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Flock cameras used as criticism grows

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police Department has been using a license plate reader camera system for a few years now as national organizations are questioning law enforcement's use of the system.

In 2022, Oshkosh and OPD entered an agreement with Flock to install 20 Flock cameras in the city. That agreement called for 20 Falcon cameras from Flock

to be installed across Oshkosh.

The Flock system has been characterized by critics as creating a surveillance state while a Milwaukee police officer is facing criminal charges for using the system to track a person he was dating.

These cameras are commonly referred to as ALPRs, or automatic license plate readers. Flock's website states its products create a "public safety technology ecosystem."

Flock boasts that its infrastructure is in over 6,000 communities, working with 5,000 enforcement agencies and over 1,000 businesses.

In Oshkosh, 20 cameras were installed in 2023 for \$65,500 with each of the falcon cameras costing \$2,500 apiece. The recurring costs, according to the 2022 agreement signed by former City Man-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Networking time

The Oshkosh Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo was held March 18 at the Oshkosh Convention Center with 84 exhibitors in attendance. The long-running event is intended to create a shared space for area businesses and community members to connect and build relationships beyond the event.

District invites public to shape strategies for schools

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District wants community members to shape the future of its schools. An upcoming event will drive conversations with community members to gain input on the future of the district.

The Oshkosh Schools Summit will be held over three days in late April and early May.

All community members, including students, staff, alumni, families, residents and business owners, are invited to give input

on the direction of the district.

District officials said the event will not be a long presentation but will be interactive with participants working with other community members. Instead of the future being decided solely by OASD administrators, the district said the community will have an opportunity to share their top priorities for Oshkosh schools.

Community members' responses and input will then be used to shape what the district focuses on for the next five years.

OASD administrators outline six goals for the summit:

- Identify issues and trends that impact the school district.
- Understand the past and present to better shape the future of the school district.
- Identify the skills and attributes every graduate should have.
- Give all community members a voice in the future direction of the school district.
- Strengthen community partnerships.
- Develop strategic priorities for the school district to meet the evolving needs of the students and community.

The summit will be held on April 28, April 29 and May 2 inside the Menominee Elementary School Cafeteria, 915 Hazel St. The weekday sessions will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and the Saturday session will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Attendees are encouraged to attend all three days of the summit.

Registration is open now and closes April 20. There are no costs associated with attending and food and drinks will be provided. Childcare for children over 4 years

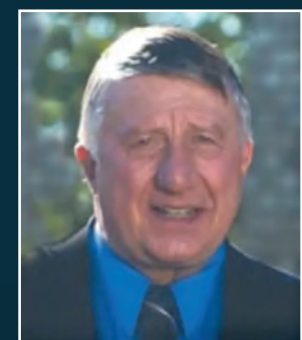
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Survey addresses future of City Center

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Over the past five months an Oshkosh Common Council member has resigned and the council has met several times in closed session, but city officials have not yet provided answers as to what the plans are for City Center's future.

The city has released a community survey seeking input on the future of the 16-acre waterfront site. The survey will be open through April 12.

In October, Kris Larson resigned his seat on the common council because he owns Becket's restaurant inside City Center and his father is part-owner of City Center.

Additionally, the council has met nine

times in closed session to discuss the possible purchase or lease of a portion of the entire property located along the Fox River.

City Center was previously a shopping mall named Park Plaza Mall. In the early 2000s as malls began to lose appeal, City Center management repurposed the mall into office space.

City Manager Rebecca Grill told the Herald in November that the city continues to do its due diligence but has not shared information about the city's plans with the public.

Grill said that members of city staff along with other stakeholders such as Greater Oshkosh Economic Develop-

ment Corp (GOEDC) are involved in the planning process.

The survey is a total of five questions:

- How familiar are you with the City Center along Oshkosh's Riverfront?
- What types of uses would you most like to see on this waterfront site?
- How important is it that redevelopment includes public access to the waterfront?
- What potential benefits are most important to you?
- What ideas or comments do you have about the future of this riverfront property?

The survey can be found at polco.us/n/res/profile/oshkosh-wi.

Employment fair connects job seekers with employers

Oshkosh Herald

Connections will be made at the Oshkosh Area Employment Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. April 8 at Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S. Main St. Both employers and job seekers are urged to prepare now.

Companies attending the fair will be able to connect with many job seekers during the three-hour community fair. Each year, this event brings in hundreds of job seekers across all skill levels. Companies can find registration details (both for this event and other upcoming recruitment events) at foxvalleywork.org/regional-job-fairs.html.

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Job seekers (both from the community and those attending from local schools) are encouraged to attend with the intention to take their career to the next level. More than 50 employers across various industries, including office, service, manufacturing, health care and other professional positions, are expected to be there and will be looking for their next new hires.

During the fair, job seekers of all skill levels have an opportunity to connect directly with hiring managers and learn about available positions. Some compa-

nies might conduct onsite interviews.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes to share and to dress for the career they want. A complete list of employers registered is posted to the job fair website. Individuals interested in a resume refresh are urged to contact the Oshkosh Job Center at 920-404-6801. Appointments can be made for in-person or virtual sessions.

Questions about the job fair should be directed to Bobbi Miller at Fox Valley Workforce Development Board at bmiller@fvwdb.com or 920-470-0837. The fair is a collaborative effort with primary sponsors Fox Valley Workforce Development Board and Amcor in addition to a number of other community sponsors.



Photo from Oshkosh Arena

Inspirational day

Wisconsin HER Day featured a VIP breakfast, teen summit and community and business vendor expo Friday at Oshkosh Arena. Keynote speaker Kelly Jahner-Byrne, who is known as "The How Gal," spoke about clarity, confidence and action. An ESPN panel featured Carbliss co-founder Amanda Kroener, ESPN Madison marketing consultant Molly Brown, Fox6 Milwaukee sports anchor Lily Zhao and paralympic silver medalist Emily Oberst.



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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

March 22, 1946

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Source: Oshkosh Northwestern
March 23, 1946

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Health officials seek to counter falling vaccination rates

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

It's a trend Jaci Grignon isn't happy to see — declining immunization rates in the county.

In 2025, 69% of 2-year-olds received their prescribed vaccines in Winnebago County. Statewide, the average is 67%. Both continue a steady decline.

"Vaccinations are trending down, and we do what we can to support community members and providers so they can have access to vaccines and encourage people to make sure they receive their vaccinations on schedule," said Grignon, Winnebago County's public health nurse and communicable disease supervisor.

There are several reasons why children do not get their vaccines on time, Grignon said. Some parents are busy and struggle to get their children into the doctor on time while other parents are misinformed about vaccine dangers.

"Vaccines are safe for children — they are low risk, high benefit," she said. "If parents have questions about vaccines, they should ask their child's doctors what they recommend for their child."

Kori Krueger, MD, MBA, senior vice president, president of Froedtert TheDaCare North Region Physician Group, agreed a child's medical provider is the ideal person to turn to with questions about vaccinations.

"Vaccinations are a fundamental cornerstone of health," he said. "They help stop the spread of diseases and keep our communities healthier. For children, especially young children, getting their immunizations on schedule helps them build their own immunities against these diseases and is critically important to their health."

By age 2, children should be vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (known as DTaP); polio; measles, mumps and rubella; Haemophilus influenzae type b (known as HiB); hepatitis B; chicken pox; and pneumonia and meningitis.

Winnebago County offers free or low-cost vaccines for children who do not have health insurance, are enrolled or eligible for Medicaid, have health insurance that does not pay for vaccines or are an American Indian, through its Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

The county also has a Vaccines for Adults Program, which provides free or low-cost vaccinations to uninsured or underinsured adults.

Community members can call 920-232-3000 for more information on both programs and to schedule an appointment.

Preparing for possible measles outbreak

While vaccines protect people against a variety of illnesses, measles attracts the most attention and concern. That's because the disease is highly contagious and other parts of the country have already been hit hard by measles outbreaks, Grignon said.

"So many bad things can happen when you have the measles," she said, adding some people can be hospitalized after coming down with the measles. "You can develop pneumonia, you can get encephalitis, ear infections or even hearing loss."

Common measles symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes with the red, blotchy rash starting three to five days after the first symptoms appear.

Grignon encourages people who have

not been vaccinated against the measles to get their immunization now to protect themselves.

The health department has held multiple planning sessions with the local health systems and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to prepare for a potential outbreak. They've looked at different scenarios, such as how to safely test people

EAA museum plans new aviation-themed events

Oshkosh Herald

The EAA Aviation Museum's 2026 schedule is rapidly expanding as four events have been introduced for the summer and fall months.

Wings on Strings returns on May 30 after a hiatus of more than a decade. Kids of all ages are welcome to bring their own kites, or build one inside of the EAA Aviation Museum, to fly at Pioneer Airport. Members of the Wisconsin Kites Club will also showcase their premium kites during demonstrations throughout the day.

All activities will be included with regular museum admission.

Discovery Day debuts on June 6. Building off the success of similar events such as Girls on the Fly, Discovery Day is a one-day event for all kids ages 13 and up to participate in hands-on aviation experiences at the Youth Education Center area of the museum. Activities include a drone

Lawmakers select student artwork to display

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh area legislators have chosen middle school students' artwork to display in their offices at the state Capitol in Madison.

