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Council denies license to gambling machine bar

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Roast and Toast was supposed to be a place for people to come in, have a beer, maybe a coffee and play on illegal video gambling machines.

However, the Oshkosh Common Council vote to approve the liquor license for the bar resulted in a tie and the license was denied. By having the video gambling machines in a bar, the license agent can avoid a felony criminal charge.

"I don't believe that turning every convenience store, gas station and grocery in this community into a casino is a good thing for this community," Mayor Matt

Mugerauer said. "I think that is a very bad thing for this community."

City Clerk Darla Salinas explained that the Roast and Toast applicant and agent, Navneet Kaur, can apply again for the license.

The city has a limit of licenses for on-premise consumption of beer, wine and liquor. However, there is no limit on the number of on-premise beer-only licenses the city can issue to establishments.

Deputy Mayor Joe Stephenson mentioned the city recently passed an ordinance stating a tax parcel cannot have two liquor licenses. The convenience store at 305 N. Sawyer St. already has a liquor li-

cense to sell off-premise liquor, beer and wine.

That license is the same that allows liquor stores and grocery stores to sell alcohol.

The council approved a similar application and license earlier this year that was seen as a precedent-setting moment for the city. The discussion during that meeting centered around the city not getting in the way of a problem that the state has created.

Since the city passed the ordinance regarding multiple licenses on one tax

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Photo by Andy Ratchman

Show of sportsmanship

Members of the Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian girls basketball teams came together for a moment of prayer following their WIAA Division 5 regional final in Omro on Saturday night. The two rivals met for the third time this season with the Knights pulling out a 48-41 win. For more on the game, see page 16.

Breakwater strives to keep youth substance-free

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Engaging youth in discussions about alcohol and substance abuse isn't always easy, but Breakwater: A Community Together Coalition found a way that works — asking students to lead the discussion and plan ways they can thrive without drugs and alcohol.

Breakwater has seen an increase in student participation in its Oshkosh youth groups and recently received a national award recognizing its outstanding applications of substance use prevention strate-

gies and effective coalition building.

Funded by the Drug Free Communities grant, Breakwater operates youth groups at Vel Phillips Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh, coalition coordinator Kaytlin Kuettner said.

"We've created inclusive, welcoming spaces where students feel supported and they help plan events where youth can come together and have



fun," she said. "We don't always focus on prevention events. We sometimes just come together and hang out, playing Uno or other games."

During the last two years, 575 students participated in Breakwater-led groups.

"We have seen a lot of growth," Kuettner said. "We have a nice steady group of students who come, and they often bring along their friends, so it's a nice mix. In the past year, the number of students involved has doubled."

The program starts off with an activity, such as bingo or Jeopardy where preven-

tion and education are part of the game with the students talking as they give their answers. They then may talk about other upcoming activities they may want to do that could get larger groups of students involved. Kuettner and two other coalition members, plus a school/Boys & Girls Club employee, help facilitate the program.

The youth created a name for the groups — Substance Free Futures — and designed a logo featuring a sun rising over a

SEE **Breakwater** ON PAGE 6



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Public input welcome for Acanthus nominations

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

It is encouraging to see the number of people who express their interest in and passion for the historical elements that define Oshkosh. Those sites and buildings are anchors for our memories. One recent visitor commented that upon returning to Oshkosh, the familiar landmarks that were missing also took away the memories associated with those special places.



In 1980 the newly recognized Oshkosh Landmarks Commission decided to develop an award to acknowledge people who restored or renovated older homes; they did not want to restrict this award to "great landmarks." After considering the orchid, the acanthus was unanimously approved for the name of the award.

The acanthus leaf has been a prominent motif in art and architecture throughout history. The Greeks first incorporated acanthus leaves into the capitals of Corinthian columns around 500 BC. Later it was used in Roman, Byzantine and Renaissance architecture and art.

The acanthus leaf is found in Oshkosh in the current Winnebago County Human Resource Center, 220 Washington Ave., formerly the 1927 Wisconsin National Life Insurance Company designed by Oshkosh architects, Auler & Jensen. The lobby, which is not open to the public, features an opulent coffered ceiling and a border of acanthus leaves and scroll brackets.

At the Paine Art Center the acanthus leaf motif is used in the Ladies Reception Room on the first floor and Mrs. Paine's Dressing Room on the second floor. The buildings in Oshkosh with massive col-



Submitted photo

The acanthus leaf is featured in the décor of buildings such as the current Winnebago County Human Resource Center, 220 Washington Ave.

umns may have ornate Corinthian capitals with acanthus leaves. Look up when you are near historic buildings and see how many use the acanthus leaf motif. It is also used as a decorative art on furniture.

The Landmarks Commission welcomes the public to nominate residential and commercial buildings for the Acanthus Award. Often neighbors are aware of a preservation or restoration project that commissioners are unaware of.

Just as the city depends on neighbors to know what is helpful to raise the quality of life in a neighborhood, so the Landmarks Commission appreciates learning of efforts to preserve and restore historic buildings. The nominees are further researched and voted on by the Landmarks Commission. The mayor presents the awards at the second council meeting in May during Historic Preservation Month.

To learn more about the Acanthus

Award Program and for a copy of the Form to nominate a property, check the City's website oshkoshwi.gov/LandmarksCommission/AcanthusAwardsProgram.aspx. Yes, you can self-nominate.

On the form there are five award categories; choose one category and complete the information. The deadline for submitting the form is March 31. Contact the Landmarks Commission Chairman, shirleybrabendermattox@gmail.com, with any questions.

Oshkosh is so fortunate to have a heritage of thousands of historic, beautifully designed buildings, constructed by skilled craftsmen using old-growth timber and quality materials, and destined to last another century. Thank you to all who own an older home or commercial building and preserve its historic elements and maintain its integrity for future generations.



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New pastor

Pastor Asher O'Callaghan was installed in February as the new pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church, 1072 Honey Creek Road. Associate to the Bishop Nate Gauerke and 20 Lutheran pastors from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, as well as many church congregants joined to pray for and participate in O'Callaghan's Feb. 14 installation service. The service was followed by a luncheon for all in attendance.

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Largest Sturgeon of the Year Speared on 'Bago:

The largest sturgeon of the 1988 season was speared yesterday by a Fond du Lac woman who was fishing alone in her shack just south and east of Oshkosh. Turns out the 115-pound, 77-inch fish was more than she could handle. As the 'monster' fish crossed under her hole, her spear found its target and the battle ensued. Able to only land part of the fish, the woman wisely wedged the spear into the corner of her shack which held the fish in place until her son arrived to pull it out the rest of the way. The sturgeon season ended at sunset yesterday with 458 fish reported taken, an amount significantly less than a year ago when 842 fish were bagged. Previously, the busiest year was 1982 when 2,238 fish were landed.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern
March 2, 1988



County Board removes ICE resolution from agenda

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors declined to act on a resolution condemning U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) actions in Minnesota, removing the item from the agenda without debate at its Feb. 24 meeting.

Supervisor Douglas Nelson made a motion to remove the resolution from the agenda just as the meeting began.

“I don’t see the benefit of us arguing with people we need to work with every day about something happening in another state,” he said.

The resolution, which was authored by Supervisors Lucas Reinke and Kristl Laux, condemned ICE tactics that “need-

lessly endangered human life, disregard basic dignity and erode the rule of law.” Further, the “actions of ICE have generated widespread public outrage regarding civil rights, accountability and the appropriate use of force.”

After the board decided via a voice vote to remove the resolution from the agenda, Laux left her supervisor seat and went to the back of the board room and spoke as a member of the public.

“I wanted to tell our people, our residents — not just our citizens, but all of our



Nelson

people — even our immigrants, even our refugees, even our undocumented people, that we would protect them as much as we could, that we were there for them, that we care about them,” she said in explaining her reasons for putting forward the resolution.

Eight members of the public spoke about the issue — four for the resolution and four against.

Oshkosh resident Toby Vanden Heuvel said the county board was wrong to remove the resolution from discussion after it was placed on the agenda by supervisors.

“That was not fair to everyone here, everyone who saw that topic on the agenda and the people who care about this cause,” he said.

Joan Paterson of Oshkosh called the

resolution “woke rhetoric” and deserved to be dropped from the agenda. She said the death of Renee Good and Alex Pretti would have been prevented if “they had just stayed home” and let ICE do its work.

Immigrant families are living in fear, Oshkosh resident Michael Krueger said.

“ICE is creating generational trauma in these families,” he said, adding he wished the board had taken the resolution up for discussion.

Bill Demler, an Oshkosh resident, was pleased the board decided not to bring up the resolution for discussion. He said he supported ICE’s work and that “I don’t care how nice these people are, how if they want to assimilate to our community, they broke the law.”

Event features breakfast with the bunny, egg hunt

Oshkosh Herald

The City of Oshkosh Parks Breakfast with the Bunny is coming up on March 28.

This year, one \$5 ticket will grant participants access to both the breakfast and the egg hunt, a simplified experience compared to the two-event structure in years

past. The event will include breakfast, games, prizes, an egg hunt and bunny photo opportunities. Tickets will be on sale from March 9 to March 27 and can be purchased online or in person at 805 Witzel Ave. in Oshkosh.

Business news roundup

The **7 Brew Coffee** at 2100 Omro Road has opened. The drive-thru beverage chain offers over 20,000 unique drink combinations, including coffee beverages, infused energy drinks, Italian sodas, smoothies, teas and milkshakes.

The **Boldt Group** has promoted Jeff Shipley to executive vice president of operations. In this expanded role, Shipley will help to strengthen operational align-

ment and consistency across all Boldt Group companies, including The Boldt Company, Boldt Real Estate, Bildt and Calnin & Goss. Most recently, he served as Chief Operating Officer for The Boldt Company.

HuHot Mongolian Grill at 2059 Witzel Ave. has closed after 11 years in business. A sign on the restaurant’s door read, “This location is permanently closed.”

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City continuing work on sustainability action plan

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new survey is an opportunity for Oshkosh community members to have their voice heard on how the city should prepare for climate change.

The Oshkosh Sustainability Action Plan is in the development phase, and over the next year the city plans to engage local businesses, government agencies and residents to guide these efforts to increase overall sustainability in the community.

Along with the action plan, the city is also putting together the Community Input Team that will work over the next couple of months by creating, reviewing, refin-

ing and prioritizing plan goals and actions.

The city is accepting applications to serve on the input team. The team will include volunteers, city staff, members of the sustainability advisory board and members from the consulting firm the city is working with.

Pale Blue Dot LLC is serving as the city's consultant for the action plan. The company worked with the city for the Oshkosh energy plan, which was approved by the Oshkosh Common Council last year.

The city is collecting data from departments and has a public survey that residents are being encouraged to take time to fill out.

The questions range in topic from what residents have seen firsthand with climate change to what concerns them regarding climate change.

One question asked, "How concerned are you about the following weather projections for Oshkosh?" Then it listed more heavy rain events, change in precipitation patterns, drought, extreme weather events and larger swings in weather and asked if you're anywhere from not at all concerned to extremely concerned.

The survey also includes questions about Oshkosh taking actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy.

At the federal level, President Donald Trump recently announced his administration was eliminating the Greenhouse

Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and all GHG emission standards for vehicles built since 2012. These findings included that climate change endangers human health and the environment.

However, agencies like NASA are using science to track how the climate is changing.

"There is unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming at an unprecedented rate," the NASA website states. "Human activity is the principal cause."

The survey will be open until April 30 and candidates that want to be considered to serve on the community team need to submit their application by March 29.

More information, including links to the survey and the community team applications, can be found at palebluedot.llc/oshkosh-sustainability-action-plan.

License denied

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parcel, the council's tone on the topic changed.

Council member Jacob Floam disagreed and stated the license should be approved.

"We've approved one with the exact same business plan," Floam said. "If we're going to be logically consistent here, we should go ahead and approve it. In terms of the discrepancy between state law and local ordinance, that's something for Madison to solve."

Mugerauer agreed with Floam that this is an issue that was created in Madison.

"It doesn't mean that I have to accept it," Mugerauer said. "It is an illegal activity. The only reason this is in front of us is because an applicant is more afraid of a felony charge than they are of a misdemeanor."

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

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

In 2003 with the help of lobbying from the Tavern League of Wisconsin, the penalty for having these machines in bars, tav-

erns and restaurants was greatly reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Video gambling machines are illegal in all circumstances across Wisconsin. However, if an establishment has a class B liquor license, meaning they can serve alcohol, there is a \$500 fine for each machine up to five machines. If there are more than five machines, the business owner could face a misdemeanor charge and a fine up to \$10,000.

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

The penalty for a person using a video gambling machine is a Class B misdemeanor charge with a potential penalty of 90 days in jail and a potential \$1,000 fine.

