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Council opts to delay Flock camera vote

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A vote has been delayed to renew a contract for Flock cameras across Oshkosh after a group of citizens spoke out against the company and the perceived surveillance state that accompanies the system.

The Oshkosh Common Council voted to delay the vote until the next meeting on April 21. Since that is after the election council members Jacob Floam and DJ Nichols will not be participating in that discussion and Jacob Amos will only be involved if he won his election bid on Tuesday.

The city has 26 Flock cameras in the city

that were first installed in 2023 with state aid funds from Gov. Tony Evers. The first 20 cameras were installed in 2023 and six were installed over the last three years.

Flock leases these cameras to law enforcement agencies all over the country. The cameras are known as ALPRs or automatic license plate readers and the company boasts of having over 12,000 customers nationwide.

Concerned citizens packed the meeting room on the fourth floor of city hall for the March 31 meeting. Comments from citizens stated the system doesn't prevent crime, it creates a surveillance state, and

that Flock is a private company more interested in selling their product and making money than the safety of Oshkosh residents.

Citizens also pointed out the data is accessible by over 200 other police and sheriff departments in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. Many citizens noted they have faith in the Oshkosh Police Department and its officers but they do not have that same trust in these other agencies with access.

The Flock system is not meant to be

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Changing seasons

The Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market featured an Easter Market and Spring Bazaar on Saturday at Oshkosh Arena. The indoor season is wrapping up with one more event scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 18 at Oshkosh Arena featuring the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) art show. The Downtown Farmers Market will start May 30.

City moving forward with Oshkosh Media closure

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city is moving forward with shutting down portions of Oshkosh Media in the coming weeks.

Oshkosh Media producers were told last month that the cable channels Life TV and Gov TV would be shutting down along with the low-power FM radio station 101.9 on May 15. This announcement was made by recently hired communications and engagement manager Drew Bailey at a Friends of Oshkosh Community Media meeting and in an email to Oshkosh me-

dia producers.

This decision sparked backlash immediately with producers, viewers and community members with an interest in keeping the channels operational.

The city immediately had to backtrack the messaging behind the message with City Manager Rebecca Grill explaining staff did not meet her expectations when attending the Friends of the Oshkosh Community Media meeting.

Bailey then had apologized for his actions. The city then began walking back the changes stating that Gov TV will con-

tinue to operate. At the March 10 meeting Oshkosh Common Council members questioned the timeline and giving producers just two months to figure out the closure, but none of the council members directed staff to halt the closure.

Bailey explained in a workshop with the Oshkosh Common Council last week that the city is exploring moving the radio operations to the Oshkosh Public Library. Library director Darryl Eschete has a background in radio broadcast and said there is office space on the third floor of the library that would work well for radio.

Eschete explained that due to the fiber optic infrastructure in the city, if the library houses the radio station there would be no need to move the radio antenna at City Hall.

This has not been finalized and Bailey stated multiple times there is no guarantee 101.9 operations will move to the library but it is a possibility.

The reason behind the decision came as the city is looking to eliminate third-party vendors and move communications un-

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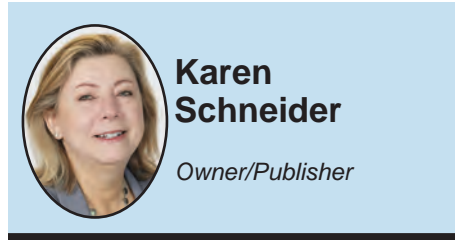
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Ruby's Pantry at St. John's Lutheran closes

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh area residents relying on Ruby's Pantry to stretch their food dollars will need to find a new resource.

Ruby's Pantry, a faith-based nonprofit that ran 80-plus pop-up food distribution sites including one hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road, announced April 1 it was closing. St. John's hosted its food pantry the third Saturday morning each month.

"It's a tremendous loss and will have a big impact," said Alice Himmler, program coordinator for Ruby's Pantry at St. John's. "Ruby's Pantry is for people who fall through the cracks. It's for those who might not qualify for other food programs, but they still need that extra help."

In making its announcement, Ruby's Pantry said it "recognized that this is difficult news to receive" and that they didn't make the decision lightly. An estimated 300,000 families annually were served by Ruby's Pantry at its locations through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota.

At the Ruby's Pantry sites, people paid \$25 and received more than \$100 worth of food, including protein, fresh produce, canned and frozen produce and a lot of miscellaneous groceries. The pantry was open

to everyone, and Himmler said no names or information about incomes are taken.

St. John's hosted Ruby's Pantry for more than five years, Himmler said. For the first three years, the church averaged more than 360 "shares" (or visitors) each month and 200-plus shares the past two years.

"We had new people coming every month," she said. "Some people get so much food for their freezer one month that they only come every other month."

Ruby's Pantry connected with food manufacturers to find out if they had any surplus items or items near their best by date to see if they would donate them. The food was then taken to one of three warehouses, including one in Waupaca. From there, the different pantry sites would contact the Ruby's Pantry sites with how many food shares it expected to need that month. The food would then be delivered to the pantry site where volunteers would sort it.

"We had more than 50-plus volunteers — and 80% of them were not from our church — who would gather on the third Saturday of every month. They would come together and divide up the food into the different shares and then hand it out," Himmler said. "We created a community of volunteers that now will be gone. That's

another loss."

When handing out the food, Himmler said volunteers formed connections with some recipients. "We were able to do some ministry. It was a shock Ruby's has closed," she said.

Date changed for panel discussion

The date has changed for an upcoming program that is part of UW-Oshkosh's celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

The panel about the U.S. Army, Russia and Schools circa 1776 will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 29 in the Reeve Theater. Panelists include Jon Doiron, Michael Jansinski and Kyle Steele.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

April 9, 1935

State Files Petition Against City Regarding Waste: A petition was filed in Madison to restrain the City of Oshkosh from dumping untreated waste into Lake Winnebago and the Fox River. The petition calls for a waste treatment plant to be constructed to address the concern over public health. The city obtains its water from Lake Winnebago. More than 5 tons of sewage, in addition to industrial waste, goes into the lake and river through 72 outlets, each 24 hours, creating hazardous conditions to public health and safety. The city's water intake is 1,500 feet from one outlet and 2,900 from another. Wind and wave action causes the pollution load of raw sewage to reach the water works intake and affects the efficiency of the water purification plant. The emptying of untreated waste into the river and lake also impairs bathing and fishing facilities.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern
April 9, 1935

Correction

March 25, page 3: In "Health officials seek to counter falling vaccination rates," the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides free vaccines for eligible children age 18 and under who are uninsured, underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines) or American Indian/Alaska Native while the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program provides free vaccines only to adults who are uninsured.

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Orthopedic, sports medicine clinic set to open in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

The new Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS) clinic in the Town of Algoma is set to open Monday.

The new 28,000-square-foot facility at 200 S. Oakwood Road will open for appointments and walk-ins. Construction on the facility started in June.

OSMS offers a comprehensive range of services that will all be available at this location, including orthopedic consultations, sports medicine evaluations, rheumatology care, pain management care and a walk-in injury clinic.

By offering walk-in and specialty services in one location, OSMS officials said it will make it easier for patients to receive timely care for urgent orthopedic needs such as fractures, sprains, cuts, sports injuries and work-related injuries helping patients avoid emergency room costs.

The OSMS Oshkosh clinic features 20 patient exam rooms, the latest X-ray and

MRI technology, an on-site lab, along with infusion suites for treating rheumatic disease and other conditions. The facility is staffed and equipped to handle procedures like carpal tunnel release that can be performed under local anesthesia and will offer occupational and physical therapy.

OSMS has served Oshkosh patients since 2021 through its satellite location inside Ascension Northeast Wisconsin Mercy Hospital.

“This new clinic allows us to expand how we care for patients, offering more tailored treatment plans and the time to work closely with each individual so they can return to the activities they enjoy,” said Dr. Bryan Royce, orthopedic surgeon and physician owner at OSMS. “Establishing a dedicated location in Oshkosh helps bring those services closer to home, making it easier for patients to get the care they need when they need it.”

To learn more about the services OSMS offers, visit osmsgb.com.



Submitted photo

Construction on the new Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists clinic at 200 S. Oakwood Road started last year. The facility is set to open Monday.

Oshkosh photographer shares experiences from across state

Oshkosh Herald

From towering scrap-metal sculptures to quiet roadside shrines tucked into Wisconsin’s countryside, the state is filled with remarkable places waiting to be discovered.

Wisconsin author and photographer Michael J. Cooney will appear from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18 at Caramel Crisp Bookstore in downtown Oshkosh to share stories and photographs from two of his books that celebrate these unique

destinations.

The featured titles “Wisconsin Man Art: Big, Bold, Visionary Art Environments” and “Exploring with a Pilgrim’s Heart: Wisconsin Shrines, Chapels and Grottos” invite readers to explore the creativity, craftsmanship and spiritual traditions found across the state.

“Wisconsin Man Art” highlights visionary environments created by self-taught artists who transformed scrap metal, stone, concrete and salvaged mate-

rials into extraordinary large-scale sculptures and installations. These bold and imaginative works have become some of Wisconsin’s most intriguing roadside landmarks.

In “Exploring with a Pilgrim’s Heart,” Cooney turns his lens toward sacred spaces — shrines, chapels, grottos and devotional landscapes built by communities of faith. Through photography and storytelling, the book reveals the quiet beauty and historical significance of these

places of reflection scattered throughout Wisconsin.

Both books serve as ideal guides for day trips, helping readers discover distinctive sites and the remarkable individuals who created them.

Signed copies of both books will be available at the event.

The event is free and open to the public.

Cooney is a photo contributor to the Oshkosh Herald.



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Council votes for suspension not revocation for license

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh recently failed to revoke a liquor license from an Oshkosh bar after a three-hour public hearing.

Instead of taking away the liquor license for A Crossroads Chance, located at 800 Oregon Ave., the Oshkosh Common Council voted to suspend the license for 60 days. Cody Hughes has owned and operated the bar since it opened in 2021.

The city, represented by attorney Nick Cerwin, brought several witnesses including a former employee of the bar, and city, county and state officials to back up the claims that A Crossroads Chance violated state law on seven counts. The counts were written into a summons and complaint written by Oshkosh Police Department detective Mike Hotter.

The counts included allegations that the bar did not have a liquor license agent since August 2025, failure to maintain the kitchen in compliance with fire code, not buying alcohol from permitted wholesalers and refilling intoxicating liquor bottles.

Hughes stated he was going to be bringing in a new agent for the license, his mother, to manage all aspects of the bar. Hughes said his mother has years of experience managing bars and will hold him accountable.

Hughes' main argument throughout the hearing was that he was looking to remedy the situation. He said he understood things were done wrong but that he intended to make it right and said he was working on each violation.

Special agent Travis Borkenhagen with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Division of Alcoholic Beverages testified that it is always illegal to refill bottles. He said that the establishment had been refilling bottles or filling bottles with prepared mixed drinks.

