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# City breaks ground on clearwells project

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

In 2007 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources sent a notice to the City of Oshkosh informing city officials that the tanks holding the city's potable drinking water no longer met the department standards.

Last week the city took another step toward meeting those standards by having a ceremonial groundbreaking with city officials, Oshkosh Common Council members, water filtration plant workers and construction workers.

C.D. Smith Construction of Fond du Lac was awarded the bid for the almost \$50 million project and has begun staging in the area. The water filtration plant will have

construction work in the area for the next couple of years, after spending 19 years working on the plans.

Oshkosh's director of engineering and utilities James Rabe said that the area will remain under construction until fall 2029.

"We're asking for the public's patience on this project that will take a very long time to complete," Rabe said.

Lake Shore Drive will be closed for a majority of the project.

The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will see the first million-gallon holding tank built along with the pumphouse. During this time the city will keep one of the existing holding tanks operational to be able to store drinking wa-

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James Rabe speaks about the history of the clearwells and the importance of the water filtration plant before the ceremonial groundbreaking on May 6 at the facility.



Photo by Michael Cooney

## Mother's Day tradition

In celebration of Mother's Day, admission to the Paine Art Center and Gardens was free Sunday, drawing families from across Wisconsin to wander among thousands of tulips and spring flowers as the gardens came alive with the new season. Many simply walked the grounds, visited with family and stopped often for photos among the blooms. Others explored the historic mansion and the Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks exhibition while enjoying coffee and light food from the Brewing Futures Mobile Cafe near the Carriage House.

# Officials look for insight on making City Center purchase

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Officials continue to seek public input on whether the City of Oshkosh should spend \$12.5 million to purchase the property known as City Center.

The common council was expected to vote on a resolution Tuesday that will direct city staff to begin negotiations to acquire City Center in downtown Oshkosh. If the resolution is approved, a draft of a purchase agreement with the owners would go to the Plan Commission on May 19 for a recommendation and back to the

council for final approval on May 26.

But first, the city wanted to hear from residents. An open house was held last week for city officials to provide information on the potential purchase and answer questions from the public.

"Please reach out to our staff if you have any questions," director of community development Sara Rutkowski said.

Anyone who has questions, comments or concerns can email them to the Plan Commission at [pc@oshkoshwi.gov](mailto:pc@oshkoshwi.gov) or email the common council at [city\\_council@oshkoshwi.gov](mailto:city_council@oshkoshwi.gov). Residents are also en-

couraged to attend the meetings on May 19 and May 26 to provide input on the plans.

The city has not identified the funding source of the \$12.5 million acquisition, but Rutkowski said the city is not interested in using the tax levy or taxpayer dollars to pay for the acquisition.

She also said that the site, if purchased, will likely come off the tax roll for a short time. Rutkowski said that it will take 6 to 10 years to fully develop the site.

The goal behind the city purchasing the property is that the city can control the

process of working with developers to redevelop the site for best use. Future plans for the site would still go through the redevelopment authority, Plan Commission and council for approval.

There are currently no planned uses for the 17-acre City Center property. The property consists of 1,000 feet of riverfront and is home to over 20 retail businesses and office space. It was formerly the Park Plaza mall but was converted into office space in the 2000s as malls began to

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# Local author releases book partly set in Oshkosh

## City's aviation history inspired writer's story

By Eric Endres  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Appleton author Ryan Surprise has released his second book, and some of its setting and plot may feel familiar to Oshkosh residents.

"High Roller Airways" follows a commercial pilot from Oshkosh who rolls the dice with a career change — flying ambitious gamblers to Las Vegas on his own private charter service.

Surprise's fascination with flight and Oshkosh's aviation heritage with the Experimental Aircraft Association sparked this idea for a new book.

"I always wanted to write a story set in Wisconsin, and Oshkosh was the perfect place for my protagonist to grow up, wanting to become a pilot," Surprise said.

As the protagonist's business gains lift-off, he's thrown into the seductive wild nights of Sin City lights and impossibly high bets and parlays, meeting new char-

acters and facing his inner demons along the way. The novel explores the fine line between dream-chasing risk and reckless, self-destructive behavior.

Still, it's Oshkosh that shines under some of the spotlight inside the novel itself.

"Oshkosh has a special place in my heart," Surprise said. "And I'm happy that I could incorporate this city into my work

as an author."

"High Roller Airways" arrives five years after Surprise's 2021 western short story collection "Stories of a Hangman." The author was also featured in "Unmapped: An Anthology," a book released in 2024 as part of the SMITHWorks Writing Group out of the Elisha D. Smith Menasha Public Library.

### Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

## May 14, 1935

**Oshkosh People Hold Coon Hunt:** A strange visitor made its way into our city this past weekend. A raccoon was spotted perched high in an elm tree on Mt. Vernon St. and immediately drew the curiosity of on-lookers. No one knew where it came from. It was believed if the animal was left alone it would leave on its own accord. But

on Monday morning it was still there. The police were notified, and plans were made to force it down in front of a large audience. Locals Frank Paulus, Henry Frohib and John Lemberger agreed to the task. Mr. Paulus claims to own several raccoons and decided he would like another. Paulus scaled the tree and confronted the formidable antagonist. By-standers wished they had a motion picture camera when the animal decided to leap to ground 70-100 feet below. Landing uninjured on all four feet, the animal scurried away.