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

On Tuesday, council members Floam, DJ Nichols and Karl Buelow supported the license with council members Jacob Amos, Stephenson and Mugerauer opposed. Due to the tie, the resolution failed. Council member Brad Spanbauer did not attend the meeting.

City dipping into reserve licenses

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

For anyone planning on opening a bar to serve beer, wine and liquor, it is about to get very costly in Oshkosh.

The City of Oshkosh has 132 combination liquor licenses. These are known as Class B combination licenses, which allow bars and restaurants to serve beer, wine and liquor on the premises.

All of these licenses have been approved and granted to establishments across the city. Many are rolled over from year to year, but over the last few years, the city has started seeing the number of licenses available get smaller.

Any new business will have to pay over 16 times more for their license, which will cost \$10,000 every year.

The city has now issued all of these licenses, each with a \$600 annual fee. Moving forward, if an establishment wishes to sell beer, wine and liquor, they will need to apply for a reserve license for \$10,000 or a premier reserve license for \$30,000. Those are annual fees.

Two businesses are currently operating with reserve licenses. There are nine remaining reserve licenses and there are two premiere licenses available.

City Clerk Darla Salinas said that there is another application going through the pro-

Bridge rehabilitation project continuing on schedule

Oshkosh Herald

The Main Street Bridge in Oshkosh is being rehabilitated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Oshkosh Media reported last month the concrete bridge deck has been resurfaced, and the steel movable span has been repainted.

Ongoing work on the movable span in-

cludes replacement of the open grid deck, replacement of the hydraulic machinery and partial replacement of the electrical control system.

The scheduled completion date for the project is April 17, to ensure that the bridge is operational for the navigation season. Work is currently proceeding on schedule toward that completion date.

Salinas said that the city is having those conversations about possibly surrendering a combination license for a beer-only license. "Our office has these conversations frequently when talking to applicants, but it is up to the licensee," Salinas said.

The common council has previously discussed contacting license holders to ensure the business needs the combination license. The discussions revolved around the possibility that some bars that only sell beer could surrender their licenses.

Salinas said that the city is having those conversations about possibly surrendering a combination license for a beer-only license. "Our office has these conversations frequently when talking to applicants, but it is up to the licensee," Salinas said.

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School board approves referendum items

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is setting up contracts to complete projects approved in the 2025 referendum.

The \$198.7 million facilities referendum passed in April 2025 by a slim margin of 471 votes.

Last week, the Board of Education approved almost \$53 million of referendum spending. The district approved contracts for renovating two elementary schools as well as adding air conditioning to other schools.



Yerkey

The Franklin Elementary School contract has been awarded to Immel Construction with a bid in the amount of \$26 million and Oakwood Elementary School's project has been awarded to JP Cullen Construction for \$24.1 million.

Construction at both elementary schools is scheduled to start this fall and continue until the start of the 2027-28 school year.

The air conditioning project could be completed this summer, but officials have planned for a possibility that it could need to be completed next summer.

Other aspects of the 2025 facilities referendum such as adding an auditorium at Oshkosh North High School and building a new middle school for Tipler and South

Park students are expected to be bid out later this year.

The Carl Traeger Elementary School bid was already approved by the school board for \$2.9 million to Miron Construction.

Along with renovating and expanding elementary schools, the district is also set to install air conditioning at Lakeside, Read and Emmeline Cook elementary schools.

That contract was awarded to Gartman Mechanical for \$2.6 million.

These project costs are all under the projected project costs that were presented to the public leading up to the referendum vote. The air conditioning project alone has come in at less than half of the projected cost of \$5.8 million.

The two elementary schools were combined to cost \$66.8 million, but the approved cost is closer to \$50.1 million.

Brian Yerkey, assistant superintendent of operations, explained the difference in the projected referendum costs and the bid amount is factored in "soft costs." These range from playground costs to engineering fees to soil removal.

The soft costs numbers were put together in 2024 as district officials were pitching the referendum to the public through informative meetings and listening sessions. Board member Tim Hess asked if those soft costs ever come back to the district.

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Parking fee approved for soccer tournaments at County Park

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Anyone heading to a soccer tournament at Winnebago County Park this year should be prepared to pay \$5 for parking.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance 25-7 with one member abstaining at its Feb. 24 meeting allowing the Parks Department to work with local soccer clubs on set-

ting a \$5 parking fee for its tournaments in 2026. The collected funds will go into park improvements and maintenance.

“It’s something we are trying out this year, and we will report back on how it works,” said Supervisor Karen Powers.

She said the Oshkosh United Soccer Club reached out to the county about charging for parking.

Supervisor Rachael Dowling said she asked 70 residents about the fee increase, and they overwhelmingly voiced disapproval for having to pay to park at Winnebago County Park to watch their children play soccer.

“They feel like that since they pay takes that they’re having to pay again to use the park,” she said. Supervisor Andy Buck said the soccer tournaments attract teams from across Wisconsin, Illinois and Upper Michigan and few local teams would be affected.

“There are so many teams there who are from outside of the area coming to these tournaments,” he said. “The tournaments have a big economic impact on the area.”

Supervisor Douglas Nelson said the soccer clubs could include the parking fee in their overall tournament structure but “right now, we have no flexibility with parking, and this gives us that.”

In addition to Dowling, Supervisors Jeff Lutz, Bryan Stafford, Tim Macho, Morris Cox, Rob Gustafson and Chuck Farrey voted against the ordinance. Supervisor Kristl Laux abstained.

Arrest made after Saturday morning stabbing, chase

Oshkosh Herald

A stabbing in Oshkosh Saturday morning led to a police chase that ended north of the city.

At approximately 6:40 a.m., officers from the Oshkosh Police Department were dispatched to a weapons call in the 400 block of South Koeller Street. Officers were advised that a 35-year-old adult male had been stabbed.

According to police, officers responded and provided medical treatment to the male victim until the Oshkosh Fire Department arrived. He was transported to

a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Immediate investigation led to identifying the suspect and the vehicle he fled in. With the help from the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office, the Neenah Police Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol, the vehicle was located north of the City of Oshkosh.

After a brief pursuit, police said the operator/suspect was taken into custody. Custody of the suspect was transferred to the Oshkosh Police Department.

Police did not identify the victim or the suspect.

Forum provides info about local government use of AI

Oshkosh Herald

UW-Madison Extension experts will provide information for participants to gain a better understanding of how local and tribal governments can use AI.

Through hands-on sessions and discussions tailored to address the unique needs of local and tribal governments, participants will gain critical tools and strategies.

Designed for government leaders and employees to gain practical uses of gener-

ative AI in their work, the Understanding AI Forum will equip participants with actionable skills.

“Understanding AI: A Forum for Local Government” costs \$50 and includes lunch and refreshments. The meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 17 at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center. Registration closes Monday.

For more information, go to extension.wisc.edu/aiforums.

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Breakwater

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lake.

At Vel Phillips, the youth meet every other Wednesday during the lunch hour while the Boys & Girls Club group meets every other Tuesday. Kuettner hopes the program can expand in the future to more locations.

During the gatherings, the students talk about what they are experiencing and share ways to cope with peer pressure, stress, anxiety or depression. Kuettner said for many that mental health and substance abuse go hand in hand.

“Substances are one way that youth cope with the anxiety and depression they may be feeling so we talk about how to deal with that,” she said. “Since the groups are youth-led, they often have ideas since they are dealing with pressures, such as how to deal with social media, which is something we didn’t have in middle school.”

The three most discussed substances discussed in the groups are alcohol, vaping and marijuana. The youth see a lot of vaping, whether it’s done by friends, other students, parents, older siblings or in the community, and want to discuss how to deal with the pressure to try it, Kuettner said.

Previously known as the Winnebago Drug and Alcohol Coalition, the organization received the Drug Free Coalition

federal funding in 2019 and rebranded as Breakwater in 2020. The name Breakwater represents a collective effort between individuals to protect something they care about — similar to how individual rocks come together to protect the shoreline. In this case, Kuettner said Breakwater represents the combined effort of the many individuals who share a deep care for the community and the people within it.

Earlier this year, Kuettner and Breakwater received the Major General Arthur T. Dean Chairman’s Award from Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. The award highlights coalitions that turn successful training into meaningful community action.

Breakwater coalition partners include the Winnebago County Health Department, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area School District, Apricity, local parents, churches, the Oshkosh Police Department, the University of Wisconsin-Extension and Winnebago County Human Services.

“We have a great coalition of partners who help us make a real difference,” Kuettner said.



As the coalition grows, Breakwater is looking for a youth representative (age 17 and under) and another Oshkosh parent to join its coalition. Anyone interested can contact Kaytlin Kuettner at kkuettner@winnebagocountywi.gov.

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Oshkosh Police will be adding new patch to uniforms

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police Department may look a little different next time the public sees an officer as the department has introduced a new uniform patch. After 25 years, the department unveiled the new patch on Sunday.

The main reason for the new patch was a concern with U.S. flag etiquette.

The former patch will be phased in over the coming months. It had the text "Oshkosh Police" across the top, a waving American flag behind a yellow outline of Wisconsin with the city logo placed at

the city's location with the department's founding, 1853, along the bottom on top of a blue backdrop.

The new logo is similar with a darker blue backdrop. "Oshkosh Police" is still across the top with 1853 directly below. The Wisconsin outline remains with a star on Oshkosh, but it is now white and three, red, white and blue, banners run behind it. The city's logo is now located at the bottom of the patch.

"The updated patch replaces that element with a revised design intended to represent both the department and the community it serves appropriately," OPD



Oshkosh Police photos

A new Oshkosh Police Department uniform patch (right) was introduced over the weekend and will be on all OPD uniforms later this year, replacing the version that has been on their uniforms for 25 years (left).

public affairs officer Kate Mann said of the American flag.

Mann said over the past year officers have requested that Chief Dean Smith

consider updating the current patch.

OPD created a committee of department staff to review options, gather ideas and develop a design that honors the department's identity and aligns with proper standards.

The current patch, which is on the shoulder of OPD uniforms, will be rolled out in phases.

A news release stated a community donor "covered the costs associated with the patch change," although it did not specify how much the changes will cost.

"The department appreciates the community's continued support and looks forward to wearing a patch that modernizes its appearance while maintaining a clear Oshkosh identity and consistent department representation," Mann said.

Snowstorm leads to surge in emergency calls

Oshkosh Herald

During a three-hour stretch last week, whiteout conditions on Winnebago County roads kept county dispatchers busier than usual.

The communications center received 121 911 calls between 3:15 and 6:15 p.m. Feb. 24. Roads were icy, visibility was low and calls and dispatchers were active.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office reported 97 crashes, cars in the ditch or other weather hazards first responders were called to during that time.

"Think of all the deputies, officers, firefighters, first responders, EMS providers, tow truck operators, highway snow and plow drivers, and others.... running call to call all night, doing the work," a Facebook post from the sheriff's office said.

The department reported numerous surges in calls throughout the evening with 17 911 calls coming between 6:15

and 6:30 p.m. and 24 calls coming in between 8:45 and 9 p.m.

Last week's sudden snowfall came seven years to the day after blinding snow and whiteout conditions on Interstate 41 in Winnebago County led to what officials describe as the largest crash in Wisconsin history, involving more than 100 vehicles, killing one person and injuring more than 70 others.

