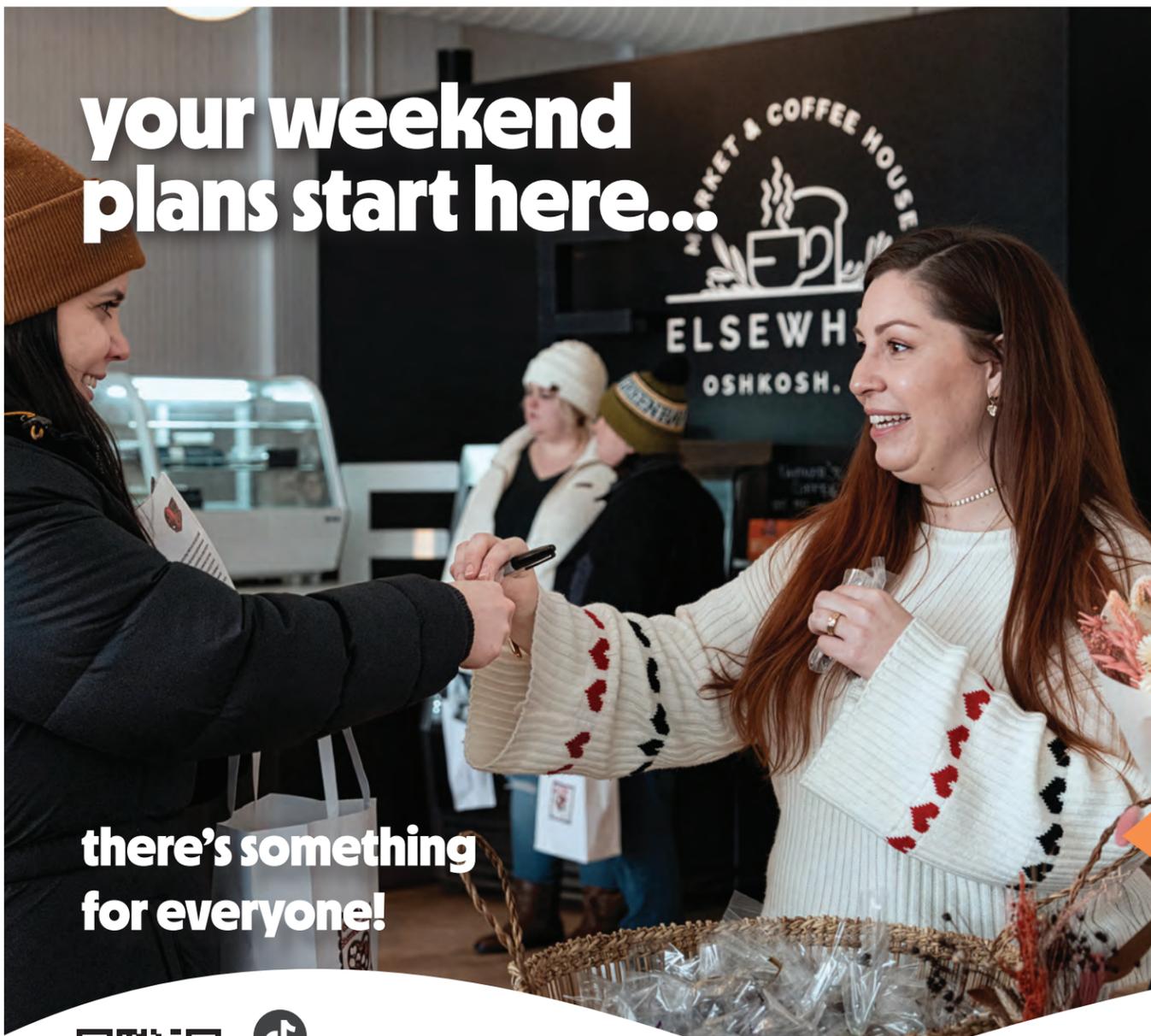
The lake map is a "best of my knowledge" current bridge tree line/road/cracks in the north half of Lake Winnebago as of Sunday, according to Jim Nobbe.

We are seeing 18-21" of ice in most areas. Also thanks to the fella that helped us by drilling the holes that marked our bridge on the crack north of the treeline Sunday.

Don't forget to support your local fishing clubs and remember the ice is never 100% safe.

of Samers Bay on Lake Butte des Morts to protect, preserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Marsh and wetland areas throughout the Upriver Lakes have faced extensive degradation due to water levels leading to erosion from wind, wave and ice energy.

Located approximately 1,000 feet offshore, a total of 11 breakwall segments will protect from the lake's energy.



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Gambling machines

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uation to arise.

“They created it; they’re the only ones that can solve it,” Mugerauer said.

In Wisconsin, video gambling machines are only legal in establishments regulated by the Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance.

The OIGRC oversees casinos operated by the 11 federally recognized tribes in the state, like the Oneida Casino in Green Bay.

In 2003 with the help of lobbying from the Tavern League of Wisconsin, the penalty for having these machines in bars, taverns and restaurants was greatly reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor.

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 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.

Last year state agents began going around gas stations throughout Winnebago County and warning businesses to remove the machines or they would face a penalty, including felony charges.

The Quik Pantry Pub at 403 N. Sawyer St. will be the first of these in Oshkosh to receive approval. The plans show renovations will be inside the station to create a separate 300-square-foot room. The station will have five gambling machines with a total occupancy limit of seven people.

Cecile Sattler spoke in favor of the license approval, saying it’s an activity she enjoys with her friends. Sattler admitted to the council it’s about the enjoyment of the machines and not the alcohol.

John Popp, the president of the Tavern League of Wisconsin for Oshkosh and Winnebago County, spoke against the application. He noted the city should not outlaw the video gambling machines in all cases, which has been suggested by the mayor, but it should only allow them in establishments like bars and restaurants.

“We support the city and the state’s effort to combat business owners who try to exploit the law by creating small rooms supposedly to serve alcohol, only so they can have these video games,” Popp said.

The council did not discuss the possible community effects of adding bars to every gas station.

The Oshkosh Police Department made a total of 1,286 OWI arrests from January 2019 to December 2025. During that time period arrests spiked in 2019 with 239 OWI arrests and in 2023 with 242 OWI arrests.

In addition, OPD reported 162 driving under the influence arrests in 2025, which is on the rise from 141 in 2024.

Winnebago County is known throughout the state as having a reputation of a high-quality sober-living community. Organizations like Solutions Recovery and Nova Counselling have many sober-living units in Oshkosh. Those organizations have a combined 127 sober living units available in the area.

After the meeting Buelow told the Herald he has spoken with residents in the area’s recovery community and said this is not a major concern for them. He gave the example of an individual needing to find a coping mechanism while attending a wedding serving alcohol rather than to request alcohol not be served.



Photo from Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Northeast Asphalt was recognized for its work on an asphalt paving project last year on Wisconsin Highway 91 from Oshkosh to Berlin.

Highway 91 project receives award

Oshkosh Herald

An asphalt paving project in Winnebago County was among the statewide award recipients for excellence in construction.

Six companies received awards at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (WisDOT) annual Contractor-Engineer Conference last month.

Northeast Asphalt, located in Greenville, received the award for work on Wisconsin Highway 91 between Oshkosh and Berlin. The project resurfaced 14.5 miles, including 21 side road intersections and 165 driveways.

The efficiency of the paving crews helped the project finish ahead of schedule and under budget.

Area unemployment rate rises in December

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate increase to 2.7% in December from 2.5% in November and at the same time last year, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The preliminary December unemployment rate increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.

Unemployment rates increased in 33

of Wisconsin’s 35 largest cities over the month. Rates stayed the same in the two remaining cities.

Unemployment rates decreased in three cities over the year. Rates increased in 25 cities over the year and stayed the same in the seven remaining cities.

Unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in eight counties over the year. Rates increased in 58 counties over the year and stayed the same in the six remaining counties.

Business news roundup

The **Oshkosh Chamber** has added two new professionals to its team. Marlayna Gonnering has joined the Oshkosh Chamber as the member engagement and events coordinator. The Oshkosh Chamber has also hired Josh Koteski as economic development director.

The **Fazoli’s** restaurant at 1875 S. Koeller St. has closed. The company’s parent firm, FAT Brands, is facing financial difficulties and debt.

The **Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)** has named Dan Mincheff vice president – information technology and education and a member of EAA’s senior leadership team. Mincheff brings more than 30 years of executive leadership across technology, higher education and aviation-adjacent organizations, including

leadership roles at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Ellucian, Ferrilli and Air Wisconsin.

Michael Nordmann, CFP, CPFA, has joined **Independence Financial** as a financial advisor and partner. Nordmann brings more than 15 years of experience in comprehensive financial planning and wealth management leadership. Prior to joining Independence Financial, he served as Principal and Chief Wealth Officer at Maner Costerisan.

Fox Communities Credit Union has promoted six regional branch managers to the position of assistant vice president, regional branch manager. Those receiving promotions include Tara Birling, Karen Dietzen, John Hessenthaler, Nicole Karnopp, Tricia Villarreal and Amanda Zeinert.



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Questions to raise about public sector accountability

Accountable for what and accountable to whom are the two questions that must be asked when the subject of public sector accountability comes up.

In my professional field – public administration – there is a large body of research wrestling with what exactly accountability means and how it can be applied. It may seem odd that answering two seemingly simple questions has spurred an entire body of research, but when it comes to accountability, the devil is the details.

We just experienced the 40th anniversary of the Challenger explosion, a national tragedy for which there were broad demands for accountability.

Who was responsible for the loss of the shuttle? A 1987 study by Barbara Romzek and Melvin Dubnick, titled “Accountability in the public sector: Lessons from the Challenger tragedy,” attempted to answer that question. The authors concluded there was no simple answer.

It occurred because of a culture at NASA that degraded into groupthink, confusion over the purpose of the space shuttle (was it for science or for commercial activity), conflict between political demands and safety concerns, the expansion of acceptable risk, the normalization of an activity that was in fact incredibly difficult (the shuttle always launched safely before so people came to believe it was routine), the decision to launch in cold weather and so much more.

The authors of the study used the Challenger case to highlight how there are actually four different types of public



Michael Ford
Contributor

sector accountability that all co-exist.

The first is bureaucratic, which refers to order and obedience within an organization. This type of accountability concerns structure, where an employee knows who they report to and knows what they are responsible for. If the employee does not obey the chain of command or accomplish their tasks (both being known to them), accountability comes in the form of a sanction and ultimately job loss.

The second accountability type – legal – comes from outside the organization. If an employee is breaking law accountability comes in the form of legal consequences and job loss.

The two other accountability types are less control oriented and much harder to make actionable. Professional accountability is when expert employees receive freedom and autonomy in executing their tasks in exchange for the expectation of reprimand or job loss if their discretion does not produce expected results. Finally, political accountability means a public sector leader is responsive to the needs of their constituents, whomever they might be.

I find the Romzek and Dubnick framework useful in demonstrating the challenges of holding public sector leaders accountable in a real-world setting.