Hughes confirmed that his establishment has the popular cocktail apple pie in those bottles. He alleged that several other establishments in Oshkosh follow a similar practice.

Borkenhagen testified that liquor bottles have distinct markers on the bottle to track where it came from. During an inspection on Feb. 26, Borkenhagen confiscated 84 bottles and stated at least a dozen bottles contents did not match the markers on the bottle.

"It is never legal to refill an empty intoxicating liquor bottle," Borkenhagen stated.

Council member Karl Buelow noted this point later in the hearing, stating that one of the first things you learn when getting a bartender's license is that you cannot under any circumstance refill bottles behind the bar.



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Attorney Nick Cerwin for the city of Oshkosh asks Winnebago County Health Inspector Jennifer Bonzelet about the inspection she did at A Crossroads Chance earlier this year.

A Crossroads Chance will not have a liquor license for the next several weeks as the establishment's license has been suspended by the common council for 60 days.

Establishments are supposed to deface the bottle in some way so that it cannot be re-used

During the hearing, Borkenhagen admitted he had not gone through all the bottles as his investigation was ongoing. Other testimony came from assistant city clerk Cheryl Poinke, Winnebago County health inspector Jennifer Bonzelet and Oshkosh Fire Department Fire Marshall Jack Clark.

Bonzelet reported seeing oil in the two fryers in the kitchen even though the establishment was not authorized to cook or serve food. She added that she did not see anyone eating food and did not look in the freezer to see if there was food that could be cooked.

Hughes stated he was not cooking any food after his kitchen hood failed inspection in 2024.

Council member Jacob Amos said he believed Hughes was taking the necessary steps to remedy the violations and thought a suspension was better suited than taking away the license.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer disagreed with suspension over revocation, stating it's a



privilege to have one of these licenses – not a right. He was the vote against the suspension believing revocation was the right decision.

"When we issue a liquor license we have to trust that a licensee is going to operate in a responsible manner to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of those who patronize the establishment," he said.

"That's a job of us to make sure that when we say yes that we're giving you the privilege of having a license, not a right. It's a privilege that we trust that that operator is going to have a safe environment for people to visit," he continued. "I believe that this licensee has made multiple

decisions to put the health, welfare and safety of not only his workers, but his patrons in jeopardy."

The liquor license for A Crossroads Chance is suspended for 60 days effective March 31. At that point the city would be able to file similar allegations and the council could have another public hearing on possible revocation.

Hughes has already submitted paperwork for renewal of his license that would be valid, if approved, from July to June 2027.

That renewal, along with renewals for the 132 quota licenses, will be in front of council for approval this summer.

County website compliant with new ADA rules

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's website is compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ahead of a national deadline for municipalities with more than 50,000 residents.

The county budgeted for a new website vendor that not only ensured the site was ADA compliant but also had greater functionality as part of its 2025 budget, said Jennifer Ruetten, director of information technology with Winnebago County.

As part of ADA functionality, Ruetten said everything on the screen is readable by the screen reader, photos have an alt-tag so it can be read by a screen reader, contrast color is easily readable and text size and font size can be adjusted to make it more readable.

"We scan our pages every week to make sure they are compliant since our content always changes," she said. "We're not a place that sets the content and then forgets it."

In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice updated Title II of the ADA that makes digital accessibility a specific legal requirement for municipalities of more than 50,000 by April 24, 2026. Smaller governments have until April 26, 2027, to meet the ADA requirement.

Under the ADA, governments must ensure people with disabilities have equal access to programs and services and many services are delivered via websites.

"This was something we knew was coming so we had time to plan ahead and get it done," Ruetten said. "I get calls every day from providers asking if we need help, but

we were prepared and got it done."

Ruetten said county employees who work with the website, such as adding new or updating content, received a lot of training and education about why they need to do some things such as adding alt tags to photos that explain what is in the image.

"We have to do some reminders about the training and what to do because some people may only update the site once every few months," she said.

Besides the ADA changes, the website updates include being able to pay bills or apply for jobs online.

The City of Oshkosh — the county's only other municipality with a population

of more than 50,000 — is also working to have its website be in compliance with the ADA rules, said Tony Neumann, manager of information technology division for the City of Oshkosh.

"We scan the web sites weekly to see if any new issues arise and resolve as necessary," he said. "Additionally, we are reviewing all linked pdf materials to determine if we want to keep, delete or archive those materials. Many of the items are being converted into HTML pages to make more easily compliant."

The county's other, smaller municipalities have another year to make their websites compliant under the 2024 DOJ guidelines.

Butte des Morts boat landing closing July 5

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Lake Butte des Morts boat landing will close July 5 for the remaining boating season as part of a \$2.1 million construction project.

The boat landing at 5316 Leonard Point Road in Omro will reopen in 2027.

The construction project will bring a new look to the boat landing, including replacing the two ramps, doubling the parking lot to 68 spaces, adding a new bathroom shelter with running water, dredging the bay to make the water deeper and adding more lighting and security cameras.

"There's never a good time to close a boat landing, but according to Department of Natural Resources rules, we can't

get into the water to work until June 15 because of fish spawning so we decided to wait until after the popular July 4th holiday to close it," said Adam Breest, Winnebago County Director of Parks and Expo. "It's a project that takes three to four months to complete so we can't start it in the fall and have it done before winter."

He said the county may still need to plant grass at the landing next spring because of the timeline.

The Department of Natural Resources provided a \$964,000 grant for the project with the remaining funds coming from the 2026 county budget.

Breest said the county is beginning to spread the word now, including on social media, about the upcoming closure to help inform boaters about the change.

WisDOT launches lift bridge information resources

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has developed several new resources to help travelers — by road or water — better understand any travel limitations during routine maintenance and inspections on the state's 12 lift bridges.

Motorists and mariners are encouraged to review:

- Weekly updates with state lift bridge maintenance locations at projects.511wi.gov/maintain-ne/schedule/

- A new webpage explaining state lift bridge operations, with an option to sign up for alerts at wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrces/strct/lift-bridges.aspx

- A companion webpage that provides broader information on bridge inspections at wisconsin.gov/Pages/safety/safety-eng/brdg.aspx

Four of the state's lift bridges are in Oshkosh: Congress Avenue, Wisconsin Street, Jackson Street and Main Street. Navigation season on area waterways is expected to start April 20.

"By providing detailed information about our lift bridges and maintenance schedules in one convenient location, we help both motorists and mariners plan their trips and better understand the critical work needed to keep these vital structures operating reliably for decades to come," said Jason Lahm, WisDOT Bureau of Structures supervisor.

During routine maintenance operations, WisDOT said motorists should expect either full-bridge or single-lane closures. Additionally, larger maritime traffic should plan accordingly for bridges to be impacted, and passage may take longer during maintenance and inspection periods.



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Grant supports Northeast Wisconsin Rainbow Collective

By Dave Gill
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Northeast Wisconsin Rainbow Collective in Oshkosh has received a \$2,000 grant from The Canary Fund of Green Bay.

Eliza Farrow, the executive director of the Rainbow Collective, accepted the award last week along with board member Carol Joubert and the nonprofit organization's secretary Lariisa Stewart.

"Recently we were awarded a \$2,000 grant from The Canary Fund to support our growth in the next year," Farrow said. "We are very humbled we were chosen by The Canary Fund panel for this grant."

Farrow continued, "It's really going to help us move to a more sustainable programming for our organization because, prior to this, our board members were providing all of the funds and items either through in-kind donations or out of their own pockets."

According to Farrow, the NEW Rainbow Collective is a recently established grassroots nonprofit working to create safe, inclusive and affirming spaces for LGBTQ+ people across Northeast Wisconsin.

"We have been hosting community-building activities, events and partnerships with local organizations to support connection and belonging since June of



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The NEW Rainbow Collective's Lariisa Stewart, Eliza Farrow and Carol Joubert, and The Canary Funds founder and president Peter Angiello.

2025," Farrow said.

Those events include Queer Crafternoon, Slay & Soothe (a queer self-care night), and an LGBTQ+ Youth Group that provides a space for origami, making giant paper airplanes and exploring queer artists.

The NEW Rainbow Collective's social media presence currently can be found on Facebook and Instagram. Farrow said a web presence is in the works.

The organization is located at the First Congregational Church at 137 Algoma Boulevard. Its open hours each month are

from 5 to 8 p.m. the second and last Thursdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. the second and last Sundays.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Rainbow Collective can visit its GoFundMe page at <https://bit.ly/NEWRCDonate> (case sensitive).

The Canary Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, recently awarded \$20,000 to 14 Northeast Wisconsin initiatives spearheaded by individuals working to address unmet needs in their communities.

"At The Canary Fund, we recognize activists, visionaries, and changemakers throughout 12 counties with grants that range between \$1,500 and \$5,000," Julie Long, co-chair of the nonprofit organization's grants and outreach committee, said in a press release. "These seed grants can help take early-stage projects to the next level. Grants also provide acknowledgment and validation that their activities are important and valued in our communities."

The Canary Fund has distributed more than \$200,000 to more than 100 individuals and organizations since its founding in 2019 to honor the life and lifelong generosity of entrepreneur and community activist Jim Rivett of Green Bay, who passed away in 2018, said Rivett's husband and founder/president of The Canary Fund, Pete Angiello.

Oshkosh-based plane kit manufacturer forced to close doors

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Sonex LLC, a plane kit manufacturer headquartered at Wittman Regional Airport, has closed.

Owner Mark Schaible announced the

immediate closure of the business in an emotional YouTube message published on March 27.

"This decision is necessitated by a severe drop-off in sales and our bank's unwillingness to carry-forward our debts

given some unprofitable years," Schaible said. "We've had to make this decision very suddenly as a perfect storm of bank pressure, lack of sales, increasing costs, competition from our own aircraft in the used market and cashflow realities are not allowing us to continue our work."



Schaible

Founded in 1998 by John Monnett, Sonex made metal low-wing aircraft that aviation enthusiasts could put together at home.

Schaible joined Sonex in 2003 and became its owner in 2022. In the announcement, he said Sonex would file for bankruptcy and that he and his wife would also be filing for personal bank-

ruptcy.

"Please know that we have fought tooth-and-nail to make Sonex successful," Schaible said in the video.

He also apologized to the company's vendors, customers and employees for the closure. Schaible and Monnett are interested in finding someone willing to support the Sonex fleet in some capacity, including the completion of the work required to ship the Sonex High-wing kits.

"We are speaking with key vendors and other contacts about how that can possibly work, but again, it will take someone other than John or myself to make it happen," Schaible said.

Businesses interested in supporting the Sonex fleet in any capacity can reach out to Schaible at info@sonexaircraft.com.

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Mercury vapors found in gym floor at Oshkosh North

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh high school gym floor is emitting mercury vapors and action is being taken before the levels become dangerous.

The Oshkosh North Fieldhouse officially closed after the school day commenced on March 20. Work to begin removing the wood floor started on March 30.

The Oshkosh Area School District initially planned for it to cost \$1.7 million, but the bid cost is around \$900,000.