*Source: Oshkosh Northwestern  
May 14, 1935*

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### In loving memory of Ginny Bruch who passed away one year ago on May 12.

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Law enforcement investigated an officer-involved shooting Sunday in the parking lot of Fleet Farm.

# Man dies following officer-involved shooting at Oshkosh Fleet Farm

Oshkosh Herald

A man has died after allegedly being shot by an Oshkosh police officer Sunday morning in a store parking lot.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating the shooting. The officer, whose identity has not been released, has been placed on paid administrative leave, per department policy.

According to the DOJ, at 8:18 a.m. an Oshkosh Police Department officer was dispatched to a business in the 100 block of North Washburn Street in response to the theft of a firearm.

The OPD officer made contact with the man in the parking lot of Fleet Farm. The man was not complying with commands from the officer and began to walk toward the officer.

The man, whose identity was not re-

leased, allegedly retrieved a gun from his waistband and that is when the OPD officer shot him. The DOJ said the man's firearm was recovered from the scene.

EMS personnel attempted life saving measures on the scene and the man was transported to a local hospital. He was pronounced dead later Sunday.

No law enforcement officers or members of the public were injured during the incident. The officer was wearing a body-camera during the shooting, the DOJ said.

The Wisconsin State Patrol, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, UWO Police Department and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's office are assisting in the investigation.

DCI will investigate the incident and will turn over the investigative reports to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office.

# Oshkosh Plan Commission recommends Woodman's plans

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The initial plans for a Woodman's Food Market are moving through the city process after receiving a number of recommendations from the Oshkosh Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission reviewed and recommended a general development plan (GDP) and site implementation plan (SIP), which outline the plans for a Woodman's Food Market at the site of the current Oshkosh outlet mall.

Woodman's owns approximately 39 acres of land after purchasing the outlet mall site in 2024. Woodman's submitted plans for the site, which include a 272,000 square-foot grocery store, a gas station and car wash and future development opportunities.

The plans show the shopping and retail space includes 140,300 square feet and 131,700 square feet of warehouse space. This came up during a discussion about the required amount of parking space.

City code states this size of a store would require 907 parking spaces. Woodman's requested providing 591 spaces because of how much warehouse space is included in the plan.

City staff approved the 591 spaces as the city counts the warehouse as indoor storage and not retail space. The required number of parking spaces would be 518.

Two other items related to Woodman's were on the Plan Commission agenda that included a preliminary plat that divides the entire site into five lots. The grocery store would be its own lot, there would be a separate lot for the gas station and car

wash, one lot includes the restaurant and mini-golf course, and a fourth lot would be developed for future commercial use sitting on the corner of West Waukau Avenue and South Washburn Street.

The fifth lot would be designated as a stormwater pond.

The plans are to keep the miniature golf course operational. Woodman's plans to tear down the a former restaurant at 3015 S. Washburn St. and then incorporate the space into the Woodman's plans or sell it for future development.

The golf course would be the only thing that stays as the existing outlet mall will be demolished if plans are approved.

"People are looking forward to Woodman's," Plan Commission member Kathleen Propp said.

The GDP and SIP will now go to the Oshkosh Common Council for a final vote. If approved by the council, Woodman's can begin construction, which could potentially start in 2027 or 2028.

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# Sometimes at Pioneer Island planning fourth season

By Cassidy Johnson  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Opening for the season May 21, Sometimes at Pioneer Island is like a mini-island getaway, complete with a tiki bar, food truck, beach volleyball courts, live music almost every weekend and more.

“I want every visit to feel like a mini vacation,” General Manager Alex Thompson said. “It’s such a laid-back, great vibe — it’s not like a typical bar scene.”

Entering their fourth season, the venue at 1000 Pioneer Drive in Oshkosh has come a long way since the first season with plans to only grow more, Thompson said. This summer, they’re adding even more events, new food items, expanded table service and even a co-ed beach volleyball league, starting May 31.

“We just want to keep adding things every year,” Thompson said. “[But] we want to keep that same affordable, laid-back feel.”

Upcoming events in June include fundraisers Cow Pie Bingo June 14 and the Brett Gelbach Annual Fun Run June 20. Paint and Sip on the Island events are scheduled on June 18 and July 16.

“Party on the Point” will also be returning from 7 to 10 p.m. June 27, with live music from WAMI award-winning band Road Trip. Known for rock and country, Thompson said the band should fit perfectly with the party theme of ‘MERICA, which is internet slang for “America.”

The next Party on the Point will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Sept. 5 with live music from Ask Your Mother, a Wisconsin-based band known for its high-energy, party-starting performances.

In July, Sometimes at Pioneer Island will host the Good Boy Dog Event July 9



Submitted photo

Sometimes at Pioneer Island will offer a variety of activities throughout the season, including a tiki bar, food truck and beach volleyball courts.

along with hosting a Slow Roll 5-mile bike ride July 23.

Thompson said August and September will have even more fun events, including the annual event called “It’s 5 O’Clock All Day @ Sometimes” Aug. 30, which will be honoring the late Jimmy Buffet with specials on margaritas along with Buffet-like live music from Boat Drinks from 2 to 5 p.m. And yes, Thompson said, Hawaiian shirts are indeed encouraged.

The season will wrap up with the All-Elite Wrestling (AEW) Show Sept. 12, and the fourth annual OSHtoberfest Sept.

18 and 19, featuring live music from the Charlie Justman Band from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 18 and Copper Box from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 19.