For example, professional and political accountability can easily come into conflict with one another. A city manager or superintendent may lean on their professional expertise to suggest one course of action while their political constituents demand a different one. Or a governing board may reject the professional opinion of a public manager.

The worst-case scenarios are when a public sector leader shies away from giving honest advice in anticipation of political backlash, or when a governing board micro-manages policy implementation.

In these cases, who is to be held accountable when a course of action fails? Because it's not clear, the answer is too often no one.

Hence it is important that public sector leaders answer the core questions, accountable for what and accountable to

whom before the time for accountability arises. It is very easy to demand accountability. After all, who could be against it?

I am not suggesting demanding accountability out of our public leaders is not essential; it is. But giving those calls practical meaning requires clarity and structure. On a governing board that means a majority articulating expectations, and answers to those questions: Accountable for what and accountable to whom, as a collective, rather than as sets of individual demands.

In practice it is encouraging to see more discussion about accountability for our public institutions in Oshkosh. Such conversations allow us as a community to make something we all want tangible and impactful.

Michael R. Ford is an Oshkosh school board member and director of the Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue.

Social project focuses on tech-free events

Oshkosh Herald

The SMART Social Project, an initiative of the Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, will focus on tech-free Tuesdays this month.

The project is a community effort to help Oshkosh build healthier online and offline habits.

SMART stands for Social Media Awareness, Responsibility and Tools, as well as five keys for intentional tech use: self-awareness, mindfulness, authenticity, responsibility and truth.

The goal is to bring more awareness to the impacts of screen use on mental health and encourage offline, “in-real-life” connection.

Local businesses are hosting screen-free activities for kids, families and adults every Tuesday in February.

Guests are invited to come unplug, reconnect and enjoy real-life experiences together.

These events are for all ages and abilities. Pre-registration is required.

Tech-free events include: “Singo” at the Gibson Social Club, art classes at: Beckett's, Fire Escape and House of Flowers, pickleball lessons and play at the YMCA, line dancing at the Oshkosh Public Library, and an indoor, inflatable obstacle course at the Oshkosh Arena.

The full list of events can be found at SMARTSocialOshkosh.com/events.

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Longtime Oshkosh city manager Frueh passes away

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's long-time city manager and community cornerstone has died. William "Bill" Frueh led the city through tremendous growth and change in his 20 years as CEO of the city.

He died Jan. 27 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, Fla.

Court finds probable cause in shooting

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man remains in custody after allegedly shooting and killing his boyfriend and then admitting to the crime at the Oshkosh police station.

Willie C. Rollins, 32, is facing life in prison following the events of Jan. 5. He is charged with one count of first-degree intentional homicide and one count of possession of methamphetamine.

Rollins admitted to using methamphetamine three to four days before shooting his boyfriend in the basement of their apartment in the 700 block of West Ninth Avenue.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood found probable cause that there was a felony committed by Rollins that led to the death of the victim in the case. Rollins remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on a \$750,000 cash bond.

Rollins alleged he had been human-trafficked, emotionally and physically abused by his boyfriend when he initially spoke with police officers.

Oshkosh police detective Jeremy Krueger testified during a preliminary hearing in the case last week that the couple had been arguing about the internet in their shared apartment on Jan. 5 that led

Frueh, 90, started his public service career with the Iowa State Highway Commission in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1961. His career culminated 35 years later when he retired as Oshkosh city manager in 1996.

Over that 35-year-stretch Frueh worked as city manager in Newton, N.J. and Shawnee, Okla. Then in August 1976, Frueh

was hired as the Oshkosh city manager.

The numerous civic improvements during his time leading the city include removing train tracks from downtown Oshkosh. For years the Soo Line ran through the heart of Oshkosh and Frueh along with the council saw those tracks removed. Frueh also oversaw half of the roads in the city get paved under his tenure.

Frueh was also part of the growth Oshkosh saw industrial parks established and was instrumental in bringing the hotel and convention center to downtown Oshkosh.

Frueh also served the Oshkosh community outside of his city manager role.

"He was just such a staunch supporter of Oshkosh," said Sue Panek, who worked with Frueh when she was CEO of United

Way Oshkosh and he served on the board of directors.

Frueh also served on the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce and the Oshkosh Symphony. He was often seen for his volunteer work as a bell ringer and appointment driver for the Salvation Army.

"He understood the importance of showing his love of Oshkosh more through his actions than just his words," former mayor Burk Tower said.

Following his retirement, Frueh stayed in Oshkosh with his wife Denise. The couple spent winters in Florida and continued volunteering. A memorial for Bill Frueh's memory has been established with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

One person killed, two injured in Nekimi crash

Oshkosh Herald

The driver of one vehicle was killed in a head-on crash last week in the Town of Nekimi.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office said the three-vehicle crash occurred at approximately 12:49 p.m. Jan. 28 on County Road N near Knapp Street. The crash had blocked both lanes of traffic on County Road N, the sheriff's office said.

According to the sheriff's office, one person had been ejected from one of the vehicles. As deputies were responding, they learned that one of the drivers was deceased and the passenger inside that ve-

hicle was in critical condition.

The person that had been ejected was transported to an area hospital and was expected to survive, the sheriff's office said. The driver of the third involved vehicle was also taken to an area hospital with injuries.

Agencies assisting at the scene included the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Winnebago County Highway Department, the Oshkosh Fire Department, Southern Winnebago EMS, the Town of Nekimi First Responders and Fire Department and Van Dyne First Responders and Fire Department.

The incident was under investigation.

Crews battle multiple structure fires throughout city

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to two structure fires last week.

A structure fire was reported at 6:32 a.m. Jan. 27 at Starbucks Coffee, 1830 Oshkosh Ave. According to the fire department, the fire is considered accidental and started on the roof.

A damage estimate was still unknown following the fire. The Starbucks roof area had extensive fire damage. Three adjoining businesses had smoke and water damage. No injuries were reported from the fire.

The fire department responded to an-

other possible structure fire at 11:35 a.m. Thursday at 705 W. New York Ave. The first fire company on scene found dark smoke coming from the east side second floor window.

Fire crews were able to enter the structure and extinguish the fire.

The fire was located in an interior wall on the first and second floor. The structure sustained fire, water and smoke damage. No injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The cause of both fires remains under investigation.

Health coalition releases community health report

Oshkosh Herald

The Tri-County Community Health Improvement Coalition has released the first-ever unified Community Health Needs Assessment (CHA/CHNA) for Winnebago, Calumet and Outagamie counties.

The coalition brings together four area health systems; Ascension, Aurora Health Care, Children's Wisconsin and The daCare; five local public health agencies; City of Appleton Department of Public Health, City of Menasha Health Department, Calumet County Public Health, Outagamie County Public Health and Winnebago County Public Health; and more than a dozen nonprofit community organizations serving the tri-county region.

United Way Fox Cities is serving as the backbone entity to house the coalition

and its efforts.

"Nearly 500,000 people live in the tri-county region, and many cross county lines daily," said Beth Clay, Vice President of Community Impact of United Way Fox Cities. "Community needs and challenges do not stop at jurisdictional boundaries, and our response shouldn't either."

The report reinforces that health and well-being are primarily shaped by community conditions, not solely by medical care or individual choices. Key findings from the assessment demonstrate how wealth consistently correlates with the vital conditions for health and well-being. Vital conditions include physical necessities like food, water, and humane housing, as well as things that are harder to quantify, like a sense of belonging and civic muscle.

Working collectively, partners are now using the data to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This effort represents a shift toward a shared framework and shared decision-making across sectors. By aligning priorities and initiatives, the coalition aims to reduce duplication of effort, develop a common understanding of the region's most pressing health needs, and maximize collective impact to help ensure that all residents of Winnebago, Calumet and Outagamie counties have the opportunity to thrive.

For the full report, visit unitedwayfoxcities.org/communityhealthreport.

Oshkosh man faces felony theft charges

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man and area construction company have been named in several civil lawsuits in multiple Wisconsin counties.

Jesse Van Boxel is facing six felony counts in Outagamie County ranging from theft by contractor to wire fraud to loan fraud. Four of the counts are theft by contractor, more than \$100,000.

One count is linked to Van Boxel, Millennium Construction Inc. and an apartment complex in Oshkosh. Van Boxel was the principal owner of Millennium Construction before he shut the company down in 2024.

At an initial appearance in Outagamie

County, Van Boxel's signature bond was set at \$1 million. A preliminary hearing in the felony case is scheduled for Feb. 11.

Court documents allege Van Boxel was commingling money from multiple projects including Woodstock Village in Oshkosh, Camp Zion in Door County and Duck Creek Landing in Brown County.

Van Boxel allegedly used money from the projects on extravagant purchases for himself, including homes in Hawaii.

Woodstock Village has also filed a civil lawsuit against Van Boxel and Millennium Construction. Court documents outline a number of allegations, including that Van Boxel misused at least \$6 million in disbursements that did not go toward work at Woodstock Village.

The lawsuit does not ask for a specific dollar amount but asks for any monetary relief the court determines necessary at a trial.



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(Front row) Jaye Roeming, OAWA Graduate Scholarship Program and Carol DeLao, OAWA Style Show Chairwomen, present awards to representatives from local organizations, including (back row) Tom Sonnleitner, Military Veterans Museum; Steve Gawaresky, Town of Oshkosh Fire Department; Stuart Tribby, Military Veterans; and Kay Lund and Jess Lund, Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Program.

Women's association awards funds

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Women's Association has awarded funds raised at its 39th annual Style Show to selected charities.

The Style Show was held in October at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The organizations receiving awards include Military Veterans Museum, Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, and Miss Oshkosh

Scholarship Program.

Oshkosh area charitable organizations in need of funds are invited to apply to the group's Charity Awards Committee for consideration. The deadline to apply is June 1.

Request letters can be sent to OAWA PO Box 3401, Oshkosh, WI 54903. For more information, go to the Non Profit Awards page at oshkoshwomen.com.

Separation of government powers program topic

Oshkosh Herald

A Food for Thought lunch and speaker will feature information about the government's separation of powers.

The event hosted by the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County will be held at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11 in the Oshkosh Food Co-op Community Room, 155 Jackson St.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh political science professor David Siemers will discuss his 2018 book "The Myth of Coequal Branches: Restoring the Constitution's Separation of Functions."

RSVPs are requested by sending a message to wLWVinfo@gmail.com by Sunday. A sandwich meal can be reserved for \$11.

Reworld launches poster contest for local students

Oshkosh Herald

Reworld-Fox Valley is launching an environmental poster contest this month, inviting students across five local school districts to explore what it means to protect the planet. The initiative, titled "Be a Reworld Waste Warrior," is open to all K-12 students in Oshkosh, Winneconne, Berlin, Ripon and Omro.

The contest encourages students to answer the central question: "What does a Reworld Waste Warrior do to protect the planet?" Through original artwork, participants are asked to highlight everyday actions that support environmental stewardship, including recycling, reducing waste, reusing materials and caring for natural resources.