The levels of mercury vapor remained at a safe level while students were using the facility, according to district director of facilities and project manager James Fochs. He reported to the Board of Education last November that the floor inside the Oshkosh North Fieldhouse had reached the end of its life.

Fochs stated there is a poured in place urethane underneath the wooden gym floor. In a cost-saving effort, the floor was not removed before the current gym floor was installed.

“At some point when they did build

that wood floor, they opted to save money at that time and they decided to encapsulate that floor and bury it,” Fochs explained.

This urethane floor is degrading and when that occurs mercury vapor is released, which can be harmful. Fochs stated this is not an uncommon occurrence when dealing with urethane floors.



Fochs

“We really need to choose a path that OASD wants to follow,” Fochs said.

In his report to the board, Fochs outlined tests were conducted in January 2025. The air monitoring for mercury vapor tests was done by Environmental Management Consulting Inc.

The company’s report found that all monitoring locations through the fieldhouse and immediate surrounding areas “demonstrated mercury vapor concentrations far below” the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and National Institute for Occupational Safe-

ty and Health (NIOSH) limits and recommended levels of mercury vapor.

Fochs told the board the levels are not harmful at this time. He has taken multiple air sample readings of the area.

“We are within the permissible exposure limit of that particular gas,” Fochs reported. “So, no students, no staff are at this point in danger of any harmful gases or a difficult working environment.”

The board decided to move forward with removing the floor over the summer. Fochs presented a second option which would have had the district monitor the situation and take action when the mercury vapor concentrations reached dangerous levels.

Fochs explained that the urethane floor would need to go through an off-gassing process. Because the mercury has absorbed into the concrete, once the wooden gym floor is removed the space would possibly need months for all the mercury to naturally dissolve.

That off-gassing process is expected

to take between six and seven weeks. Katie Nieman, OASD communications director, said the plan is for students to be back in the gym for the first week in September.

Since the fieldhouse is closed until next school year there will be changes for physical education classes.

Nieman explained physical education classes will use the swimming pools and outdoor facilities until the school year ends. In case of bad weather, the district will find “alternative solution to ensure students meet the standards of their courses.”

The entire Oshkosh North High School campus will be closed this summer to prepare for the construction of the school’s auditorium. Therefore, the campus will be closed for summer school and all high school summer courses will be held at Oshkosh West High School. The district is planning to have a shuttle bus for students to go from North to West.

Police worked with Marshals in three arrests

The Oshkosh Police Department recently worked with the U.S. Marshals Office’s Eastern Wisconsin Violent Offender Task Force to arrest three people linked to a felony weapons incident.

OPD reported they were made aware of two individuals that did not live in Oshkosh but were staying in the city for a few nights. The third person that was arrested is an Oshkosh resident. Another state agency tipped OPD off that these people

were involved in a firearms incident.

Officers used surveillance capabilities including Flock cameras to track the suspects to Walmart in Oshkosh. The suspects exited Walmart and were arrested by undercover and uniformed officers before getting back into a vehicle in the parking lot.

Three people were arrested and booked into the Winnebago County Jail without incident. The incident remains under investigation.

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WPS files rate request seeking future utility bill increase

Oshkosh Herald

Utility rates could soon be on the rise as Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) last week filed a rate request with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

According to a press release from WPS, the typical residential electric bill is projected to increase by about \$11 per month in 2027 and about \$5 per month in 2028.

WPS residential natural gas customers would see an about \$7 increase in their monthly bills in 2027, with no base rate increase anticipated in 2028 as part of the filed plan.

Even with these changes, WPS said typical customer bills remain below the nation-

al average and in line with other Wisconsin and Midwest utilities.

WPS said its request includes more than \$132 million in savings from federal tax credits and profit sharing with customers. The WPS plan continues what the company said are significant investments in Wisconsin's energy grid to provide customers safe and reliable energy.

WPS said it is taking steps to keep bills low while also preparing for the demands of today and tomorrow. The company said it is prioritizing efficiency in everything it does and will continue to provide customer assistance programs for those in need.

Customers who need help managing

their energy bills are encouraged to contact WPS. The company offers budget billing for predictable monthly payments and energy assistance programs that help low-income households manage costs.

The filing is the first step in a monthslong process that includes public filings, customer group and expert regulatory staff review, and public hearings.

All documents and filings that are part of this rate review are available at psc.wi.gov, search for docket number 6690-UR-129.

Additionally, We Energies filed a rate re-

quest with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin seeking a 4.7 percent increase in 2027 and a 4.5 percent increase in 2028.

According to a press release, an average residential electric bill is projected to increase about \$13 per month in 2027 and \$8 to \$9 per month in 2028. We Energies residential natural gas customers would see a \$1 to \$8 increase in their monthly bills in 2027 as part of the filed plan.

The PSCW is expected to make a final decision later this year. New rates are expected to take effect in January 2027.

Donation supports youth programs at EAA

Oshkosh Herald

The Generac Foundation has awarded a \$9,400 grant to the EAA Aviation Foundation to directly enhance youth STEM programming at the EAA Youth Education Center.

Each year, more than 1,000 young people participate in onsite EAA educational programs and outreach events.

"This support from the Generac Foundation will have a tremendous impact on our ability to provide highquality, aviationbased STEM education to students across the region," said Alyssa Clancy, EAA Youth Education Center Manager. "This investment from Generac helps us expand our capacity and strengthen the learning experiences that inspire curiosity, confidence and future STEM pathways."

The Generac Foundation's grant will fund the procurement of critical equipment and workspace enhancements, including a Sphero Indi Class Pack to intro-

duce early elementary students to coding, problem-solving, and basic airport operations through interactive play; Pitsco Wing Testers to provide hands-on learning in aerodynamics, engineering design, and the physics of flights; a Sphero Bolt Power Pack to expand a high-demand robotics program and extend outreach into schools, libraries; and youth-serving organizations and adjustable-height workbench tables to increase the collaborative lab space for engineering and robotics challenges.

Collectively, these additions will allow the EAA to serve more students, increase programming capacity, and introduce a broader and more diverse audience to STEM and aviation concepts. By strengthening learning experiences, the programs are expected to boost engagement and proficiency in STEM subjects, deepen understanding of aerodynamics and engineering, and expand students' exposure to potential careers in STEM.

Library programs focus on playing games

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Public Library is the place to play this April.

The library is hosting a slate of game-centered programs for all ages, welcoming casual players and serious competitors alike.

Chess players of all skill levels are invited to drop in for Chess Club, held weekly throughout the month on from 5 to 7 p.m. April 9, 16, 23 and 30. Games are casual, social and open to all ages.

Library plans Earth Week program for kids, families

Oshkosh Herald

Kids and their families are invited to attend a free Earth Week program of hands-on activities sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society as well as the Oshkosh Public Library.

This year's theme is "Into the Woods with Chemistry."

The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18. The program will take place in the lower level of the Oshkosh Public

Teens and adults looking for collaborative storytelling can try tabletop roleplaying games from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The month wraps up with a Scrabble Tournament for teens and adults beginning at 2:45 p.m. April 25, offering a chance to test vocabulary skills and compete with fellow word enthusiasts.

Programs are always welcoming and accessible, whether participants are longtime gamers or just curious to try something new.

Library.

Drop in at any time during the session. Free print copies of a special Earth Day edition of "Celebrating Chemistry" will be available.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) is a community-based program of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

CCEW occurs annually during Earth Week and is administered by the ACS Office of Science Outreach.

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Flock cameras

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used to track people but it could easily be used to track where a person goes to work, buys groceries, where they worship and any where they go in their personal vehicle.

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith said these departments have access because of the drug trafficking corridors. He said these agencies could be able to help Oshkosh investigations in the future.

OPD has launched a Flock Transparency Portal website, transparency.flocksafety.com/oshkosh-wi-pd, where citizens can see how the system is used.

The site explains, and Smith confirmed last week, that OPD does not share information with federal agencies including immigration enforcement.

The Flock contract was renewed following approval by the common council last year for \$81,750. The new contract is a two-year agreement that will cost taxpayers \$163,500.

The 2025 renewal led to the additional six cameras. The cameras are primarily located at major intersections and on the city's bridges.

Smith called the Flock camera system an additional tool for the department and that only supervisors and detectives can access it.

He had several examples of the Flock system helping police officers solve crimes, locate criminals and even avoid silver alerts.

These crimes include a hit and run that involved a serious injury to an Oshkosh woman, and a man arrested after he allegedly fired a gun into a vehicle. Smith explained that the system was also used to

locate Mark Radley, who was convicted of a fatal hit and run crash.

Citizens also noted two cases the Herald has looked at involving police officers in Wisconsin that have been criminally charged for misusing the Flock system. A former Milwaukee police and a Menasha police officer are both facing criminal charges for using the system to search license plates of former romantic partners.

In the Milwaukee County case the victim used the website havebeenflocked.com to check if they had been searched and that data led to criminal charges being filed.

Smith said the department relies on the monthly audits from Flock to see if the department's policy has been violated by officers.

However, the Milwaukee case could show that in a large system what officers are doing could still stay hidden because that was seemingly not caught by the Flock audit.

OPD created Policy 204 regarding AL-PRs in 2023. The policy states that OPD should only use the Flock system for officials an legitimate department business. Policy 204 lists prohibited uses of the AL-PRs that include invading privacy, harassment or intimidation, personal use and infringing on first amendment rights.

Smith stated if an OPD officer was violating the policy he would move to have that officer terminated and, if applicable, would file criminal charges against the officer.

After about an hour of public comment, the council members had their opportunity to ask questions. Council asked questions regarding ownership of the images captured by the Flock cameras, as well as the use of that data. Two representatives from Flock sales and public relations attended the meeting to provide further information.

Bailey presented four options for producers moving forward. Option 1 is a strategic partner model, which would move Life TV to another organization.

Option 2 is a digital first model which was first proposed by Bailey in his initial proposal in March. This would require producers to move to YouTube or another platform to put their content directly online. Option 3 is a combination of options 1 and 2 that would require an organizational partner and encourage producers to publish content on an online platform.

Lastly, option 4 is a city-supported model and would allow producers to continue to use the Oshkosh Media space, but city staff would no longer help produce the content.

The city is open to providing or donating the equipment in the Oshkosh Media studios to another studio or partner.

Bailey said the city is still evaluating options and if there are any community partners to help the transition after May 15.



Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith with two associates from Flock, a private company that installs license plate reader cameras in areas to promote safety, at last week's council meeting.

The company states their cameras are only used for reading license plates and deny that the cameras have facial recognition components.

There have also been concerns about constitutional violations specifically regarding the fourth amendment and illegal search and seizures. Although there have been legal cases decided in favor of Flock there are still legal questions regarding unlawful searches with the company and police collecting data on every vehicle, whether involved in a crime or not to be kept in a national database.

According to NPR, since the beginning

of 2025, at least 25 municipalities have canceled their agreements or deactivated the Flock cameras in their area.

Along with the website havebeenflocked.com, there is additional resources on where these cameras are throughout the nation at deflock.org.