For event updates, stay tuned to their website at [www.sometimesoshkosh.com](http://www.sometimesoshkosh.com) and their Facebook page, Sometimes at Pioneer Island.

“Every weekend there should be something new,” Thompson said. “We want to keep building it up and make it something great for the community.”

Beyond the plethora of events, they will also have a ton of live music this season, with over 50 live music opportunities throughout the summer from May to October.

Some highlights include Star Six Nine from 7 to 10 p.m. June 20, Kevin’s KO

Band from 2 to 5 p.m. Aug. 9 and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sept. 27, The Stumble Brothers from 2 to 5 p.m. June 21 and from 2 to 5 p.m. Aug. 16 and Jet Pack Stereo from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 4.

Recurring bands from previous seasons will also return, including Until Dawn from 5 to 8 p.m. on opening day May 21 and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sept. 7, and Jim ‘n’ Nancy from 3 to 6 p.m. June 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. July 5 and 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 29.

Matching the diverse music scene in Oshkosh, Thompson said there’s everything from country to rock to yacht rock.

“There’s no set theme with [our music],” Thompson said. “You know, we just like to try a bunch of different things and see what people like.”

## Unique cow pie bingo fundraiser benefits Oshkosh Kids Foundation

Oshkosh Herald

A family-friendly cow pie bingo fundraiser will benefit the Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 14 at Sometimes at Pioneer Island.

Activities will include cow pie bingo, chicken pie bingo, a meat raffle, carnival-style games, food trucks and more. The fundraiser helps children and families in the Oshkosh area access basic needs and essential resources.

Cow pie bingo offers a unique twist on

traditional bingo, where participants purchase numbered squares and wait for a cow to decide the winning spot.

“All proceeds from this event directly support our mission to strengthen families and ensure local children have access to basic needs such as housing support, food, clothing and hygiene items,” said Amber Hammond, director of Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or volunteer inquiries, visit [oshkoshkids.org](http://oshkoshkids.org) or contact [info@oshkoshkids.org](mailto:info@oshkoshkids.org).

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# Local Boys & Girls Club founder Lampe remembered

Oshkosh Herald

Ron Lampe is being remembered as more than a founder and Lifetime Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Club.

Lampe, who passed away April 14, was a steadfast leader, a quiet force behind the club's success and a lifelong champion for youth in the community, club CEO Tracy Ogden said. His legacy is woven into the foundation of what the club is today, Ogden said.

"Ron's life's work was never about recognition; it was about possibility," Ogden said. "Through his commitment, generations of children have found a place to belong, to grow and



Lampe

to believe in their own futures."

According to the club, Lampe's journey with the club began before its doors ever opened. An Oshkosh attorney who stepped forward as chair of the original steering committee, he helped turn an idea into reality, guiding efforts to demonstrate the need for a Boys & Girls Club in Oshkosh as early as 1968, rallying community support, forming a board of directors, securing a location and raising the funds necessary to bring the club to life.

In 1970, that vision became a reality, and Lampe continued to serve as the club's first board president, setting the tone for decades of growth and impact.

From that moment forward, Lampe's commitment never wavered. For 55 years, he served on the board of directors, offering his time, expertise and unwavering

belief in the potential of every young person who walked through the club's doors. He served on the board, finance, development, executive, Youth of the Year and endowment committees.

He secured many donors for the organization, helped raise funds for a new club building, served as legal counsel to the board for several decades, and promoted the organization throughout the community. Lampe also served for many years on Boys & Girls Clubs of Wisconsin Area Council, helping other clubs around the state get started, assisting with their boards' development.

In Oshkosh, his leadership and dedication helped guide the local club through its most formative years and beyond, ensuring its strength and sustainability for generations to come.

In 2025, Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh had grown to serve more than 2,000 kids in Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne, de-

livering safe, supportive environments and offering an array of programs focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles and character development.

In recognition of his extraordinary service over the decades, Lampe was honored with an award for 55 years of board service and was inducted into the Wisconsin Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame in 2019.

"Without him, I don't believe we would have a club," club alumnus Tommy Sonntag shared during the organization's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2020.

In his own words, Lampe once shared, "Other than matters of family, nothing in my life has been as rewarding as my volunteer service to the club."

"Ron's legacy is not simply remembered; it is lived, every day, in the laughter, learning and leadership unfolding within the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh," Ogden said.

## UWO receives largest donation in its history

Oshkosh Herald

UW-Oshkosh last week received the largest gift in university history that is set to benefit the future of health care and STEM education.

Distinguished alumna Mary Novak-Jandrey is making the \$10 million investment

to advance nursing, health professions and STEM at UWO.

In recognition of her support, the university said the College of Nursing, Health Professions and STEM will be named in Novak-Jandrey's honor.

## Golf tournament benefits military veterans museum

Oshkosh Herald

A golf tournament will benefit the Military Veterans Museum and Education Center.

The museum's 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament will be held May 27 at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start and scramble at 10 a.m.

The event, which will happen rain or shine, features a box lunch and dinner, hole events, raffle prizes, hole prizes and silent auction.

The cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, meals and two drinks. RSVP by May 26. Call Tom Sonleitner at 920-420-2030 or email tsonleitner4058@aol.com.

## Aviation business revived with new owner

Oshkosh Herald

Sonex Aviation is open and in production under new ownership after its future had recently appeared uncertain.