Information about the contest has been shared with all participating schools, and students are encouraged to speak with their teachers if they need additional details or guidance on how to submit their work.

Entries may range in size from 8.5" x 11" to 11" x 17" and must include the phrase

"Reworld Waste Warrior." Only original artwork is permitted, and copyrighted characters or logos—other than the Reworld logo—are not allowed.

Winning posters from each age group will be on display throughout the entire month of April in participating community libraries to celebrate Earth Month and highlight the environmental messages created by local students.

An optional bonus point may be awarded for incorporating elements of Reworld's operations, such as recycling bins, sorting processes, trucks, or the Materials Processing Facility.

Entries are due by March 2. Winners will be announced on March 30, and the winning posters will be displayed April 1-30 as part of Earth Month celebrations. Parent or guardian permission is required for any artwork selected for public display.

More information about Reworld's environmental work can be found at reworldwaste.com/what-we-do.

Free tax preparation assistance resources available

Oshkosh Herald

Free basic tax return preparation assistance is being offered at various locations in Oshkosh.

The services are available for low-to-moderate income individuals and families, older adults and limited English-speaking taxpayers. Services are available by appointment only until March 27.

For appointments with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) UW-Oshkosh, call 920-424-1454 and leave a

message. For appointments on Tuesdays and Fridays at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, call 920-385-6756 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday to schedule.

Taxpayers seeking assistance are asked to obtain the pre-appointment packet, follow instructions, complete the required forms and gather tax documents prior to the appointment.

The filing deadline for individuals is April 15.



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Council race

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cial stability and quality of life. Whether it is housing affordability, neighborhood investment or long-term infrastructure planning, city policies have real consequences for the people who live and work here. That experience has shaped how I approach leadership. I believe Oshkosh deserves leaders who listen carefully, plan responsibly and make thoughtful, data-driven decisions that strengthen our local economy, protect taxpayers and ensure future generations can thrive in the city we call home.

Are you working on any initiatives right now that you'll continue if elected?

Yes. As a current councilman, my primary initiative is listening to residents of Oshkosh from all walks of life and ensuring their voices are not only heard but reflected in the decisions we make.

I will continue to ask the unpopular but important questions, make the hard decisions and represent the interest of the residents with integrity as a nonpartisan member of the council. I am actively working to strengthen transparency in the city's decision-making process, support responsible economic development and advocate for policies that keep Oshkosh affordable and livable for families, seniors and young professionals.

I believe strong communities are built through collaboration, and I am committed to bringing people together to focus on solutions that serve the entire city. We are stronger together.

If elected, I will continue this work by taking a proactive, results-driven approach to leadership. That means working closely with community partners, city staff and fellow council members to move ideas into action, focusing on long-term planning rather than short-term fixes. My goal is to help guide Oshkosh toward a future that is fiscally sound, economically resilient and centered on the needs of the people who live here.

Paul Esslinger

Paul Esslinger, 60, works as a real estate agent and holds a bachelor's degree. He has served one term as Oshkosh mayor and 13 years on the council.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

Too many times I've seen the priorities of the council that don't match with the citizens of Oshkosh. I don't think Osh-

kosh residents want new fees, increased fees and priorities that are not in line with their own.

When the majority of the members of the council vote to eliminate \$45,000 from the Oshkosh Humane Society then gleefully be in favor of spending hard earned tax dollars for a pedestrian bridge over Highway 41, you know their priorities don't match those of the majority of the Oshkosh residents.

While I was on the Council, I voted against the wheel tax, voted to eliminate the fire pit fee and would never support spending millions of dollars for a foot bridge over Highway 41. It's time for elected officials to get their priorities in line with the people they represent. It's time to get rid of politicians and elect representatives.

How can Oshkosh be more welcoming for developers while at the same time building houses for the poorest in the city?

I believe government should have a limited role in this activity and for it to be left mostly to the developers.

What needs to be developed should in large part be a product of the free market. There should be reasonable standards set that everyone abides by and let the private sector do its business.

Government should set reasonable zoning codes, the permit process should be simple and staff should be helpful with that process and inspections. The council did the right thing by acquiring, with Habitat for Humanity, (Washington) School and prepare the land for housing.

Without city help, I believe this project would have been cost prohibitive for developers and the building would have become an eye-sore in the neighborhood and would have brought down property values. The best way to be more welcoming is to create a welcoming standards and a welcoming atmosphere.

Eric Gumz

Eric Gumz, 41, is a retired Marine officer with a bachelor's degree. He coaches the Oshkosh North High School wrestling team.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I've been planning a run for council for a few years before retiring and coming home finally after noticing some negative changes in the city over time.

You've stated that the city needs more police officers in the downtown area. Why is that necessary and how would your plan utilize the satellite sta-

tion next to Opera House Square?

Hiring more officers is one option to reduce criminal activity in the city.

There are other more cost-efficient options that are intelligence and tactics driven that we can explore and talk over with the chief of police to see if that would meet our goals of a safer community.

The satellite station downtown was put in place as a result of ever-growing concerns about the downtown area and will likely be a staple for some time until we can alleviate some of the social, economic and policy conditions and decisions that have led us to where we're currently at crime wise.

Logan Jungbacker

Logan Jungbacker, 36, is a managing director and has a bachelor's degree. He serves on the board for Downtown Oshkosh Inc. and formerly served on the BID board.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I'm running for Oshkosh Common Council because I am committed to the future of our city and believe this is a moment that calls for thoughtful, collaborative leadership focused on results.

Oshkosh is experiencing growth, and while that brings opportunity, it also presents real challenges. I want to help guide that growth in a way that strengthens neighborhoods, maintains housing affordability and supports a healthy local economy.

I believe local government works best when it prioritizes practical solutions over politics. City Hall should function efficiently, make decisions openly and stay accountable to the people it serves. That requires listening carefully to residents, using taxpayer dollars responsibly and planning intentionally so growth benefits the entire community.

Oshkosh has a strong foundation and an engaged, dedicated population. I'm running to build on that foundation with steady leadership, common sense and a long-term perspective.

Your website mentions Oshkosh faces growth pressures. What do you mean by that and how do we solve it?

When I refer to growth pressures, I'm talking about the strain that unmanaged growth can place on housing affordability, infrastructure and everyday costs for

residents. Growth is a positive sign for Oshkosh, but without careful planning it can overwhelm neighborhoods and make the city less affordable.

Addressing these pressures starts with getting the fundamentals right. We need zoning and housing policies that expand options for working families and seniors. New development should contribute its fair share toward infrastructure so existing taxpayers aren't left covering the cost. And we need a city government that operates efficiently, sets clear priorities and stays closely connected to what residents are saying.

When growth is handled responsibly, it creates opportunity, helps control costs and preserves our quality of life. My focus is on managing growth in a way that keeps Oshkosh strong, stable and resilient over the long term.

Alec Lefeber

Alec Lefeber, 27, works as a content specialist and has a master's degree. He serves on the Oshkosh Landmarks Commission.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I'm running because I believe we're at a real inflection point, and people are feeling it in their everyday lives. Too often, local politicians act like we operate in a bubble, and I don't think that's honest.

I want to be a voice that recognizes reality: that life feels harder, things feel less stable and people are looking for leaders who are willing to say that out loud and work toward solutions.

I also believe it's time for more young, new voices with fresh ideas to step up. I'm a renter, like over 40% of Oshkosh residents, and I think it's important that both renters and homeowners have representation in our community.

My message is simple: get the basics right, but also envision what better looks like in Oshkosh. I'm running to focus on practical, quality-of-life improvements that make Oshkosh an easier, more hopeful place to live.

You've mentioned affordable housing is needed in Oshkosh. How do you get affordable housing if developers are renting studio apartments for \$1,200?

Let's start with the honest part: there's no one easy answer. This is a housing issue happening all over the country, and no city council member has a magic "lower rent" button. If someone says they can drop rents by \$500 overnight, they would

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be lying to you.

Oshkosh should focus on the levers we do control: having a growth mindset, making the city a straightforward place to build, and setting clear, predictable rules so housing gets built faster and so that people feel they're getting real value for what they pay.

Bigger fixes need to happen at the state level. Cities need more flexibility and funding options to tackle our affordability issues. Our job locally is to play the long game: ease property taxes where possible and keep Oshkosh a place people are excited to call home.

Dan Lenz

Dan Lenz, 62, is a retired business owner with a technical degree.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I am running for Oshkosh Common Council to bring practical leadership, transparency and accountability back to city government. As a lifelong Oshkosh resident, small business owner and retired U.S. Army veteran, I understand the importance of service, fiscal responsibility and clear communication.

My priority is to be a strong conduit between the residents and city government — listening to concerns, asking the hard questions and ensuring decisions are made in the best interest of the people who live and work here. I believe in reasonable enforcement of our laws, responsible growth and a city government that is responsive, efficient and respectful of taxpayers.

Oshkosh deserves leadership that puts citizens first, values public safety and is willing to challenge the status quo when it no longer serves the community.

In November, you told the council you would advocate for “fewer and more practical ordinances for the government structure” that works for the people. What do you mean by that?

What I mean is that we should be careful about passing ordinances that add new layers of rules, fees and enforcement un-

less they clearly solve a real problem and can be enforced fairly. Over time, cities tend to keep adding regulations, but they rarely go back and clean up what no longer makes sense or what creates unnecessary burdens for residents and small businesses.

I believe the council should focus on ordinances that are simple, understandable and tied to clear public needs like safety, infrastructure and quality of life, rather than micromanaging people's private property or daily activities without a strong reason. We should also regularly review existing ordinances to see what can be streamlined, combined or eliminated so the city code stays practical instead of growing by default.

Fewer ordinances do not mean weaker standards. It means smarter rules that people can follow, that the city can enforce consistently and that respect both personal responsibility and taxpayer dollars.

Tim Neubauer

Tim Neubauer, 44, is a real estate agent and holds a high school degree.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

Living in Oshkosh my entire life, I care deeply about this city and the quality of living.

Ever since my wife and I purchased an old house here and struggled with the demands of the inspectors and their inconsistencies, I began exploring the idea of running for council with the intention of helping push practical changes, common sense and ideally help slow the ever-increasing property taxes and wasteful spending.

Taxes not only affect individual homeowners, but renters as well, and we are all aware of the need for more affordable housing. I care about my hometown and want to keep it a beautiful, affordable place for my kids and all future generations. I have always said if you have a complaint, come up with a solution and do something about it.

Are you concerned that simplifying the permit process could make rental properties less safe?

Simplifying the permit process does

not equate to a less safe property.

My main goal is to allow landlords to take on more improvements themselves, just like we are allowed to do with our primary residence. Simplifying the permit process will open more opportunities for property owners to want to improve their properties and do so the proper way by pulling a permit.

They will still have to abide by state code and go through the inspection process like any other person. For example, it's often mentioned how rentals appear to be “dumpy.” To hire a contractor to re-side a home can be anywhere around (\$25k to \$50k. By allowing a landlord to take on the job, would in essence save them anywhere from (\$15k to \$35k.

I believe this would be a great incentive for improvement and better living conditions for Oshkosh's tenants.