The selections were made as part of the GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art

with potential measles cases so they don't encounter others and risk infecting others, help people recognize measles symptoms and make sure specimens can get quickly to the state hygiene lab for testing.

"We want to iron out any issues before we have a case," Grignon said. "We are bracing and preparing for if and when a measles outbreak happens in Winnebago County."

challenge, soldering, and flight simulators.

Discovery Day is free to attend. Online pre-registration is required and will open in April.

Roads and Runways takes over Pioneer Airport on Sept. 19. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to bring their vintage vehicles to the museum to take part in a car show at Pioneer Airport.

Roads and Runways is included with regular museum admission.

ScaleVenture makes its return on Oct. 17. Model aviation will be on full display throughout the museum as builders bring the best pieces from their collections to showcase. The October edition of the Museum Speaker Series will coincide with the event, with the speaker to be named later.

ScaleVenture and the Speaker Series presentation will be included with regular museum admission, with EAA members being admitted free.

Contest, locally sponsored by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club.

The Legislator Awards were Kriscilly Olson, Perry Tipler – Rep. Lori Palmeri; Faith Simmons, Carl Traeger – Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim and Aurelia Warnke, Lourdes Academy - Rep. Nate Gustafson.



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School district, city continue bus agreement for students

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

For the past six years, Oshkosh Area School District students have been able to use GO Transit services for free.

Students will be able to continue to do so after the district and City of Oshkosh cemented a new agreement for three more years.

The new agreement will allow OASD students, who acquire a student bus pass, to ride buses for free until 2029. Over the last couple of years, the program has led to students being given over 100,000 rides annually.

A 2023 study shows that the program is beneficial to students in the district, especially for students of color and students from families of immigrants or refugees. The study was conducted by the UWO Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research in partnership with the Winnebago County Health Department.

Former council member Lynnsey Erickson, who is a community health strategist for Winnebago County, sent an email to the Oshkosh Common Council members about the importance of the program and how it helps students and their families.

The study showed that the free bus ride program helps students with school attendance, extracurriculars participation and the ability to partake in social activities not in school.

“These have been especially significant for students of color, those from an immigrant or refugee background, and those living in a household without a vehicle for transportation,” the study states.

One of the biggest takeaways from the survey is the cost savings with 77% of students and 75% of parents reported they were able to use the program to save money for themselves and their families.

One student wrote that by not having to pay for the bus, their family can save money to pay the bills and buy groceries. Another student said it would have cost them \$3 a day “just to go to school and return from school.”



Oshkosh Herald

The City of Oshkosh has partnered with the Oshkosh Area School District to provide free rides for K-12 students since 2020. The program has grown to offering over 100,000 free rides for students annually.

According to the study, 61% of students and 49% of parents/guardians reported that the GO Transit program gives students a greater ability to be involved in social activities like hanging out with friends, going to the library or attending other events.

The study surveyed students and families about their experiences with the program over the previous three years. The study was funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services and the Whitburn Center.

The study responses show 31% of students said they were highly impacted by the program to help them attend school. Of these students, a majority were students of color or from immigrant or refugee families and almost half of the respondents reported living in a house without a reliable vehicle for transportation.

Students also reported that the GO Transit rides allowed students to take part in school activities like student government.

“I’m glad it’s helping students get to school safely, on time, putting them in that

where they can learn and then come and take our seats in a few years when they’re very well educated,” Mayor Matt Mugerauer said.

Annual free student rides have increased from just over 2,000 rides when the 2020-21 school year began to over 100,000 rides annually.

OASD assistant superintendent of operations Brian Yerkey said the district the agreement continues to help families by reducing the primary barrier of transportation.

“This agreement helps ensure every student has a reliable way to reach the classroom, allowing them to focus on the

GO Transit route expands from Oshkosh

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to seek funding for a new bus route to take Neenah bus riders to Oshkosh as part of an expansion of the GO Connect program.

The new routes, which begin running in April, include a \$3 ride from Neenah to an

school day,” Yerkey said. “We also recognize it provides students with greater access to not only school activities, but also resources and opportunities across our community.”

In 2025, GO Transit provided over 117,652 rides for students, according to Oshkosh’s transportation director Jim Collins. This was a slight drop from 2024 when 126,707 rides were provided for students.

These rides are provided year-round with many students using GO Transit multiple times a day.

Since 2023, GO Transit has required OASD middle and high school students to have a bus pass, which is free to acquire, to ride for free. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are not required to have a bus pass for free rides.

The program is paid for with OASD and the city splitting the costs. Both entities will pay \$270,000 to fund the three-year agreement, which officially starts on Sept. 1.

There were some issues with the program early on with rowdy students and overwhelmed bus drivers, but that has reportedly gotten better.

“The program has improved each year and the number of incidents with students has decreased,” Collins said.

GO Transit also offers free rides to Fox Valley Technical College students with a current student ID, disabled veterans with ID and children under the age of six. There are reduced fare options for riders over the age of 60 and with a qualifying disability.

area in north Oshkosh, which includes the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office, jail and Sunnyview Expo Center, and a \$5 one-way ride from the Neenah Transit Center to Oshkosh GO Transit Center or vice-versa.

The rides will be provided by a third-party vendor, City Cab.

The service will operate from 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Riders need to call City Cab at 920-235-7001 by 4:30 p.m. the day before the desired travel to reserve their ride.

Winnebago County is applying for a \$15,000 grant from the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program, which provides funding opportunities to support community mobility, transportation access and livable community initiatives. The grant will offset the cost difference between what the client pays and the actual cost of the ride.

The pilot program will run through March 2027 when GO Transit will decide whether to continue it.

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Federal lawsuit claims civil rights violation at prison

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh Correctional Institution inmate has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit alleging medical staff at the facility have not provided him proper care for his recently discovered brain tumor.

A federal judge has reviewed the case and denied the inmate's request to appoint a lawyer for him but has allowed the case to move forward.

Daniel R. Franzen, 35, found out he had a brain tumor last August and alleges that medical staff at OCI has not provided him with medicine prescribed by a neurologist, according to federal court documents.

Franzen was convicted in 2022 of use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime in Oneida County. He was sentenced to



Franzen

five years in state prison. Franzen's earliest release can come in late December 2027.

United States Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Byron Conway reviewed Franzen's complaint for a screening order, which is done when a prisoner, "seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity."

Conway reviewed the complaint and found the Franzen's lawsuit can proceed while denying his motion to appoint an attorney for him. Conway stated Franzen has proven he has made an attempt to find an attorney but stated he has proven competent by representing himself so far in the case.

The complaint is outlined in the screening order filed by Conway on March 6.

According to the complaint, in August 2025 Franzen had complained about a severe headache and numbness in his left

arm.

Eight days later he complained of severe pressure and pain in his head and was transported to an Oshkosh hospital. A tumor was found on the back of his brain.

Franzen then developed a stutter, started suffering from memory loss and stroke-like symptoms. He was eventually diagnosed with a left vertical nodule of his brain, a brain tumor.

The complaint alleges four members of the OCI Health Services Unit violated his civil rights. Franzen alleges staff did nothing for his brain tumor. One staff member allegedly refused to order

a biopsy for the brain tumor, denied his symptoms were from the tumor and refused to give him the medicine prescribed by a neurologist.

Franzen admitted in his filings that he continues to suffer from memory loss and confusion. He was requesting a lawyer be appointed for him because of his limited knowledge of the law and that two inmates, set for release in September, helped him with his filings in the case.

Franzen is seeking monetary damages, proper treatment for his tumor and a declaration that the defendant's actions violated Franzen's rights.

High school performs show based on ancient Egypt

Oshkosh Herald

A performance rooted in the story of Exodus is coming to the stage at The Grand Oshkosh.

Valley Christian High School will present "The Prince of Egypt: The Musical" April 9-11. Music and lyrics are by Stephen Schwartz for the show, which is based on a book by Philip LaZebnik.

The show is described as a journey through the wonders of Ancient Egypt as Ramses and Moses, two young men raised together as brothers in a kingdom of privilege, find themselves suddenly divided by a secret past. With music and a message grounded in faith, courage and God's de-

liverance, audiences will follow Ramses, as he rules as Pharaoh, and Moses, as he discovers his true identity and answers the Lord's call to lead his people to freedom.

Both face a destiny that will change history forever. From the grandeur of Pharaoh's palace to the awe-inspiring crossing of the Red Sea, this retelling brings Scripture to life through unforgettable characters and breathtaking moments. The show is described as a story of obedience, redemption and the enduring faithfulness of God.

Tickets are available online at ci.ovation-tix.com/36698/production/1267535 or at The Grand box office.

Group offers free sessions for local ukulele players

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Ukulele Players hold regular, inclusive jams and open mic sessions at the New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.

The free sessions welcome all skill lev-

els, from beginners to experienced players, often featuring 1950s/60s hits and opportunities to learn new tunes.

The ukelele-based community jam sessions are held at 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

County to test outdoor warning sirens

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens will be tested at noon every Saturday starting March 28 and will continue through September, possibly longer, depending on weather.

Tests will be cancelled if severe weather or other serious conditions are imminent.