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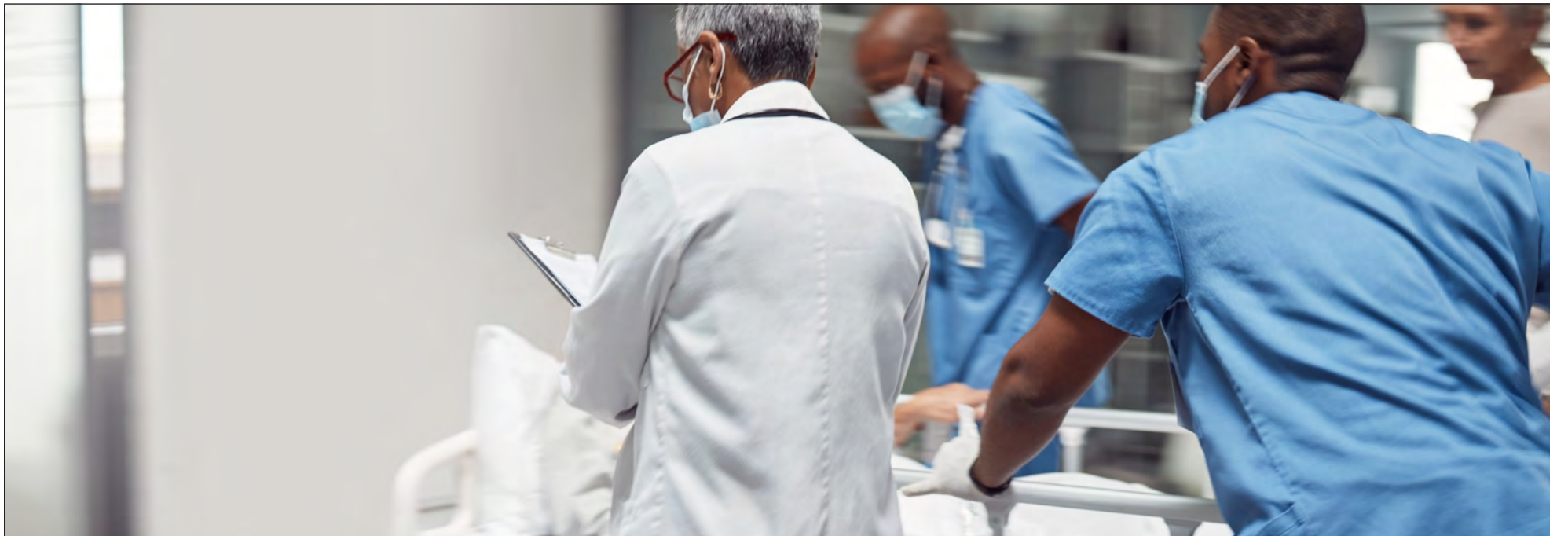
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Seed swap

Oshkosh Seed Savers held its annual seed swap Sunday at the UW-Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center. The volunteer-run nonprofit that is a collective of food gardeners and seed savers from across the Fox Valley maintains and curates a collection of locally adapted garden seed. The group shared its seed with the community during the event as interest in locally produced food continues to increase.

Event to celebrate education in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, alongside its community partners, will shine a spotlight on the educators who make a lasting difference in local classrooms during the annual Celebrate Education event on March 16.

Celebrate Education recognizes outstanding educators, administrators and volunteers who are dedicated to supporting students and strengthening the Oshkosh community. During the event, more than \$40,000 in education-focused grants will be awarded to help advance innovative programs and opportunities for local learners.

The event will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2

N. Main St., with the formal presentation beginning at 5 p.m. Celebrate Education is free and open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend and help honor those shaping the future of education in Oshkosh.

To reserve a seat, visit OshkoshAreaCF.org/events or contact the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation at 920-426-3993.

Celebrate Education is made possible through the support of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, UWO School 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.

Day long event celebrates, empowers women

Oshkosh Arena

We EmpowHER and the Wisconsin Herd are teaming up for HER Day, an event dedicated to celebrating and empowering women.

The event will include activities throughout the day on March 20 starting with a free conference at the Oshkosh Arena.

Speakers from across Wisconsin will share their expertise and stories to sup-

port and uplift women.

The Legacy Dinner will follow the conference starting at 4 p.m. at Becket's, 2 Jackson St. Proceeds from the dinner support costs associated with HER Day Teen Summit.

HER Night will feature the Herd playing against the Motor City Cruise starting at 7 p.m. at Oshkosh Arena.

For more information, go to weempowher.org.

Colleges approve agreements for FVTC transfer students

Oshkosh Herald

Students pursuing business careers now have a faster, more affordable path to a bachelor's degree thanks to new 2+2 transfer agreements between Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The agreements create pathways that allow FVTC graduates to transfer directly into four UW-Green Bay bachelor's degree programs: management, marketing, business administration (supply chain emphasis) or human resources management. Students who complete one of the eligible FVTC associate degrees can transfer 60 credits

and enter UW-Green Bay with junior status while ensuring no duplicate coursework.

"These collaborative agreements will save FVTC business graduates time and money, making the dream of earning a bachelor's degree more achievable and affordable," said Scott Borley, FVTC Dean of Business & IT. "Our grads from these programs will enter UW-Green Bay and can earn a bachelor's degree without the need to repeat courses they've already completed at FVTC."

For details on these pathways and other transfer options, visit fvtc.edu/programs/4-year-credit-transfer.

Students earn top finishes at SkillsUSA

Oshkosh Herald

Students from Oshkosh West and North high schools earned top finishes at a recent SkillsUSA Wisconsin regional competition at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

Anna Thiemke from Oshkosh West finished in first place in the high school job interview category, followed by Charlotte Rehm and Emily Steiner from Oshkosh North in second and third place.

Kerrigan Kimball from Oshkosh West took third place in medical math, along with Anna Lyngen from Oshkosh North finishing third in medical terminology.

Grace Freimark and Kiyah Brunner from Oshkosh North were first and third in high school prepared speech. Jeffrey

Parrott of Oshkosh North finished second in related technical math.

The team of Ayaan Seraj, Tanner Smith and Rijko Urban from Oshkosh North took second in the high school team engineering challenge, followed by the team of Alex Knoll, Shayla Schrock and Tahlia Schwartz from Oshkosh West in third place.

Those who placed at the Feb. 20 regional event have the opportunity to advance to the Wisconsin SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) April 7-8 in Madison.

The Wisconsin SLSC, the largest hands-on workforce development event in the state, is a showcase of Wisconsin's most highly skilled career and technical education students.

Local college graduates

The following students from Oshkosh were among the 628 graduates from UW-Eau Claire this fall and winter:

Sebastian Javier, Health and Human Sciences, BSW, social work

Jessie Kolb, Arts and Sciences, BFA, art

Amiliana Roa, Health and Human Sciences, BSW, social work

Isaac Rygh, Business, BBA, entrepreneurship

Jennifer Gonnering, Bachelor of Science, marketing, Magna Cum Laude

Adam Johnson, Bachelor of Music, music education, Summa Cum Laude

Madalyn Johnson, Bachelor of Music, music performance, Summa Cum Laude

Benjamin Spratlin, Bachelor of Science, management

The following students from Oshkosh were among the nearly 900 graduates from UW-Whitewater at its winter commencement in December:

Katie Rost, Magna Cum Laude, early childhood education - BSE

Jacqueline Mehn, liberal arts - AA

Jack Oman, Summa Cum Laude, operations and supply chain management - BBA

Carson Reed, communication - BA

Michael Vanderschuit, journalism - BA

Carol Velasco, business administration - MBA

The following students from Oshkosh were among the graduates from UW-La Crosse in December:

Camden Patrick Schettle, Bachelor of Science, marketing, honors

Owen Ronald Douglass Schuler, Bachelor of Science, finance and economics, honors

Michael James Stack, Bachelor of Science, exercise and sport science: exercise science - pre-professional track, honors

Tyler Wright, Bachelor of Science, computer science, honors

The following students from Oshkosh were among the 534 graduates from UW-Stevens Point in fall 2025:

Jean Drover, Bachelor of Science, sociology

Josie Matiash of Oshkosh graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sport and exercise science, and received a Christian Leadership Certificate from Wisconsin Lutheran College.

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Comedy shows bring laughter to Fox Valley residents

By Hope Hahn
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Over the past seven years, Oshkosh-based Fox Valley Comedy has continued to bring laughs to Fox Valley that many residents have needed.

The company started out by helping local and national comedians with promotions. It quickly grew into a full event production business by hosting stand-up comedians from all over the Midwest and nationally touring stars to local theaters, breweries, restaurants, non-traditional venues and corporate events.

Fox Valley Comedy regularly produces stand-up comedy shows at downtown Oshkosh's historic Time Community Theater and Bare Bones Brewery on the northside of Oshkosh. Fox Valley Comedy continues to grow by maintaining integrity and professionalism in a challenging entertainment industry.

This year, they have a variety of different shows booked, including:

- "Dustin Nickerson Comedy Show" 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Time Community Theater.
- "Comedy Night" featuring Ben Warren, Dana Ehrmann and Trevor Clumpner, 7:30 p.m. March 14, The Ballroom at The Reserve, Neenah.
- "Can Can Comedy Nite" featuring Ben Warren, Mike Stricker and Kristin Lytle, 7 p.m., March 28, Can Can Boutique Bar.
- "40 Years of Foley" featuring WWE Legend Mick Foley, 6:30 p.m. April 7, Time Community Theater.
- "Bare Bones Comedy Night" featuring Dean Berg, Zach Peterson and David Vox Mullen, 7:30 p.m. April 17, Bare Bones Brewery.

On Sunday, the Time Community



Submitted photo

Comedian Dustin Nickerson will be performing Sunday at the Time Community Theater.

Theater will host one of the fastest rising nationally touring stand-up comedians, Dustin Nickerson. Nickerson earned millions of online views from his viral comedy clips with his relatable PG-rated humor. Nickerson's comedy special "Overwhelmed" is currently one of the highest rated specials on Amazon Prime.

He was featured on the Tonight Show,

Comedy Central, Netflix by Kevin Hart, FOX, Hulu, Sirius XM, and he is a regular on After Midnight. Nickerson regularly tours with Nate Bargatze and Taylor Tomlinson. Nickerson and his wife Melissa's podcast "Don't Make Me Come Back There" is featured on Nateland Network with over three million views.

Nickerson's comedy brings the audience into his life through his jokes about the challenges of parenting, marriage and the absurdities of life. Nickerson is one of the most unique voices in comedy today, and he is sure to bring the laughs that audience members need in their life.

"Through all the chaos of the last few years coming out of a global pandemic, comedy is one of the best stress relievers," said Lyle Sidney of the Fox Valley Come-

dy. "Customers enjoy the break from the responsibilities of life and to be able to get out to a show and laugh for two hours."

Sidney said laughter is indeed the best medicine. It is powerful enough to directly boost the immune system, reduce stress hormones, release endorphins, and overall improve physical and mental health. Everyone deserves a break every now and then, so if somebody is stressed out or overwhelmed, take the opportunity to have a good laugh.

Fox Valley Comedy can help people out when they are in need of a good joke, so Sidney said to visit one of their upcoming shows for more laughs than you can even imagine.

Learn more about the Fox Valley Comedy by visiting foxvalleycomedy.com.



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Tim Curran's fishing group set up camp at the mouth of the Fox River and were rewarded with landing 14 sturgeon this season - the largest coming in at over 119 pounds.

Spearing season finishes early on Winnebago system

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago system spearing season came to an early finish last week.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the numbers of sturgeon caught in the entire system were 202 juvenile females, 670 adult females and 668 males for a total of 1,540 lake sturgeon for the season, which started Feb. 14 and continued through Feb. 23.

There were 1,261 lake sturgeon harvested from Lake Winnebago and 279 lake sturgeon from the Upriver Lakes.

Most of the big fish for the year came from the downtown Oshkosh registration station at Jerry's Bar with a total of 11 lake sturgeon registered over 100 pounds.

The DNR said this is the first year that spearmen have not only had great ice conditions opening weekend, but also good access and stellar water clarity. All of these components are probably what facilitated the best opening weekend in over a decade. On Lake Winnebago there were 779 lake sturgeon harvested and 250 from the Upriver lakes (1,029 total) opening weekend alone.

Even with the incredible opening weekend, the DNR said the season still lasted past the halfway point to 10 days. The warm weather and rain during the week slowed down harvest significantly. Still, even with these conditions, spearmen were able to find success.

The previous two years harvest levels were below 500 lake sturgeon.

The last time the Winnebago system closed early was in 2015, when the season lasted eight days. During that year, daily harvest during the week was still relatively high with over 100 fish speared each day.



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Doug Zerbe of Oshkosh caught a sturgeon weighing 72.7 lbs. and measuring 69 inches in length during the opening weekend of spearing season.

This year, a total of 54 lake sturgeon over 100 pounds were speared, with 43 of them coming from Lake Winnebago. About 3.5% of this year's harvest was over 100 pounds. The biggest was the 148.1-pound female speared opening weekend of the Upriver Lakes.

Photography workshop to focus on sharpening skills

Oshkosh Herald

A day-long photography workshop at Oshkosh Public Library invites community members to sharpen their skills while exploring how images can tell powerful stories and inspire change.

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

The event brings together accomplished local photographers for a mix of talks, demonstrations and hands-on sessions focused on craft, storytelling and impact.

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. under the Dome with The Legacy of Lewis Hine and the Origins of Advocacy Photography, presented by Michael J. Cooney, author, photojournalist and photography instructor. At 10:30 a.m., Jim Koepnick presents

the Lewis Hine Honors Presentation, 50 Years of Image Making.

At 11:30 a.m., a fast-paced session titled Why It Works features brief talks from Monty Montgomery, Dave Burke, Koepnick and Cooney, covering street, concert, sports and news photography.

After lunch, afternoon sessions include Lighting the Work: Making Craft Visible with Phil Weston and a guided photo experience, Shoot! Literary Characters in the Stacks, featuring actors from the Oshkosh Community Players.