Meredith Scheuermann

Meredith Scheuermann, 58, works in the banking industry. She currently serves on the Plan Commission and served one term on the council in 2005.

Why are you running for a seat on the council?

I am running for Common Council because I LOVE Oshkosh and I want to see Oshkosh continue to be a great place to live and do business. There are three things I am passionate about:

Thoughtful economic development that supports a thriving and progressive downtown. A thriving downtown acts as an economic engine, attracting businesses, jobs and tourism while boosting tax revenue.

Sound fiscal responsibility that works toward no tax increases. Now, I can't promise this (nor should any other candidate), but I will start my decisions with no tax increase.

Prioritization of housing growth, which includes two areas of interest. First, a re-look at our zoning ordinances and assurances that our inspection process is superior to other communities. Second, working collaboratively with developers and partners to prioritize affordable housing using a combination of funds in the Capital Improvement Plan, TIFs and more.

How can Oshkosh get more businesses and a variety of business in downtown Oshkosh?

There are several key ways to bring more businesses to Oshkosh.

Encourage the use of financial incentives: rent subsidies, tax incentives, startup grants for small businesses, grants for façade improvements.

Identify the vast offering of city support: flexible zoning ordinances to allow “out-of-the-box” thinking, improved inspection process, encouragement of mixed-use developments, gifting of city land incentives.

Solidify strong partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, GOEDC, BID, UWO and developers.

Specific to downtown: Financial incentives - the BID offers a Recruitment Fund Grant that supports relocation or expansion in the Business Improvement District. Great business support - The City of Oshkosh and GOEDC offer assistance with site selection, workforce support, financial assistance and more. Outstanding Chamber of Commerce expertise - Confidential assistance with planning, financial projections, market plans, funding introductions and more.



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Calendar of events

Friday, Feb. 6

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 7

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

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

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

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

Galentines Celebration, 10 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 8

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

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

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

Friday, Feb. 13

Jason Lives: Friday the 13th Part 6, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

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

Saturday, Feb. 14

Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Downtown Oshkosh Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Valentine Luminaries, 5:30 p.m., triangle of Hazel Street, New York Avenue and Menominee Drive

Del Ray's Live Valentine's Dance, 6 p.m., The Historic Oshkosh Masonic Temple, 204 Washington Ave.

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

When Harry Met Sally, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Feb. 15

12:34 Concert Series featuring Ben Mulwana, 12:34 p.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard

Hadestown: Teen Edition presented by the Oshkosh North High School Music Department, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, Feb. 19

EAA Speaker Series: Jolly Green Giant: Rescue in Vietnam featuring John Duffy, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum



Photo by Michael Cooney

Pet expo

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue's bearded dragon proved popular with kids Saturday during the Oshkosh Love Your Pet Expo at the Oshkosh Arena. The event produced by the arena's management company, VenuWorks of Oshkosh, featured a mix of shopping, education and entertainment. The expo featured 40 pet-focused vendor booths offering products and services for pet owners, along with educational workshops led by local experts.

Art studio celebrates milestone

Oshkosh Herald

Jambalaya Arts Inc., which has been part of the Oshkosh arts community for more than two decades, is celebrating its 25th anniversary beginning in February with a special all-member exhibition.

The exhibition can be seen starting Saturday during the Oshkosh Gallery Walk, which begins at 6 p.m. in downtown Oshkosh.

As part of the milestone, the nonprofit organization plans to open a second location: The Jamb, a new community arts center launching in early spring.

Since its founding in 2001, President Amie Brownfield said Jambalaya Arts Inc. has supported hundreds of local artists through exhibitions, memberships, classes and its active role in the downtown arts scene.

Brownfield said its gallery is a consistent anchor for monthly Gallery Walks, a contributor to the newly developed Gallery Walk artist database, and a host for the Night Gallery, and annual Art in the Alley events in the Algoma Art Alley throughout the summer.

The February Gallery Walk will feature a special 25th Anniversary All-Members Show, celebrating the diverse and vibrant work of artists who have shaped the organization's history. The public is invited to

join in the celebration, meet the artists and learn about the next chapter for Jambalaya Arts Inc., Brownfield said.

Brownfield said the plan is to open The Jamb with a soft launch in late March and a grand opening in April. The Jamb will serve as an inclusive space where the community can gather, create, learn and connect.

The new location will offer music performances, poetry nights and open mic events, cultural celebrations, community-led programs and workshops in painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media, music, dance along with providing space rental for individuals or groups hosting their own classes or workshops.

To make this vision a reality, Jambalaya Arts Inc. has launched a fundraising and sponsorship campaign to support renovations, programming and long-term sustainability of The Jamb. Community members, businesses and arts supporters are encouraged to get involved. The donation platform website can be found at jai.betterworld.org/donate.

Visit jambalayaartsinc.wixsite.com/art-fromwisconsin for details on the anniversary celebration, Gallery Walk events and opportunities to sponsor or support their mission to provide welcoming, inclusive spaces where creativity and community thrives.

Event features free food, music

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The 12:34 Concert Series is organized to create an opportunity for community members to connect through music and share a meal with their neighbors. Organizers consider it food for the body and for the soul.

The event takes place with a potluck

Valentine's Day dance features the Del Ray's

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The Masons of Oshkosh are holding a Valentine's Day Dance featuring the Del Ray's.

The event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb.

14 at the Historic Masonic Temple, 204 Washington Ave. The Masonic Temple includes a large hardwood dance floor.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Open house focuses on global climate change

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An open house at the Oshkosh Tool Library (OTL) will include discussions about how the new community resource can be used along with global climate change.

The event will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Oshkosh Tool Library located at 300 S. Koeller St., Suite R behind Takiza Mexican Restaurant near the movie theater.

The discussion will include information about local chapters of Citizens Climate Lobby, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grass-

roots advocacy climate change organization focused on national policies to address the national and global climate crisis.

Dr. Shannon Davis-Faust, a UWO professor in Biology and Environmental Studies, will share what work Citizens Climate Lobby is enacting and how the public can be involved. Oshkosh Tool Library co-organizer Jacob Klaameyer will also speak on how OTL helps the sustainability and resilience of the community during extreme weather like floods, high winds and heat waves.

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Defense delivers as Wildcats collect win over Falcons

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

With 10 seconds left in regulation and Oshkosh West clinging to a 45-44 lead, Wildcat sophomore Kamryn Stauffacher stepped to the free-throw line.

Despite the tense situation, there were no caffeine-laden butterflies flapping inside of her.

"I'm very comfortable (in that situation)," Stauffacher said. "I know I'm a great free-throw shooter so I want the ball in my hands at the end. I want those shots to secure the win."

Stauffacher, who is shooting about 85 percent from the free-throw line this season, sank both of her attempts to push West's lead to three points and Ava Strasser blocked a Westosha shot at the buzzer to secure the Wildcats 47-44 win over the Falcons on Saturday afternoon on Steven L. Randall Court.

It was a hard-earned win for the Wild-

cats, who trailed with less than five minutes to go in the physical contest but were able to secure the win.

"We knew that this was a game we could win so grinding it out was very important," Stauffacher said. "At the end we really came together and played as a team and that helps us a lot."

With the score tied at 19 at intermission, the second half became a game of runs as both teams took turns controlling the action and leading the game.

The Falcons took their final lead at 38-36 with 4:35 remaining before a basket in the post from Ava Strasser and a free throw from Samantha Panske boosted the Wildcats back into the lead.

Maddie Bellin's clutch 3-pointer with 2:31 left to play extended West's advantage to four points, while Stauffacher gave the Wildcats a 44-39 advantage with just under two minutes to play.

"It's coming with more and more expe-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Ava Strasser hauls in a pass before laying in a basket against Westosha Central.

rience. It's telling that the girls were able to be gritty," West head coach Keniesha Goss said. "If the refs are going to let you play, you have to meet that physicality. I don't think we did that in the first half but in the second half we definitely stepped it up."

Westosha Central, however, wasn't going away and scored five straight points to tie the game at 44 with 43 seconds remaining.

Colleen Fitzpatrick broke the tie by hitting one of two free throws with 26 seconds left and then, after a defensive stop, Stauffacher was fouled and converted the free throws that helped seal the win.

"We just kept our cool and we knew we could do it," Stauffacher said. "We have really good team chemistry so we were confident we knew we could come back and do it."

Westosha Central scored the first seven

points of the second half to take the lead but Oshkosh West responded with a 12-0 run to surge back into the lead.

Stauffacher tied the game at 26 with a driving layup after Samantha Panske hit her third 3-pointer of the game.

Panske, who entered the game averaging just over four points per contest, finished with a season-high 12 points to lead the Wildcats.

"I've always had a shot but I've relied more on my driving to the hoop just because I'm aggressive," Panske said. "I've been really working on my shot recently so I've been trying to take shots when I'm open and I feel like they are dropping for me."

Goss likes that Panske has started to utilize her outside shot recently.

"Sammy's been looking for her shot a

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Oshkosh West's Kamryn Stauffacher looks to go up for a shot between a pair of Westosha Central defenders on Saturday afternoon.

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Moran reaches milestone as Warriors roll to another win

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Mya Moran knew she needed just two points to eclipse the 1,000-point milestone for her career entering last Friday's game against Wayland Academy.

The junior didn't waste much time making sure she got there either.

Just more than two minutes into the game, Moran set up in the right corner, took a pass from Lizzie Fink and hoisted a 3-pointer that swished through the net setting off a short celebration that halted the game.

"I didn't think my 1,000th point would come on a 3-pointer. I wasn't expecting it to go in but it was really cool and it was fun," Moran said following the Warriors' 65-33 win. "I feel like there might have been a little pressure because it was such a big milestone. It was just something I was really excited for so it made me a little more antsy than usual."

Moran becomes the first Valley Christian girls basketball player to score 1,000 varsity points solely as a member of the Warriors program.

Molly Sondergard passed the 1,000-point plateau for her career in the early 2000s as a member of the Warriors, but had played just one season in the Valley Christian program. More recently, Anna Y. Giannopoulos tallied more than 1,000 points for her career but only had two years of playing when Valley Christian was a varsity program.

"Anytime a player gets 1,000 points, it's a huge accomplishment for that player, it's also a great accomplishment for our team. It takes a team to do that," Valley Christian head coach Tim Dinkelman said. "Mya is so smooth and just phenomenal. All of the girls were into it for her. They wanted it for her and that's the beauty of our team."

Moran entered the season after scoring 698 points in her first two seasons and is averaging 21.3 points per game this sea-



Valley Christian's Mya Moran (center) is congratulated by Lizzie Fink (left) and Brielle Birr after scoring her 1,000th career point against Wayland Academy on Friday night.

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son.

"I remember in middle school wondering how someone could score 1,000 points so this is something I have been wanting to do for a long time," Moran said. "I think it does make it more special that we won and the team played really well. We can celebrate because the whole team worked really hard."

Moran's milestone-hitting 3-pointer and another 3-pointer a few minutes lat-

er helped the Warriors grab an early 10-3 lead against the Big Red.