The Winnebago County Office of Emergency Management reminds citizens that the outdoor warning sirens are designed to warn people who are outdoors that a severe weather situation is happening or is likely to happen soon. They should then seek shelter immediately inside a sturdy

building. Everyone should remain alert to the potential for rapidly changing weather conditions.

The emergency siren in the Town of Black Wolf unintentionally activated around 12:30 a.m. Sunday with no indication of its activation on the county emergency management system. Even if there was, County Executive Gordon Hintz said it is not possible to remotely disable it, and an electrician was called to disable the siren.

Hintz said officials are troubleshooting the cause of the malfunction and apologized for the disturbance.

CELEBRATE EDUCATION HONORS OSHKOSH EDUCATORS WITH ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Partners Recognize Excellence in Education Despite Weather-Related Event Cancellation

Although the annual Celebrate Education event scheduled for Monday, March 16, at the Oshkosh Convention Center was canceled due to weather, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and its partners are still proud to recognize this year's outstanding educators, education leaders, and grant recipients.

Celebrate Education honors individuals and organizations making a meaningful impact on education in the Oshkosh community. This year, grants totaling more than \$73,000 were awarded to more than 60 educators for creative and impactful programs supporting students in classrooms, extracurricular activities, and after-school settings.

In addition to grant recipients, the annual event recognizes community members whose leadership and dedication continue to strengthen education in the Oshkosh area. Since its launch in 2005, Celebrate Education has awarded more than \$800,000 in support of local educators and innovative learning initiatives.

Celebrate Education is hosted by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and made possible through the generous support of community partners, including the Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, UW-Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation, Edward and Belle Rudoy Endowment Fund, and Oshkosh Southwest Rotary.

For more information about this year's award recipients and the programs being supported, please scan the QR code.



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- Tom and JoAnne Dolata

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- James Chitwood, PhD
- Edward and Belle Rudoy Technology Grant Awards
- Lourdes Academy High School
- Valley Christian High School

Edward and Belle Outstanding High School Teacher Awards

- Jeff Becker, Oshkosh West High School
- Nikki Dahlke, Lourdes Academy High School
- Mary Gabriel, Oshkosh West High School
- Patrick Griffith, Oshkosh North High School
- Dan Heiser, Lourdes Academy High School
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Celebrate Education Grant Awards, Presented by the Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation

- Shannon Fredrick, TRUE Academy
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- Jennifer Kautzer, Oaklawn Elementary School
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- Jessica Nunez, Oshkosh North High School
- Traci Soeller, Oshkosh Area School District
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- Stephanie Bauknecht, Valley Christian School
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- Mandy Bernhagen, Lourdes Academy
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- Lillian Miller, Valley Christian School
- Brooke Neese, Lourdes Academy Elementary School
- Trisha Paskey, Oshkosh Area School District
- Gideon Patrick, Valley Christian School
- Julie Reichenberger, South Park Middle School
- Angela Rodriguez, Oshkosh West High School
- Heather Schilling, Oshkosh West High School
- Alissa Schmidt, Valley Christian School
- Emily Sopata, Carl Traeger Elementary School
- Whitney Stenbroten, Oshkosh Early Learning
- Andrew Thompson, Perry A. Tipler Middle School
- Jaime Thompson, Roosevelt Elementary School
- Daniel Wolf, Lourdes Academy Middle School



Flock cameras

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ager Mark Rohloff and former finance director Russ Van Gompel, would be \$58,500 for the second year of the agreement.

OPD Chief Dean Smith said these initial costs were covered by Governor Tony Evers' COVID funds for law enforcement agencies. OPD received just over \$200,000 from the governor's office as part of a \$50 million investment in safer communities across Wisconsin.

There are currently 25 ALPR Flock falcon cameras serving as ALPRs in Oshkosh and one regular camera.

"The department has had numerous successes in solving crime, including these examples: a fatal hit and run accident, leads for homicides, robberies, and burglaries, has taken illegal narcotics and firearms off the street and has been able to reunite elderly/individuals with dementia with their loved ones," Smith said.

In 2025, the city renewed the agreement with Flock for another two years. This agreement, signed by Smith, City Manager Rebecca Grill and former city attorney Lynn Lorenson in April 2025, states the city paid \$81,750 for service in 2025 and 2026. That \$163,500 bill was picked up by Oshkosh taxpayers.

Smith said there are already discussions going on to sign a new agreement with Flock for coverage in 2027 and beyond. He did not provide additional details if there may be another price increase.

"As a tool to assist in the detection and apprehension of vehicles involved in criminal activity, and to detect vehicles associated with missing persons," Smith



Oshkosh Herald

This is one of the 26 Flock cameras in Oshkosh. The purpose of the cameras is to locate criminal activity by scanning license plate numbers. However, there are growing concerns the cameras are creating a surveillance state.

said when asked how OPD uses Flock cameras.

Smith said OPD relies on monthly usage audits provided by Flock to ensure oversight is in place. He did not clarify if the department has any internal policies to ensure the system is not used for non-law enforcement purposes by OPD personnel or other agencies.

This oversight is important as police officers in Milwaukee and Menasha have been criminally charged with using the system to track a person he was dating and that person's former partner.

A criminal complaint filed in Milwaukee County in March alleges Milwaukee police officer Joshue Ayala, 33, searched two people's license plates 179 times between March 2025 and May 2025.

Ayala is charged with one misdemeanor count of attempted misconduct in public office – act in excess of lawful authority. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Ayala resigned his position days after charges were filed.

Inspector Paul Lough with Milwaukee Police announced in December 2023 that select officers would receive access to the Flock system for investigative purposes. Lough said at the time that officers who used the system for reasons unrelated to law enforcement purposes may face discipline.

Menasha police officer Cristian Morales, 31, has been charged with one felony count of misconduct in public office – excess authority.

Morales, who joined the Menasha police department in March 2025, lives in Appleton and is facing charges in Outagamie County after Appleton police opened an investigation last October.

Court documents allege the victim spoke to Appleton police about concerns Morales was using Flock to track her car. An investigation found that Morales made seven searches on Flock in one week in October. Five of the searches were for the victim and the remaining two were linked to Morales's brother's car.

After a number of arrests, a conversation started at the national level regarding the use of these cameras and the lack of oversight that comes with the system.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has called the Flock camera an authoritarian tracking system and alleged the data from the system has been used by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

"The cloud Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR or LPR) company Flock is building a dangerous nationwide mass-surveillance infrastructure," said ACLU policy analyst Jay Stanley. "The problem with mass surveillance is that it always expands beyond the uses for which it is initially justified — and sure enough, Flock's system is undergoing insidious expansion across multiple dimensions. If your community adopts this technology, you need to know it's doing more than just recording what car is driving where and at what time. It's worth stepping back and looking at an overview of what's going on."

One company has already started fighting back against the Flock cameras, simply by pointing out where they are. Deflock.org is where anyone can go to check on where these cameras are located in Oshkosh and other areas. The DeFlock open-source mapping project has mapped almost 83,000 LPRs across the country.

DeFlock has identified Flock cameras on both sides of each of the three bridges spanning the Fox River. There are also cameras at the Interstate 41 interchanges with Oshkosh Avenue, West Ninth Avenue and West South Park Avenue.

Another website is havebeenflocked.com where a license plate number can be entered to see if it has been searched within the Flock system. That is the website that helped the victim in Milwaukee County case to find out Ayala was searching plates.

"This incident displays a pattern we've seen across the country," said ACLU-WI policy analyst Jon McCray Jones said of the Ayala arrest. "Law enforcement using taxpayer-funded policing tools and turning them into a means of private surveillance to use however they wish — often to spy on women they have a romantic interest in. Flock is used by at least 221 law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin, so its growing track record of misuse has profound implications for all of us."



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County board increases rent on Wittman hangars

By MaryBeth Matzek
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After competing motions and a critical decision by County Board Chair Tom Eagan to hold a vote, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors increased hangar rates and the fuel flowage rate at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh during its March 17 board meeting.

The board voted 24-7 with two abstainers to increase hangar rents, land leases and the fuel flowage rate. Between the rent increases and fuel flowage rate increases, the airport will raise an additional \$102,899 annually, with \$62,899 coming from the hangars and \$40,000 coming from fuel.

Under the ordinance, rent for the airport's 94 hangars will see increases between 2.7% and 29%. The airport's fuel flowage rate will increase from 10 cents to 15 cents. Going forward, the plan is to increase hangar rents 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is higher every three years. Prior to this year, rates increased in 2022, 2016, 2011 and 2001.

Two committees — the Aviation Committee and the Facilities and Property Management Committee — approved the ordinance and brought it to the board for approval. Aviation Committee Chair Maribeth Gabert made a motion to return the issue to committee while Facilities and Property Management Committee Chair John Hinz wanted to hold a vote.

According to board rules, the board chair decides on whether to move ahead.

"We may sit here all night, but we're going to decide this tonight," Eagan said.

Gabert said she did not approve of the rate increase and wanted to rework the ordinance. She cited the study done by a

North Carolina-based consultant who developed the rate increases to make them market competitive.

"The rate increase was based on a flawed study based on airports in suburban Detroit and Chicago and I can't agree with this," she said.