The program concludes at 3 p.m. with a look at how photographers can contribute to the Oshkosh Public Library Digital Archive.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Register online at oshkoshlibrary.org by selecting the March 21 listing on the library's event calendar or call 920-236-5203.

Public library calendar

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

Wednesday, March 4

1:1 help with City online bill pay, 9-11 a.m. adults

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

Sewing: Drawstring Bags, 4:30 p.m., grades K-5

Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

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

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

Teen AniManga Club, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6

PreTeen Book Club: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5

Teen Book Club: One Wrong Step by Jennifer A. Nielsen, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8

Saturday, March 7

Read to a Dog, 10-11 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., grades 9 - 12

Monday, March 9

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Craft in Company, noon to 1 p.m., adults

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

Craft in Company, 5:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Adult DIY: Magnetic Photo Frames, 6 p.m., adults

Wednesday, March 11

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

Sewing: Pillowcases, 4:30 p.m., grades K-5

Thursday, March 12

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

Second Thursday Book Club: Population: 485 by Michael Perry, 1:30 p.m., adults

Adult AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.

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

The Daughters of the American Revolution Online Library, 6 p.m., adults

Friday, March 13

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

Young Adult Book Club: Flowers in the Gutter by K.R. Gaddy, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

Movies with Friends: Night at the Museum, 1 p.m., all ages

Helen Farnsworth Mears Award Ceremony, 1:30 p.m., all ages

Monday, March 16

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

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

Making it Work: Women Entrepreneurs of Oshkosh, 5-7 p.m., adults

Let's Play Cribbage!, 5:30-7:30 p.m., all ages

Tuesday, March 17

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 18

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

Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.

Window Restoration and Paint Decoration, 4:30 p.m., grades K-5

Thursday, March 19

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

Teen AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Friday, March 20

PreTeen Create and Chill, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5

Saturday, March 21

Capturing the Vision: Lewis Hine Photography Institute Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., teens and adults

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

Hack Club, 1-3 p.m., grades 9-12

Tuesday, March 24

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

Teen Tuesday, 4-6 p.m.

Banned Book Club: Exit West by Mohsin Hamid, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

Elementary Explorers: Space Survivor Adventure, 4:30 p.m.


Thursday, March 26

LEGOmania Design Contest: Submission Day, all ages

Chess Club, 5-7 p.m.

Friday, March 27

LEGOmania Design Contest Exhibit, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., all ages



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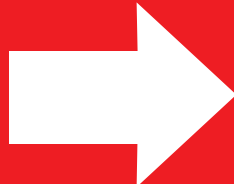
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We Heart You, 9:30 a.m., UWO Culver Family Welcome Center

Thursday, March 5

Death by Design by Rob Urbinati presented by Oshkosh Community Players, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, March 6

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

Death by Design by Rob Urbinati presented by Oshkosh Community Players, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin Herd vs. Mexico City Capitanes, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 7

WHBA Home Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Death by Design by Rob Urbinati presented by Oshkosh Community Players, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fox Valley Veterans Council Prohibition Ball, 6 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

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

Wisconsin Herd vs. Mexico City Capitanes, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Unforgiven, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Competition, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Sunday, March 8

WHBA Home Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Dustin Nickerson Comedy Show, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater

Monday, March 9

Wisconsin Herd vs. Valley Suns, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Tuesday, March 10

UW-Oshkosh Brass Studio Recital, 7 p.m., Theatre Arts Center

Thursday, March 12

Rock Infused Orchestra presents Celtic Vibes – A Celtic Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Bert Kreischer Permission To Party World Tour, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Friday, March 13

The Wizard of Oz presented by Lourdes Academy High School, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday the 13th Part 7: The New Blood, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Majesty - A Tribute to Queen, 8 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 14

AmazSpring Shopping & Craft Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Free Community Night, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA – 20th Avenue

The Wizard of Oz presented by Lourdes Academy High School, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Snow Day, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Mom Prom, 7 p.m., Gibson Social Club

Rock Infused Orchestra performs as part of Celtic celebration

Oshkosh Herald

The Rock Infused Orchestra LLC (RIO), in collaboration with The Music Education Vault, will be presenting “Celtic Vibes—A Celtic Celebration,” an energetic concert experience coming to Verve 404 in downtown Oshkosh.

Based in the Fox Valley, RIO brings together an ensemble of string musicians both young and old from across Northeastern Wisconsin. Celtic Vibes promises to be an entertaining and immersive blend of Celtic and Irish tunes, celebrating the rich musical heritage and lively spirit of traditional music from “across the pond.”

Audience members can expect a vibrant mix of large ensemble performances during the March 12 performance alongside intimate small section jives and jigs. From sweeping melodies to foot-tapping

rhythms, the program showcases the versatility and excitement of Celtic music.

Founder and music director Andrew Hutchinson shared his excitement about RIO’s new winter program.

“Through this Celtic Vibes program, we’ve had the joy of introducing our musicians to the exhilarating energy of Irish and Celtic music,” Hutchinson said. “We’ve explored spirited tunes and lively dances while learning the various techniques involved in performing this traditional music. Now, we are beyond excited to bring these techniques and traditions to life in our own unique shamROCK way with our concert, Celtic Vibes—A Celtic Celebration, just in time for St. Patrick’s Day.”

The free performance will take place at 6:30 p.m. March 12 at Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

WineFeast to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

An evening of food and wine awaits as the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh invites community members to WineFeast 2026, its premier annual fundraising event.

Taking place April 11 at the Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, this celebration supports the club’s mission to help local children and families build great futures. Registration is open at bgcosh.org.

Presented by Community First Credit Union, WineFeast 2026 features the refined Cellar Select experience, beginning with a champagne welcome at 5 p.m. Guests will then be served a five-course dinner at 6:30 p.m., with each course paired alongside a premium wine. This year’s menu highlights the culinary talents of Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, Greene’s Pour House at the Granary, The Roxy and Suzy’s Cream Cheesecakes.

The evening also includes a live auction and a program moment featuring Chloe, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Youth of the

Year. Chloe will share her story and reflect on the role the club has played in shaping her confidence, leadership and future.

Following dinner, Cellar Select guests are invited to Night Cap, sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive, beginning at 8:30 p.m. This social experience offers an array of wines, craft beers, ciders and small bites from local partners. Guests can listen to live jazz by the Mike Kubicki Quartet while browsing the silent auction, entering raffles and connecting with fellow supporters. Each attendee will take home a complimentary Riedel red wine glass as a keepsake.

Proceeds from WineFeast directly support programs and services for children and families served by the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. The club is serving more youth than ever, providing meals, academic support, enrichment opportunities and family-focused resources that strengthen the entire community.

Tickets are available for \$175 per person or \$1,400 for a table of eight, which includes the Cellar Select dinner and access to Night Cap.

Annual hygiene drive to benefit homeless

Oshkosh Herald

The Salvation Army Oshkosh is organizing its Annual Help for the Homeless hygiene drive.

The collection will continue through March 15. Donations will help ease the financial strain on eight Oshkosh area homeless and crisis programs the Salvation Army serves.

The most needed items include bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care,

deodorant, diapers and baby care, face and bath soap, feminine care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, hair care and trash bags.

Collection sites around include Zaroni’s, Alpha Fitness, Father Carr’s Place 2B, Aurora Medical Center, Fire Escape, Oshkosh Public Library, Red Robin, Festival Foods, Planet Perk, A&W, Becket’s, Oshkosh Food Co-Op, Horicon Bank, WG & R Furniture, Piggly Wiggly and Fire Fitness North & South.

Irish-themed dinner, entertainment event planned

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Seniors Center will present an Irish-themed event filled with food, entertainment and cheer. The event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. March 10. Doors open at 4:45 p.m.

The Irish dinner provided by Hangry Dave’s will include leek and potato soup,

corned beef, bacon and cabbage, colcannon, garlic and maple glazed carrots and Irish soda bread. Sheamus Fitzpatrick and the McNally Boys will provide the entertainment.

Tickets cost \$25 and are available at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road.

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Defensive change helps Knights hold off Warriors

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Kylie Rietz is the defensive spark plug for the Lourdes Academy girls basketball team.

Turns out, she is also a pretty good defensive strategist.

With her team trailing at halftime in Saturday's WIAA Division 5 regional final against Valley Christian, Knights' head coach Ali Starr got some kind of a tap on her shoulder and when she turned, there was Rietz.

"Kylie pulled me aside and said, I don't have the experience you have coaching and I don't have the playing experience you had either, but I really think we need to switch up our defense and go 'Buzz,'" Starr said referring to the team's pressure 2-1-2 zone. "That right there was the gamechanger. I was like 'Alright, baby, let's go get it.' And they went and got it."

The defensive change fueled an 18-2 run over a seven-minute span in the second half that turned a nine-point deficit



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Valley Christian's Mya Moran (3) scores over Lourdes Academy's Aubrey Schettle in the first half on Saturday.

into a seven-point lead and the Knights rode that burst to a 48-41 victory inside a jam-packed Omro High School gym for the program's fourth straight regional title.

Lourdes Academy will face top-seeded Sheboygan Lutheran in a sectional semifinal on Thursday at Central Wisconsin Christian. The Crusaders are 20-7 overall this season.

"It's so exciting to keep working with this team I love. The energy we bring and the chemistry we have, I'm excited we get to keep playing," said Lourdes Academy senior Aubrey Schettle. "We see the path that we want to take and we are just really excited. I think we've grown so much as a team and really been on the up recently."

The Knights will enter the sectional semifinal having won 12 of their last 14 games, however, one of those losses was to Valley Christian late in the season.

The Warriors were in a position to potentially notch a second win over their rivals taking a 28-19 lead two minutes into the second half after a basket from Anna Giannopoulos and a 3-pointer from Lizzie Fink.

But Valley Christian managed just two points over the next seven minutes – a baseline jumper from Mya Moran – as the Knights cranked up the defense.

"I don't think we adjusted when they brought out that 2-1-2 (zone)," Valley Christian head coach Tim Dinkelman said. "We had a lot of turnovers in that second half, some passes that didn't go and then we had some good looks that didn't drop as well. We just didn't get into the creases like we needed to. We didn't hit the gaps, make them play you and then hit the easy pass."

A pair of freshmen, Naomi Liabwill and Avianna Wihlm, spearheaded the second-half charge for the Knights.

Liabwill scored the first four points of the tide-turning run and scored half of the Knights' points in the span. She finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds and was the lone player in double figures in the game for Lourdes Academy.

"That kid has no ceiling," Starr said of Liabwill. "And the moment she puts one on herself, she crashes through it and finds another one. That's what you saw tonight. It's limitless."

Liabwill credited her teammates for igniting her performance in the second half, when she scored 17 points.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Naomi Liabwill (23) puts up a shot over Valley Christian's Lyla Koller during the second half of Saturday's WIAA Division 5 regional final at Omro High School.

"My sister (Adhieu) came to me when I came off the bench in the second half and she said that we have to keep the momentum going," Liabwill said. "My seniors, Aubry and Kylie, they were telling me to lock in and that's what I tried to do."

Wihlm picked up a couple of her team-high four steals in that span which led to a pair of break-away layups that drew the Knights withing three.

"The couple of run-out layups that she had with the deflections and steals, that shifted the momentum in my opinion," Starr said. "It's the tiny little things that add up to be huge."

Wihlm finished with six points in the game as the three freshman who saw the court in the game – Liabwill, Wihlm and Grace Martin – combined for 27 points.

"It's so cool to see these freshmen step up," said Schettle, a four-year starter. "We wouldn't have this team without them. They are playing a really big role."

Adhieu Liabwill's 3-pointer with 12:51 remaining tied the score before a Rietz layup gave the Knights the lead for good. Naomi Liabwill scored the final five points in the run to earn the Knights a 37-30 advantage with 8:53 remaining.

The Warriors scored the next four points, including a Paige Boevers 3-pointer, to narrow the margin but the Knights answered back with a 7-2 spurt – five points from Naomi Liabwill and a steal and layup from Wihlm – to take their biggest lead of the night at 44-36 with 4:08 remaining.

Valley Christian got as close as 45-41 with about a minute to play before Naomi Liabwill calmly went 3-of-4 from the free-throw line despite elevated crowd noise in the final 16 seconds to seal the win.

Liabwill said the coaches pumped in

crowd noise and music into practice in preparation for the electric atmosphere inside the Omro High School gym.

"I practiced shooting my free throws with crowd noise but it was nothing like when it happened the first time," Liabwill said with a smile. "This was loud."

Moran finished with 25 points in the game to lead the Warriors.

She scored 16 of those in the first half as Valley Christian was able to rebound from an 8-1 deficit to start the game, lead by as many as six points late in the first half and take a 23-19 advantage at halftime.

"Any breath of hope we had came through Mya. She has just turned it to another level," Dinkelman said. "She kept us in the game in the first half and we just didn't have things fall in the second half."