"We are seeing a lot more momentum," said Will Freeman, a Colorado-based activist who opposes the cameras and runs the DeFlock website, which through crowdsourcing has mapped the locations of more than 83,000 license plate readers across the country. "I expect there to be more cities dropping Flock."

Oshkosh Media

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der the city managers office. Oshkosh Media employees are now working more on communications including social media management. The department was spending a total of 45 work hours every week supporting Gov TV, Life TV and 101.9 programming.

Bailey had numbers from streaming services but could not provide data regarding how many viewers the programming got from cable television.

Over the last six months Gov TV has had 5,895 views and Life TV had 742 total views. Almost 90% of that came from the web, likely YouTube, and 10% from Roku devices.

A Pew Research study does show that the percentage of households that had cable in late 2025 was 36% and in early 2026 that number has dropped to 30%.

Women's Fund organizing pajama day

Oshkosh Herald

The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is organizing a PJ powerdown.

The group invites those interested to join the movement to take a break from screens.

On April 16, the Women's Fund said to show support by wearing pajamas to school, work, the grocery store or anywhere else that day.

The event is part of the group's Smart Social Project to encourage healthy screen habits and building community.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday, April 8

Oshkosh Area Employment Fair, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, April 9

Learning in Retirement: Rails to Trails in Wisconsin, 10 a.m., Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N. Westfield St.

UW-Madison Astronomer Dr. James Lattis Presentation, 6 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Wisconsin's Wildflowers presented by Oshkosh Garden Club and Rob Zimmer, 6:30 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. Ninth Ave.

The Prince of Egypt presented by Valley Christian High School, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, April 10

Oshkosh Bowl For Kids' Sake, 5 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

The Prince of Egypt presented by Valley Christian High School, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

ACW Wisconsin, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

Saturday, April 11

EAA Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally, 7:30 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport - Terminal Building, 525 W. 20th Ave.

Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn

The Prince of Egypt presented by Valley Christian High School, 1 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Downtown Oshkosh Craft Beer Walk, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Wine Feast, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center

The Emperor's New Groove, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Power Play Trio, 7 p.m., The Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive

Sunday, April 12

Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn

Thursday, April 16

EAA Speaker Series: The B-1 Program, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, April 17

Valley Academy for the Arts presents "excerpts from Sleeping Beauty," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Bare Bones Comedy Night featuring Dean Berg, Zach Peterson and David Vox Mullen, 7:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

Saturday, April 18

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 6 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Farmers Market featuring Wisconsin Regional Art Program Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Spring Rally, 9 a.m., Lakeshore Park Four Seasons Building

Author Michael J. Cooney Meet and Greet, 10 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore "Into the Woods with Chemistry" Earth Week Program, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Valley Academy for the Arts presents "excerpts from Sleeping Beauty," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Blossoms & Bombshells Burlesque Show, 7:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Gala benefits school district programs

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation is holding a fundraising gala supporting the Visual and Performing Arts programs through the district.

The event at 6 p.m. May 1 brings the community together to invest in students, help fund tools like instruments, cardboard sculpture kits, weaving looms, art supplies, table/music stands, acoustic

panels and accessibility resources through wish lists that directly impact and improve learning and creativity.

The event will include student performances, artwork and a live set from Steve March-Tormé.

Tickets are available at mightycause.com/Gala26. The wish list and more information is available at oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Credit union launches youth-focused partnerships

Oshkosh Herald

Fox Communities Credit Union is celebrating Financial Literacy Month with two new partnerships designed to bring financial education directly to children across Northeastern Wisconsin, meeting them where they learn, grow and imagine.

Fox is partnering with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers to bring financial literacy lessons to more than 20 elementary schools through "Fang's Reading Club" program. Fox team members will read books focused on saving, spending and sharing, each paired with a simple, hands-on activity to help kids connect the concepts to their everyday lives.

In local libraries and schools through-

out the region, Fox is launching "The Power of One Penny," a brand-new program created in collaboration with Mischief & Magic. Using magic, storytelling and interactive demonstrations, they'll bring financial concepts to life, showing young learners how small habits, like starting with a few pennies, can grow into something powerful.

During Money Smart Wisconsin Week, which runs through Sunday, Fox Communities Credit Union supports free, communitywide events that offer financial tips and tools for families, individuals and young learners. See foxcu.org/about-us/community-involvement/community-events for details.

Retired educators meeting features superintendents

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Retired Educators' Association invites all retired school employees who live or worked in Winnebago County to its next meeting on April 16 at Wedgewood Golf Course & Grill, 1200 E. Huron St. in Omro.

Check-in and social hour begins at 11 a.m. Following a short business meeting at 11:30 a.m., attendees will be served a

chicken dinner. Starting at approximately 1 p.m., the program will feature Winnebago County's five area school superintendents from Oshkosh, Neenah, Omro, Menasha and Winneconne.

Potential new members or visitors are always welcome.

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Seckar racks up postseason accolades for Titans

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Paige Seckar grew up playing the point guard position on the basketball court.

In high school, when she starred at Oshkosh West, she was more of a wing player that would often slash her way to the rim or pull-up for a mid-range jumpshot.

Now, after completing her second season with UW-Oshkosh, Seckar plays more of a post position for the Titans.

To put it simply, the former Wildcat and current Titan can do it all on the basketball court and that led to Seckar raking in the postseason honors after helping lead UW-Oshkosh to regular-season WIAC title and a second-straight NCAA Division III Final Four appearance.

"I have been able to develop a lot of skills throughout the years and being able to use all of those skills is where (the awards) come from," Seckar said. "It's really special. It definitely feels great. There's just a lot of pride and feeling like your hard work has paid off."

Seckar earned a pair of all-American honors last month being named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association first team as well as to the d3hoops.com all-American second team.

There have been 13 players in Titan history that have earned WBCA all-American honors and she becomes the seventh UW-Oshkosh player to earn the d3hoops.com accolade.

Seckar was also named the d3hoops.com all-Region 9 Player of the Year and earned Player of the Year honors in the WIAC – becoming just the fifth Titan in program history to be bestowed with the accolade.

"They were definitely goals I had in mind. I wouldn't necessarily say I had in mind for this year. I was hoping I would reach them, but it wasn't my main priority," Seckar said. "But it was definitely something I wanted to achieve in my career and to do it this year was really special."

Seckar, who was named the WIAC Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, led the Titans in points (13.6 ppg), rebounds (7.2 rpg), steals (1.7 spg) and blocks (1.4 bpg) this season, while ranking second on the team with 2.2 assists per game.

She shot nearly 50 percent from the field, including 38 percent from 3-point range, and made 78 percent of her free throws while leading the conference in free-throw attempts.

She also posted a conference-leading eight double-doubles and topped the 20-point mark four times this season.



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Seckar is quick to credit her teammates for helping her produce the numbers she did this season.

"Part of the reason I'm able to get these accolades was because of my teammates," Seckar said. "Them pushing me in practice every day and capitalizing on my strengths in games is special and definitely a lot of credit has to be put to them as well."

Earning such accolades as a sophomore does paint a bit of a target on her back for the next two seasons, however, Seckar believes the honors will also continue to fuel her drive.

"It's definitely a big responsibility and a little pressure that comes with that," Seckar said. "I think just knowing being able to do it as a sophomore has given me a little comfort. I know these next two years are going to be good and I'm just trying to enjoy each moment even though there is a little bit of pressure. I think I'm kind of used to it with high school and everything."

As a standout at West, Seckar was a two-time first-team all-Fox Valley Association and earned all-conference recognition her

final three seasons.

She believes that playing in the talent-laden league has helped her transition smoothly to the collegiate game.

"Being able to play against players like Rainey Wilson and Allie Ziebell, that really helped me when it came to college and playing against a lot of skilled players," Seckar said. "That elevated my game, even in high school, and being able to learn off of them."

With the success she has experienced in her first two seasons, Seckar isn't about to rest on what she has already accomplished.

She said there is still plenty to achieve – both as an individual player and as a team – and Seckar is ready to get to work on the next hurdles.

"Obviously I would love to win a national title. That's a big one that we want to do in the next two years," Seckar said. "There is still more to earn and there's a lot more to grow. Getting these awards now is great but it pushes me more, gives me more drive to do the same – if not more – these next two years."



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Deep pitching staff fuels Wildcats' hopes for success

Oshkosh Herald

Armed with a deep and talented pitching staff, Oshkosh West has its sights set on making some waves in the talent-laden Fox Valley Association this season.

Leading the group of hurlers will be senior Avery Mosloski, a three-year varsity performer who earned second-team

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all-conference honors last season. The right-hander is likely to be one of the top pitchers in

the conference again this season.

"Avery is well known by conference opponents and has had success in his Wildcat career. He will look to be more efficient with his pitch count and has worked hard on development of an off-speed pitch," commented Atwood. "Pitching looks to be our biggest strength."

Junior Cade Heiman put together a strong sophomore season on the pitching mound and will fill in the rotation behind Mosloski, while head coach Christopher Atwood is also expecting contributions from returner Madden Mercado and juniors Nathan McWilliams and Cole Clarke. McWilliams threw a no-hitter on the junior varsity level last year.

Both Mosloski and Heiman also play infield positions when not pitching and anchor a group that also includes senior returnee Noah Muehrer. Senior catcher Evan Johnson also returns for his third season on the varsity level, while senior outfielder Caleb Lee is also back.

Junior Levi Wojciechowski and sophomore Wyatt Martin are also returning to

help bolster the lineup.

Atwood added that the program added several coaches this season that he believes will "boost our ability to prepare for this season with efficiency and determination."

The Wildcats finished 8-11-1 a year ago but five losses came by three runs or less and Atwood hopes the team can turn those numbers around this season.

"We look to build off of last season's competitiveness," Atwood commented. "We feel confident in our ability to give ourselves the chance to win against any given team on any given day and want to take the next step toward gaining and keeping the lead late in games."

Oshkosh West hasn't won an FVA title in baseball since 1997 and will face a tough league slate as the conference will once again be stocked with talent.

But West is aiming to certainly improve on last year's ninth-place finish.

"We will play hard and look to come out on the winning end in, what I anticipate, will be many hard-fought competitions," Atwood commented. "We look to stay in the moment, remain mentally and physically tough and take what comes our way one pitch at a time."

Oshkosh North

The Spartans look to bounce back from a tough season and will bring a young roster to the field this year.

Head coach Dylan Pease has only two seniors on the roster but hopes the team can make the most of the young, talented roster.

"We will be a young team with only two

seniors," commented Pease. "I expect the team to make strides as the season progresses with younger guys gaining valuable experience and the goal will be to be playing our best come playoff time."

Both returning seniors received honorable mention all-conference recognition last season in Brayden Frank and Jackson Anderson. Frank played at third base last season, while Anderson – who committed to play at UW-Oshkosh next season – will see action both in the field and on the mound for the Spartans.

Also fitting into the rotation this season for the Spartans will be junior Keegan Kinzfohl, who pitched 16 innings on varsity last season but is expected to take on a bigger role with this year's group.