Supervisor Tom Swan, who sits on the Facilities and Property Management Committee, spoke out against the increase in hangar rental fees.

"I think we just throw this whole study out and order a new appraisal," he said. "We need better data before we decide on raising the rent out there."

Hinz supported the ordinance saying Airport Manager Jim Schell came up with his own numbers, which were lower than what the study suggested, and that while some rates increased 29%, other hangar rates increased in the single digits.

"We need to move forward on this," Hinz said. "We've been working on it a long time. This is the first step in fixing the budget out there."

Several hangar renters spoke out against the rent increases during the meeting's public comment session.

"The study that was commissioned was not fair," said Fred Stadler of Oshkosh. "It was not comparable for the type of hangars we have."

Another pilot and hangar renter, Jim Cunningham of Oshkosh, agreed.

"We have a great airport, and many airports would love to have the challenges we have at this airport, but what is happening is not fair," he said.

County Executive Gordon Hintz said the study provides the county with feedback and that two committees — Aviation

and Facilities and Properties — approved the final hangar rent increases, which were lower than what the study recommended.

"We have a world-class airport, and we need to charge for what we have," Hintz said. "It costs us more to maintain the amenities."

The amenities include four paved runways, a control tower and its own on-field fire and rescue.

Design study approved: The county board approved using \$2.6 million in Spirit Funds to design an expanded highway department and move the county facilities department to the same complex.

An expanded highway building would have more room for the county's equipment, including its three-axle trucks, a

new truck wash, a larger salt shed and a larger conference room. Moving the facilities department to the same location will be more efficient since it will put it closer to more of the county's buildings.

The county will look at including the construction in its 2027 budget.

Supervisor death: Walt Ulbricht, supervisor for District 3 which covers Menasha, died March 15. The board, led by Hintz, paid tribute to Ulbricht, who was a tireless supporter of the Barlow Planetarium at the former UW Fox Cities campus in Menasha.

The visitation and words of remembrance for Ulbricht, 74, was held Saturday.

Ulbricht was running against Tanya Keech in the April 7 election.



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Bria Skonberg in Concert, 6 and 8 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Thursday, March 26

WPS Farm Show, 9 a.m., EAA AirVenture Grounds and Expo Hangars

Friday, March 27

Spotlight on Melonie Gartner, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, March 28

City of Oshkosh Parks Breakfast with the Bunny, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Rummage/Bake/Egg Roll Sale, 8 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 241 W. Ninth Ave., Enter on Eighth Ave Door 9
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

“Bunnies, Bunnies and more Bunnies” Storytime, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Men Who Cook Fundraiser for Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

The Goonies, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Can Can Comedy Nite featuring Ben Warren, Mike Stricker and Kristin Lytle, 7 p.m., Can Can Boutique Bar, 584 N. Main St.

Songwriter/Storyteller Troy Ramey Concert, 7:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Temple

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Sunday, March 29

Vietnam Veterans Day, 10 a.m., Military Veterans Museum and Education Center

Lenten Meditation, A Concert of Scripture and Choral Works featuring a guest String Quartet, 3 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Ninth Ave.

Hopelessly Devoted – A Tribute to Olivia Newton-John, 3 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Monday, March 30

Otter Street Fishing Club Wild Game Feed and Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Country Club

Friday, April 3

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

Wish You Were Floyd, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, April 4

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

Oshkosh Area Humane Society Easter EggVenture, 11 a.m., 1925 Shelter Court
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday Dinner Program, noon, Father Carr’s Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Tuesday, April 7

Mick Foley Comedy Tour, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater
Prohibition in Oshkosh, 7 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office Fraud School, 6:30 p.m., 4311 Jackson St.



Photo from Oshkosh Seniors Center

Irish fun

The Oshkosh Seniors Center hosted an Irish-themed event earlier this month ahead of St. Patrick’s Day. Hangry Dave’s provided the food and Sheamus Fitzpatrick and the McNally Boys played music to entertain the crowd.

School summit

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old will be available to allow more people to participate. Transportation and translation services can also be requested to ensure anyone who wants to participate does not have to worry about those details.

The summit will be facilitated by Drew Howick of Howick Associates Inc. Howick has facilitated these community conversations across Wisconsin. Howick Associates attended the Jan. 28 meeting virtually earlier this year to discuss the process of the summit.

The results of the summit will decide the direction of the district going forward.

The district develops a strategic plan every year with a number of core areas and then individual key performance indicators (KPI) within those core areas.

The core areas are learning and academics, finance and operations, safe and healthy schools, and engagement and communication. The Department of Public Instruction then provides report cards for each KPI.

“We want to build the future of our schools together,” Superintendent Bryan Davis said. “This summit is about gathering as neighbors to decide what our priorities should be for the next five years. Whether you have children in our schools or are a resident who cares about the future of our city, your perspective helps us understand what our students need to succeed in a changing world.”

The 2025 Strategic Plan for the district and for each individual school in the district is available at oshkosh.k12.wi.us/district/strategic-plan. That website also has past strategic plans that have guided the district.

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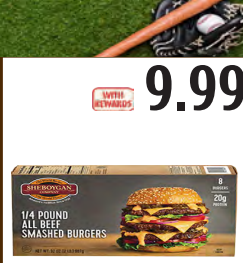


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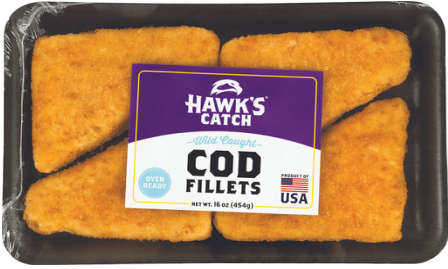
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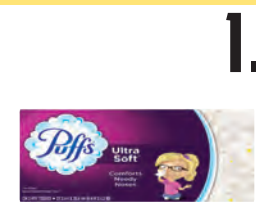
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School board candidates voice opinions on the issues

Oshkosh Herald

Voters will soon head to the polls to elect local leaders, including two seats on the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education.

Four candidates are vying for the two seats on the board. The Herald sent each candidate a questionnaire leading up to the April 7 spring election. The winners on election day will sit on the board of education for a three-year term.

The candidates are presented in alphabetical order.

Barb Herzog

What makes you the best candidate to serve on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education?

I am a former teacher, principal and central office administrator in four Wisconsin school districts and a former academic staff member at UW-Oshkosh. I hold teaching degrees from UW-Oshkosh and a doctorate in educational administration and adult education from UW-Madison.

I have over 12 years of Oshkosh School Board experience, including three years as board president and service on the four major board committees. I have attended numerous conferences and workshops related to being an effective board member. I have the time, energy, wisdom, experience and heart to serve on the board.

The district is looking at a \$2 million deficit going into the 2026-27 school year. What are your budget priorities? Where can the district save money?

I have several budget priorities. One is "Students First" making sure that decisions are made in the best interests of students so we can attract and retain students and are preparing them to be college, career and community ready.

Another priority is making sure that we are fiscally responsible and acting as good stewards of our resources. We need to follow the priorities in our strategic plan.

Staffing will need to be adjusted to bring it in line with our student enrollment. All district operations and budget line items need to be reviewed to streamline and reduce costs wherever possible.

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system?

The role of a board member requires serving both as a representative of the community and the school system.

Oshkosh board members are elected at-large to serve all constituencies within the community, including those with and without children in school, taxpayers, the business community, etc. It is important for board members to be available to constituents, learn of their interests and concerns, and use this information to better inform our decisions.

Board members are frequently asked to represent the school system at various community events. It is important that we are good role models and always reflect integrity and honesty.

Paul Molitor

What makes you the best candidate to serve on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education?

Experience, knowledge and wisdom. I have a degree in education, have successfully tutored many students in science and math, taught college chemistry and courses for students in teacher education programs. I have also been employed in various non-education related occupations from spectroscopist to rental industry service tech.

I understand teaching and learning as

well as troubleshooting and solving problems. I have paid attention to board of education meetings and have read extensively about causes and possible solutions to the issues that our schools are experiencing.

The district is looking at a \$2 million deficit going into the 2026-27 school year. What are your budget priorities? Where can the district save money?

All budget areas, including administration, operations, classroom and extracurricular areas, need to be examined to find places where savings can be found.

As enrollment declines the system needs to adjust accordingly. Savings may be had through elimination of duplicate services and spending on things that make little contribution to the success of the district.

I have noticed in many places that I have worked, people on the "front line" often have great ideas on ways to make systems more efficient. Talking to people in all areas will be fruitful in finding savings.

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system?

The very idea of a public school is that the system "belongs" to the community; its purpose is to equip and train the next generation.

Like other aspects of a democratic republic, elections are held to appoint representatives, of the people, to oversee operations. A school board member must listen to and work to guide the system in such a way that the community is best served.

On the other hand, members have a responsibility to communicate with the community on details of school operations.

Mallory Schneider Birschbach

What makes you the best candidate to serve on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education?

I am already immersed in the district as an engaged parent, as I've attended almost every school board meeting for the last three years. I am the president of the parent-teacher organization at my son's school.

I have the flexibility in my schedule to be a prepared and present board member. I have no support from political parties, meaning I'm here to focus on the issues without politicizing them.