Boevers was the next highest scorer for the Warriors with six.

Dinkelman was certainly disappointed with the loss but wasn't going to let the tough loss take away from what was a great season for the Warriors, who earned a share of their first Trailways East title in program history.

"I feel bad for my seniors but we had a really great season. There were a lot of things to build on," Dinkelman said. "We got into Christmas time and we were 2-6 and it was like what's going on? Then we got into that run and that was the coolest thing. These girls are amazing young ladies first and foremost, and they are a super great group that just gelled together the last 15 games. It was a really fun ride."

The ride isn't over yet for the Knights.

"After the Fall River game, I said to the team that at this point of the season most coaches accept who they are. We are who we are," Starr said. "And I love who we are."



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West's Schneider secures medal in first trip to state meet

Oshkosh Herald

A pair of Oshkosh wrestlers competed at the WIAA State Wrestling Meet last weekend at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Oshkosh West sophomore Preston Schneider earned a sixth-place finish at 138 pounds, while Oshkosh North senior Jamond Thompson-Schreck made it to the third day of the tournament but fell one win short of earning a state medal at 165 pounds.

Schneider, who was seeded fourth in his weight class, opened the tournament by pinning Jonathan Sandrick of Westosha Central in 3:29 but then lost in the quarterfinals to Luxemburg-Casco junior Joseph Jeanquart.

The West sophomore rebounded in the consolation bracket, starting with a pin over Bodi Kothari Schmitz in 2:46. After a scoreless first period, Schneider scored a takedown 22 seconds into the second period and later rolled Kothari Schmitz onto his back to earn the victory.

Schneider then held off Kettle Moraine's Spencer Prado 8-7 in the consolation semifinals to advance to the fifth-place match.

Schneider trailed 3-1 after the first period against Prado but came back in the second period to score a takedown and take a 4-3 advantage into the final period. Starting from the top position, Schneider was able to roll Prado to his back and earn four nearfall points for an 8-3 lead.

Prado made the match interesting with an escape midway through the period and then continued to press Schneider, who surrendered a takedown with two seconds left in the match for the final margin.

Schneider wasn't able to get things going against Arrowhead's Wyatt Sandoval in the fifth-place match, trailing 3-0 after the first period and 6-0 heading in the final frame. Sandoval added a third takedown



Photo by Doug Sasse

Oshkosh West's Preston Schneider goes for the takedown against Westosha Central's Jonathan Sandrick during a 138-pound first-round match at the WIAA state wrestling tournament last week in Madison.

in the period, while Schneider picked up a point on a Sandoval penalty.

Schneider had pinned Sandoval at the Division 1 individual sectional meet at Fond du Lac two weeks before the state tournament.

Schneider, who was making his first appearance at the state meet, finishes the season with a 44-8 record.

It marks the third straight year at least one West wrestler has placed at the state meet. Last year, Edwyn Schroeder placed second at 138 pounds, while Schneider's older brother, Ryland, was fourth at 175 pounds.

Thompson-Schreck fell just short of earning a state medal but he was the first North wrestler since Copeland Barrett in 2022 to advance to the state meet and be-

came the first Spartan since Brandon Green in 2015 to win a match at the Kohl Center.

And the senior wasted little time doing that.

Thompson-Schreck pinned Brown Deer's Alijah Thames-Martin with 16 seconds left in the opening period to notch a victory in his opening-round match. Thompson-Schreck overcame being taken down early in the match to score an escape and followed it up with a takedown of his own.

He was then able to turn Thames-Martin to his back and finish off the win.

The victory moved Thompson-Schreck into a quarterfinal match against top-seed-

ed Kolin DeGroot of Kaukauna and in the showdown between the pair of Fox Valley Association wrestlers, DeGroot came out on top with a pin, 49 seconds into the third period.

Thompson-Schreck put up a 14-4 major decision win over Oak Creek's Benjamin Wiza in his first consolation match, scoring at least one takedown in each of the three periods, including two in the second when he built a 10-1 lead.

Thompson-Schreck would get ousted in the next round falling by a score of 21-5 to Torin Kuokkanen of Waukesha West.

The senior finishes the season with a 33-10 record.



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Oshkosh North's Jamond Thompson-Schreck controls his opponent during a 165-pound match at the WIAA state wrestling meet last week.

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GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh squad heading back to state

The Oshkosh West/North co-op gymnastics team is heading back to the WIAA Division 1 State Meet after placing second at the sectional competition last Saturday in Manitowoc.

Oshkosh finished with a season-high score of 136.575 to edge out Grafton by .55 points for the runner-up finish. The top two teams from each sectional advance to the team portion of the state meet.

Stevens Point finished first in the sectional with a score of 144.05.

It is the third state appearance for the program as a West/North co-op and fourth overall as a co-op program. Oshkosh finished ninth at last year's state meet.

Oshkosh will also be represented in the individual portion of the state meet by senior Neva Schlies, who placed first on three of the four apparatus – floor exercises, uneven bars and vault – and set a school record with a mark of 37.075 in taking first in the all-around.

At the sectional meet, Oshkosh posted the second-highest score on both the vault and uneven bars.

The team's score of 34.75 was a season-high on the vault with Neva Schlies leading the way with a score of 9.55, while Aubrey Goyke added an 8.55, Parker Asen had an 8.375 and Mia Drexler finished with an 8.275.

The top scores for the team on the uneven bars were Neva Schlies with a 9.225, Drexler with an 8.375 and Kendall Irwin with a 7.9. Joselyn Macias rounded out the scores with a 7.55.

Oshkosh also had a strong night on the balance beam, with Neva Schlies totaling an 8.95, Drexler scoring an 8.625 and Joy Wheel and Ahna Schlies each getting an 8.55.

In the floor exercises, Neva Schlies led the way with a 9.35, followed by Wheel (8.15), Macias (8.15) and Irwin (8.05).

Oshkosh used scores from eight of the nine gymnasts who competed at the meet, which was the most of any school.

Neva Schlies and Asen are the two se-

niors on Oshkosh's roster. Asen was a contributor on all four conference championship teams for the squad as well as the last two state qualifying teams.

The state gymnastics meet will take place in Wisconsin Rapids, with the team competition held Friday and the individual competition taking place on Saturday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights roll to pair of regional wins

Lourdes Academy rolled to wins in its first two games of the WIAA Division 5 tournament last week, topping Gibraltar 88-19 before collecting a 79-55 win over Princeton/Green Lake.

Five different players reached double figures in the win over Gibraltar led by 20 points from Aubrey Schettle, who knocked down six 3-pointers in the game.

Sarah Hafemeister added 16 points, followed by Kylie Rietz with 11 and Adhieu Liabwill and Naomi Liabwill each with 10. Adhieu Liabwill also led the team with 10 rebounds.

Schettle also led the way for the Knights against Princeton/Green Lake, draining seven 3-pointers to finish with 21 points. Hafemeister scored 15 points, followed by Ellie Koch with 12, Adhieu Liabwill with 11 and Naomi Liabwill with 10.

Warriors post two tournament triumphs

Mya Moran scored 28 points and Valley Christian topped Oakfield for the second time in four days, claiming a 73-29 win in the first round of the WIAA Division 5 tournament last week.

Paige Boevers added 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Lizzie Fink also reached double figures with 13 points. Anna Ginannopoulos added 12 rebounds, seven assists and seven steals in the win.

The Warriors then toppled Reedville 76-32 in the regional semifinal last Friday with Fink knocking down seven 3-pointers and totaling 25 points to lead the way. Moran scored 23 points and Boevers finished with 15, while Brielle Birr chipped in eight points off the bench.

Boevers and Giannopoulos each had 10 rebounds in the game.

Spartans fall to Hartford in tournament

Oshkosh North played an even second-half with third-seeded Hartford but fell to the Orioles, 74-34, in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal last Friday.

Awut Alic scored 10 points and Navi Lao-Facundo finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds to lead North, which trailed 53-14 at halftime.

Sammie Leib chipped in six points for the Spartans.

Wildcats ousted by FVA rival Rockets

Oshkosh West was knocked out of the WIAA tournament with a 71-37 loss to Neenah in a Division 1 regional semifinal on Friday.

Kamryn Stauffacher was the lone player in double figures for the Wildcats finishing with 13 points.

Samantha Panske and Maddie Bellin added seven and six points, respectively.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans hand Seymour first loss of season

Oshkosh North dealt Division 3 powerhouse Seymour its first loss of the year last week, topping the Thunder 87-65 at the Frank Schade Fieldhouse.

Bryce Ott led the way for Oshkosh North finishing with 26 points and eight rebounds, while Owen Weber added 22 points. The duo combined to go 8-of-12 from 3-point range in the game.

Brady Anderson also reached double fig-

ures with 12 points with Jackson Anderson totaling nine points and eight assists.

Wildcats win final game of regular season

Joey Ware finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oshkosh West past Appleton East, 62-55, in the Wildcats' regular-season finale last week.

Malakai Herlihy added 13 points and Carter Kufel totaled 11 points and nine rebounds in the win.

Behling boosts Warriors to win over Mustangs

Matthias Behling finished with 32 points and 12 rebounds to lead Valley Christian to a 78-33 win over Marion to cap the regular season.

Titus Weyenberg added 15 points with Xander Osinga and Derek Wallace chipping in 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the win.

Knights fall to Ripon to close out regular season

Lourdes Academy dropped a 52-51 contest at home to Ripon last week in the final game of the regular season.

Henry Achterberg was the lone player in double figures for the Knights with 17 points, while Jackson Buttke and Ryder Mullen each finished with nine.



N. Schlies



Asen



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Inaugural action

The UW Oshkosh women's flag football game made its debut last week at the Oshkosh Rec Plex playing the first game in program history. The Titans lost to Aurora University, 34-0, but racked up 185 yards of offense in the game. Above, Aaliyah Lathrop (7) tries to get away from a Spartans' defender to gain some yards. The Titans will next be in action on March 22 in a triangular at Marian University.

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Spartans' charge not enough to upend Ghosts

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh North rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second half to take the lead, but couldn't hold off Kaukauna in a 71-70 loss in the regular-season finale at Frank Schade Fieldhouse last Thursday night.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak for the Spartans, who also entered the game having won seven of their last eight contests. It also capped a string of five games in 10 days for the team, who will open WIAA Division 1 regional play on Friday at Bay Port.

"We have proven that we are a team that's going to battle no matter what and we showed that tonight," senior guard Jackson Anderson said. "We didn't make some plays down the stretch that cost us. Those are learning experiences. I couldn't be more proud of this team and the way everyone fights day in and day out."

Anderson – scoring eight of his team-high 20 points over the final nine minutes of the game – was a driving force behind the comeback for the Spartans, who trailed 63-47 with 9:05 remaining.

North scored the next 13 points, a stretch capped by back-to-back 3-pointers from Jackson Anderson and Brady Anderson, as part of an 18-1 run that completely erased the deficit.

The Spartans held the Ghosts without a field goal for more than six minutes in that stretch with Tylan Lister's three-point play and a putback basket from Bryce Ott punctuating the outburst that earned North a 65-64 lead with 3:33 remaining.

"The No. 1 thing (that keyed the run) was rebounds. We didn't do a great job of rebounding in the first half," North head coach Brad Weber said. "Secondly, like anything it's contagious. You start getting stops that becomes contagious. And our guys locked in a little more defensively."

After Kaukauna regained the lead with a basket, Jackson Anderson hit one of two free throws with 2:23 remaining to tie the score and then converted a layup about a minute later for a 68-66 lead.

The senior guard, who led the Fox Valley Association in assists, was just taking what the Kaukauna defense was allowing in repeatedly getting to the rim throughout the game.

"What they are going to give us, we are going to take advantage of. If they are going to limit the 3-point shot then we're going to get the rack as much as we can," Jackson Anderson said. "I just try to make

my reads and do what I can to help the team. My teammates were moving good and that opened up the floor a little bit to make it easier to drive."

The Ghosts regained the lead at 69-68 with a 3-pointer with about a minute to play and forced a North miss on the ensuing possession. The Spartans were forced to foul but Kaukauna's Tyler Schwalbach missed the front end of the bonus to keep the margin at one.

North, however, turned the ball over on the next possession and then surrendered an offensive rebound on a missed free throw with eight seconds left. Kaukauna's Andrew Jensen then hit two free throws with six seconds to go for a three-point lead and the Spartans would muster an Ott lay-in at the buzzer for the final margin.

"These guys are warriors," Weber said. "They proved it throughout with where our season started to where we are playing really good basketball to the fact we just completed one heck of a grind with five games in 10 days."