ON Capital led by aviator and general contractor Stephen Osborne has acquired all assets of Sonex, including the Sonex Aerospace and AeroConversions line of products. Crews and kits are once again moving after plans were announced in March to close the business that was founded in 1998 and headquartered at Wittman Regional Airport.

"My family has flown for three generations; it is an absolute honor to carry on the proud legacy of the Sonex brand,"

Osborne said. "Sonex is part of how this country builds pilots and how everyday people get into the sky. Letting it disappear was never an option."

The goal as the company reopens is to streamline operations, improve production efficiency and provide an "exceptional" customer experience.

Mark Schaible, the previous owner of the company, has been repositioned to lead designer of Sonex Aviation.

Tail kits resume shipping this month with full kits expected to ship by mid-summer as the company said the backlog of orders is being cleared. The factory is expected to be at full production within the next few weeks.



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# Business news roundup

A new **Burlington** store is expected to open Friday at 1226 S. Koeller St. As part of the opening, Burlington will be presenting a \$5,000 donation to Franklin Elementary School. The Oshkosh store will be the national off-price retailer's 18<sup>th</sup> location in Wisconsin. The store offers merchandise for the entire family and home with a reimagined store design. The format includes wider aisles and signage for navigation.

**Ascension Wisconsin** plans to open two new community pharmacies this summer in Oshkosh, expanding access to essential medications and pharmacy services for the community. The new pharmacies will be located at Ascension NE Wisconsin – Mercy Hospital and the Ascension NE Wisconsin – Koeller Street clinic. Both pharmacies will offer full retail services to the public, including prescription fulfillment, over-the-counter medications and pharmacist consultations.



# County's 911 system poised for update

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's 911 dispatch center will receive technical upgrades pending approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

The Sheriff's Office, which runs the 911 center, is seeking to add upgrades that include updated software, updated voice-to-text translations for calls and a new audio recording system. The county's 911 call processing equipment will also be replaced.

"This is a refresh of our existing system with an upgrade of our text translation ser-

vice," said Lara Vendola-Messer, Winnebago County Captain of Communications. "If someone texts us in a different language, it can be translated, and we can respond."

The upgrades and five-year contract with AT&T Enterprises will cost an estimated \$500,000, with grant dollars covering 90% of the cost. In year one, the county will pay \$45,968.26 for the equipment with years two to five seeing the costs rise from \$120,321.60 to \$130,073.33.

Software maintenance will cost an estimated \$70,000 per year.

For the recording system, the county would enter a five-year agreement with WSI Technologies. The county has been awarded a \$514,513.76 grant, which will be spent in 2027 on the system. The county has a 10% match, which means it will pay \$11,200 the first year and \$31,400 for years two through five.

If approved by the county board, the new system will roll out in first quarter 2027.

AT&T has provided 911 call handling service to Winnebago County since the 2000s.

# Local group organizing overdue military honors

Oshkosh Herald

The United Veterans Honor Guard (UVHG) of Oshkosh is looking for Winnebago County families whose deceased relatives have never received official military burial honors upon their death.

On Aug. 15, the group will be performing full military honors to those who qualify as a service to the families in the county. For a family member to qualify, the group will need a copy of that service member's discharge papers (his/hers form DD214). If the family does not have a copy of the form DD214, they can reach out to the Winnebago County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) for help in obtaining a copy of the form.

The contact information for the CVSO is [cvso@winnebagocountywi.gov](mailto:cvso@winnebagocountywi.gov) or call 920-232-3400.

The number of service members to be honored will be capped at 15 each year. The cutoff date for this year's honorees will be July 1. Those who do not get on this year's list for honors will be first in line for the 2027 honors ceremony.

Fill out the honors form, available at [forms.gle/NfbCh7HW8mT43Zhk9](https://forms.gle/NfbCh7HW8mT43Zhk9) and send a copy of form DD214 to Todd Schumacher at [tjcas90@gmail.com](mailto:tjcas90@gmail.com), text 920-312-0822 or to Susan King at 920-379-5041 or mailed

to Susan King, 816 Eastman St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Families can also mail forms to Todd Schumacher, 2475 Patriot Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

# Updated app links to expanded resources

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review Team has launched an updated version of its app, We Heart You App 2.0.

The updated app offers a more user-friendly experience, expanded resources and improved mapping features to help individuals and families quickly find the support they need.

The app serves as a tool in connecting people to lifesaving services across Win-

nebago County and beyond.

Community members will need to download the new app to receive the benefits of the update. The app can be downloaded by searching "We Heart You!" in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

The We Heart You initiative was developed through the work of the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review Team to break the silence around substance use, reduce stigma and ultimately save lives.

# Presentation focuses on challenges facing immigrants

Oshkosh Herald

Local immigration attorney Molly Smiltneek will lead a discussion about the current realities and challenges facing immigrants in the community.

"The State of US Immigration Today" presentation is part of the Winnebago Area Literacy Council's Immigration Learning Circle.

The event is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at 111 N. Main St., Suite 202.

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## Special recognition

In recognition of her more than 50 years of volunteer service in the Miss America Organization, Gordy Lund was presented with a special pin by the Miss America Organization during their 100th year anniversary. The presentation was April 28 at the Oshkosh Area Women's Association Quarterly Dinner. Lund was a co-chairperson of the Miss Oshkosh Organization under the Miss America Program. Oshkosh Area Women's Association has sponsored the Miss Oshkosh Scholarship program for over 50 years. Pictured are Tricia Luedtke Morris (Miss Oshkosh and Miss Wisconsin 1990) Riley Staerkel (Miss Oshkosh Teen 2026), Lund and Cindy Basler Trudell (Miss Oshkosh 1973).