I understand this role as one member of

a board, which means working with others. We likely won't agree on everything, but collaboration and clear direction are necessary to make improvements.

The district is looking at a \$2 million deficit going into the 2026-27 school year. What are your budget priorities? Where can the district save money?

Classrooms need to be prioritized. A piece that is missing from the conversation is whether or not we can continue making cuts without having additional negative effects on our students and staff.

I see our student outcomes as a direct result of our state legislature's unwillingness to properly fund our public schools. Enrollment is down, but that doesn't make up for the lack of special education reimbursement, general aid, inflation, and so forth.

We've already been forced to do more with less, and it not only negatively impacts our schools, but our local taxpayers have to foot the bill. The current state funding situation isn't sustainable.

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system?

As this is an elected position, I would primarily be a representative of the community. But this could be seen as two sides of the same coin. Some of our educators are also caregivers of children in the district, along with being taxpayers.

It may be too simplistic to view representation in such a manner, as people can hold a variety of stakeholder positions. Collaboration and clear direction are important, no matter which stakeholders are at the table.

Jacob Wolf

What makes you the best candidate to serve on the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education?

As a father with children in the district, I have a direct stake in the success of our schools.

My professional background in the trades allows me to bring a blue-collar per-

spective and a common-sense approach to the board. I am not afraid to ask the tough questions regarding fiscal transparency and academic excellence rather than just following suit.

Having coached youth sports for years, I understand the value of teamwork and am ready to work hard to ensure our students have the vocational and academic tools they need to succeed.

The district is looking at a \$2 million deficit going into the 2026-27 school year. What are your budget priorities? Where can the district save money?

To address the current and projected future deficit, we must adopt a 'top-down' approach, prioritizing administrative cuts to protect the classroom.

Maintaining the student-teacher relationship is vital for academic proficiency. A major factor in our current fiscal challenge is the trend of families choosing alternative schooling, which directly impacts our district's funding.

By improving fiscal transparency and accountability, we can regain trust and stabilize enrollment. Solving these root issues will help resolve the structural deficit, ensuring our schools remain the primary choice for parents and a source of community pride.

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system?

I see myself as being a representative of the community to the school system.

My primary responsibility would be to the citizens of Oshkosh, to ensure their tax dollars are used effectively and their children are receiving an exceptional education. However, to do that job well, I must also be a representative of the school system to the community, communicating the district's needs and ensuring our educators have the support they need to thrive.

You cannot have a strong community without a strong school system, and vice versa.

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Wednesday, April 1

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Market Day: Design a Store: 4:30 p.m., Grades 4-8

Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Teen AniManga Club, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Storytime with author Teri Rose, 1 p.m., preschool – Grade 5

PreTeen Book Club: The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead, 4:30 p.m., Grades 3-5

Teen Book Club: War Games by Alan Gratz, 4:30 p.m., Grades 6-8

Saturday, April 4

Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., Grades K-5

Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., teens and adults

Hack Club, 1-3 p.m., teens

Puzzle-Rama, 1-4 p.m., all ages

Sunday, April 5

Library closed: Easter

Monday, April 6

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5 - 12

Tuesday, April 7

Spring Election Polling Site, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Teen Tuesday, 4-5:45 p.m.

Adult DIY: Scrappy Wooden Coasters, 6 p.m., adults

Storytime for Grownups, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Market Day: Make Products, 4:30 p.m., Grades 4-8

Thursday, April 9

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

Second Thursday Book Club: Animal Farm by George Orwell, 1:30 p.m., adults

The Big Read - Money Smart Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m., Grades K-5

Adult AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Friday, April 10

Climate Smart: Gardening, Air Quality and Health, 4:15-6 p.m., all ages

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., Grades K-2

Young Adult Book Club: The Reappearance of Rachel Price by Holly Jackson, 4:30 p.m., Grades 9-12

Saturday, April 11

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

Let's Play Tabletop Role-Playing Games!, 1:30-4:30 p.m., teens and adults

Monday, April 13

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., Grades K-5

Tuesday, April 14

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers

Craft in Company, noon, adults

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

Craft in Company, 5:30 p.m., adults

Recycle Right!, 6-7:15 p.m., adults

Wednesday, April 15

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Market Day: Grand Opening of Stores, 4:30 p.m., Grades 4-8

Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

Teen AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.

Arbor Day Event with Oshkosh City Forester, 5 p.m., all ages

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Thursday, April 17

Librarian Learns: Why is it called that? Oshkosh place names explained, 9 a.m., YouTube

PreTeen Create & Chill, 4:30 p.m., Grades 3-5

Friday, April 18

Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., Grades K-5

Little Free Library Social, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., adults

Into the Woods with Chemistry, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grades K-8

Hack Club, 1-3 p.m., teens

Monday, April 20

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., Grades K-5

Tuesday, April 21

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Wednesday, April 22

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Elementary Explorers: Milk Jug Greenhouses, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Wisconsin's Gangster Past with Chad Lewis, 6 p.m., adults

Friday, April 24

Chain Reaction Challenge, 4 p.m., teens

Saturday, April 25

Adult DIY: Scrappy Wooden Coasters, 1 p.m.

Scrabble Tournament, 2:45-4:30 p.m., teens and adults

Monday, April 27

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., Grades K-5

Tuesday, April 28

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

Banned Book Club: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, 6:30 p.m.

Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Spring Recital, 6:30 p.m., all ages

Wednesday, April 29

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 30

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Local author to visit library for family storytime

Oshkosh Herald

Patrons can take a trip around the world with local author Teri Rose, who will visit Oshkosh Public Library's Lower Level at 1 p.m. April 3 to share her book "Adventures with Sam and Saint: Holiday Celebrations."

Rose's book whisks young readers away on a journey through holiday traditions from a wide range of cultures, offering an

introduction to the many ways families celebrate. Her storytelling encourages kids to explore new ideas, ask questions and discover connections between their own traditions and those of others.

During this special program, families will enjoy an author-led picture book storytime, hot cocoa and Search & Find activity sheets that reinforce the story and encourage learning beyond the event.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Casey Nash of the Oshkosh Community Players portrayed Lewis Hine during a photography workshop Saturday at Oshkosh Public Library.

Photography workshop focuses on connections

Oshkosh Herald

Capturing vision, refining craft, telling stories and creating images that connect — those were the guiding themes of a day-long photography workshop at Oshkosh Public Library, where community members gathered to sharpen their skills and explore the power of visual storytelling.

Open to photographers of all experience levels, the program was inspired by Lewis Hine, the internationally recognized photographer and Oshkosh native whose work helped expose social injustices and contributed to reforms in child labor laws in the early 1900s.

The event Saturday brought together accomplished local photographers for a mix of presentations, demonstrations and hands-on sessions centered on craft, storytelling and impact.

The day began with "The Legacy of Lewis Hine and the Origins of Advocacy Photography" presented by Michael J. Cooney, author, photojournalist and photography instructor.

Jim Koepnick presented the Lewis Hine Honors Presentation, "50 Years of Image Making," emphasizing the importance of persistence, drive, and consistently delivering strong work alongside mastering the technical skills of photography. A fast-paced session titled "Why It Works" followed, featuring brief talks by photographers Monty Montgomery and Dave Burke, focusing on street and concert photography.

The afternoon sessions included "Lighting the Work: Making Craft Visible" with Phil Weston, along with a guided photo experience, "Shoot! Literary Characters in the Stacks," featuring actors from Oshkosh Community Players. Casey Nash por-

Easter event features activities for families

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society is holding an Easter EggVenture featuring free activities for families.

During the event April 4 at 1925 Shelter Court, attendees can get their photos taken with the Easter Bunny, enjoy an egg hunt and games for the kids, spin a prize wheel, learn about real bunnies and

Auditions to be held for upcoming theater shows

Oshkosh Herald

Auditions will be held for upcoming Jolly Jester performances of "Shrek: The Musical."

Auditions are scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. April 11 and 12 at the Oshkosh Rec Department Gym, 425 Division St. Actors from age 7 to adult are invited to participate. Youth under age 12 must also

trayed Lewis Hine, and Madysen Schmidt portrayed famed Life magazine photographer Margaret Bourke-White.

Library Director Darryl Eschete opened the event, encouraging attendees to explore the library's extensive collection of books on Hine, its newly available online materials documenting Hine's early life in Oshkosh, and an exhibit of Hine photographs on display in the library's reading room.

The workshop also connects to a broader community effort to recognize Hine's legacy. The Oshkosh Public Museum will open a new exhibition "Lewis Hine: The Man Behind the Camera" on March 28, featuring the museum's full Hine collection, first acquired from his son, Coryden Hine, in 1981.

"This is the first time we've created a dedicated exhibition focused entirely on Hine," said Emily Rock, assistant director and chief curator at the Oshkosh Public Museum. "Visitors will not only see his photography but come to understand him as a person—the man behind the camera."

Rock said the exhibit goes beyond Hine's well-known images to include personal artifacts such as early sketches, wood carvings, and items he collected, offering a more complete picture of his life and work.

"For me, the most meaningful part has been getting to know him as a person," Rock said. "You see his sense of humor in letters, his relationships—especially with his wife Sarah, who supported and contributed to his work. It reminds you that these historical figures were people just like us."