Ott added 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Brady Anderson chipped in 12 points. Lister with nine points and Owen Weber with seven meant North got 66 of its 70 points from its starting lineup.

Despite the loss to end the regular season, Jackson Anderson likes the way the team is playing entering the postseason and believes they are in a similar wave as last year when the Spartans reached the state tournament.

"It sucks (to lose) but we still have a ton of momentum going into the playoffs," Jackson Anderson said. "We have been playing good the last seven games. We are not scared of anyone. I would hate to be the team playing us."

Weber also sees the Spartans on the precipice of a potential lengthy postseason run.

"These guys are exactly where we need them to be," Weber said. "They are tournament ready, they are tournament tough and I just love battling with these guys. In March, that's all you can ask for."

Obituaries

Jerald K. Discher

Jerald "Jerry" K. Discher, age 84, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully at Bella



Vista on February 24, 2026. Born on September 4, 1941, in Oshkosh to the late Harold and Gertrude (Farber) Discher, Jerry embodied the spirit of home and family throughout his life.



On August 6, 1966, Jerry joined in marriage with his beloved wife, Helen Nottleman, at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Together, they lovingly raised two sons, Richard and David, instilling in them the values of hard work, kindness, and a deep appreciation for the great outdoors.

Jerry graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1961 and proudly served in the United States Army. Following his military service, he entered the world of carpentry, becoming a skilled journeyman. His career began with an apprenticeship at Discher Mill Work, where he ultimately retired from the family business. With dedication and an eye for detail, he built his dream home, meticulously crafting each space with Helen, family and friends in mind.

An outdoor enthusiast at heart, Jerry found joy in duck and deer hunting and fishing. His passion extended to community service; he proudly served as a Cubmaster for both of his sons' cub dens, fos-

tering a love for nature and adventure in the next generation. Jerry was a 50-year member of the South Side Ice Yacht Club who enjoyed the camaraderie that came with it. Alongside Helen, he took great pleasure in raising their cherished Westies and Golden Retrievers and witnessing the miracle of new life as several litters of puppies came into the world.

Jerry is lovingly survived by his wife, Helen Discher; son, Richard (Elyse) Discher; brother, James (Patricia) Discher. He is further survived by cousins, extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his son, David Discher; parents Harold and Gertude Discher; father-and-mother-in-law, Henry Nottleman and Bertha (Ed) Nottleman Resheske; and sister-in-law, Jean Nottleman. He was further preceded in death by aunts, uncles, cousins, good friends and loyal dogs.

In reflection of Jerry's wishes, no formal services will be held. His life will be celebrated privately by his family and friends, honoring the warmth and love he shared with all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be directed to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society or the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter, organizations that reflect his commitment to caring for our furry friends.



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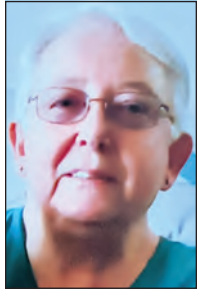
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Obituaries

Betty Mabel Groth

Betty Mabel Groth, age 83, of Oshkosh passed away on February 26, 2026, at Mercy Medical Center. She was born in Kiel, WI on May 8, 1942, the daughter of the late Helmuth and Edna (Bratz) Boeldt. After high school she attended Manitowoc County Teachers College. Following that she taught in one room schools in School Hill and Louis Corners, Wisconsin from 1962-1964. She made an impact on several students so much that they sought her out decades later. On April 18, 1964, she married Donald L. Groth, Sr.



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Louise Coumbe

Louise Coumbe, 95, died peacefully on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2026, a favorite holiday, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born in Oshkosh to John Robert (Bob) and Gwen (Owens) Coumbe. Louise attended Campus School through 2nd grade and continued her education in Blue River, WI. She graduated from Blue River High School in 1948 and Wisconsin State Teacher's College in Oshkosh, now UW-O, in 1952. Louise began her teaching career in elementary education in Waupaca and in 1954 was appointed to Read School in Oshkosh. From 1959 - 1961 she taught at the army base in Mainz, Germany, and returned to Oshkosh teaching at Read and Lincoln Schools. She retired in 1993.



Throughout her life, nature inspired Louise to see the beauty and wonder in everything. She encouraged others to do the same. Growing up in the Driftless Area of WI and exploring the hills provided a solid beginning. While she taught in Germany, Louise skied the Alps; experienced Lapland's midnight sun; visited and experienced the restrictions of East Berlin; wore wooden shoes and saw vast fields of Dutch tulips; listened to opera in the grand opera houses of Austria and Germany, including a Wagner performance in Bayreuth; and toured Greece, France and other countries.

Music played an important role in Louise's life. She joined the high school band in 4th grade. She played oboe in the WI All-State Band for several years in high school, won contest metals, and sang in church choirs much of her life. Louise delighted in piano and cello concerts, loved operas, and followed favorite folk singers, Sally and Claudia (who wrote a song in her honor, "The Goods on Louise").

Teaching was her passion. She saw the best in students and encouraged them to reach their potential. Louise provided special experiences, such as having students create a playground safety movie for the school. Her students learned about sandhill cranes and the importance of protecting our planet, lessons which endure to this day. Instrumental in starting Sullivan's Woods environmental education program for Oshkosh schools, she continued her involvement well into retirement. Even in her final weeks, students, now retired themselves, visited her and sent messages. These kind gestures exemplified their impact on her life and vice versa.

Louise's lifelong commitment with Algoma Boulevard United Methodist

Betty was employed at Oshkosh North as a custodian for many years and a faithful member of Bethany United Church of Christ. She enjoyed spending time with family. Betty was a self-taught oil and watercolor artist. Her art graced the walls of her home and those of her family members. She had a green thumb with indoor and outdoor plants and flowers.

Betty is survived by two daughters, Laura (Dan) Lewis of Oshkosh and Lisa (Marc) Sahr of Apache Junction, AZ. One sister, Jane (Gary) Hanke of Plymouth. Two sisters-in-law, Judy Boeldt of Howards Grove and Jane Boeldt of New Holstein. Also, a very special friend, Dale Grasse for the last 22 years. Six grandchildren, Amanda (Keith) Wirch of Weyauwega,

Church continued the involvement of previous generations. Some of her fondest memories included leading youth groups to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and to service and work projects in various states. She planned trips through which teens saw more of our nation's remarkable national parks and landmarks. They affectionately called her LC, a nickname which lasted the rest of her life.

Whether kayaking, skiing, planting a prairie, building bluebird boxes or watching the sunset, Louise loved nature. She read the newspaper every day and kept up on current events. She asked good questions, loved cribbage, beat cancer - thanks to the Aurora Vince Lombardi Cancer Center - and saw the best in people. She loved our country and strongly encouraged everyone to vote. Louise was a charter member of Winnebago Audubon Society, a founding member of the Winnebago Lakes Council, a Charter member of the Oshkosh Citizens Advisory Committee, a board member of CNRA, member of the Golden Titan Club, and a Packer backer.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Devermann, Zaiga & Mike, Laura & Jack, and special friends at Evergreen. We are grateful for the care provided by Aurora Health Care, Asera-Care Hospice during her last six months, and the Evergreen staff for five years.

Louise is survived by nieces and nephews: Helen (Perry) Nelson; Bob (Carol) Ayers; Dan Donica (Deb Adams); John Coumbe; Mary Johnson (John Wu); Tim Coumbe; Kathy (Jeff) Horejs; and Patty Coumbe; great-nieces and nephews: Ryan, Sara, Scotty, John, Erica, Drew, Michael, Olivia, Megan, James, Lauren, Libby, Nick, Andy, Maya, Eli, Thayer, Donald, Tianna, James, David, Katharina, Brandon, Tricia and numerous great-great nieces and nephews.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jack (Vi) Coumbe; sister Naomi (Lewis) Ayers; brother Ed Coumbe; niece The Rev. Barbara Ayers Donica; nephew Steve Coumbe; and great-nephew Christopher Ayers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Winnebago Audubon Society, PO Box 184, Oshkosh, WI 54903; Friends of Blue River, 201 Clinton St, Blue River, WI 53518; Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, Youth Fund; or Evergreen Foundation.

Celebration of Louise's life will be held Saturday, March 14th at 1:30PM at Evergreen Worship and Performing Arts Center, 1130 North Westfield St., Oshkosh with reception to follow. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh.

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Robin Lewis of Cudahy, Sarah (Derick) Scherr of Oshkosh, Cory (Stacy) Lewis of Eau Claire, Heidi (Andy) Lenzner of Oshkosh and Briana (Brandon) Miller of Neenah. Six great grandchildren, Riley, Brooklyn, Jayden, Grayson, Nicholas and Sage. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald in 2003 and one son Donald, Jr in 2011. Siblings Mabel (Kermit) Liermann of Valders; Lorraine (Marcus) Nagel of Valders; Fern (Willard) Leiteritz of Cleveland, Marion (Otto) Hartwig of Plymouth, Bernice (Dennis) Hasenstein of Sheboygan, Norman Boeldt

Emil C. Reichow Jr.

Emil C. "Dick" Reichow Jr., age 92, was called home on the morning of Monday, February 23, 2026 at Aurora Medical Center. Dick was born to the late Emil and Neta (Pinkerton) Reichow Sr. on June 27, 1933, at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh. He married his beautiful bride, Audrey Eisner on October 22, 1955, at Peace Lutheran Church.



February 23, 2026 at Aurora Medical Center. Dick was born to the late Emil and Neta (Pinkerton) Reichow Sr. on June 27, 1933, at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh. He married his beautiful bride, Audrey Eisner on October 22, 1955, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Dick attended Longfellow School, Merrill School, Oshkosh High and graduated in 1951 from Shattuck Military Academy of Faribault, MN. He went on to attend UW Madison, after which he formed the Em-Rey corporation. His first encounter was developing West Pointe Plat, then went on to purchase and develop Waldwic estate. Dick held partnership at the Oshkosh Sausage Co. Later, he opened a laundromat business called the 'Wash basket', then opened the first self-serve car wash named 'Tornado' in Oshkosh.

Dick was a very proud and dedicated family man, an active member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church since 1965 and volunteered for numerous charitable organizations. He held multiple memberships, which included the Beja Shriners, Winnebago Land Shriener Club, Mascoutin and Masonic Temple. He loved family fishing trips to Canada and fun trips to Florida. Dick and Audrey travelled to all

Terry Dobbins

Our dad, Terry Dobbins, 84, passed away peacefully in Cape Coral, FL on Saturday, November 8, 2025.



Born and raised in Oshkosh, he graduated from Oshkosh High School and went on to serve in the Army National Guard and later the Army Reserve. In

1968, he began a 27-year career with the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office, including many years on the department's Scuba Dive Recovery and Rescue Team. After moving to Florida in 1995, he continued serving as Court Security with the U.S. Marshals Service until retiring in 2019. We grew up knowing that our dad ran toward the danger, toward the water, toward the unknown, because that's where he was needed.

Dad was the kind of officer even the people he arrested liked. Known for his infectious smile, quick wit, and signature smirk, he could talk to anyone and make them feel at ease. A talented artist, he filled his life and ours with creativity and humor. Dad's stories, some we heard a hundred times, never got old because they were his.

of Howards Grove, Vernon Boeldt of New Holstein.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 11 am at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Rev. Deb Bartelt will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday from 9 am until the time of service.

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Dick is survived by his loving wife, Audrey; one sister, Margee Hoffmann. They were blessed with three sons and three daughters-in-law, James (Karen), Scott (Denise) and Kurt (Tracy). Along with two precious granddaughters, Alexis (Devin), Taylor (Josh), their bonus grandchildren Becca (Jake), Ryan (Danielle), Rachael and Claire (Josh). Great grandchildren, Maizie, Owen, Wyatt and Walker. Also, a number of nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Hilda 'Granny' and Herbert Eisner and brother-in-law, Bob Hoffmann.

A funeral service will be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin Street in Oshkosh, WI on March 4, 2026, at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until the time of service. A Luncheon will follow. A private burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank all the hospital staff at Aurora Medical Center, Vince Lombardi Cancer Center and special friend, Dr. Dar.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Shriners Hospital for children in Chicago and Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

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We will miss him deeply but hold tight to our Savior's promise that this goodbye is not forever.

Dad shared 25 years of marriage with our mom, Kathy Kotschi, and later 38 years with his wife, Billie Dobbins, each chapter shaping his life in meaningful ways. He is survived by his wife, Billie; our mom, Kathy; his children, Keith Dobbins and Beth (Steve) Oswald; grandchildren Alex (Erin) Dobbins, Jonah (Tiffany) Hinds, and Micah Hinds; stepsons David (Mahnaz) Davis and Jeff Davis and their children; sisters Quinn (Bruce) Bursack and Kerry Schumacher; sisters-in-law Jean Dobbins and Elaine Wachtveitl, and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Schoshinski; brothers Lee, Kim, and Ty Dobbins; brother-in-law Gary Schumacher; and niece Penny Dobbins.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road, Oshkosh. In honor of Dad's dedicated service, the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office Honor Guard will stand watch. In addition, the U.S. Army Honor Guard will render funeral honors, including a 21-gun salute, a flag-folding ceremony, and presentation of the flag by his grandson, SSGT Micah Hinds.