"The pitching staff features a strong group of individuals competing for innings. (It) can definitely be a strength in part because of the depth being developed," commented Atwood. "The players are eager to prove we can play with any team as long as we play to the ability we're capable of."

Lourdes Academy

Cole Boge returns to lead the Knights and hopes to pick up where he left off when he stepped away from the program.

Although he hasn't coached any of the current players at the high school level before, his familiarity with the program certainly helps ease the transition.

"It certainly helps from the behind-the-scenes sense. I know how the school operates, I know my AD well and I know the field situation I'm walking into," Boge commented. "The seniors this season were in

eighth grade during my last stint so I will have to evaluate the players the first few weeks to see what they bring to the table."

Boge will have a pair of players returning who received all-Trailways East recognition last season.

Junior outfielder Michael Santiago was a first-team honoree for the Knights last season, while junior catcher Nolan Gibson earned second-team honors.

The duo leads the group of returning players which also includes seniors Parker Slusarski and Ryder Mullen along with juniors Brady Bauer and Eli Halla.

Slusarski, Mullen and Bauer all bring experience to the mound for the Knights, while Santiago and Halla also did some pitching last year. Having that kind of depth will be an asset for the Knights this season.

"This team should have some good arms on the mound this year. Many of these players should be able to contribute in big situations," commented Boge. "This team could really make a mark this season as far as win total and making a push for the playoffs."

Lourdes Academy, which will not be part of a co-op with Valley Christian this season, finished tied for fourth in the conference race a year ago.

Boge believes this group – which has a roster of 13, including four freshmen – can improve on that finish.

"The key will be buy-in from the players," commented Boge. "There is a ton of talent this season from what I have seen so far. If the guys continue to work hard and compete every day, we will certainly have a successful season."



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LOURDES ACADEMY KNIGHTS			OSHKOSH NORTH SPARTANS			OSHKOSH WEST WILDCATS		
4/1/26	@ Saint Mary Catholic	4:30 PM	4/2/26	@ Winneconne	4:30 PM	3/31/26	vs Winneconne	4:30 PM
4/2/26	@ Omro	4:30 PM	4/7/26	vs Kimberly	5:00 PM	4/2/26	@ Green Bay Preble	4:30 PM
4/7/26	vs Hustisford/Dodgeland	5:00 PM	4/9/26	@ Hortonville	5:00 PM	4/7/26	@ Fond du Lac	4:30 PM
4/9/26	@ Hustisford/Dodgeland	5:00 PM	4/14/26	vs Neenah	5:00 PM	4/9/26	vs Appleton North	4:30 PM
4/13/26	@ Hustisford/Dodgeland	5:00 PM	4/16/26	vs Appleton East	5:00 PM	4/10/26	@ Lomira	4:30 PM
4/18/26	@ Gillett/Suring	9:00 AM	4/18/26	@ Oconomowoc	9:00 AM	4/14/26	@ Appleton West	5:00 PM
4/18/26	vs Menominee Nation	11:15 AM	4/21/26	@ Fond du Lac	4:30 PM	4/16/26	@ Neenah	5:00 PM
4/22/26	@ North Fond du Lac/Oakfield	5:00 PM	4/23/26	vs Appleton North	5:00 PM	4/17/26	vs Saint Mary Catholic	4:30 PM
4/24/26	@ Wild Rose	4:30 PM	4/24/26	@ Menasha	4:30 PM	4/21/26	vs Kaukauna	4:30 PM
4/27/26	vs Wayland Academy	5:00 PM	4/28/26	@ Appleton West	5:00 PM	4/23/26	@ Kimberly	4:30 PM
4/28/26	@ Tri-County	4:00 PM	4/30/26	@ Oshkosh West	4:30 PM	4/25/26	@ West Bend West	2:30 PM
4/30/26	@ Wayland Academy	5:00 PM	5/5/26	@ Kaukauna	4:30 PM	4/28/26	vs Hortonville	4:30 PM
5/1/26	@ Wayland Academy	5:00 PM	5/7/26	@ Kimberly	4:30 PM	4/30/26	vs Oshkosh North	4:30 PM
5/4/26	@ Central Wisconsin Christian	4:00 PM	5/8/26	vs Hortonville	5:00 PM	5/2/26	vs West Bend East	11:00 AM
5/4/26	@ Central Wisconsin Christian	6:00 PM	5/12/26	@ Neenah	4:30 PM	5/5/26	vs Appleton East	4:30 PM
5/7/26	@ Randolph/Cambria-Friesland	5:00 PM	5/14/26	@ Appleton East	4:30 PM	5/7/26	vs Fond du Lac	4:30 PM
5/8/26	vs Central Wisconsin Christian	5:00 PM	5/15/26	vs Fond du Lac	5:00 PM	5/8/26	@ Appleton North	4:30 PM
5/11/26	@ Horicon	5:00 PM	5/18/26	@ Wisconsin Rapids	11:00 AM	5/12/26	vs Appleton West	4:30 PM
5/14/26	vs Horicon	5:00 PM	5/18/26	@ Wisconsin Rapids	1:00 PM	5/14/26	vs Neenah	4:30 PM
5/18/26	vs Winneconne	5:00 PM	5/19/26	@ Appleton North	4:30 PM	5/15/26	@ Kaukauna	4:30 PM
5/19/26	vs Horicon	5:00 PM	5/21/26	vs Appleton West	5:00 PM	5/19/26	vs Kimberly	4:30 PM
5/21/26	@ Ozaukee	5:00 PM	5/26/26	vs Oshkosh West	7:00 PM	5/21/26	@ Hortonville	5:00 PM
5/22/26	vs Roncalli	5:00 PM	5/27/26	@ Germantown	5:00 PM	5/26/26	@ Oshkosh North	7:00 PM
5/26/26	vs Princeton/Green Lake	5:00 PM	5/28/26	vs Kaukauna	5:00 PM	5/28/26	@ Appleton East	4:30 PM



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UW Oshkosh Sports Information

Matt Lewis announced last week that he will be resigning as UW-Oshkosh's men's basketball head coach to support his wife in an amazing opportunity. His plan is to stay in basketball.

Lewis departs Oshkosh following eight seasons at the helm of the Titans, leading the program to its only NCAA Division III championship in 2019, four total national tournament appearances – including a run to the Elite Eight in 2023 – three WIAC regular season championships, two WIAC Tournament titles, and a head coaching record of 141-62, including an 11-3 mark in national postseason play. He became the fastest head coach to 100 career wins in WIAC men's basketball history on March 5, 2023, when the Titans

defeated Hope College (Mich.), 51-50, in the second round of the national tournament.

Lewis, a three-time WIAC Coach of the Year, earned Region Coach of the Year twice from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and Division III Coach of the Year laurels from the NABC and D3hoops.com in 2019.

Lewis, who was named the interim head coach ahead of UW-Oshkosh's national championship run and was promoted to full-time head coach the following spring, joined the men's basketball coaching staff as the top assistant ahead of the 2012-13 campaign. Across 14 total seasons with the Titans, Lewis mentored the team to an 236-135 overall record, including a 110-81 mark in WIAC play. Oshkosh

also made three Division III Championship appearances during Lewis' tenure as the top assistant coach, reaching the first round in both 2016 and 2017, while finishing as the national runner-up in 2018. Between Oshkosh's first NCAA tournament appearance with Lewis on staff and the end of the 2025 season, the Titans' 16 tournament wins were the second-most in the country.

"It has truly been an honor to be part

of the UW-Oshkosh men's basketball program for the past 14 years," Lewis said. "I'm incredibly grateful for the student-athletes, coaches, and community members who've made this experience so rewarding. Together, we've built something special, and I'm proud to have played a part in continuing the program's tradition of excellence."

A national search for the Titans' next head coach will begin as soon as possible.

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Fitzpatrick stars in outfield, at plate for Wildcats

By Tim Froberg
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As a member of the National Honor Society, Colleen Fitzpatrick is a profound thinker.

Fitzpatrick, though, makes it a point to not overthink, especially on the diamond.

"I just try and keep it simple," said Fitzpatrick when asked about her approach to hitting. "A base hit up the middle is always going to be what I'm looking for."

Fitzpatrick is thriving with her uncomplicated approach to softball. The skilled Oshkosh West centerfielder was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior and has secured an athletic scholarship to play Division I softball for Eastern Illinois University.

A fourth-year starter who bats leadoff, Fitzpatrick has always been one of West's top threats at the plate. She compiled a prolific .406 batting average in 2025 with six stolen bases, 16 RBI and 23 runs scored.

Fitzpatrick, though, may be even more of a weapon on defense. She has explosive speed and her ability to limit base hits by running down anything in the ballpark's zip code has been a game-changer for the Wildcats.

"She is finally getting the recognition she deserves as one of the best outfielders in the state," said West coach Tim Kohl. "It's tough to get recognition as an outfielder because besides batting average, the stats don't pile up. The plays that Colleen has made on the field over the years don't show up in the box score, but have been more than memorable to us."

Fitzpatrick, who throws and bats left-handed, hasn't exactly been a surprise at West. She was on Kohl's radar before entering the Wildcats' program her freshman year.

"She's one of those players a high school coach hears about coming up through the youth program," said Kohl. "At the time, I had a left-handed-hitting first-team all-conference centerfielder in Abby Curtis. Everyone told me that we wouldn't miss a beat when Abby graduated and Colleen became a freshman. They were correct."

Fitzpatrick became an immediate starter and received all-conference honorable mention her freshman year before landing second-team all-FVA honors as a sophomore. Her freshman year was especially meaningful as the season ended at Madison's Goodman Diamond where the

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Wildcats competed as a WIAA state tournament qualifier.

"Oh yeah, that was an amazing year," said Fitzpatrick. "Players like Kadence Saladin, Kathryn Bergin, Chloe Tritt, Braelee Jodarski, Savannah Swanke, Brianna Bougie and Laina Hammen were so welcoming and taught me so much."

"Playing on the Wisconsin field was a little intimidating but it was just an amazing feeling to be able to do that."

As a rangy centerfielder, Fitzpatrick patrols the outfield with confidence and provides direction for her teammates.

"The biggest thing as a centerfielder is having that trust with your teammates," said Fitzpatrick. "You want your pitcher, your shortstop, your second baseman and the left and right fielders to know that anything that is hit in the air, I'm going to do my best to get it."

And she usually does nab it.

"It's definitely a fun position," she said. "You're seen as kind of the leader of the outfield."

Fitzpatrick has been playing softball since the age of six and hails from an athletic family. Her mother, Kelly, played prep softball at Woodstock High School in Illinois and was also a lefty thrower and hitter. Colleen's father, Tim, was a swimmer and cross country runner in his prep days at Elk Grove High School, also in Illinois.

In addition, Colleen's great, great uncle, Howard Judson, pitched in the Major Leagues from 1948-1954 with the Chicago White Sox and Cincinnati Reds. Two other great, great uncles, Paul and Phil Judson, and a third cousin, Rob Judson, played college basketball at the University of Illinois.