The exhibition will run through January, with additional programming planned throughout the year.

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Tickets are available for arrival slots at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon or 12:30 p.m.

Spreading out the visitor start times means everyone gets to spend time at each station, and no one is crowded.

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have a parent or guardian in the show to participate.

Those auditioning should come prepared with a one minute monologue and a one minute song.

Show dates are Aug. 12-16. Rehearsals begin at the end of May and will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Prep sports roundup

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Howell, relay post wins for Wildcats

Clark Howell in the triple jump and the 800-meter relay team of Morgan Tibbits, Dylan McDonald, Traeven Seely and Carter Schmidt each posted victories for Oshkosh West at the Stevens Point Indoor Meet on Saturday.

Howell, who won the triple jump event by more than three feet, also finished sixth in the long jump for the Wildcats.

Tibbits and McDonald were third and fifth, respectively, in the 60 meters for West, while Noah Cardinal finished fifth in the high jump.

Lourdes Academy also participated in the meet with Cameron Kapral placing fifth in the 400 meters and Mat Yaggie taking sixth in the 60-meter hurdles.

West finished fifth among the 26 teams at the meet, while the Knights placed 20th.

Warriors collect three top-five finishes

Three Valley Christian athletes earned top-five finishes at the Princeton/Green Lake Invitational held last week at the Willmore Center at Ripon College.

Sam Gloudemans led the Warriors by placing third in the long jump, while Matthias Behling finished fourth in the high jump.

On the track, Simon Menet took fifth in the 3,200 meters.

Weber leads Spartan finishers at invite

Jay Weber placed fourth in the 3,200 meters to lead Oshkosh North at the Large School meet last week held at the Kolf Sports Center

The only other top-six finish for the Spartans came in the 800-meter relay team of Tyler Farnsworth, Miguel Diaz, Evan Auler and Jamare Scott, which placed sixth.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Wildcats post relay win at invite

Oshkosh West's 400-meter relay team collected a win at the Stevens Point girls invitational on Friday.

The foursome of Abigail Tercha, Kylie Triebold, Kate Elliot and Samantha Panske finished more than four seconds ahead of the field in collecting the victory.

The Wildcats' Camille Phillips added a third-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles.

Lourdes Academy's best finish at the meet came from the 3,200-meter relay team of Khloe Bunton, Annie Moore, Ana Scheidewend and Allison Stromske, which took fifth.

Moran leads Warriors at invite

Valley Christian's Mya Moran paced the field in the 1,600 meters to collect the win at the Princeton-Green Lake Invitational held at Ripon College's Willmore Center last week.

Moran easily won the race finishing nearly 20 seconds ahead of the second-place runner.

McKenzie Murphy added a second place in the 3,200 meters, while Anna Giannopoulos placed sixth in the shot put.

North's Awak takes second at invite

Alai Awak finished second in the triple jump to earn the Spartans top finish at the Large School meet held at the Kolf Sports Center last week.

Allison Cummings added a fifth-place finish in the 800 meters for Oshkosh North.

Titans come up short at Division III Final Four

Oshkosh Herald

A rough start was too much to overcome for the UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team.

The Titans scored just seven points in the first quarter and trailed by 23 points at the half in falling to Denison University, 82-61, in an NCAA Division III national semifinal in Salem, Va., last Thursday.

It was the second straight season the Titans had their season end in the Final Four, having lost in the national semifinal last year to Smith College. UW-Oshkosh finishes the season with a 28-4 record, which is the second-highest win total in program history.

The Titans scored only two points in the opening seven minutes of the game as Denison was able to get out to a 20-2 lead and never look back. UW-Oshkosh trailed 22-7 after the first quarter and were down 42-19 at intermission.

The Titans got the deficit below 20 points a couple of times in the third quarter and UW-Oshkosh got the margin to as low as 16 points in the fourth quarter but were never able to threaten Denison's lead.

Sammi Beyer was the lone player in double figures for the Titans, totaling 13 points in the game. Paige Seckar and Mahara Weiman each finished with eight points for UW-Oshkosh, which went just 7-of-35 from the floor in the first half and were just 4-of-17 from 3-point range for the game.

Wehra also finished with a team-high

eight rebounds.

Denison, which went on to beat the University of Scranton to win the national title, had five players in double figures in the game and shot 50 percent from the floor.

Titan gymnasts collect another national title

The UW-Oshkosh gymnastics team captured its fourth national title in the last five years and earned their eighth national title overall over the weekend in Cortland, N.Y.

The Titans, who finished third at nationals last season, won this year's title with a score of 194.750 points to outdistance runner-up UW-La Crosse, which finished with 194.1 points. UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater also finished in the top five.

The uneven bars were the strongest event for the Titans as UW-Oshkosh netted three of the four highest scores at the meet led by national champion's Averie Evans' mark of 9.9. Reanna McGibboney tied for second in the event, while Amaya McConkey tied for fourth.

McGibboney also tied for first in both the vault and floor exercises at the meet.

It is the 52nd national title in UW-Oshkosh history and the first time since 2007 that multiple teams have won national titles in the same academic year. The Titans volleyball program won the national title in the fall.



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Winter sports all-conference teams

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Alic repeats first-team nod in FVA

Oshkosh North junior Awut Alic was a repeat selection on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Alic was one of six unanimous selections on the eight-player first team after also earning first-team honors last season. She was an honorable mention selection as a freshman.

Alic led the Spartans by averaging 19.3 points per game this season, while shooting 44 percent from the field. She also led the team in assists (46), steals (85) and blocked shots (19), while ranking second in rebounds and 3-pointers made this season.

Alic reached double figures in all 25 games this year, including a pair of games with at least 35 points. Her season-high was 36 against Fond du Lac.

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West were represented on the all-conference second team. Senior Brinna Paulson was selected for the Spartans, while soph-

omore Kinslee Nelson was named to the team for the Wildcats.

Senior Ava Strasser and sophomore Kamryn Stauffacher of Oshkosh West were named to the honorable mention list.

Both Alic and Nelson were also recognized on the conference's all-defensive team. It was the second straight season Alic has earned the honor.

Neenah senior Rowan Klesmit was named Player of the Year in the FVA.

Warriors' Moran named Player of the Year

Valley Christian junior Mya Moran garnered the top honor in the Trailways East as she was named the league's Player of the Year following a breakout season.

Moran, who helped lead Valley Christian to a share of the conference title, averaged 23.6 points per game this season, while shooting 53 percent from the floor and 31 percent from the 3-point line. She also led the Warriors in steals and ranked second on the team in rebounds.

Moran was one of four unanimous selections on the six-player first team along with Lourdes Academy senior Aubrey Schettle.

Schettle, who was a part of four conference championship teams with the Knights, led Lourdes Academy in scoring at 12.5 points per game. She shot 42 percent from 3-point range this season, making 109-of-259 attempts.

Also earning first-team honors was Valley Christian senior Lizzie Fink. Fink averaged 16.5 points per game, while shooting 39 percent from 3-point range and 76 percent from the free-throw line. She also averaged 5.1 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.4 steals per game for the Warriors.

A trio of area players earned second-team honors in the conference. Lourdes Academy's Adhieu Liabwill, a sophomore, and Naomi Liabwill, a freshman, garnered spots on the squad along with Valley Christian senior Paige Boevers.

Senior Anna Giannopoulos of Valley Christian and junior Ellie Koch of Lourdes Academy earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

The Trailways East all-sportsmanship team included Lourdes Academy senior Kylie Rietz and Valley Christian junior Eavie Heffernan.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans' Ott garners all-FVA first team spot

Oshkosh North senior Bryce Ott was named to the all-Fox Valley Association first team after capping his career with a standout season.

Ott, who committed to Minnesota State University before the season, was a second-team all-conference honoree last season after earning honorable mention honors as a sophomore.

He led the Spartans in scoring this season at 22 points per game and was also the team's leading rebounder averaging nine caroms per game. He was also second on the team in steals and third in assists.

Ott scored in double figures in every game for the Spartans, including a pair of 35-point games for his season high, and posted eight double-doubles.

Ott was also named to the league's all-defensive team.

A pair of area players earned second-team honors. Oshkosh West senior Joey Ware, an honorable mention selection last season, landed on the second team along with Oshkosh North senior Jackson Anderson.

Senior Owen Weber and sophomore Brady Anderson of Oshkosh North and senior Malakai Herlihy and sophomore Carter Kufel all earned honorable mention recognition.

Kaukauna senior Andrew Jensen was named Player of the Year in the conference.

Buttke leads Knights all-league selections

Junior Jackson Buttke garnered a spot on the all-Trailways East first team to lead the area honorees.

Buttke averaged 12.4 points and 5.3 assists per game for the Knights to lead the team in both categories. He was the only junior on the six-member first team.

Earning second-team honors were Lourdes Academy junior Harlan Kuehn and Valley Christian senior Matthias Behling, while the honorable mention list included Knights' junior Brady Bauer and Warriors' senior Derek Wallace.

The conference's all-sportsmanship team included Lourdes academy senior Ryder Mullen and Valley Christian junior Micha Humiston.

Oakfield senior Broede Collien was named Player of the Year in the conference.