## Spaghetti dinner benefits children impacted by war

Oshkosh Herald

Students in the Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School are hosting a charity spaghetti dinner in partnership with International Network for Aid, Relief and Assistance (INARA) and the Mid-Morning Kiwanis.

Student Talen Oesterreich said all pro-

ceeds from the event will go toward medical and mental health support for children who have been physically or psychologically impacted by war.

The event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Oshkosh North Cafeteria. Guests can enter Door 1. The costs is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 5-12 and free for children under 5.

## Students organize community bike program

Oshkosh Herald

A community bike program is providing new bikes to students at Read Elementary School.

Two juniors in the Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School organized the program to distribute 30 bikes to the younger students.

Caden Ames and Seamus Rutkowski organized the program to increase mobility and promote outdoor activity for local youth. By connecting families with the resources of the Oshkosh Community Bike Center, the project aims to ensure that more kids in the area have access to safe, reliable transportation and learn the joy of cycling.

"I have enjoyed getting to learn how to work on bikes knowing that what I'm doing is going to make a difference," Ames said.

Both juniors have spent every Wednesday since the start of April going to the bike center helping refurbish bikes for a distribution event today and subsequent

bike distributions. Ames and Rutkowski have worked with Steve Sagmeister, founder of the bike program, alongside some other volunteers to coordinate the event and get everything ready for this special day.

The Oshkosh Community Bike Center has been in operation since 2009. They have distributed 4,000-5,000 bikes over the years.

"Our mission is to provide transportation to those that are in need or can't afford it," Sagmeister said. "This provides them with transportation to get to work, school and appointments. It helps to fill basic needs."

Bikes are available through a referral system from local community and human service organizations. The Oshkosh Community Bike Program is always looking for more bike donations. Anyone that has a bike to donate can drop bikes in any condition by Arts for Kids on Pearl Street. There's a sign that says Community Bike Program.

## Students partner on dog park additions

Oshkosh Herald

The dog park at Winnebago County Community Park has undergone recent renovations with the help of a group of high school students.

Oshkosh North High School juniors Ella Seeley, Abby Dutschek, Cooper Snell and Phanique Thompson will host a ribbon-cutting event at the Winnebago County Best Friends Dog Park from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday to celebrate the recent additions to the dog park.

Kyle Vergin from the Winnebago County Parks Department has partnered with the students in Oshkosh North's Communities Program to enhance the dog park.

The open-to-the-public event will highlight recent work completed in the dog park, including new trees, a picnic table, and an A-Frame obstacle. Those planning to attend should park in front of the Best Friends Dog Park.

Guests are welcome to bring their dogs along to enjoy the park and explore the new additions. To make the event even more enjoyable, pup cups and dog toys will be handed out for pets to enjoy. There will be two book giveaways from a local author.

Vergin shared how projects like this can make a big impact, even if they seem small at first.

"Don't sweat the small stuff, because in the end, it's all small stuff," Vergin said.



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# Leadership Oshkosh program seeks to empower every generation

By Trina Woldt  
DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP OSHKOSH

Leadership development continues to be a powerful force in strengthening communities.

In Oshkosh, the Chamber has several leadership programs that are making a lasting impact across generations. From established initiatives like Leadership Oshkosh and Youth Leadership Oshkosh to the launch of the Leadership Oshkosh Encore program, the focus remains on cultivating informed, engaged and empowered leaders and well-informed community members.

Complementing these efforts is the growing impact of the Mindset Leadership Program, a comprehensive seven-week program focused on developing the mindset of a leader while building a workplace culture grounded in values, high standards, strong communication skills and fun.

This month, Leadership Oshkosh celebrates the graduation of 44 community members who have spent the past nine months deepening their understanding of local issues, building connections and sharpening their leadership skills.

A hallmark of the program is its class project, designed to translate learning into meaningful community impact. This year's class selected the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry as the beneficiary of their efforts.

Through careful planning and strong community support, they organized a Trivia Night fundraiser in April that raised more than \$30,000 for the pantry, along with an additional \$10,000 for the Oshkosh Chamber Foundation's Leadership Oshkosh Sustainability Fund, which is designed to sustain the Leadership Oshkosh Program.

The success of the event not only highlights the class's organizational capabilities but also underscores the generosity



and civic spirit that define Oshkosh.

Equally inspiring is the progress of Youth Leadership Oshkosh, which is graduating 24 high school juniors this year. These students represent all four Oshkosh high schools — Oshkosh North High School, Oshkosh West High School, Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian School.

Through hands-on experiences and exposure to community leaders over the past nine months, participants gained a deeper appreciation for civic engagement and the responsibilities of leadership. By investing in young people at this formative stage, the program helps ensure a strong pipeline of future leaders who are both knowledgeable and committed to giving back to their community.

Building on this foundation, the pilot launch of Leadership Oshkosh Encore represents an exciting new chapter. Designed specifically for community members aged 55 and older, this program recognizes the value of experience, perspective, and a continued desire to contribute.