"This might sound like a cliché thing to say, but I just fell in love with the game right away and it's never gone away," said Fitzpatrick. "I've always had that spark for the game. When I was younger and got a base hit, there was just so much joy. But even now when I get a base hit, there is that same feeling. Just the joy that the game brings is what's still special to me."

Fitzpatrick was also a two-year starter



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Oshkosh West senior Colleen Fitzpatrick is entering her fourth year as a starting outfielder for the Wildcats and will continue her softball career next year at Eastern Illinois University.

for the West basketball team. She started all 25 games at point guard this past winter, averaging 5.3 points, 2.4 rebounds and 1.6 assists, while sinking 21 3-pointers.

"Softball was my favorite sport, but basketball was something I always enjoyed playing," Fitzpatrick said. "My friends played it and it gave me a different outlet from softball because it's a completely different kind of sport."

"I always did my best to showcase my teammates. I was never much of a scorer and I told my mom at the beginning of the year that my goal was to get a ton of assists. I tried to get my teammates the ball and let them do what they do best."

Fitzpatrick will do what she does best – play softball and crush academics – in Charleston, Illinois after committing to Eastern Illinois. She also received strong offers from prominent schools such as Wisconsin and Notre Dame.

"It was a tough decision," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm excited about going to Eastern. It's a smaller city and I've never been a

big-city kid. After visiting the campus and talking with the coaches, who prioritize academics, it just felt right. The moment I stepped onto the campus it felt like a no-brainer."

Fitzpatrick hasn't settled on a major, but is strongly considering studying speech therapy. She is a top-notch student, carrying a 3.9 grade point average.

Until then, she is focused on helping West rebound from a 10-16 season and a seventh-place finish (7-10) in the rugged FVA and make another state tournament run.

"She knows what it's going to take to get us back there," Kohl said. "I look forward to watching Colleen help lead our young team back hopefully to the top of the FVA and state again."

West opened its season in late April with nonconference wins over West Allis (11-3) and West De Pere (12-0)

"We have a lot of players back and it's a scrappy group," Fitzpatrick said. "I think we're capable of some really big things."

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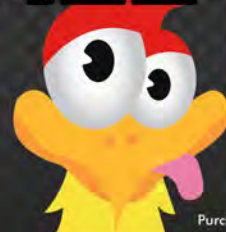
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Prep sports roundup

TRACK AND FIELD

Scott leads Spartans at Red Hawks Classic

Jamare Scott blistered the track at Ripon College's Willmore Center last week speeding to a win in the 60 meters at the 20-team Red Hawk Classic.

Scott's time was 7.06 seconds in the finals after posting a 7.02 in the preliminaries.

Jay Scott added a third place in the 1,600 meters, while Xavier Waters was seventh in the 200 meters. Tremaine Chapman and Jose Diaz placed fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 60-meter hurdles.

The Spartans also took fifth in the 800-meter relay with a team of Miguel Diaz, Tyler Farnsworth, Waters and Evan Auler.

The North girls were led by Savannah Rust in the 60-meter hurdles and Alai Awak in the triple jump with each posting a sixth-place finish.

Kapral leads Knights at pair of meets

The Lourdes Academy girls and boys track and field teams participated in the UW-Oshkosh Small School meets on consecutive nights last week.

The boys, who competed on Wednesday, were led by junior Cameron Kapral, who won the 400 meters. Kapral also joined Mat Yaggie, Brett Maki and Isaak Rucinski to take fourth in the 1,600-meter relay.

Other top-eight individual finishes for the boys were: Henry Spanbauer, fourth in the 3,200 meters; Yaggie, fifth in the 60-meter hurdles; and Quin Ruark, seventh in the high jump.

The girls competed the night before and

all three relays placed in the top eight.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Khloe Bunton, Tessia Mroczkowski, Annie Moore and Allison Stromske posted the best finish of the group by placing fourth.

The 800-meter relay team of Kylie Rietz, Allie Feuerhelm, Leah Ridenour and Adriana Saucedo placed seventh, while Saucedo, Moore, Ana Schneidewend and Rietz placed eighth in the 1,600-meter relay.

Nelson, Triebold lead Wildcats at indoor meet

Sydnee Nelson and Kylie Triebold each notched a high individual finish and also were a part of a strong placing in a relay for Oshkosh West at the Wisconsin State Indoor Meet at UW-Whitewater on Saturday.

Nelson placed second in the 60-meter hurdles, while Triebold took third in the 200 meters. The duo then joined with Samantha Panske and Emma Liebergen to place fourth in the 800-meter relay.

The boys team was led by the 800-meter relay foursome of Morgan Tibbits, Dylan McDonald, Carson Choinski and Carter Schmidt, which placed third.

SOFTBALL

Lourdes Academy pounds out victory

The Knights totaled 15 hits and collected an 11-3 win over Montello in the season-opener last week.

Eight of the nine starters finished with at least one hit in the game, with Elliana Reichenberger leading the way with a 4-for-5 night at the plate. Reichenberger also drove in five runs in the game.

Tallulah Feuerhelm, Aubrey Schettle, Zella Tidemanson and Sarah Hafemeister

each finished with two hits in the game. Hafemeister also scored three runs, while Brynn McKone finished with three RBIs.

Tidemanson went all seven innings in the circle allowing seven hits, while just two of the three runs Montello scored were earned. She struck out 12 without walking a batter.

BASEBALL

West can't hold off Winneconne in opener

The Wildcats carried a 4-1 lead into the seventh inning but couldn't hold off a Winneconne rally in a 5-4 nonconference loss in the season-opener last week.

After Winneconne scored four runs in the top of the seventh, the Wildcats put two runners on base on walks in the bottom of the inning but fell short of pushing any runs across.

West scored three runs in the third inning and one in the sixth to take the lead.

Noah Muehrer, Madden Mercado and Avery Mosloski each finished with two hits in the game for West, while Caleb Lee drove in three runs.

Mosloski struck out seven in three hitless innings on the mound, while Mercado struck out four without walking a batter in three innings of relief work.

Knights knocked off by Zephyrs

Lourdes Academy made the most of its five hits but fell on the road to St. Mary Catholic, 18-8, last week.

Michael Santiago and Ryder Mullen each finished with two hits in the game, while Brady Hoefgen drove in a pair of runs for the Knights.

Lourdes Academy benefitted from five walks and two St. Mary Catholic errors in amassing the eight runs.

Spartans drop opener to Sheboygan North

Oshkosh North fell in its season-opener to Sheboygan North, 6-3, last week.

The Raiders broke a 1-1 tie with four runs in the second inning before the Spartans rallied for two runs in the fifth inning to get within 5-3. Sheboygan North added a single run in the sixth.

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Obituaries

August Marcus Helgerson

At "almost 94" years old, August Marcus Helgerson (Augie), of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026.



Augie was born April 28, 1932 in Charleston West Virginia to August Helgerson Sr. and Mildred (Hodges) Helgerson.

In his youth, the family moved often before settling in Chippewa Falls. After graduation from Chippewa Falls High School in 1949, Augie continued his education spending two years at UW-Eau Claire and two years at Hamline University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in March of 1952. After his service during the Korean War, Augie received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy attending for one year. On September 3, 1955, Augie married Sara (Sally) Hanson at the First Presbyterian Church in Chippewa Falls. Together they were blessed with 4 children, Mark, Andrew, David, and

Elizabeth. As their children grew up, Augie worked in the insurance industry moving from Ishpeming MI, to Escanaba, to Fond du Lac and finally to Oshkosh. Augie completed a Master's degree at UW-Oshkosh in 1965. He began working for the University in 1967. During his 30 years of service to the University, Augie accepted positions as Director of Records and Registration, Associate Director of Admissions, and Director of Admissions.

Augie enjoyed many years with his friends in the poker club and couples bridge club. His favorite place on earth was the cottage in western Wisconsin on Lower Long Lake. Augie and his father built the cottage in 1967. Time at the lake was always filled with activity. Hunting, fishing, building furniture, and a sunset cruise on the pontoon were just some of the things he loved to do. The lake was a gathering place for good times with the grandkids and family. Augie brought smiles to his grandkids faces when he would make a surprise appearance as the "swamp monster".

At the end of the cottage season, Augie and Sally would head to Arizona in their motorhome for 3 months spending time in Lake Havasu City and Cave Creek, with a month in Mexico. They made many wonderful friendships over those 20 years of RV'ing.

Augie is survived by his three children, Mark (Shari) Helgerson of Chippewa Falls, WI; Andrew (Kathy) Helgerson of Onalaska, WI; and Elizabeth (Henry) Merrill of Oshkosh; nine grandchildren, Emily (Tyler) Gray, Sara (Matt) Meinen, Jennifer Dockham, Lindsey (David) Krueger, Austin Helgerson, Andrew (Liz) Merrill, Margaret (Danny) Rothe, Samuel (Rebecca) Merrill and Isaiah (Haley) Merrill; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sally, their son, David William Helgerson, parents August and Mildred Helgerson, and in-laws Roy and Lucile Hanson.

Dad, you were always there for us with a loving and helping hand. The gifts and cottage furnishings built by your hands

are heirlooms that will be treasured by many generations. Thank you for being a great role model and mentor. You guided us in life and always gave your support. So proud to have you as a father and grandfather. We have many traditions to carry on. Of course, a very important one is to follow your lead and enjoy a goodie goodie while watching the sunset over beautiful Hurd Lake. We love you and will miss you.

Augie's family would like to thank the caregivers from Aseracare Hospice and Aspire Senior Living for keeping him safe and comfortable.

The memorial service will be at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI on Friday, April 17, 2026, with visitation from 2pm until 3pm and a service being held at 3pm.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials in Augie's name to Oshkosh Humane Society.



Arlene Robl

Arlene Robl, age 87, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2026, at Evergreen Manor



Retirement Community, surrounded by the family she cherished. Born on August 9, 1938, Arlene was a woman who truly understood how to celebrate life.

A pillar of her community and a devout member of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Arlene's faith was rooted in service. She founded the funeral luncheon ministry at the parish, offering comfort to families in their time of need. Her love for beauty also led her to spend many years volunteering at the Paine Art Center and Gardens.

Arlene was the heart of her family's most treasured traditions. Whether it was a summer day in Waupaca or a trip to Door County, she was the architect of unforgettable memories and legendary stories. She never turned down a good celebration or a glass of wine, and she was a formidable

opponent at the card table—regularly claiming victory in Bingo, Sequence, and King's Corner. When she wasn't winning games, she was often found with a needlepoint or crochet project in hand, creating beautiful pieces for those she loved.

She is survived by her children, Linda Ahrens-Hoffman (Michael Tresp) of Fond du Lac, Cheryl (Matt) Simonson of Oshkosh, Doug (Kris) Soper of Oshkosh, her siblings JoAnn Jensen of Beaver Dam, Delores Hoppe of Oshkosh, Mary Bandt of Waupaca, and Mark Kluender of Waupaca, as well as amazing grandchildren and great grandchildren who will carry on her traditions and her spirited legacy. A special thank-you and recognition to our extended family, Gene Hetzel and Kathy Lenau, for the love and care they gave Arlene over the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11:00 am with a visitation at 10:00 am before the service.