Obituaries

Milda Marie Steinbrecher

July 20, 1929 - February 24, 2026

Milda M. Steinbrecher (née Mielke), 96 of Oshkosh, passed away at Elaine's Hope at The Lutheran Home of Wauwatosa on February 24, 2026. She was born in Shiocton, WI on July 20, 1929 to the late Rev. Louis E. and Milda M. (Schmidt) Mielke.

Milda was a loving mother, sister, aunt, and friend who would never turn down the opportunity to have some fun.

Milda always believed the solution to a problem was more education, reading a book about the issue, or going to a lecture. Even as she dealt with the effects of dementia, she would ask if there was a book she should read about it.

After graduating Shiocton High School in 1947, and working for a year at the Shiocton grocery store, she attended Os-

hkosh State Teachers College for one year to gain the requirements for the next step, X-ray training at the UW Hospital in Madison. After she decided to move on to another field, she attended UW Milwaukee for a class here or there before committing to the University of Wisconsin to get her teaching degree. She followed that with a Masters in Theater from UW and continued her studies at the University of Minnesota, completing her coursework for a PhD in Theater/Set Design.

Her working life was scattered across the US from Richland, Washington (at Kadlec Regional Medical Center) to Milwaukee Hospital (servicing the Milwaukee Braves baseball team), on to Detroit Public Schools and finally, UW-Oshkosh. She finally set down roots in Oshkosh, marrying A. Frederick Steinbrecher in 1967 (div.) and giving birth to Milda Anne (Mimi) Steinbrecher in 1973.

After 30 years at UW-Oshkosh, Milda retired in 1996. She enrolled in art classes and started traveling. She saw Russia by

river boat, Alaska by ocean liner, swam in the waters of Maui, sipped beer on the beach in the Bahamas, enjoyed opera in Santa Fe, rang in the New Year in London, and traveled all over the US going to art museums and concerts.

She was a bit of a flirt, a bit of a drama queen, had an artist's outlook, and always valued truth and honesty. She had a deep and abiding faith but did not often speak of it or outwardly display it. She had many acquaintances but a few close friends who brought her great joy and comfort.

She was an X-ray tech, a teacher, and an artist, but she really loved being called "Mimi's Mom."

Milda is survived by her daughter, Milda A; her brother, Louis I (June) Mielke; and her much loved nieces, nephews, and dear friends. In addition to her parents,

Milda was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret (Marcus) Albrecht; and brothers Paul (Alice) Mielke and John Mielke.

Funeral services will be held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shiocton, N5610 Broad St at 11:00am, Saturday, March 14, 2026 with a brief visitation before. Following, a reception will be held at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, from 1:45pm-3:30pm for food and fellowship. At the request of family, you are encouraged to forgo black and to wear your most colorful outfit!

If you wish to donate in Milda's memory, please contribute to your local Public TV or Radio stations.

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James Noe

The family of James (Jim) Noe, 88, Oshkosh is saddened to announce his passing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. He was born to James F. and Eleanor (Davis) Noe on June 15, 1937 in New York. He later moved to Wisconsin where he met Judith (Judy) Reischl. They were married on Jan-

uary 23, 1971, and made their home in Oshkosh where they raised two sons, Brian and Scott. They were married for 46 years before her passing in 2017. Prior to her passing, Judy spent a few years in a care facility, and Jim would visit her multiple times a day, nearly every day, and has missed her dearly ever since.

While growing up in New York, Jim attended Cardinal Farley Military Academy and went on to serve in the United States Marines Corps. Having been an accomplished athlete in his early school days, he never lost his love of sports and supporting youth in sports. After coaching his own kids in Club 6-1/2 softball, he continued coaching and organizing Club 6-1/2 for many years until his grandchildren started playing baseball. When his son, Scott, played baseball in high school, Jim missed only one of Scott's games in all those years, and was just as dedicated as a fan when it came time to cheer on his three grandsons playing the game in later years. He developed many great friendships at ball parks over the years, many of which lasted the rest of his days.

He worked until the age of 85 but finally decided to relax a little more and retired from Accu-Com in 2024. During his many years with Accu-Com, the Moores became a second family to Jim.

Anyone who knew him knew he was

very independent, referring to himself as a stubborn old Marine. He was fortunate to live a long and healthy life, proudly boasting his only two drugs were caffeine and nicotine, and that "doctors are only for sick people." It's good that he was healthy most of his life since he was anything but patient as a patient. During his brief illness, he received fantastic care from all the nurses he challenged, yet they all treated him very kindly and provided excellent care, for which his family will always be grateful.

He wasn't known for giving unsolicited advice to his family very often, however they always knew he would do anything he could for them if asked. He welcomed his son's wives into the family as if they were the daughters he never had. His five grandchildren kept him alive and active over the years, and he lived long enough to welcome four great-grandchildren into the world.

James is survived by his sons, Brian (Paula) Noe, and Scott Noe; grandchildren, Alexander, Nathaniel, Matthew, Morgan and Ethan; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Maddeline, Myles, and Selah, and many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Judy.

A private family memorial service will be held; anyone wishing to share their own memories of Jim with the family is encouraged to do so.

"He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May he rest in peace until we meet again. Semper Fi."



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Jerome Frederick Griep

Jerome (Jerry) Frederick Griep of Longmont, Colorado passed away on February

23rd, 2026. Jerry was, first and foremost, a devoted family man; but he was also a cribbage master, unpaid handyman, dessert aficionado, boat captain, softball champion, dog whisperer, grill master, and lawn care expert.

Jerry was born April 19th, 1956, and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Jerry met the love of his life and wife of 45 years, Renee, in northern Wisconsin. They married in 1979, and sharing a love for bicycling, spent their honeymoon riding around Nova Scotia. Shortly after, they moved to Minnesota and began passing down their love for the outdoors and card games to their four children: Brandon Griep, Shannon Lee, Kelsey Traish and Colleen Bussert. Jerry may have let his kids win at what he calls the worst game ever invented, Hi Ho! Cherry-O, but that charity did not extend to cribbage, the game he learned from his parents (Fred and Helen Griep). Jerry's love of family extended to his sisters, Mary Verwiell, Cathy Truymann, Kelly Strouf and their husbands and children.

While he loved the Colorado Mountains, his heart always remained in Wisconsin with their abundant lakes, Friday fish fries, old fashions and "sacred" Spotted Cow beers. Although Jerry was a devoted and loving father and husband, his second love was being a proud life-long fan and owner of the Green Bay Packers. Normally never one to raise his voice, Jerry made an exception for admonishing

the referees and occasionally the Packers' play calling. Upon moving to Colorado in 1996, Jerry's love for live baseball led him to adopt the Colorado Rockies. While he was a devoted fan, it's hard to get too enthusiastic about a mediocre team. He and his family enjoyed many nights at the ballpark anyway.

Jerry worked for over 40 years as an electrical engineer. After he retired, he spent his time keeping a perfectly manicured lawn, traveling, walking the family dog, Bodie, and enjoying Renee's spectacular home-made treats, especially her apple pie. However, weekend breakfasts were Jerry's domain. He was known for his delightfully fluffy buttermilk pancakes. He also loved spending time with his two grandkids, Calvin and Madelyn Lee. He cherished taking his grandkids to the park, traveling with them to Europe, and reading them endless books. Another favorite activity was spending summer evenings zipping around a lake in his 30-year-old speed boat. And, no matter what, each night ended with a tasty beverage.

Jerry was kind, calm and dependable. He loved his family and was loved by so many in return. Although we think his life was cut short, we are so thankful for the years we did get with him. If you were lucky enough to have known Jerry, you can join his friends and family for a celebration of life event Sunday, March 8th at The St Vrain from 3 to 6pm (35 3rd Ave, Longmont, CO 80501). Packers, Rockies and micro-brewery attire encouraged. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to make a donation in Jerry's name to the Longmont Humane Society.

Jerry spread warmth and laughter to everyone, and he will be sorely missed by all that knew him. We love you always.

Kenneth Kealey

Kenneth Kealey, age 82, died Saturday February 28, 2026 at his home.

Ken was born in Oshkosh on February 22, 1944 to the late Paul and Doris Kealey. He was a machinist and worked on the assembly line at Oshkosh Truck for many years. Ken was a life long Packers fan. He enjoyed games and puzzles. Ken very much enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He stayed busy during retirement, selling and making fireworks.

He was preceded in death by a son; Ken Jr. brothers; Mike and Danny, sisters; Carol and Judy.

Ken is survived by his wife; Donna,

sons; Cliff and Marshal Kealey, grandchildren; Austin, Savannah and Chase, brother; Phillip Loomis and sisters; Kathline (Gordy) Sattler and Bonnie (Pete) Mathe. Ken is further survived by nieces, nephews and other friends and family.

A funeral service for Ken will be held on Thursday March 5, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S. Westhaven Dr.). A time for visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home on Thursday.

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Edwin Lee Downing

November 24, 1937 – February 12, 2026



Oshkosh, WI
On February 12, 2026, our beloved father, Edwin Lee Downing, 88, peacefully left this earthly life, surrounded by the family he cherished, and entered the presence of his Lord.

While Oshkosh became the community he faithfully served for many decades, Ed's story began far from Wisconsin — in New Concord, Ohio, and soon after in Kijabe, Kenya.

Born to missionary parents, Herbert and Mildred Downing, Ed spent his formative years at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, where his parents served tireless-

ly. His grandfather had first gone to Africa as a pioneer missionary in 1901, and that legacy of faith, courage, and service shaped him profoundly. Growing up in Africa taught him resilience, hard work, and a deep commitment to serving others — lessons that guided every chapter of his life.

He arrived at Wheaton College in 1956 with less than \$100 in his pocket. By working three campus jobs — including tending boilers on the night shift — he graduated debt-free in 1960 with a science degree and an ROTC commission as a Second Lieutenant. He earned his MD from Jefferson Medical College in 1964, but the true highlight of those years was courting the “cute brunette” he met at an ice-skating party in college — our mom, Lois. They married in 1963 and built a marriage that flourished for 63 years, beginning with a honeymoon blended into

a medical internship in remote East Africa (and a bout of malaria for Lois that gave them an early lesson in resilience!)

Ed served honorably as an Army physician, including deployment to Cu Chi, Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Medical Badge. He even built a chapel for fellow soldiers while stationed there. By God's grace, he returned home safely to his growing family.

After completing his ophthalmology residency in Chicago, Ed opened his practice in Oshkosh in 1971. For decades, patients trusted not only his surgical skill but also his careful listening and well-considered advice. He served as Chief of Surgery and later Chief of Staff at Mercy Medical Center and was honored in 1999 as Wisconsin Physician Citizen of the Year. Yet titles mattered less to him than whether people were helped by his interaction with them.

He led a Bible study for 20 years, served in Rotary for 35 years, and gave generously of his time to the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Even when his practice put heavy demands on his time, he and Lois traveled repeatedly to Kenya, Zaire, Romania, and China to perform eye surgeries and train local physicians — often funding equipment themselves. Service to God and others was a lifelong calling for him.

To us, he was Dad and Papa and Yeye—steady, prayerful, disciplined, and quietly generous. He fixed what was broken, showed up when it mattered, and taught

us by example that faith and hard work belong together. His life was one of purpose, humility, and deep love.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Lois; his daughters Brenda (& Mark) Bosley and Sandy (& Ed) Brunk; grandchildren Bennett (& Rachel) Bosley, Mitch (& Kaitie) Brunk, Stephen Bosley, Grace (& Jordan) Keller, Hailee Brunk; great-grandsons Branson Brunk and Pierson Brunk; siblings Ruth Ann (& Joseph) Miano, Martin (& Norma) Downing; siblings-in-law Kendall Grass and Thelma Downing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Mildred Downing; and his siblings Gayle Grass and Glenn Downing.

Our family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the ShareHaven staff at Evergreen Retirement Community and AseraCare Hospice, for their tireless labor of love in caring for Edwin in his final days with them.

We will celebrate his life on Saturday, May 2, at Resurrection Presbyterian Church in Oshkosh, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse in honor of his lifelong commitment to medical missions.