But Valley Christian stayed stuck on 10 points for nearly six minutes allowing Wayland Academy to score 10 straight points to take a 13-10 advantage with 6:29 left in the first half.

"Our patience needs to be better. Those lulls happen when we are impatient and then we try to force some passes," Dinkelman said. "Anna Giannopoulos' leader-

ship helps at that point. She knows how to settle them down. That was big."

A Fink putback basket snapped the Warriors scoring drought, while five straight points from Moran gave Valley Christian a 19-16 lead. Fink then knocked down a wing jumper and Giannopoulos drained a 3-pointer to cap a run of 10 straight points for the Warriors, putting them ahead to stay.

The Warriors finished the half with a 17-3 run to take a 12-point lead at halftime.

"A lot of times when you are in a rut you just need some good momentum," Fink said. "When the offense isn't going like we planned or the shots aren't falling, staying tough on defense will generate a fast break and that's momentum."

Wayland Academy opened the second half by scoring four quick points but the Warriors quickly shut the door.

Valley Christian scored eight straight points in a little over two minutes to push the lead back to double-digits while Fink – who scored 16 of her game-high 25 points in the second half – answered a Big Red basket with a 3-pointer for a 42-25 lead.

"(Seeing shots fall) does help my confidence," Fink said. "If you are having an off night, it's hard to keep shooting but when they keep going in it's a little bit easier."

Fink and Moran, who added 20 points in the game, combined for 23 of the team's 34 points after halftime with neither playing the last five minutes of the stanza.

The duo has helped fuel the Warriors' success of late as Valley Christian entered this week riding a seven-game winning streak.

"The last five games have been the Lizzie and Mya show," Dinkelman said. "We do have more scorers as well but they recognize where our strengths are and they feed into it."

Giannopoulos also reached double fig-

SEE **Warriors win** ON PAGE 20

Knights have offense clicking in victory over Tigersharks

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Lourdes Academy girls basketball team that took the floor in November is not the same squad currently playing for the Knights.

Same players. Same coaches. Same uniforms. That's all the same.

But what the Knights are doing and the way they are playing has come a long way in a few months.

"All of the girls are really embracing their roles and what it looks like. It's coming together in such a beautiful harmony. The unnecessary dribbling, the obnoxious passing, is going away," said senior Kylie Rietz. "We are learning each other strengths and weaknesses and it's really starting to show how beautiful it works when we all understand each other."

The Knights have put together a five-game winning streak entering this week which included an 84-34 rout of Princeton/Green Lake last Thursday inside The Castle.

And after replacing four starters and five players from the regular rotation from last year's state tournament team, head coach Ali Starr believes this group is starting to hit their stride.

"I think we had to replace 90 percent of our scoring from last season," Starr said. "If somebody watched us at the beginning of the year and watched us now, they would be like wait a minute - is that the same team? They are learning how to play with one another. I think their connection keeps growing. This is very unselfish basketball and it's beautiful basketball."

The Knights' unselfishness was on full display against the Tigersharks as the team registered assists on nine of the first 10 field goals in the game. Lourdes Academy finished with 25 assists – led by Ellie Koch with seven – on 33 made field goals for the game.

That went hand-in-hand with the team's balanced scoring as four players finished in double figures and all 11 players who took the court in the game scored at least two points.

"Having these games where all of the girls can get on the court. It's encouraging, its confidence building. It's all of that," Rietz said. "This is exciting for us. All of the things we have been working on are coming together."

As dominant as the end result was, the Knights weren't able to cleanly break away from the Tigersharks early on.

Despite never trailing in the game, the Knights led by eight points with eight minutes to go in the first half. By the time intermission hit, however, Lourdes Academy had stretched the lead to 43-18, finishing the half with a 19-2 run.

The run was sparked by the defense which held the Tigersharks to just one field goal over the final 7:49 of the first half and forced multiple turnovers which the Knights were able to turn into transition baskets.

"I think we really pushed the ball up the court tonight and that's something we have been really trying to work on and then hitting the trails and hitting the open layups. That really helped us tonight," senior Aubrey Schettle said. "We have played a tough schedule so far and putting us in those tough situations has helped us develop as a team."

Getting points off of its defense is something that is paramount for the Knights.

"We talked early on that our defense has to create our offense," Starr said. "We don't have a lot of kids who are going to create their own shots. They have to rely on each other. If our defense is spot on, it actually creates our offense and that's a beautiful place



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Kylie Rietz goes up for a layup over a Princeton/Green Lake defender last Thursday.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans roll past Polar Bears

Four players finished in double figures and Oshkosh North throttled Hortonville, 81-56, in a Fox Valley Association game last week.

Bryce Ott led the Spartans with 22 points, eight rebounds and five steals and has reached double figures in all 14 games this season for the Spartans.

Jackson Anderson knocked down four 3-pointers and added 16 points, while Tylan Lister and Brady Anderson finished with 15 and 10 points, respectively. Owen Weber chipped in eight points and seven rebounds in the win.

The Spartans dropped an FVA contest on the road to Neenah, 91-77, last Friday as the Rockets erupted for 53 points in the second half.

Jackson Anderson poured in 26 points to lead North with Owen Weber adding 15 points.

Ott and Brady Anderson each scored 14 points in the game.

Ware paces Wildcats in loss to Lightning

Joey Ware posted a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds but Oshkosh West couldn't keep pace with Appleton North in a 60-42 loss on the road.

Malakai Herlihy and Micah Troedel each chipped in six points in the game for West.

The Wildcats bounced back on Friday to complete the season sweep of Appleton West with an 80-39 win.

The Wildcats had four players finish in double figures in the win with Carter Kufel and Tyler Moderson leading the way with 14 points apiece. Kufel also led the team with six rebounds, while Moderson had four of the team's 12 3-pointers.

Herlihy added 13 points and Ware finished with 12 points in the victory.

Drew Abitz chipped in nine points and led the team with four assists.

Knights collect win over DodgeLand

Henry Achterberg poured in a season-high 22 points to lead Lourdes Academy to a convincing 72-57 win over DodgeLand last Thursday.

Achterberg was one of four players to reach double figures, who played without starter Lucas Neuens because of injury. Jackson Buttke added 16 points, Harlan Kuehn had 15 points and Brady Bauer finished with 10.

Earlier in the week the Knights dropped a nonconference heartbreaker 57-56 on the road to Omro.

Bauer paced the Knights in the game with 16 points, while Achterberg finished with 13 points. Buttke chipped in 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Lourdes Academy.

Valley Christian drops contest to Crusaders

Matthias Behling was the lone Warrior to reach double figures with 13 points but Valley Christian came up short against Central Wisconsin Christian, 78-29, last week.



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Lourdes Academy's Parker Slusarski drives to the basket against DodgeLand last week.

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Tireless work ethic drives Wildcats' Crowe to success

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

If ironman competition was ever added to high school sports, Carter Crowe might be the first athlete to sign up.

The tireless Oshkosh West swimmer and runner has the type of work ethic that could gas a marathon runner.

The endless miles in the pool, cross country trails and running tracks have paid off for Crowe. He was a 2025 WIAA state qualifier in cross country and is a strong candidate to reach the 2026 WIAA state swimming and diving meet after narrowly missing it last season. He is also a solid distance runner in track and field.

"I believe the hard work you put into something almost always pays off," said Crowe. "There are a lot of days when no one wants to get up and run 10 miles – let alone go to swim practice on top of it. But just waking up and doing the little things is a huge part of my success. Not everyone wants to do the little things."



Crowe

Crowe has followed an ambitious energy-sapping training schedule that has regularly involved multiple daily workouts in both cross country and swimming. He swims year-round, competing during the non-high school season for the OSHY YMCA club team. That has led to many grueling days.

While most teen athletes practice only once daily in a specific sport during the school year, Crowe did double and triple workouts between school hours. Twice a week during the fall semester, Crowe would routinely wake up at 5 a.m., power his way through an OSHY swim practice, attend school, run six miles or so at a cross country practice and then hit the pool again for another OSHY evening workout.

On the three other school days of the week, Crowe's demanding schedule was scaled down to a morning swim practice and an after-school cross country workout – which is still twice as much practice time as the average prep athlete.

"It involved a lot of food and sleep," said Crowe with a chuckle. "I could eat all that I wanted to eat. It just kind of gave me a purpose in life, I guess. That's the big thing about high school sports. It allows you to set goals. Those goals are what give me purpose."

Although running and swimming are



Photo by Fallon Crowe

After advancing to the state cross country meet in the fall, Oshkosh West senior Carter Crowe has his sights set on making it to the same stage in swimming this winter.

two completely different sports, Crowe feels the two complement one another extremely well.

"I think they both connect," he said. "They're both endurance sports and both prepare my lungs really well for endurance work. I remember during my freshman year I would come to swim practice with my legs sore from cross country practice and the breaststroke would feel really good on my legs. That's how I started getting good at the breaststroke."

"But it's hard to do both at a higher level. It creates a super big challenge."

Crowe holds the West pool record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:02.00. He also swims the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle and competes on a pair of relay teams. Crowe came close to qualifying for state as a junior, placing sixth at sectionals in the 200 freestyle relay and seventh in both the 50 free (22.85) and 100 free (51.95).

"Carter distinguishes himself through a rare combination of natural talent and relentless work ethic," said West swim coach Kelly Van Sistine. "He's a true student of the sport, always researching new tech-

niques and drills to stay ahead of the competition. He continues to demonstrate elite athleticism and a constant improvement mindset."

Crowe has also qualified for national club competition in the 100 breaststroke and will compete at nationals in March following the conclusion of the prep season.

"Caleb Bergin and I both came pretty close to getting to (WIAA) state last season and we're both looking to get there this year," Bergin said. "It's also super exciting to qualify for nationals in club. If you get to nationals, you get your name put on the wall at the 20th Avenue YMCA pool. I've been swimming with OSHY since I was 10 and I always wanted to see my name on that wall."

Crowe has been working closely with OSHY swim coach Jay Coleman since his first plunge into the pool.

"Aside from my parents, Jay has probably been my greatest mentor and influencer," said Crowe. "He was a runner and swimmer, too, in high school and college. So he kind of knew where I was coming from and how to work with me to make sure I would be able to do both sports effectively."

Crowe hails from an athletic family. His father, Jacob, played basketball and foot-

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ball at Oshkosh West, while his uncle, Brian Crowe, also played hoops and football at West and later played basketball at Marion University.

"Swimming wasn't really a family thing," said Carter. "I got into it because my best friend since fourth grade, Reed Potter, was swimming for OSHY. I would go to his meets and it looked like a lot of fun, so I joined."

Despite his challenging athletic schedule, Crowe makes sure he has plenty of time for academics. He's a high-honors student at West, who carries an impressive 3.75 grade point average. Crowe's post-high school goal is to go from West High to West Point. He has applied and been nominated to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point New York. Crowe won't know until this spring if he has been accepted.