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Deb is survived by her husband Rodger; children, Alex Remer, & Melissa (Ryan) Miller; grandson, Leland Miller; siblings, Christine "Chris" (Mark) Troutdt; David (Heather) Gunkel, & Craig (Stephanie) Gunkel. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A memorial service for Deb will be at Mueller Funeral Home (904 E Main St) on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aspire Senior Living as well as at Aseracare Hospice; especially Tammy and staff, for all the loving care they gave to Deb. The family would also like to say thank you to the Fox Valley Memory Project. This program has done so much from the time Deb was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's up until her time of passing; giving Rodger and her children the support they needed to care for Deb as much as they could. If you or a loved one is suffering from Memory Care Diagnoses; please reach out to Fox Valley Memory Project (920)225-1711.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Fox Valley Memory Project.



Carol B. Cameron

Carol B. Cameron, age 94, passed away on the morning of April 1, 2026 at Evergreen Retirement Community. She was born to the late Ferdinand and Flora Below on November 7, 1931 at St Mary's Hospital in Oshkosh, WI. She married David Cameron on September 12, 1953, and they recently celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Carol graduated from Oshkosh High School and went on to Columbia Hospital Nursing School in Milwaukee to become a registered nurse. She worked in the surgery unit at Columbia for a year and then moved to Evanston Hospital while Dave finished his degree at Northwestern University. They moved back to Oshkosh with Dave taking a job in Neenah and Carol becoming a homemaker for 20 years, raising their four children.

Once the children were of school age she began volunteering in the recovery room at Mercy Medical Center which eventually turned into a part time position. She spent many years volunteering with the Infant Welfare Association, first doing well baby screening and then vision screening. Carol was a Cub Scout leader for Bruce and John and Campfire Girls leader for Julie and Anne and spent many summers as the camp nurse at Camp Hiwela. Carol enjoyed many years as a member of Fireside Antique Club, PEO Chapter AG and was a founding member of Oshkosh Women's Club. She also held positions on numerous boards supporting the needs of the Oshkosh community.

She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ where she participated in Women's Evening Fellowship, sang in the choir, and played in the bell choir. She was known for cooking many Easter morning breakfasts, Fall Bazaar ham loaf dinners, and organizing coffee hours after church. She was very generous with her time, talent and treasures, particularly with support to St. Paul's and Evergreen Retirement Community and various other charitable organizations.

The Monday Afternoon Society of Chestnut Street had lots of laughs, talking and catching up on neighborhood news while sewing or crafting. The group of ladies also put many miles in walking every morning down Menominee Drive. She enjoyed many years of Tuesday afternoon bridge club in addition to the cou-

ples bridge club with longtime friends the Zmoleks, Schatzs and Gerths. She and Dave loved attending Oshkosh Symphony concerts. They were there to support their children and grandchildren in all their sporting events, plays, concerts, operettas and activities. Carol loved traveling, spending time with David and family, and escaping Wisconsin winters for Florida in retirement. Carol and David frequently traveled the world with lifelong friends, a group of other couples they met at Newcomers. They were founding members of the social club Edgewater. The family spent most summer weekends at the cottage on Maiden Lake in Oconto County, which everyone in the family had a part in building.

Carol is survived by her children; John Cameron and Gail (Bradley) Cameron of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Julie Cameron and Don Kruse of Fort Worth, Texas; Anne (Cameron) Gassere and Paul Gassere of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and daughter-in-law Tracy (Crum) Cameron of Carmel, New York; grandchildren Taylor Cameron of Oshkosh; Kellyn Cameron and Daniel Atkins of Huntersville, North Carolina; Ensign Spencer Gassere of Goose Creek, South Carolina and Katherine Gassere of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is also survived by her sister Joyce and husband, Rev. Roger Kampstra of River Falls, Wisconsin.

In addition to her parents and in-laws, Carol was preceded in death by her husband David, son Bruce Cameron, and grandson Cameron Gassere.

A memorial service for Carol will be held at Evergreen Retirement Community (1130 N Westfield St) Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 2:00PM. A time of visitation will be held from 12:30 PM until the time of service. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established through the Evergreen Foundation in support of nursing education. <https://www.evergreenoshkosh.com/donate/>

The family would like to extend our thanks to the kind, caring staff of Creekview at Evergreen who took such loving and compassionate care of Carol for the past two years.

Although saddened by our Mother's passing, we are joyful knowing that she is again with Dad and free of her struggles here on earth.



Debra J. Manock

Debra J. Manock, age 62, passed away at Aspire Senior Living on Saturday, April 4,



2026 after her 9-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born to the late Dennis and Sharon (Gebhardt) Gunkel on December 8, 1963, in Milwaukee. Deb later married Rodger Manock on July 22, 2017.

Deb graduated from Omro High School in 1982. Shortly after graduation, she worked for M&I Bank for a short period before she took her longtime position at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatch. She made many lifelong friendships with the local law enforcement & emergency services throughout her many years of working for the county.

Deb was a master gardener, as well as a beekeeper. She thrived outside like the many plants and flowers she cared for. She had a love for musicals, going to the PAC with her daughter as season ticket holders often. She was a lover of all animals she crossed paths with, especially her chickens she was very fond of. Deb loved to get together with her family and friends and spend as much time with them as she can.

Obituaries

Doraine L. Hale

Doraine L. Hale, age 96, passed away at Park View Health Center on March 29, 2026. She was born to the late Anton and Emma (Scharf) Opperman on August 20, 1929, at the family home in Winneconne. Doraine was educated through the Winneconne School System, graduating in 1947. She married Glenn Hale on December 3, 1951, at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

Doraine worked for many years at Farmers Bank of Omro (Winneconne Branch) and later the Winnebago County Bank after it was renamed. She was a faithful member of St Pauls Lutheran Church in Winneconne where she served on the counting committee for many years, retiring at age 80. She also was a member of the Ladies Guild at St Pauls. Doraine was a member of the Winneconne Historical Society where she enjoyed hosting at the Doll Cottage & the School House- meeting people from all over. She also enjoyed working at the Sovereign State Pie social each year. She was also a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364. After retirement She and Glenn enjoyed

many winters at their home in Stuart, FL.

Doraine is survived by her daughter, Jackie (Bob) Ehmke, Omro, WI; grandchildren, Shannon Ehmke- Oshkosh, Jacob (Chelsea) Ehmke- Sun Prairie, WI, Dan (Katie) Hale-Winneconne, Adam (Jewlz)-Hale-Phoenix, AZ, Jim Hale-Oshkosh; great-grandchildren, Camden, Leighton, Audyn, Ethan, Leah, Fabian, Madison, & Cole; daughters-in-law, Faye Hale and Kelley Hale- Winneconne; sisters-in-law, Carol Hale- Winneconne and Shirley Opperman-Manawa; as well as nieces & nephews; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Doraine was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn; sons, Steve "Frosty" Hale & Ron Hale; granddaughter, Nikki Schonscheck; brothers, Gordon (Olga) Opperman, Floyd (Betty) Opperman, Anton (Betty Jane) Opperman.

A private family service will be held at Winneconne Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the pastors at St Pauls for their visits to Mom, Pat, Jerry, & Phyllis, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364 and St Pauls Ladies Guild for

remembering Mom throughout her years at Park View with cards and gifts. It is easy to forget about someone when they must leave their home to move to a care facility. Your contact was very much appreciated. Thank you to the entire staff at Park View Health Center for the excellent care Mom and our family received.

Roger C. Mathwig

Roger C. Mathwig, age 78, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2026. He was born on May 26, 1947; son of the late Fred and Betty Mathwig in Oshkosh, WI. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1965 and married his best friend Sue Bitter on October 11, 1975.



Roger is survived by his son Troy (Sabrina) Mathwig, granddaughter Myya and daughter Elizabeth Mathwig, grandson Devin. Also survived by brother Fred (Jill) Mathwig, sister Linda Monson, in-laws Ron Bitter, Kathy Schuster, Carol and Fred Schultz, William (Lydia) Bitter and many nieces and nephews.

Roger was a general contractor and was known for building quality homes. He cared deeply about his workmanship and often developed friendships with those he built for.

He was courageous while losing his eye sight, fighting type I diabetes and fighting cancer. He never became bitter or angry through all this. Before losing his eyesight,

Faith I. Draves

Faith I. Draves passed from her life on earth on April 2, 2026 at Aurora Medical Center.



She was born in Berlin, WI on May 21, 1936, the daughter of William F. and Norine E. (Vergin) Ziegenhagen. She was married to Leslie C. Draves on June 26, 1971 at First English

Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, WI.

She attended Brushville School through eighth grade, graduated from Berlin High School, and attended college at UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison.

Faith was a member of First English Lutheran Church and served on its Youth Committee for a number of years, taught Sunday School when her children were young, was a member of Mary Martha Circle, and worked as an election inspector. She was employed for one year in the Berlin office of the Oshkosh Northwestern when it first opened in 1955. In 1956 she went to work at Kimball, Lamb, Rieckman & Company and then at Schumaker, Romensko & Associates when the two companies merged in 1985, retiring from there in May 1998. In February 2000 she began volunteer work at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh until August 2017.

She loved spending time with family. She was a Packer and Brewer fan, did sewing, knitting and counted cross stitching. She loved to read, spending time at the library picking out books or researching her family tree. She enjoyed getting together with friends from church and water aerobics.

Surviving her are her husband, Leslie; daughters, Becky (Tom) Hergenrother, Buckeye, AZ, and Christy (Jon) Schmitt, Eden Prairie, MN; son, Timothy Draves, Madeira Beach, FL; grandchildren, Patrick (Jenny) Hergenrother, Elizabeth (Corey Gardner) Bucholz-Draves, Josie

Memorials in Doraine's name may be made out to AM Legion Auxiliary Post 364 or Park View Health Center and may be sent to the Funeral Home (904 E Main St Winneconne, WI)



he loved hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gardening and reading western history. He also loved baking and cooking for get togethers with family. He was a humble, quiet and kind man with a witty sense of humor. His faith in God was unshakable and now is in the arms of Jesus and reunited with his parents, grandparents, friends and in-laws, Tom Monson, William Schuster, Bev Bitter and Diane and Dwight Noyes.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Weyauwega. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until time of service at the Church. Burial with graveside service will be held at 1:30 PM on Saturday at Hilltop Cemetery in the Town of Saxeville. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family would like to thank all the Doctors at ThedaCare, ThedaCare Hospice, Holly Funeral Home, friends and family and a special thank you to Pastor Kristopeit for his home visits and St. Peter Lutheran Church.