This program was inspired by Leadership Oshkosh alumni who went through the program many years ago and adults relocating to Oshkosh to be near their children and grandchildren. Encore participants will have the opportunity to stay engaged, share their expertise, and explore new ways to make a difference in Oshkosh. This program is expected to launch in October and is in collaboration with Learning in Retirement.

Additionally, the Chamber organizes three Concierge Lunch & Lead events with guest speakers at each event. This is a great opportunity for leaders and community members to have lunch, connect and stay informed.

Together, these programs demonstrate a comprehensive, lifelong approach to leadership development. From high school students to seasoned community members, Oshkosh is fostering a culture where leadership is not confined to a single stage of life but is instead an ongoing journey — one that strengthens individuals and the entire community alike.

To learn more, contact Director of Leadership Oshkosh Trina Woldt at [trina@oshkoshchamber.com](mailto:trina@oshkoshchamber.com).



Oshkosh Herald

GOEDC presented visual options of what City Center could look like if the city purchases the 17 acres of riverfront property to redevelop.

## City Center

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lose appeal.

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) has been partnering with the city during the seven-month period that the Oshkosh Common Council has met numerous times in executive session.

During the May 6 open house, GOEDC's president and CEO Trisha Rathermel gave a similar presentation to one she gave in April to the council. She explained that the downtown area generates more tax revenue per acre compared to big box stores. Rathermel stated that four big box stores in northwest Oshkosh generate about \$12,500 per acre of tax revenue.

Rathermel said to compare that to the 400 block of North Main Street, which generates almost \$35,000 per acre of tax revenue.

GOEDC helped with the Oshkosh Avenue corridor project that was developed. Rutkowski explained that the corridor, which is in a tax incentive district, generates \$840,000 annually in tax dollars.

Rutkowski said that the community development department is not in favor or opposed to purchasing City Center. The department is in favor of the decision the council makes, she said.

Although she could not provide further details, Rutkowski said that the council has been given the pros and cons of purchasing the site.

"We provide council with pros and cons for every development," she said after the open house concluded.

Rutkowski added that if the city purchases the site, there will be time for due diligence. That is when the city would be

able to do more environmental testing, including soil sampling to check for soil contamination.

Historically, the riverfront was used for industrial purposes. That fact has led to a lot of soil contamination being discovered along the river. Soil remediation efforts were needed for the new ThedaCare hospital and when the Leach Amphitheater was built.

The contaminated soil at the hospital site was from the former door company and the contamination at the site of the Leach Amphitheater stems from the Oshkosh Gas Light Company and Wisconsin Public Service using the site from the 1860s to convert coal into gas.

City staff confirmed that soil testing has not yet been done at the site. It remains unclear how much money the city may need to spend to remediate the soil since no soil testing has been done.

When the Leach Amphitheater opened over \$6 million was spent to remedy the area, according to the EPA.

A major question that has popped up recently is why now.

Rathermel explained that development of City Center would be a good time now because vibrant downtowns help build strong communities and because the Jackson/Oregon Street will be under construction in 2028. The development would fall in line with that construction.

Council member Paul Esslinger voiced his skepticism at the April 22 meeting, stating this is putting the cart before the horse. Esslinger was elected in April and was not involved in the executive sessions going back to October.

"How...am I going to ask you for \$12.5 million to buy something," Esslinger said. "What about the foundation? Trust me. We'll do that later."

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City officials throw the first shovels of dirt during the ceremonial groundbreaking held last week to celebrate construction on the new clearwells that will be built over the next three years.

## Clearwells project

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ter.

As the first phase is completed, plant workers will begin familiarizing themselves with the new system. Then the second million-gallon tank will be constructed.

The city is currently using three underground tanks to hold Oshkosh's potable water. This is not just the drinking water but also the water used by the fire department in emergencies.

The three tanks range in age from 65 years old to possibly 145 years old. The youngest tank was built in 1961 and another was built in 1915, but no one is sure when the first tank was built. City staff believes it was built sometime in the 1880s.

Over the last three years, the cost of the project has jumped from \$36 million to \$47.6 million. The city worked with the DNR and the Public Service Commission to ensure the designs for the clearwells are in line with the new regulations.

City Manager Rebecca Grill and Mayor Matt Mugerauer both commented that this was an important milestone for the city.

"Projects like this represent the kind of investment people may not always see but they rely on every day," Grill said. "Safe, reliable water service is one of the most fundamental services a city provides. When a system is working the way it should, most people never have to think about it and that's exactly the point."

The two new one-million-gallon reservoir tanks will be built near the corner of Washington Avenue and Lake Shore Drive with the pumphouse in the middle. The tanks will be housed in large brick buildings.

The large brick buildings will have graphic panels featuring sturgeon and wild rice to honor the history of Lake Winnebago.

A separate project will look at the landscaping around the clearwells to ensure the clearwells blend in with the surrounding area on the lakefront. The landscaping project is likely to start as the second phase of the clearwell project is being completed.

## Lourdes Academy names new president

Oshkosh Herald

Zachary Zeckser was named Friday as the next president of Lourdes Academy, effective July 1.

Zeckser brings over two decades of experience in Catholic education, having served as a theology teacher, principal and chief administrator.

He is currently the principal at Xavier Catholic Schools in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Zeckser

A native of the Midwest, Zeckser has dedicated his career to serving Catholic school communities in Iowa and Minnesota. He is eager to build strong relationships with Lourdes students, families, faculty, staff and parish community.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Lourdes Academy team and look forward to serving and leading in a way that strengthens and sustains the wonderful work already happening within the Lourdes Academy community," Zeckser said.