"I want to do this because it's a very prestigious school that prepares kids to be leaders and officers in the U.S. military," said Crowe. "It can really help you with future jobs and whatever you want to do with your life."

"If I get accepted, I think it will be awesome. Not only do I want to learn, but I want to be around disciplined kids who like to run, swim, train and do different sports. And I want to be able to serve my country and my community."

Crowe is interested in politics. He learned more about the political world last summer while working as an intern at Senator Ron Johnson's office in Oshkosh.

"It was fascinating working behind the scenes and seeing what goes on at a political office," said Crowe. "I think politics would be a really rewarding job that would allow me to give back."

In the meantime, Crowe is enjoying what is left of his prep swimming career.

"Coach Kell (Van Sistine) does a great job with our program," Crowe said. "The high school season is so much fun. It's still serious and very competitive, but it's not like you're going, going, going all the time. There's more time to have fun."

"We have something called Water Polo Wednesday where if we beat a certain team, we'll play water polo on Wednesday. We did that recently and it was so much fun. It was nice to just take a little break and enjoy the sport."

West victory

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little more," Goss said. "She has a little more confidence than at the beginning of the year, which is awesome to see."

A Kinslee Nelson 3-pointer broke the tie game before a Strasser baseline drive capped the run to give the Wildcats a 31-26 lead.

As much as getting the ball through the net helped West seize the lead, stopping the Falcons at the other end of the court was key to putting together the surge.

"The defense is huge for us," Goss said. "Forcing turnovers so we can get some easy layups and get things going. Energy from there turns into energy in the of-

fense.

"We're a good defensive team and if we give up a few (baskets), it's like next play let's lock them down."

Another Nelson 3-pointer gave the Wildcats a 36-31 lead with under seven minutes remaining but the Falcons rattled off the next seven points in less than two minutes to regain the lead and set the stage for the finish.

Nelson and Stauffacher each finished with 10 points in the win, while Strasser totaled eight points in the victory.

"We can definitely build on this as a team," Panske said. "These close games definitely help us as a team. Our chemistry and just everybody's confidence improves when we win as a team."

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Lucas Aggrey was the next highest scorer for the Warriors with six points, while Titus Weyenberg led the team with seven rebounds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Strong first half sparks Warriors to win

Valley Christian jumped out to a 14-point halftime lead and collected a 63-50 win over Central Wisconsin Christian last week.

Mya Moran led the charge with 26 points for the Warriors, who hit eight 3-pointers in the game.

Paige Boevers and Lizzie Fink finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Brielle Birr totaled 10 points in the win.

Knights stretch win streak to five

Lourdes Academy won three games in four days capped by a 67-48 win over Horicon on Friday night.

The Knights started the stretch with a hard-fought 39-36 win over Dodgeville with Naomi Liabwill leading the way with 12 points.

Avianna Wihlm added nine points for the Knights.

Spartans' Alic has big night in loss

Junior Awut Alic poured in a season-high 35 points but Oshkosh North came up short against Neenah, 85-66, last Friday.

The total was just two points shy of her career-high of 37 points set as a freshman.

Brinna Paulson added 15 points and seven rebounds, while Nelly Harrison added eight points off the bench for the Spartans. Paulson and Alic each hit five 3-pointers in the game.

The 66 points was the second-highest total of the year for North.

The Spartans also dropped games to Kimberly and Hortonville last week.

Alic was the lone player in double figures with 15 points in a 76-28 loss to the Papermakers. Navi Lao-Facundo had eight rebounds in the game.

North fell to the Polar Bears, 77-34, with Alic scoring 17 points and Paulson adding 10. La-Facundo finished with 12 rebounds in the game.

Wildcats fall in overtime to Lightning

Oshkosh West had three players in double figures but fell at home to Appleton North, 60-59 in overtime.

The Wildcats rallied from an eight-point halftime deficit to knot the game at 51 at the end of regulation.

Kinslee Nelson led Oshkosh West with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Kamryn Stauffacher added 11 points. Ava Strasser posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Colleen Fitzpatrick chipped in eight points for West.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Youngwirth tallies goal for Warbirds

Oshkosh West's Marisa Youngwirth opened the scoring for the Warbirds co-op hockey team in a 2-0 win over the Eau Claire Area Stars on Friday.

Youngwirth scored with less than five minutes to play in the second period as the

Warbirds notched both goals in a 27-second span to earn the nonconference win.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks pull out tight win

Zach Zimpel scored a power play goal with about four minutes left to lift the Oshkosh Ice Hawks to a 3-2 win over Shawano/Bonduel on Saturday afternoon.

Grant Magnuson and Brennon Kraft assisted on the goal and the Ice Hawks were able to hold on for the win.

Binyam Ernst tied the game at 1 late in the first half and Clay Poquette picked up a short-handed goal in the second to give the Ice Hawks their first lead. Zander Crook assisted on the Ernst goal.

Chase Magadanz made 24 saves for Oshkosh in the game, which saw the teams combine 74 minutes in penalties.

The Ice Hawks suffered an 8-3 loss to Cedarburg on Thursday with Dayton Briski scoring two goals in the game and Crook picking up one.

Crook, Frank Ulrich and Maxtyn Hammermeister each had assists in the game. Ethan Eichman made 14 saves in net for Oshkosh.

BOYS WRESTLING

Schneider leads Wildcats at invite

Preston Schneider pinned four of his five opponents and rolled to the 138-pound title at the Dirk Sorenson Invitational held in Sturgeon Bay on Saturday.

All four pins came in the first period for Schneider, with three of his matches failing to last at least one minute. He pinned Sturgeon Bay's Ray Johnson in 55 seconds in the title match. His remaining win was a 17-1 technical fall that was stopped 38

seconds into the second period.

Colden Searles finished 4-1 and took third at 132 pounds. Three of Searles' wins came via pin.

Xavier Vang also took third at 126 pounds for the Wildcats, collecting two pins while finishing 3-2.

Liam Sullivan (144), Nathan Hernandez (165) and Colton Nagy (190) each added sixth-place finishes on the day for West.

Oshkosh West also collected a Fox Valley Association dual meet win last week, posting a 55-14 thumping of Appleton East.

Five Wildcats earned pins in the meet, with Searles (132) needing just 51 seconds for his win, while Blake Julian (120) scored a 58-second victory.

Liam Sullivan (144), Will Dailey (157) and Juan Heredia (190) also won by pin for the Wildcats.

Nathan Hernandez (175) posted a major decision with and Hunter Sawitski (285) earned a decision win for West. Julian Allsup (106), Vang (125) and Schneider (138) each won by forfeit.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Klinger takes fifth at Shawano Tournament

Lauren Klinger went 4-2 to take fifth place at 120 pounds for the Oshkosh West/North squad at the Shawano Invitational on Saturday.

Klinger registered three pins and a technical fall on the day.

Marissa Bustillos also competed in the gold division of the tournament, finishing 1-2 with a pin at 114 pounds.



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Warriors win

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ures with 10 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds in the game.

It was a key win for the Warriors, who lost to the Big Red, 66-56, the first time the two teams played this season.

"This is one game we really, really wanted. We weren't in the right mental space the first time we played," Moran said. "With our past couple of wins, we have been gaining a lot of momentum and that just carried into this game and all of those wins gave us the confidence to come out

and play hard."

The loss to Wayland Academy in December was part of a 2-6 start for the Warriors as the team battled illness and injury at times while adjusting to the start of a new season.

Now back to nearly full strength, Valley Christian believes they are a much different team than the one that opened the season.

"We definitely had a growing period – just everybody getting used to everybody and even individually everybody reaching that peak," Fink said. "We have really come together as a team. These past six games, everything is getting better and better."

Knights roll

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to be as a program."

Lourdes Academy used multiple defenses to stifle the Tigersharks and switching between what they do on that end of the court has helped the Knights on the win streak.

"It's fun switching between all of our defense. I don't think there is one defense I'm not confident about," Rietz said. "That's what has progressed so much because our defense sparks our offense and we have seen that."

The Knights rattled off 26 straight points over a 10-minute stretch in the second half to all but seal the win with reserves doing the bulk of the scoring in the outburst.

Freshman Naomi Liabwill led the Knights with a double-double, finishing with 19 points and 11 rebounds while Schettle hit five 3-pointers – including the first two she took to open the game – to finish with 15 points.

"Seeing it go through the net can really boost your confidence," Schettle said. "When you come off making a couple, you know you can have a good game."

Koch and freshman Adi Saucedo each chipped in 11 points in the win, while Adhieu Liabwill and Grace Martin each added seven points.

"Getting this win and seeing how (Princeton/Green Lake has) competed against other teams in our sectional boosts our confidence a little bit knowing we can play a game like this," Schettle said. "It's a confidence booster and it's only up from here."



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Lizzie Fink races the ball up the court against Wayland Academy on Friday night.

Obituaries

Geoffrey David Schwartz

Geoffrey David Schwartz, 50, of Oshkosh, WI, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 after a courageous 10-year battle with cancer.

Geoffrey was born to Dr. Stephen and Dr. Nancy Schwartz on December 29, 1975 in Chicago, IL. He had fond memories as a child and young adult of road trips around the U.S., as well as international travels with his mom and sister, Lauren.

He earned his undergraduate degree in International Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 2002. He married the love of his life, Heather, in August of 2007. He earned his Master's degree in Art History with a focus on architectural studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2011.

Geoff had many passions and wore several hats. He was a barista and a color specialist for Sherwin Williams. But his favorite profession was being a dad. He loved and

cherished his daughters, Ella and Margaret. Geoff was also an artist. He first explored drawing as a teenager by enrolling in adult-level courses from neighborhood art studios in Chicago and then at the Art Institute of Chicago. His first format was urban art, then wooden sculptures, and more recently painting. He particularly enjoyed drawing butterflies and flowers and incorporating gold leaf into his creations.

At church, Geoff served by using his barista skills and artistic talents to bless those around him. Geoff will be remembered as a quiet, humble man, who was always willing to help anyone he met.

Geoff was preceded in death by his Father, father-in-law Willard Herman, aunt Barbara, uncle Tony, and grandparents. Geoff is survived by his wife, daughters, mother, and sister. As well as two aunts, Eleanor and Karen, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be held at Calvary Sunrise Church in Oshkosh, WI on February 14th, 2026 at 10:00AM. The Funeral will be at 11:00AM with a lunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his family.



Mark Steve Musial

Mark Steven Musial, age 77, passed away on January 7, 2026, in Appleton, WI.

He was born on May 20, 1948, to parents, Michael Musial Sr. and Dorothy (Pilger) Musial, in Manitowoc, WI.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in Manitowoc and then went on to Spencerian Business College. Mark also proudly served in the United States Army in Korea in the Vietnam War.

On January 28, 1983, he married the love of his life, Paula Strutz in Oshkosh, WI.

Mark enjoyed working in the financial trading industry and as a marketing consultant. He owned and operated Musial Painting- doing interior and exterior painting until he was unable to due to health reasons.