Schmitt; great-grandchildren, Willow Draves, Miles Hergenrother, Lakelynn Gardner, Grant Hergenrother; twin brother, Frederick (Heather) Ziegenhagen, Oconomowoc, WI; brother, Rodney (Judy) Ziegenhagen, Endicott, NY; sister, Jeanine (Thomas) Heumann, Sun Prairie, WI; sisters-in-law, Caroline Mueller, Fond du Lac, WI, Monica Willie, Green Bay, WI, Donna Draves, Fond du Lac, WI. She is further survived by Charlie Rose, Elliott, Weston and Oliver Gardner as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by in-laws, Carlton and Darlene Draves, Dale Draves and Tom Willie; granddaughter, Sanja Schmitt; great-granddaughter, Violet Gardner; former husband and father of Becky, Donald Evans.

A funeral service for Faith will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Private interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Faith's name may be made to support Lutheran Social Services, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, or the Oshkosh Public Library.



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Debra Ann Schmude

It's with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of Debra (Debbie) Ann Schmude (64), who passed away from cancer on April 1st, 2026.

Born on September 16th, 1961, Debbie had a love for crafting, cooking, and celebrating (holidays, birthdays, milestones) and making something special for the people she loved. She was truly creative, and every single detail was crafted with love.

She was always there in any way she could, from assisting her father (Leon Guldán) and Leon's Aunt (Amelia Pickart) with their health battles to supporting her mother through knee surgeries, Leon's passing, or just small errands. She was always there.

Debbie worked for many jobs throughout her career. Most of all, she loved farming; it was her passion. It was a dream that she achieved. She also worked at the Pioneer Inn, Antigo jail, Copps Food, Arts for Kids day care, Franciscan Courts, and, most recently, as a food server at Perry Tipler Middle School, from her love for working with children to make them feel

comfortable and happy to making delicious food for the nuns. She continued to share her positivity and made an impact on everyone she met.

Survived by her children, Christina Guldán and Kevin Schmude (Partner Tracy Wildenberg). Grandchildren: Alicia Gracidas-Guldán (Partner Paige Mutsch), Wyatt Schmude, Emmett Schmude. Mother: Margret Guldán. Sister: Sandra Joseph. Brothers: Jerry Guldán (Partner Patti Hartenbach) and Keith Guldán, Uncle: Mark Guldán (Partner Sharon Burton). Family Friend: Nancy Guldán. Preceded by her loving father, Leon Guldán.

We want to thank all the staff at Edenbrook Nursing Home in Omro, WI, and Heartland Hospice. We would also like to thank all the family and friends who came to visit Debbie during her time of need.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 11 am in the Poklasny Funeral Home located at 870 W. South Park Avenue in Oshkosh. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am until the time of service.

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ter-in-law, Dianne Morrison-Hassler and mother-in-law, Darlene "Dolly" Morrison.

Surviving his loss are his wife Denise; sisters, Gail (David) Wright, Kirsten (Ron) Hebert, Teresa Wahlberg, Karin (Michael) Boone and a brother, Mike Wahlberg. Nephews and nieces, Ethan (Tori) Hebert, Ronnie Hebert, Charlie (Lauren) Hebert, Melanie (Grant) Kalmerton, Maggie (Bradley) Gorzek, Brooklyn Hassler, Dawson Wahlberg, Ally Strachan and Brody Strachan. He is further survived by 6 great-nieces and 3 great-nephews; sister-in-law, Deb (Scott) Lewis, sister-in-law, Terry Wahlberg and brother-in-law, Shannon Hassler.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7 pm in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with the Rev. Jeffrey Knoll officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 5:30 pm until the time of service. Buzz you will be forever missed and loved forever by your funky bunch.

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Mark Charles Wahlberg

Mark Charles Wahlberg, age 72, of Oshkosh, departed this life on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. He was born to the late Charles and Judith Wahlberg on June 27, 1953 on an air base in Texas where his father was serving.

Mark spent most of his life in the midwest between Austin, Minnesota and cities around the Fox Valley before finally settling in Oshkosh.

He greatly enjoyed the outdoors doing plenty of hunting for ducks, grouse and timber doodles along with fishing for trout, bluegill, perch and walleye. Big family fish fries were always to follow.

He spent his work life at Bemis (Amcor) where he retired in 2016.

Mark married Denise in April of 1990 and they enjoyed traveling the midwest, south and out west with a few trips across the pond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; much loved brother, Bradley; a sis-



Obituaries

Frederick George Krueger

Frederick George Krueger, born March 25, 1939, in Menominee, Wisconsin, spent his first 20 years of life in Knapp, Wisconsin.



After graduating from UW-Stout, he became a graphic arts teacher in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Fritz was a consultant for the National Endowment of Arts for the Hearing Impaired. He also

started one of the first flexo graphic printing programs for high school students in the state of Wisconsin, and he was especially proud of his working relationship with the graphic arts industry throughout the Fox River Valley and with the many students who entered the trade. In his later years, he was a volunteer at the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry.

Fritz loved the outdoors, spending time fishing in his favorite trout streams and hunting with his son, Tracy, his grandson, Braxton, Alvin, Leon, Lane, Pete, Sid, and others. He also enjoyed downhill skiing

throughout the West and physical fitness at the 20th Street YMCA in Oshkosh.

He passed away peacefully at the age of 87.

Fritz is survived by his son, Tracy, his grandson, Braxton, aka Buckshot, his daughter, Kara, grandchildren, Joseph and Katherine, sisters Paula and Frannie, many nieces and nephews, and some great friends.

A special thank you to Dr. Klinkhammer, Monica, Lena, Wendy, and Denise for their great care. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Thank you for everything. You have been the best father a son and grandson could ever have. We will see you in heaven, but not quite yet. We will always have you in our memory and continue the fishing and hunting traditions.

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Pamela L. Becker

Pamela L. Becker, age 69, of Mesa, AZ, won her battle with cancer and was called



Home to the Lord on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Evanston, IL, on May 30, 1956, to the late James and Marian (Leider) Meek.

Pam was united in marriage to Michael (Mick) Becker on September 14, 1974, and their marriage was blessed with two children. Together, they cultivated a family grounded in love and faith, sharing countless memories as they navigated life's journey.

Pam found a Parish to call home, no matter where she and Mick lived, most recently enjoying the warmth and fellowship of Holy Cross Parish in Mesa, AZ. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her through both trials and triumphs.

Pam worked at various places where she met many great people that held a special place in her heart. She relocated to Mesa with Mick in 2020, to embrace new adventures with her family and friends. She cherished the time spent with loved ones, often gathering with family, friends, and close neighbors who became like family. Her passion for travel took her and Mick to many beautiful places throughout the globe, including Holy sites that deepened their spiritual connection. Additionally, Pam found joy in golfing and community activities in Arizona, where she fostered many wonderful friendships.

Pam is survived by her husband of 51 years, Michael Becker; children, Michael (Sheila) Becker and Michelle (fiancé, Justin Johannsen) Henslin; grandchildren, Michael Becker, Josh Henslin and Mady Henslin; siblings, James (Maxine) Meek,

Nancie Tracy, Joyce (Robert) Reid, Eugene (Diane) Meek, John (Dianne) Meek, Janice (Scott) Harty, Debbie (Pete) Conti, William (Tina) Meek, and Mary (Ted) Stenger. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, and many good friends.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, James and Marion Meek, parent-in-laws, Henry and Anna Becker, brother-in-law, John Tracy, nephews Gene and John Meek, and many relatives and good friends.

A visitation will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. Robert Kollath at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Mary site, 605 Merritt Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901. There will be no visitation prior to the Mass. Interment will take place at Burdick Cemetery, 9026 Liberty School Rd, Omro, WI 54963.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St Vincent DePaul Society, c/o Holy Cross Parish, 1244 S Power St, Mesa, Arizona 85206 or: Aid to Women Center, 3029 N Alma School Rd, Suite 130, Chandler, AZ 85224.

Mick, you were my rock—steady, strong, and always there when I needed you most. Your love gave me courage when I felt afraid, and your presence brought comfort when I felt alone. And to my children, your kindness, patience, and endless love lifted my spirits in ways I can never fully express.

I could never thank you enough for standing by my side, for your sacrifices, and for the love that carried me through. You are my heroes, my family, and my greatest blessing.

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Steven had a long and successful career in marketing, with experience in advertising, sales, and leadership roles. He enjoyed golfing, grilling, traveling, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. A devoted member of Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, he sang in the choir and served as a liturgist.

A celebration of life will be held at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, at 11:00am, Monday, June 1, 2026. Inurnment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.

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Kathleen is further survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband; Edward, brother; Duwayne and sister; Judith.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday April 10 at 11:00 AM in St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (Sacred Heart site) at 519 Knapp St. with Rev. Louis Golamari officiating. A time for visitation will be from 9:30 until the time of mass at church on Friday.

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Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR77
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Sharron A. Steinbruner**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/26/1952 and date of death 03/01/2026, was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 921 Alpine Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 23, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

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

Form completed by:
Attorney Nathan P. Olson
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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,

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

AMENDED SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

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

Within forty (40) days after March 25, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901, Appleton, WI 54911, and to Menn Law Firm, Ltd., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 2501 E. Enterprise Avenue, P.O. Box 785, Appleton, Wisconsin 54912-0785. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment awarded by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 20th day of March, 2026.
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 26CV192
Code No. 30301**

Kevin Michael Leiske
XYZ Unknown Defendant
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a Defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after April 1, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St, PO Box 280, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808 and to Justin J. Bates, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, WI 54402. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: March 24, 2025
Bates Legal Group, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
P.O. Box 1473
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Runs: April 1 2026, April 8, 2026 and April 15, 2026.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Keilani Raquel Mateo
By (Petitioner) Ana Alicia Mateo Bustos
Notice of Name Change
Hearing
Case No. 26CV329

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

From:
First – Keilani
Middle – Raquel
Last – Mateo

To:
First – Keilani
Middle – Rachel
Last – Hernandez Mateo

Birth Certificate:
First – Keilani
Middle – Raquel
Last – Mateo

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Scott C. Woldt
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: May 13, 2026
Time: 8:45 AM

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 30, 2026
Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch II
Runs: April 8, 2026, April 15, 2026 and April 22, 2026

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Steven Neil Lorge

December 29, 1944 – March 26, 2026

Steven Neil Lorge, 81, of Oshkosh,



Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026, while under hospice care. Born to the late Neil and Betty (Stone) Lorge, he was the middle of three brothers and is survived by his brother, Tom (and family); his daughter, Heather (Chaoch); his stepdaughter, Shelly (Marshall); eight grandchildren; Patia, Kalie, Joshua, Aaron, Roland, Melissa, Kristen and Zachery; and his sister-in-law, Rebecca "Becky". He is preceded in death by his brother, John Lorge.

Kathleen M. Stadtmueller

Kathleen M. Stadtmueller, age 90, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday March 31, 2026 at her home. She was born on March 28, 1936 in Fond du Lac WI. to the late Clifford and Edna Sampson. Kathleen married Edward Stadtmueller on September 26, 1956. She worked at Bell Phone Co. in the accounting department for many years.

She is survived by two sons; Jay and Todd Stadtmueller, both of Oshkosh, one daughter; Robin (Charlie) Hill, of Fond du Lac, fifteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and one brother; Neil (Lupe) Sampson.

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