We are so very proud to be a part of his family. A more complete version of Edwin's obituary is available on the Konrad-Behlman website: www.konrad-behlman.com/obituaries

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Raymond Joseph Furman

Raymond Joseph Furman, age 91, of Oshkosh passed away on Sunday morning, February 22, 2026 at Oakwood Manor in Oshkosh. Raymond was born in Amsterdam, NY on March 14, 1934 the son of the late William and Catherine (Ambrose) Furman. On June 9, 1962 he married Nancy Schlueter in Watertown, WI. Raymond served his Country in the United States Air Force and later worked at Panamerican Airlines as a sales agent.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Nancy Furman of Oshkosh. Two nephews, Bill (Denise) Furman and Michael (Lisa) Furman. Also other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Francis “Frank”.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:30 am at Riverside City Cemetery.

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Richard L. Madsen

Richard "Dick" L. Madsen, age 82 of Oshkosh, passed away on February 23, 2026 at Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee. He was born in Menominee, MI on September 15, 1943 to the late Lawrence and Ann (O'Brien) Madsen. Dick was united in



marriage to Kay Malmstadt on November 24, 1962 and together raised two sons.

Dick dedicated many years to his career as a route delivery driver for Canteen. In his earlier years, he found joy in the camaraderie of golfing and bowling, activities that enriched his community ties. Family camping trips held a special place in his heart, as they fostered cherished memories under the stars. A true lover of the open road, Dick found great joy in mo-

torcycling, owning several Honda Gold Wings throughout his life, which he and Kay used to explore the beauty of the country together. In more recent years, he discovered a passion for woodworking, creating pieces that reflected his creativity and skill.

Richard is survived by his children, Rick (Sherry) Madsen and Scott (Amy) Madsen; grandchildren, Joshua (Bri), Christie (Alex), Kyle, Nicholas, McKenzie (Grant); great-grandchildren, Hannah,

Haleigh, Hayden, Runa and Carter; sister-in-law, Donna Madsen; brother-in-law, Roger Lahay.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Madsen; brother, Thomas Madsen; sister, Judy Lahay.

Per Richard's wishes, no formal services will be held.

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CIRCUIT COURT
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Case No. 2026PR000047**

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(Informal Administration)**

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ESTATE OF
Reuben L. Stache
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informational administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/05/1958 and date of death 11/30/2025, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1325 Rahr Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.
3. All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 19, 2026. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
DANE COUNTY**

**MADISON GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY V. BNL TRUCKING LLC
Case No. 2026SC000613**

Plaintiff(s):
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-VS-

Defendant(s):
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**Runs: February 25, 2026,
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
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Case No. 2026CV000095
Code No. 30301, 30303

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as a Defendant:**

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Within twenty (20) days of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901, and to MENN LAW FIRM, LTD., plaintiffs' 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 provide a proper answer within twenty (20) 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 at Appleton, Wisconsin this 28 day of January, 2026.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Winnebago County, WI
Honorable Bryan D. Keberlein,
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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.

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the above-named plaintiffs, Jay and Kay Page (the Pages), by their attorneys, Menn Law Firm Ltd., and as for a complaint against the defendants, alleges and shows the Court as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

1. The Pages, husband and wife, are adult residents of the State of Wisconsin, residing at W12875 Cork Street Road, Ripon, WI 54971.
2. Scott Soper is an adult resident of the State of Wisconsin, residing at 4515 Sand Pit Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Soper is the trustee of the Scott Soper Revocable Trust.
3. The Scott Soper Revocable Trust (the Trust) is a Wisconsin Revocable Trust. The Trust has been named as a Defendant

because it holds title to Soper's residence at 4515 Sand Pit Road (the Residence).

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Soper because he is a resident of Wisconsin.

5. Winnebago County venue is appropriate because that is where Soper resides.

BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS

6. On May 22, 2023, Soper entered a contract (the Loan Agreement) with the Pages to borrow \$500,000. A true and correct copy of the Loan Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. The Pages sent Soper the entire loan balance shortly thereafter.

8. Under the terms of the Loan Agreement, Soper was obligated to pay back the principal in full by October 1, 2023.

9. Soper has not paid back the principal as required by the Loan Agreement.

10. The Pages financed the loan to Soper by putting \$500,000 on their business' line of credit.

11. The Pages have been paying interest on that credit balance due to Soper's failure to pay back the principal.

12. The Loan Agreement specifies that Soper was obligated to secure the loan by taking out a second mortgage on his Residence.

13. A Letter Report dated December 26, 2025, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, shows that Soper never took out the second mortgage as required by the Loan Agreement.

14. Under the terms of the Loan Agreement, Soper agreed "to pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney fees, whether or not a lawsuit is commenced as part of the collection process."

15. Since taking the loan, Soper has communicated with the Pages via text message on multiple occasions.

16. In one of those text messages, Soper admits that he owes the Pages money and assures them that he will pay them back. A true and accurate copy of that text message is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

COUNT 1: BREACH OF CONTRACT

17. The Pages reallege the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

18. Soper entered a valid and enforceable contract with the Pages to borrow \$500,000.

19. The Pages fulfilled all their obligations under the Loan Agreement.

20. Soper breached the Loan Agreement by not paying back the principal in full by October 1, 2023, and by not taking out a second mortgage on his Residence.

21. As a direct result of Soper's breach, the Pages have sustained damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

COUNT 2: UNJUST ENRICHMENT

22. The Pages reallege the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

23. The Pages loaned Soper \$500,000.

24. The loan benefited Soper.

25. Soper had full knowledge and appreciation of the fact that the Pages were providing him with a \$500,000 loan.

26. It would be inequitable for Soper to accept and retain the benefit of the loan without paying the Pages back for its value in an amount to be determined at trial.

COUNT 3: ACCOUNT STATED

27. The Pages reallege the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

28. Soper signed the Loan Agreement on May 22, 2023.

29. Soper did not object to the Loan Agreement, and, in fact, he sent a text message to the Pages acknowledging the debt and promising to pay it back. (Exhibit C).

30. Soper is indebted to the Pages in an amount to be determined at trial for the account stated he created by failing to object to the Loan Agreement and by affirmatively acknowledging his debt and promising to pay it back.

WHEREFORE, the Pages demand the following relief:

A. A money judgment for the full principal of \$500,000, plus interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

B. An order requiring Soper to take out a second mortgage on his Residence as stated in the Loan Agreement.

C. Any other relief that the Court deems just and equitable.

Dated this 28 day of January, 2026.
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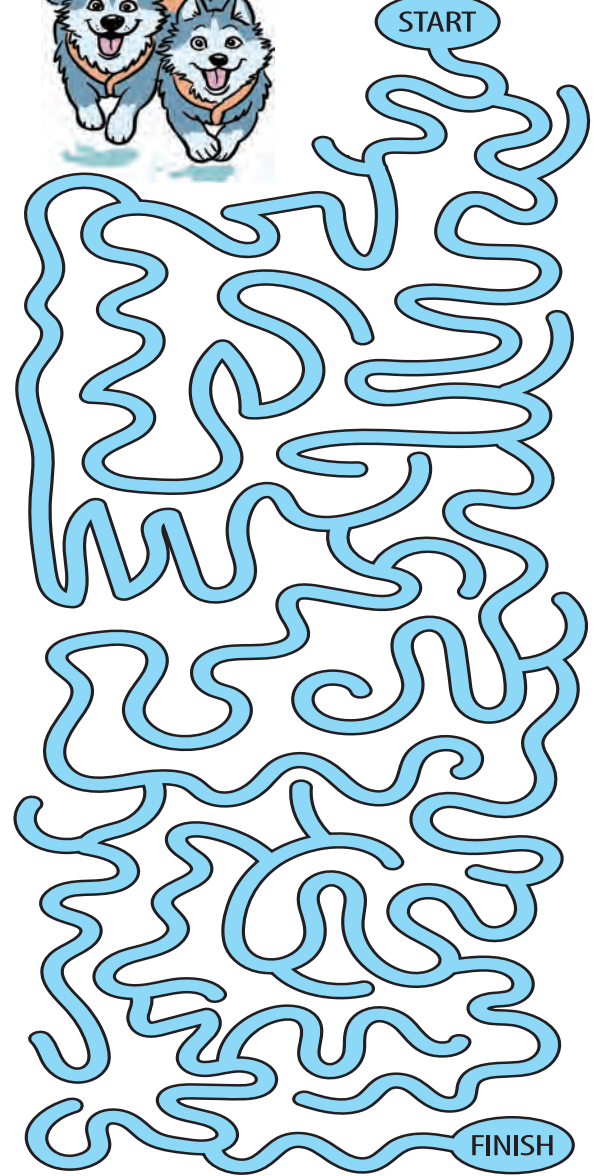
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Libby Riddles

(1956 -)
On March 20, 1985, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the 1,100-mile sled dog race called the Iditarod. She and her dogs mushed for 18 days in -50°F weather!

Libby Riddles won because she kept going in a blizzard while her competitors stopped to wait for the storm to end.

Can you reach the finish line in less than one minute?



Women Breaking Records

Gertrude (Trudy) Ederle

(1905 - 2003)
Trudy loved to swim! Her nickname was "Queen of the Waves."
On August 6, 1926, she became the first woman to swim the English Channel. She swam about 35 miles in 14 hours and 31 minutes. This was two hours faster than the previous record time.



Trudy battled large waves as she swam. Her body was covered in a mix of thick oils to protect her from the cold and from stinging jellyfish.
The English Channel is a body of water. It separates the southern coast of England from the northern coast of France.

Junko Tabei

(1939 - 2016)
On May 16, 1975, Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the peak of Mount Everest. And she didn't stop there!



Junko Tabei went on to become the first woman to climb to the top of the highest peaks on all seven continents. This is called climbing the **Seven Summits**.
Tabei loved being in the outdoors. It made her sad to see the trash left behind by people who climbed Mt. Everest. She organized groups of people to clean up the trash and pack it off the mountain.
An asteroid was named after her. It is called **6897 Tabei**.
And a range of mountains on Pluto were named after her. Circle every other letter to discover its name.

A T C A L B V E J I W
M P O G N L T H E C S
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Bobbi Gibb

(1942 -)
In February 1966, Bobbi Gibb was 23 years old. She wanted to run in a famous marathon, but the race leaders said only men could run. They thought women could not finish the race.



Bobbi did not give up. She wore a hooded sweatshirt and her brother's shorts so no one would notice that she was a woman. She ran the whole race and finished in 3 hours, 21 minutes, and 40 seconds. Bobbi ran faster than many of the men. She showed that women can run marathons, too!

Use the secret code to discover the name of this famous race Bobbi completed.

▲ = A	◆ = M	■ = R
▼ = B	▲ = N	◀ = S
◀ = H	▲ = O	■ = T

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Extra! Extra!

Women in the News

Find five women mentioned in the newspaper. What are their names? Why are they in the newspaper? Write a sentence about each woman.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Kathrine Switzer

(1947 -)
Kathrine Switzer registered for the Boston Marathon one year after Bobbi Gibb's historic run. She entered under the name K.V. Switzer, making her the first woman to officially enter the race.

Some race officials made rules to not allow women to run with men in the marathon. It took several years for these rules to change so that women could also run in the Boston Marathon officially. Do the math to see what year those rules finally changed so women could enter the race.

11 - 10 = 6 + 3 = 14 - 7 = 8 - 6 =

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 20.

Double Double Word Search

- BLIZZARD
- CLIMB
- COLD
- FASTER
- MARATHONS
- MILES
- PEAK
- QUEEN
- RACE
- RAN
- SEVEN
- SWAM
- TOP
- WAVES
- WOMAN

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

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

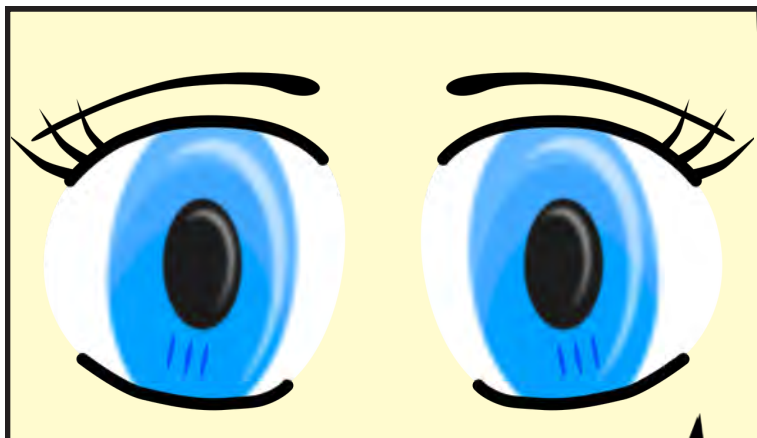
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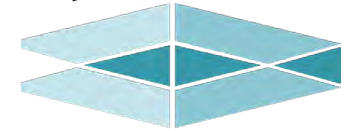
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