In his free time, he enjoyed watching Formula 1 race cars, baseball and spending time with his family. He also had a love

for horses and all animals.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Musial; son, Graham Musial; stepson, Grant Galica; grandchildren, Gwendlyn, Aiden and Henry; brother, David Musial; as well as several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Michael Sr. and Dorothy; infant daughter, Lucy; and his brother, Michael "Mike" Jr.

A celebration of life is being planned for Spring 2026. More information will be added at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oshkosh Humane Society or to the Oshkosh North Baseball Team in his honor.

The family would like to thank Moments Hospice and the staff at Meadowbrook for all of their care and compassion during this difficult time.

Mark will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

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Obituaries

James A. Selle

Died.....January 27,2026 the cancer ultimately overwhelmed his body ability to function leading to his death. He was 73.



He was born October 9, 1952 to Armond and Gladys Selle whom proceeded in death, along with a sister-law Ginger Selle and a Brother-in-law Robert Elandt.

Jim was a farmer for most of his life and farmed on the same farm in Winneconne for almost 52 years. Other than farming Jim spent 35 years on the Winnebago County Fair Board serving as vice president for a most of those years. He also spent most of his youth and a big share of his adult life volunteering for the Boy Scouts of America. Obtaining First Class as a youth and the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit as an adult. He was also a Vigil member of the Order of Arrow and Wood badge Beaver both with the Boy Scouts of America.

Jim was survived by his wife Colleen, son David (special friend) Kim Han-

sen, Granddaughter Brittany (Dustin) O'Bright. Step-son Blaine (Samantha) Gibson and Step-granddaughter Lily. Brother Jeff and his children Dan, Becky and Tim plus brother Doug (Julie) Selle and his children Steph, Bradley, Kevin, Sister-laws Cindy (Forrest) Peterson, Carmen Riebel and Martha Elandt. Brother-in-laws Richard (Mona) Elandt and Roger (Susan) Elandt. Nieces, Nephews, Quinn Selle and other great- nieces and nephews and two great great nephews.

Fellow farmers will serve as pallbearers Mike and Andy Becker, Jake and Jack Dodd, Ed Quigley and Ryan Overton.

Visitation and Service at Mueller's Funeral Home in Winneconne, Wisconsin February 6th 4pm-7pm and February 7th 10- until the time of the service. A Celebration of Life at Westward Ho near Buttes Des Morts, Wisconsin February 10th 4pm -7 pm

In lieu of flowers give monetary donation of your choice in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or American Cancer Society.



Monroe Eugene Rabe Jr.

Monroe Eugene Rabe Jr., 82, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away unexpectedly on



January 26, 2026. He was born on December 9, 1943, on his family's farm in Fond du Lac County, the oldest son of the late Monroe and Doris (Belling) Rabe. He married Mary "Sue" (Rupnick) on November 11, 1967, and was the proud father of three children and four grandchildren.

Monroe proudly served in the National Guard from 1964 to 1970. He made cabinets for a living and found joy in working with his hands and making things. He had many hobbies throughout his life, such as going to flea markets, working on classic cars, stained glass, photography, and camping in the Wisconsin State Parks. He took pride in his garden and had an appreciation for nature- especially eagles and cardinals. He also loved horses throughout his life. Monroe was an avid baseball fan and knew many of the legendary players' statistics. He attended Milwaukee Braves games growing up and later attend-

ed several Milwaukee Brewer games. He was especially proud of his German heritage and cherished his trips to Germany in 2008 and Finland in 2025.

Monroe is survived by his wife, Sue Rabe; children, Renee (Jeffrey) Arbogast, James Rabe (Becky Hallman), Heidi Rabe (John Hayden); grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Pekka) Mantere, Sidney Arbogast, Wyatt Arbogast, Charlie Rabe; siblings, Jim (Sally) Rabe, Lester (Linda) Rabe, Shirley (Nelson) Hinz, and John (Pat) Rabe. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service for Monroe will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 11:00 am, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A time of visitation will begin at 10:00 am and continue until the start of the service. Burial will take place at Rosendale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Beaming Equine Assisted Services (<https://www.beaminginc.org/donate/>), 2692 County Rd GG, Neenah, WI 54956 in memory of Monroe.



Robert J. Winton

Robert J. "Bucky" Winton, 77, passed away on January 22, 2026. He was born in Wisconsin to parents, Lillian (Baker) and James Winton on September 10, 1948.



Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1971 during this time, he met and was married to Gloria Paulick.

He worked at Banner in Oshkosh and then worked as a painter and was self-employed doing both interior and exterior painting. Bob enjoyed deer hunting, spending time with his family and never missed any of his boys' sporting events. He will be remembered for his resourcefulness,

his thoughtful nature and his kind heart.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gloria Winton; sons, Robbie Winton and Garret (A.G.) Winton; granddaughter, Alayna Winton; sisters, Sandy (Eddie) Zink and Carrie Winton.

Bob is preceded by his parents, James and Lillian; sister, Shirley Longsine; and close friend Ray Redlin.

A celebration of life will be held at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 1pm to 3pm and military honors taking place by the flag pole at 2:45pm.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his honor.



Charlotte A. Fisher

Charlotte A. Fisher, age 80, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on January 21, 2026, at Lakeshore Manor, in Oshkosh.



Charlotte was born on January 1, 1946, daughter of the late Vernon and Annis (Jackson) Jolin. She graduated from Oshkosh High School and

went on to earn her nursing associates degree to become an LPN. Charlotte cared for many over her years at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh and Parkview Health Center. She was incredibly kind and caring. It showed in the way she put others before herself.

Charlotte loved animals, especially her special cat, Smokie. She enjoyed watching sports. She was an avid Packer fan.

Charlotte is survived by her son, Scott (Alisa) Rasmussen; grandchildren, Miranda and Bryant; brothers, Ken, Don, Lloyd, Vernon Jr., Gerald, and Jon; sisters, Emmie and Mary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Edward; and sister, Evelyn.

Per Charlotte's wishes, no services will be held.

Family would like to extend a special thank you for the care Charlotte received at Lake Shore Manor and from the team at Moments Hospice.



Dennis L. Stahl

Dennis L. "Lee" Stahl, age 85, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 4 pm in the Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park Ave. in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3 pm until the time of service. A full obituary will appear shortly before the day of the service.



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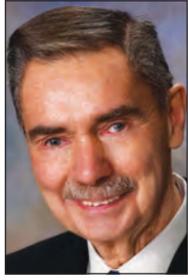
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Obituaries

William D. Frueh

William D. "Bill" Frueh, age 90, former City Manager of Oshkosh, WI died January 27th at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, FL.



He was born on March 3, 1935, on a farm one mile east of Afton, Iowa, the son of the late John W. and Ethyl M. Frueh.

Survivors include his beloved wife Denise of Oshkosh and Cape Coral, one daughter, Patricia (Brian) Black of Escanaba, Michigan, four sons; Mark (Nancy) of Joliet, IL, John (Suzan) of Carriere, MS, Thomas (Suzanne) of Hendersonville, NC, and Dr. James (Elizabeth) of Seattle, WA. Also surviving is brother Charles (Martha) of Fort Smith, AR and brothers-in-law Douglas and David (Pat Sticka) Johnson. One brother, John E. Frueh and three sisters, Claudine Frueh, Margaret Shepherd and Sr. Patricia Frueh preceded him in death. Nine grandchildren, (Tristan Klotz and Henry Black; William, Alexander, Kort, Samuel, Amelia, Charlotte and Bazil Frueh), three great grandchildren (Andrew and Hannah Klotz, and Violet Frueh), and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends further survive Bill.

After graduating from Afton High School as Class Valedictorian in 1953, Bill worked his way to a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University in 1958. His public service career

started with employment with the Iowa State Highway Commission in Council Bluffs, Iowa and continued until 1961. He formed a consulting engineering firm with two partners and worked throughout Southwestern Iowa. His career in municipal government began September 1962 as City Engineer of Council Bluffs. Other positions he filled in the Council Bluffs city government include Director of Public Works, Director of Engineering and Planning, Airport Manager, Assistant City Manager and Acting City Manager. He served on the United Way board of directors and in 1967 the Council Bluffs Jaycees named him "Outstanding Young Man of the Year".

In April 1968, Bill was named the City Manager of Newton, New Jersey. Besides carrying out many public improvements in Newton, Bill was especially active with Boy Scout fundraising and the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

In November 1970, Bill was named City Manager of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Urban renewal, public housing and a new City Hall were among the improvements constructed during Bill's tenure. He continued his interest and support of the Boy Scouts and served on the Shawnee United Way and Shawnee Chamber of commerce boards of directors.

In June 1975, Oklahoma Governor David Boren appointed Bill as the first Director of the Department of Economic and Community Affairs, a position on the governor's cabinet with statewide plan-

ning and community support responsibilities.

On August 1st, 1976, Bill became the Oshkosh City Manager, a position he held for 20 years. The many civic improvements to Oshkosh during that period led to Bill been named as one of the ten most influential citizens of the 20th-century by a poll of Oshkosh citizens and the Oshkosh Northwestern on January 1st, 2000. He was highly active in the Oshkosh community with service to the YMCA, Boy Scouts, the Chamber of Commerce, the CHAMCO board of directors, the OCDC board of directors, the Oshkosh Symphony board of directors and the Oshkosh Boys and Girls Club board of directors. He served as District Chairman of the Boy Scouts and was President of the Oshkosh Symphony board in 1988-1989. His service to the Oshkosh United Way included being Public Service Employees Chairman for 20 years, several years on the board of directors and overall Campaign Manager in 1997.

Bill retired as City manager of Oshkosh on August 1st, 1996. With his wife Denise, they formed Frueh Consulting Services, an engineering and land-surveying firm. Denise and Bill, along with their longtime friend, Dr. Stephen Hintz, also formed Public Administration Associates, a consulting firm for municipalities in Wisconsin. These firms were particularly successful and were a source of great satisfaction to Bill, his partners, and their clients. Just two years ago Bill was active-

ly land surveying for local clients, something he truly enjoyed. In retirement, Bill continued his public service with being a volunteer driver for the American Red Cross, a bell ringer and veteran appointment driver for the Salvation Army and service on the Board of Directors of the Oshkosh Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bill enjoyed following the Packers, Brewers and Badgers, travel, the Saturday crossword, trivia and Pie on the Porch. He was an accomplished water skier having taught not only many nieces and nephews, but over 100 persons to water ski as the Boy Scout Merit Badge Councilor as well as for the Citizenship Merit Badges. He loved boating and classical music.

In 2015 Bill and Denise purchased a condo in Cape Coral, FL where they spent winters and made many new friends. They continued their record of volunteer service with the Salvation Army by working on the Ft. Myers area Angel Tree Christmas program.

Bill always felt that he was fortunate in having such a meaningful life. He was most thankful for the friendship, cooperation, and guidance of many wonderful people throughout his lifetime.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held in Oshkosh at a later date. Location, date and time will be announced in the Oshkosh Herald. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in Bill's memory.