SWIMMING

Bergin, Reeves earn top FVA honors

Oshkosh West's Caleb Bergin and Oshkosh North/Lourdes' River Reeves brought home the most prestigious honors on the all-Fox Valley Association lists.

Bergin, who became Oshkosh West's first state qualifier since 2019, was named the Swimmer of the Year in the conference. He was a first-team honoree in the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle as well as on the 200-yard freestyle relay along with seniors Carter Crowe, Sam Roblee and sophomore Evan Booms.

Reeves was named the Diver of the Year in the conference for the third straight season after winning his third FVA title this winter. He went onto to earn his fourth state medal in diving, placing second at the WIAA state meet.

Second-team honors went to Crowe in the 50-yard freestyle along with the Wildcats' 400-yard freestyle team of Crowe, Bergin, Roblee and Booms.

Crowe in the 100-yard breaststroke, Booms in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly and senior Reid Potter earned honorable mention recognition for Oshkosh West.

Oshkosh North's honorable mention honorees were senior Everix Blessent in diving, senior Drake Lauritch in the 100-yard butterfly and freshman Blake Ludwig in the 500-yard freestyle.

BOYS WRESTLING

Area duo earns all-FVA recognition

State qualifiers Preston Schneider of Oshkosh West and Jamond Thompson-Schreck of Oshkosh North were each recognized by the all-Fox Valley Association for their accomplishments.

Schneider, a sophomore, earned a spot on the all-FVA second team after taking

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second at the conference meet at 138 pounds.

Thompson-Schreck, who was unable to compete at the conference meet because of an injury, was an honorable mention selection at 165 pounds.

Senior Liam Crook of Kaukauna was named Wrestler of the Year.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Klinger leads Oshkosh North/West honorees

Junior Lauren Klinger garnered a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Klinger won the 120-pound title at the FVA meet in February and was the lone first-team selection for the Oshkosh North/West co-op team. She also earned first-team honors last season.

A trio of Oshkosh wrestlers earned second-team honors in junior Kaylee Beck, sophomore Marissa Bustillos and freshman Madelyn Diehls, while junior Sarah Mrazek garnered a spot on the honorable mention list.

Neenah senior Kylee Kurszewski was named the Wrestler of the Year.

BOYS HOCKEY

Oshkosh's Zumer named Coach of the Year

First-year Oshkosh Ice Hawks head coach Clint Zumer was named Coach of the Year in the Badgerland Conference.

Zumer helped lead the Ice Hawks to nine wins this season after the team posted only two wins a year ago.

The Ice Hawks had three players earn honorable mention all-conference honors as well.

Forward Dayton Briski, defenseman Grant Magnuson and goalkeeper Chase Magadzanz received the recognition for the Ice Hawks.

Fox Cities Stars forward Cale Adamovich was named Player of the Year.

Fraud school aims to prevent becoming scam victims

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County has recently seen an increase in fraud related victimization.

The steady rise in technology as well as its ease of access creates a breeding ground for criminals to take advantage of others, according to the County Sheriff's Office.

To help prevent residents from becoming victims of scams, the sheriff's office is offering a new and updated version of its Fraud School. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 7 at the sheriff's office, 4311 Jackson St.

Any community member interested in learning about what types of fraud and scams are currently being used, how to proactively protect themselves from these

scams and what someone needs to do if they fall victim is welcome to attend.

The event is free, and no registration is required.

Turkey Trot supports community organizations

Oshkosh Herald

The 2025 Festival Foods Turkey Trot raised \$522,722 across Wisconsin, including more than \$23,000 supporting the Oshkosh YMCA.

According to the YMCA, the funds strengthen the community and help en-

sure everyone has access to opportunities to grow, connect and thrive.

The YMCA also said that Oshkosh was the first community to reach 100% volunteer participation, earning a traveling trophy that will be shared with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to display for the next year.

Obituaries

Ann Marie Schettl

Ann Marie Dugan Schettl, 68, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. She was born to Corinne (Stanley) & Donald Dugan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 4, 1957.

She married Michael Schettl (Oshkosh) on October 7, 1978 and was happily married for nearly 50 years. Ann Marie worked in retail for her entire career and enjoyed socializing with her customers before retiring. If you received any of her homemade cookies or



bars, tomatoes from her tomato garden, a cross-stitched picture, or a middle finger paired with a smile, you knew you were deeply loved by Ann Marie.

She is survived by her husband: Michael; children: Ashley and David; siblings, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father: preceded in death by her father: Donald (Dugan), mother: Corinne 'Rennie' (Dugan), and sister Jennifer (Dugan)

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She felt strongly about the importance of the organization Wounded Warrior Project. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Kelly and Alice, the nurses that gave her exceptional care.





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Obituaries

Verona D. Schneider

Verona D. Schneider passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026, at the age of 95.



She was born on April 15, 1930, in Oshkosh, the daughter of the late Keith and Cora (Frerks) Swisher of Winneconne.

Verona grew up in Winneconne. She had many happy memories of her school years and time spent with her grandparents, Sophia and August Frerks, at their resort on Lake Winneconne. She was a 1947 graduate of Winneconne High School (salutatorian) and a 1950 graduate of the Mercy School of Nursing. Following graduation, she worked as a nurse at Winnebago State Hospital until she started a family in 1959. Verona married John (Jack) Schneider of Oshkosh on September 13, 1952, at St. Peter's Church. They made their home in Oshkosh for over 57 years until Jack's passing in 2010. Together they raised two children and led an active life in service to the community.

When her children were older, Verona returned to work as a psychiatric nurse for the Winnebago County Community Support Program. She was a hospice volunteer for Mercy Medical Center for over 17 years, served on the advisory board for the Oshkosh Senior Center, and was an active member of St. Peter's Parish.

Verona had a love for life. She was the instigator and planner of trips and adventures involving family, friends, and co workers. Summers at Long Lake, downhill and cross country skiing, golfing, and visiting new places were among her favorite activities. She organized countless golf trips with friends to South Carolina, Arizona, and Door County, and was a member of the Lakeshore Ladies Golf League for over 50 years, where she made many lifelong friends. Always the caregiver, Verona made it possible for Jack to remain at home when his health faltered later in life. She was also always available to her friends for rides and support whenever they needed her.

Verona is survived by her son, William (Lizbeth) Schneider; three grandchildren, Lee (Vivien) Schneider, Ann (Ben) Berg, and Jack Schneider; and three great grandchildren, Louise Schneider, Cora Schneider, and Rita Schneider. She is also survived by her brother, James (Carole) Swisher, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Schneider; her daughter, Barbara Schneider; her parents, Keith Swisher and Cora McKellips; her brother, Gary Swisher; and her in laws, Lawrence Schneider, Lee Schneider, George Schneider, Marie Schneider, Josephine Schneider, Margaret and Gene Krumenauer, and Gordon and Nancy Schneider.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and support. A special thank you to the nursing and care staff at

Evergreen Retirement Community, along with Julie Berndt and Angie Luck, for their kindness and companionship over the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Worship Center in Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N. Westfield St., Oshkosh, with Father Jerry Pastors officiating. Visitation

will take place from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow for all friends and family in attendance.

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Kurt Kronberg

Kurt Kronberg was born on June 18, 1940, in Appleton, Wisconsin, and passed away on March 14, 2026, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, after a long illness. He was the middle of three sons born to Alice and Herman Kronberg.



As a young man, Kurt helped in his family's meat market, where

he learned the value of hard work, and was active in the Boy Scouts.

After a brief time in college, Kurt built a career as a meat cutter, working more than 20 years at grocery stores throughout the Fox Cities. Later, he founded his own carpentry and home improvement business, which he operated successfully for nearly 30 years before retiring.

Kurt was the father of two children, Karl and Kris. He experienced the loss of his son Karl in 1988. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trap shooting, and gardening

over many years. He was also active in his church, singing in the choir and participating in the men's group. His life reflected kindness, faith, and dedication.

Kurt was preceded in death by his parents, his son, a granddaughter, and his wife, Sherry. He is survived by his daughter, Kris Kronberg (friend John Rempel); stepson, Dave Carlson (wife Kathy); brothers, Ned and Paul Kronberg; granddaughters; great-grandchildren; and nieces.

The family extends special thanks to Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, incredibly supportive neighbors, and the Waukau United Methodist Church for their care and compassion.

A memorial service for Kurt will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at the WE Community Church in Waukau, WI. A visitation will be held from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM with a short service and a luncheon to follow.

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Obituaries

Don Hansen

Don Hansen passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026. He was born on October 11, 1934 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Harry & Genevieve (McCullen) Hansen.



In 1949 Don moved with his family to the town of Winchester, Wisconsin where his parents had purchased the local Red Owl Grocery Store. Don worked in the family business until he joined the Army, spending much of his time in Germany as a member of a Tank Division. Upon his return Don entered Business school, and acquired his degree in Accounting. Don worked for the Miles Kimball Company for over 20 years. While there he was responsible for overseeing the construction of the Park Plaza Mall in downtown Oshkosh. Don also managed the Mall for many years. Don was given the opportunity to join David Hocker & Associates in Owensboro, Kentucky. They specialized in building shopping malls all over the United States.