Zeckser will replace John Dinegan, who is retiring after serving as the system president of Lourdes Academy for nine years.

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# Former district employee sues school district, board

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A former dean of students at Vel Phillips Middle School has filed a civil lawsuit against the school district and the school board.

The case stems from a January 2025 incident involving a student, school resource officer and the dean of students.

Christopher Willems filed the lawsuit in March. The lawsuit claims Willems is a scapegoat for the media attention that came from the incident.

Willems' lawsuit is demanding judgement in his favor and requesting he get his job back at the Oshkosh Area School District along with a number of compensation demands linked to alleged losses Willems has experienced.

Court documents show OASD attorneys have requested that the case be dismissed.

Court documents outline what allegedly occurred at Vel Phillips Middle School on Jan. 10, 2025. During the school day a special education teacher requested help

with a student who did not want to turn off their cell phone.

Willems arrived and the student began yelling, which prompted Willems to call for a student resource officer to get involved. The officer, which is an Oshkosh Police officer working in the school, restrained and handcuffed the student.

Willems initially was placed on administrative leave and was given a five-day suspension. The lawsuit claims he was to attend non-violent crisis intervention training. Then on Feb. 26, 2025, Willems was placed on administrative leave for the remainder of the school year.

In May 2025, the school board voted to not renew Willems' contract.

Willems was hired as a special education teacher with OASD in 2019. The following year he took a job in Fond du Lac but was back in OASD for the 2021-22 school year as a Merrill Middle School special education teacher and dean of students.

He remained with OASD for the 2022-23 school year as dean of students for the newly opened Vel Phillips Middle School.

Willems lawsuit claims breach of con-

tract as the first of three claims. The suit argues that an agreement between the district and Willems signed on Jan. 24, 2025 states "there shall be no further discipline for the incident of January 10, 2025."

That agreement states Willems was given a five-day suspension without pay, transfer him to another position within the district and have him attend non-violent crisis intervention training.

In a Feb. 26, 2025 letter, Willems allegedly received a letter from OASD executive director of human resources Sabrina Johnson stating he would remain on non-disciplinary leave for the remainder of the school year.

Johnson described the Jan. 10 incident as a physical altercation Willems had with a "student of color" and based "upon the race component of the prior incident, your reassignment will most likely be met with disruption by those not satisfied with the disciplinary outcome."

On April 9, 2025, after a number of news stories were published regarding Willems' involvement in restraining a student, Willems was issued a preliminary

notice stating the district was considering not renewing his contract.

The notice stated Willems has a "history of judgement decisions most recently involving the handling of a student of color." The notice also states the district was concerned that past incidents will "attract disruption to the educational environment," and that due to those continued disruptions "it will be difficult for (Willems) to be successful within the District."

A prior incident involving Willems was during a Merrill Middle School event and court documents do not give additional details.

The lawsuit claims the board "did not act in an arbitrary or capricious manner when it did not renew Plaintiff's teaching contract."

Willems' suit claims the board did not give Willems his due process.

Attorneys for OASD and the school board argued one affirmative defense for their case is that the board did not breach Willems' agreement.

There are no scheduled hearings in the case.

# Father charged after trip to California with son leads to search

Oshkosh Herald

As law enforcement last month sent out a city-wide emergency alert for an Oshkosh man and his son, the pair were on a flight to California. Now the father is facing felony charges for interfering with a custody order.



Madigan

John M. Madigan, 41, is facing one count of interfere with custody - after custody order in Winnebago County.

Court documents allege Madigan violated his custody agreement with his ex-wife when he took their six-year-old son to Los Angeles instead of Carl Traeger El-

ementary School on April 30.

If convicted, Madigan faces a maximum 7.5 year state prison sentence followed by up to five years of extended supervision.

The Oshkosh Police Department first notified the public of the missing pair with a city-wide emergency alert around 10:30 a.m., about two and a half hours after police were first notified. A press release around 1 p.m. then stated that Madigan and his son, Justin, were missing and last seen around 8 a.m. in the 1200 block of Cumberland Trail.

Madigan was arrested when he landed at Appleton International Airport two days later and taken into custody. Online court records show Madigan is no longer in custody.

At his initial appearance Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set Madigan's

signature bond at \$1,000.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to Cumberland Trail for a welfare check on Madigan. The reporting party, Madigan's cousin, told police Madigan left a note saying "watch over my cats" and left his apartment and car keys at his apartment.

Madigan's cousin was concerned that due to his mental health conditions that he may have died by suicide. Officers searched the apartment and did not locate John or Justin Madigan.

The reporting party also called John's brother Michael, who lives in California and asked if he knew where John was. Michael said he did not know but said he would call police if he heard anything.

Staff at Carl Traeger spoke with police and said Justin was not in school that day and that no parent had called in to excuse his absence.

Officers then spoke with Madigan's ex-wife. The two do not speak to each other regularly and much of their communication is on the co-parenting child custody app, Our Family Wizard.

Madigan's ex-wife told officers they have a custody agreement and that she was supposed to pick up their son from school that afternoon. She added Madigan is often paranoid and shows signs of schizophrenia.

The complaint states that at one point on April 30, the Winnebago County Sheriff's dive and rescue team were preparing to search a large retention pond near Cumberland Trail.