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Obituaries

Shelly Perzentka

Shelly Perzentka, age 48, passed away early Saturday, January 24, 2026 at home in Oshkosh. She was born on April 2, 1977 in Oshkosh to Bruce Perzentka and the late Mary Jane "Bubsy" (Piller) Perzentka. She attended grade school at Oaklawn, and Merrill elementary/Middle school and high school at Oshkosh North graduating with the class of 1995. Growing up she had a love for soccer and played OYSC from 8 until high school. She was also an avid bowler starting at the Rec lanes junior program, through college, and was still active at Revs Thursday nights. Deep in Faith she was a lifelong member of St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church). She graduated with highest honors and lettered in academics and Soccer. Continuing her education at UW-Oshkosh she earned her Bachelors degree in Marketing and finance graduating in 1999. She worked at EAA, 4-Imprint, and Block Iron in different capacities. Shelly was an avid



crafters making amazing scrapbooks, cards and other collectables for loved ones. Her love of dogs was second to none and she could always be found befriending a nearby dog, lending a helping hand or even considering a new addition to her family. She loved family and rarely missed any chance to get together with aunts, uncles, cousins along with her brother's family. Her niece and nephew, Addison and Graham, were dearly important to her and she went out of her way to be involved in their lives in all aspects. They held a very special place in her heart and she loved spending time with them, never missing a chance to spoil them with love and treats.

Shelly is survived by her father Bruce Perzentka, brother; Brian (Jenny) Perzentka, niece and nephew; Addison and Graham, and her three godchildren William, Addison, and Lillian. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She leaves behind her dog, Abby, who was a loving companion until the end. She was preceded in death by her mother, cousin, Becky Baehman, and her grandparents.

A Memorial Service for Shelly will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 12:00

PM at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 South Westhaven Drive Oshkosh, WI 54904. Deacon Brad Gallenberg will be officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home before the service from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations

may be made to the Oshkosh Humane Society.

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Teresa Ann Cristan

Teresa Ann Cristan, 94, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at the Iron River Care Center in Iron River, MI. She was born on May 16, 1931, in Iron Mountain, MI, to the late Otto and Gunda Cristan.



Teresa was an LPN for 19 years at St. Anthony Hospital in Milwaukee and 14 years at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh.

Teresa volunteered at Most Blessed Sacrament, with her local hospice, and 15 years in the Catholic foreign missions in poor, rural areas of Latin America, which is what made her life meaningful and brought her the most joy.

Teresa is survived by her nieces and neph-

ews, David (Nancy) Cristan of Stevens Point, WI, Gene (Carla) Cristan of Lake Mary, FL, Mary (Robert) Baumgartner of Iron River, Rose (Joel) Margolus of Victoria, BC, Canada, Theresa (Stephen) Bangle of Traverse City, MI, Tony (Debbie) Cristan of Iron River, Margaret Cristan of New York City, and Regina Cristan of Portland, OR, and extended family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Rose Cristan.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Jacobs Funeral Home of Iron River, MI. The Rosary will be said during the visitation. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Caspian with Fr. Mike Woempner to offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be in Stambaugh Cemetery in the spring.

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
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4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2026.
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**Notice Setting Time to Hear
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(Informal Administration)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Edward R. Lambert

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7. The decedent, with date of birth 12/22/1948 and date of death 11/05/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 4985 Broderick Road, Omro, WI 54963.
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4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE
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**BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: January 28,
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/s/ Scott C. Woldt
Winnebago County Circuit
Court Judge, Branch II**

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Case No. 26PR29**

**Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application and Deadline for
Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Margaret M. Verkuilen

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9. An application for informational administration was filed.

10. The decedent, with date of birth 05/25/1936 and date of death 09/04/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 225 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

11. The application will be heard at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room Join Zoom Meeting <https://wicourts.zoom.us/j/88686786577>

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• +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), before Sara Henke, Probate Registrar, on March 3, 2026 at 11:05 a.m..

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4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

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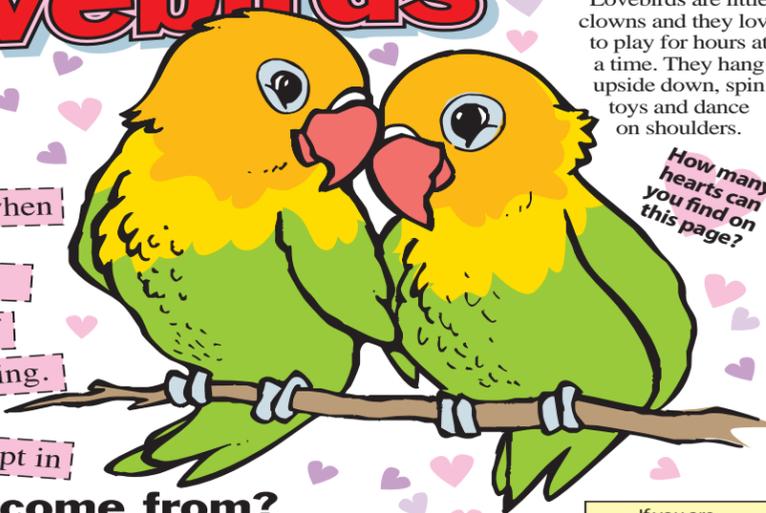
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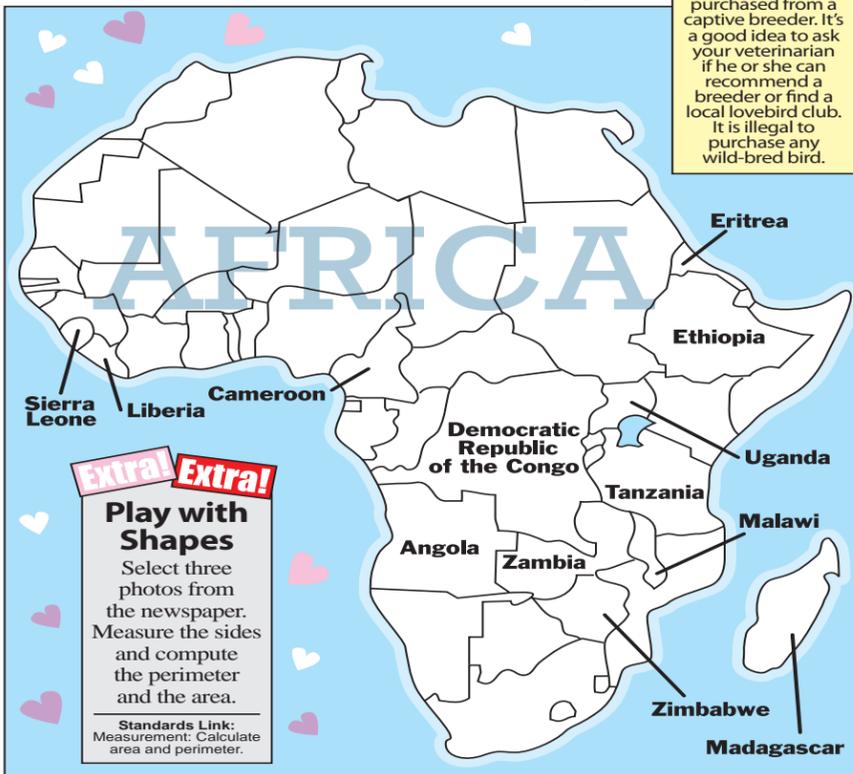


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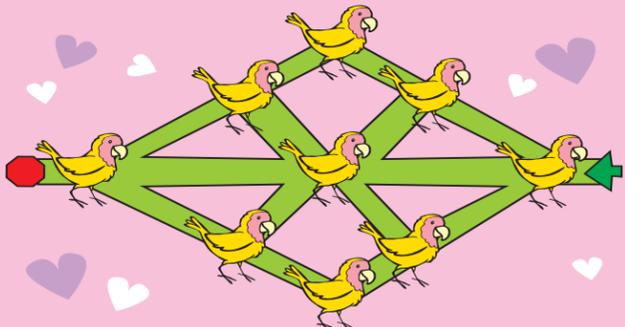
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw a line through every lovebird without lifting your pencil or passing over the same bird twice!

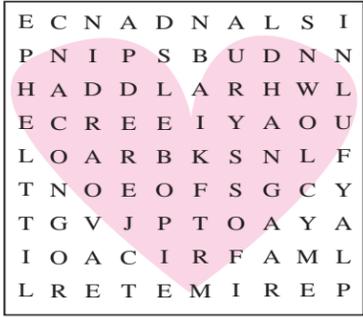


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- LOVEBIRDS
- PERIMETER
- PLAYFUL
- CLOWNS
- MASKED
- AFRICA
- PARROT
- ISLAND
- LITTLE
- PEACH
- NYASA
- DANCE
- CONGO
- HANG
- SPIN

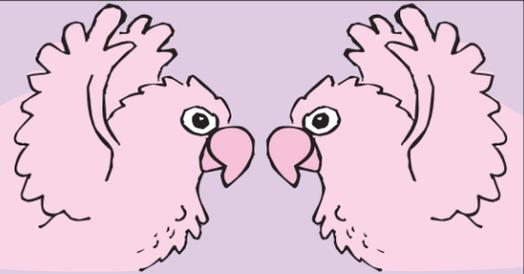
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



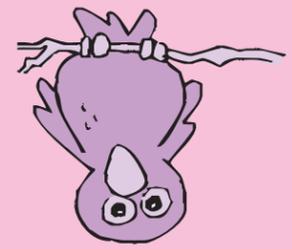
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Play Like Lovebirds



Face a friend and pretend one of you is the mirror image of the other. Try to "mirror" each action your friend does.



Lovebirds often hang upside down. Find a large grassy area and try to stand on your head. Don't give up, it takes practice and balance.



Lovebirds love to chase each other from tree to tree. Play a game of tag with some friends. Choose a tree to be "base" where you can't be tagged IT.



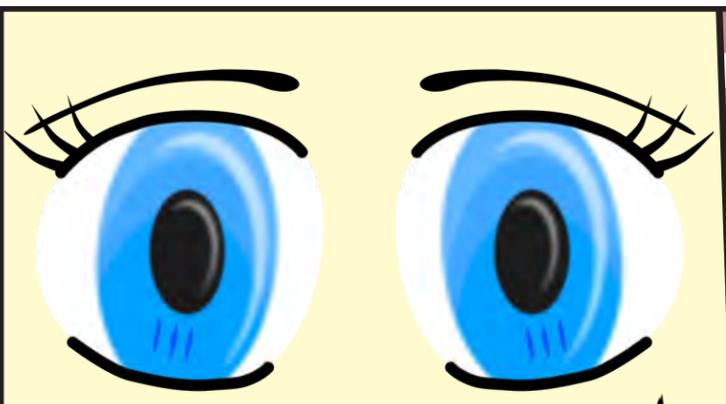
Lovebirds love to dance, too. Put on some of your favorite music and dance, dance, dance!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Write On!

Why I Love Birds

Write a Valentine love note or poem to a bird.



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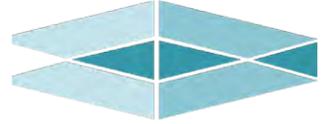
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