Don's favorite pastimes in retirement were spending time with his family and never missing a McCullen, Hansen or Army reunion. Don and his brother were

diehard Packer fans, season ticket holders and owners, never missing a home game and always taking a couple of nieces and nephews along for the game.

Don's greatest passion was his Philanthropy. Working with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, he donated not only his time, but his considerable resources, making life easier for those less fortunate. All of this was done anonymously. Later in his life, thanks to Karlene Grabner of the OACF, Don established the Donald Hansen Fund which will continue to support all of his favorite charities for years to come.

Don was preceded in death by his parents. Sisters, Dorothy (Lawrence) Lambeseder, Lucille (Donald) Becker, Phyllis (Leonard) Zeinert, Brother, Harold (Anna Mae) Hansen, one niece & one nephew. Don is survived by many nieces and nephews and best friends Kevin and Amy Gossens.

Don's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Park View Health Care Center for their kind and compassionate care. A private Catholic mass and Celebration of Life will be held at a later time.

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Jeannie L. Behlman

Jeannie L. Behlman, 77 of Oshkosh died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 14, 2026 with her husband at her side. She was born at home in Berlin, WI on May 23, 1948, a daughter of Frank and Katherine (Butler) Greffer.



On May 29, 1976, she married William "Bill" Behlman in Oshkosh. Jeannie was employed at various banks and was the office manager for an audiology office prior to retirement. She was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Prior to COVID, she was a very active volunteer at the Oshkosh Humane Society. She is survived by her husband, Bill;

brother, Jack Greffer; sisters, Judy Greffer and Karen Bennett; sisters-in-law, Kathy (Phil) Auck and Julie (Tim) Schissel. Along with several nieces and nephews and her two special cats, Aristotle and Bernie.

A memorial mass was held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 11:00am. Burial will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to St. Jude the Apostle Parish or the Oshkosh Humane Society.

A special thank you to Dr. Minor and the ICU staff at ThedaCare in Neenah, Father Louis, Deacon Pat, Charlie and Pam Baier, for your care, compassion and prayers.

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Beverly Jean Cady

Beverly Jean Cady, age 86, passed away unexpectedly early Monday, March 23, 2026 at Ascension Mercy Medical Center. Funeral services for Beverly will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at noon in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home,

865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 am until the time of service. A full obituary will follow.

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Legal Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Grayson Michael Kealey By (Petitioner) Jacob Lee Dahse By (Co-Petitioner) Samantha Jean Kealey

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000226

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:
First - Grayson
Middle - Michael
Last - Kealey
To:
First - Grayson
Middle - Lee
Last - Dahse
Birth Certificate:
First - Grayson
Middle - Michael
Last - Kealey

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs
Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: 4-9-26
Time: 1:30 pm
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 3, 2026 /s/ Michael S. Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch IV

Runs: March 11, 2026, March 18, 2026 and March 25, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Dominick Rylie Joseph Hagedorn Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000240

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:
First - Dominick Rylie
Middle - Joseph
Last - Hagedorn
To:
First - Molly
Middle - Mae
Last - Didonna
Birth Certificate:
First - Dominick Rylie
Middle - Joseph
Last - Hagedorn

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs
Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: 4-24-26
Time: 9:00 am

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

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Oshkosh Herald.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 5, 2026 /s/ Michael S. Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4

Runs: March 18, 2026, March 25, 2026 and April 1, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26PR77

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sharron A. Steinbruner

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/26/1952 and date of death 03/01/2026, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 921 Alpine Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 23, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin,

Room 242.

DATE SIGNED: March 17, 2026
Electronically signed by Sara Henke, Register in Probate, Probate Registrar

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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN WINNEBAGO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Case No. 2026CV000095
Code No. 30301, 30303

Jay Page and Kay Page
W12875 Cork Street Road
Ripon, WI 54971
Plaintiffs,

v.
Scott Soper Revocable Trust
c/o Scott Soper, Trustee
4515 Sand Pit Road
Oshkosh, WI 54904,
Scott Soper, Individually
4515 Sand Pit Road
Oshkosh, WI 54904
Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To: **Scott Soper and Scott Soper Revocable Trust**
4515 Sand Pit Road
Oshkosh, WI 54904

You are hereby notified that the plaintiffs named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within forty (40) days after March 25, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or

delivered to the Court, whose address is: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901, Appleton, WI 54911, and to Menn Law

Firm, Ltd., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 2501 E. Enterprise Avenue, P.O. Box 785, Appleton, Wisconsin 54912-0785. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal

action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be

enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2026.
MENN LAW FIRM, LTD.
Attorneys for the Plaintiffs, Jay Page and Kay Page

BY: Electronically signed by
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State Bar No. 1138427
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State Bar No. 1025831
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Kid Scoop THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE
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Kid Scoop Together: Comic Character

Comic characters have different character traits. Some are kind, but some are not. Some are courageous, while others are not. What other traits do comic strip characters exhibit?

Select three characters you like from the comics. Complete the boxes below.

Comic Strip: _____
Character's Name: _____
Character Trait: _____
Action that shows the trait: _____

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Character's Name: _____
Character Trait: _____
Action that shows the trait: _____

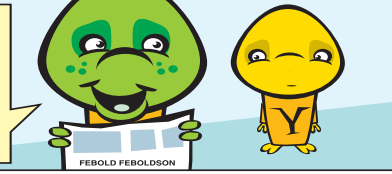
Comic Strip: _____
Character's Name: _____
Character Trait: _____
Action that shows the trait: _____

What's a character trait?
Read this list, and then see if you can think of any other traits.

- responsible
- persevering
- honest
- compassionate
- generous
- clever
- respectful
- capable
- hopeful
- disciplined
- community minded

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify positive character traits.

Earthlings have created some amazing characters, Yott. I'm reading about a giant farmer named Febold Feboldson!



Sounds like a tall tale to me, Zott!

KID SCOOP AMERICAN LEGENDS
FEBOLD FEBOLDSON

About 170 years ago, thousands of pioneers began heading for rich farmland in Oregon and, later, for gold in California. After crossing the Mississippi River, they came to the wide, flat prairie we now call the Great Plains. From these Great Plains have come tales of a giant Swedish farmer called Febold Feboldson.

Febold Brings Rain to the Plains

Read the story, then number the pictures in order.

The first year Febold Feboldson settled on the Great Plains, it was hot. And it got hotter every day: hotter and drier, drier and hotter. It was so hot that iron pots melted!

When the streams dried up and Febold Feboldson couldn't go fishing, he said, "Enough!"

Febold sat down and cupped his jaw in his giant hand, and thought and thought—until suddenly he came up with a plan.

First he splashed some water on a hot and tired frog and whispered in its ear, "It's raining!"

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They got so loud that it sounded like thunder!

Some clouds heard the noise and hurried to join the storm. Seeing there was no storm when they got to the Great Plains, the clouds went ahead and started their own, giving Febold Feboldson a rainstorm and a chance to get back to fishing.



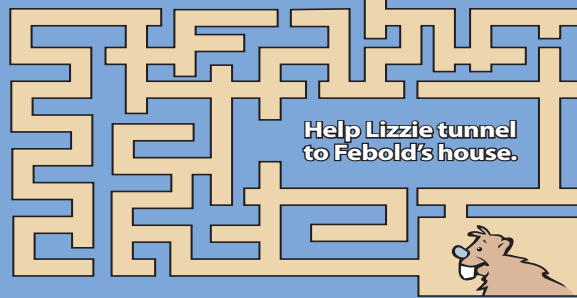
Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Understand the basic plots of fables.

Despite the weather, some pioneers settled in the plains. In the 1920s, a newspaper in Gothenburg, Nebraska, entertained readers with tales of Febold Feboldson, a giant farmer who loved the Great Plains and was determined to control the weather.

Febold Feboldson's Pets

Animals came into Febold's huge house because it offered the only shade around the Great Plains. Soon Febold had a houseful of pets, from rattlesnakes to buffaloes.

Febold had Lizzie the gopher dig tunnels under his house. Febold figured if he could trap the hot air of the summer into the tunnels, he could save it for winter when he would need the warmth.



Help Lizzie tunnel to Febold's house.

Extra! Extra! Friend Finder

Tales tell that while Febold loved the Great Plains, he had trouble convincing others to stay. He longed for a friend. Look through the newspaper and find Febold a friend. Write a letter to Febold telling him why this person would be a good friend.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write personal letters that establish a purpose and context.

Great Grasshoppers!

Some years the Great Plains swarm with grasshoppers. But this was not a problem for Febold Feboldson! He brought in a prairie schooner full of flying fish. Those flying fish swooped over the plains, eating grasshoppers until there were none left!



Find the flying fish twins.

Standards Link: Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

- FEBOLD
- FEBOLDSON
- PLAINS
- GREAT
- SCHOONER
- BUFFALOES
- FROGS
- SWEDISH
- FARMER
- THUNDER
- PETS
- PLAN
- HUGE
- SONG
- POTS

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

S	N	H	S	I	D	E	W	S	F
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L	N	T	G	D	O	A	E	D	D
A	O	O	H	O	L	M	L	E	N
F	R	P	N	P	R	O	F	P	U
F	I	E	O	A	B	A	B	R	H
U	R	T	F	E	G	U	H	E	T
B	S	S	F	T	A	E	R	G	F

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

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