It was at this point the police department received a tip that Madigan and his son were on a United Airlines flight from Appleton to Denver.

Around 6 p.m. OPD was informed that John and Justin were at LAX airport in California with John's brother, Michael.

On May 2, John and Justin landed at Appleton International Airport. They were met by police who explained to John that they were taking him into custody. Justin was released into the custody of his mother and John was taken into custody by the officers.

Madigan is set to be back in court on May 18.

## Area unemployment rate decreases over the month

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate decrease to 3.5% in March, down from 3.7% in February but up from 3.1% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.

Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 30 of Wisconsin's

35 largest cities over the month. Rates increased in two cities and stayed the same in the remaining three cities. Unemployment rates decreased in one city over the year: Superior. Rates increased in the remaining 34 cities over the year.

Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 65 counties over the month. Rates increased in six counties over the month and stayed the same in one county: Douglas. Unemployment rates increased in 62 counties over the year. Rates decreased in nine counties over the year and stayed the same in one county: Vilas.

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	<b>2/\$4</b> Food Club Baked Beans 28 oz		<b>2/\$3</b> Manwich 15-16 oz		<b>4/\$5</b> Red Gold 14.5-15 oz Tomatoes or 6 oz Paste		<b>4/\$5</b> Van Camp's Pork & Beans 15 oz
	<b>2/\$4</b> Pearls Olives 5.75-6 oz Select		<b>2/\$5</b> Food Club Pickles 16-24 oz Select		<b>2.99</b> Fisher Peanuts 14 oz		<b>2/\$5</b> Jays, O-Ke-Doke or Krunchers! 7.5-8.5 oz

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# Tournament raises money for disc golf course updates

Oshkosh Herald

The first in a series of disc golf tournaments this year will raise money for new baskets at Red Arrow Park in Oshkosh.

The first nine baskets were replaced last year, organizer Thomas Urben said. He hopes to raise the remaining \$3,150 to replace the final nine baskets with three disc golf tournaments throughout the Fox Valley.

A tournament will be held Sunday at the Winnebago County Disc Golf course at Winnebago County Park in Oshkosh. Players will use the green layout for the first round and yellow course in the second round.

Check-in is from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Shelter 2 by Green Layout Hole 5 followed by a player's meeting at 9:45 a.m. The first

round will tee off at 10 a.m. followed by the second round teeing off at 1 p.m.

A raffle will follow the end of the second round. The raffle includes gift cards, discs and other items. All proceeds from the raffle go toward upgrading the Red Arrow baskets.

The entry fee is \$30 for all divisions with 50% of entry fees paid out in cash and 50% going toward the new baskets at Red Arrow Park. Fees can be paid at the event with no need to register ahead of time. More information is available at Discgolfsce.com. Search for "2026 Red Arrow Rebuild Tournament #3" or look for events in Oshkosh, WI.

The other tournaments this year will be July 26 at O'Hauser Park in Fox Crossing and Sept. 19 at Red Arrow Park.

# Fundraiser features mac and cheese, brews

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh Southwest Rotary fundraiser will provide guests with an opportunity to taste mac and cheese dishes while sampling drinks from local breweries and cider makers.

Mac 'n Brew will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Oshkosh Arena. The event for guests 21 and older brings together gourmet comfort food, local craft beverages and live entertainment in support of community initiatives led by

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary.

Guests will be able to sample a variety of mac and cheese dishes from local restaurants, paired with drink samples. A cash bar will offer wine and spirits available throughout the evening.

The evening will feature live music from Doozey.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Oshkosh Arena Box Office or online through Ticketmaster.

# Church concert features food, music

Oshkosh Herald

The 12:34 Concert Series this weekend features Sundae and Mr. Goessl.

The event featuring free food and a free concert will be held at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard.

A potluck starts at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, with music starting at 12:34 p.m.

Organizers said they recognize there are pockets of food scarcity in Oshkosh, as well as a lack of spaces for live, original music outside of the bar scene. 12:34 was created as an opportunity for community members to connect through music and share a meal with their neighbors.

The 12:34 name comes from the concert start time, 12:34 p.m.

# Oshkosh Arena hosts state arm wrestling tournament

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Arm Wrestling State Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Oshkosh Arena.

Wisconsin Arm Wrestling is partnering with the Christine Ann Center for "Pulling to End Domestic Abuse."

The group is committed to donating a portion of all event proceeds to the Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center, which provides domestic violence services and emergency shelter to victims/survivors in Winnebago and surrounding counties.

The tournament is scheduled for weigh-ins and registration from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday.

Weigh-ins and registration starts at 8 a.m. Saturday followed by kids, teens and people with special abilities matches at 10 a.m.

Super matches begin at noon, with men's amateur and masters at 1 p.m. and women's and men's open at 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Awards will be given for first through fourth place in all divisions.

# Calendar of events

## Thursday, May 14

Oshkosh Area Women's Association Blood Drive, noon, Wittman Regional Airport Board Room, 525 W. 20th Ave. Mac 'n' Brew, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Friday, May 15

Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Wisconsin Arm Wrestling State Tournament, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Saturday, May 16

Wisconsin Arm Wrestling State Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, Oshkosh Public Museum Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Oshkosh Area Women's Association Meat Raffle, 11 a.m., Wehrmann's Bar, 1762 County Road FF Mutts Gone Nuts - Unleashed, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh Harry and the Hendersons, 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Sunday, May 17

Van Dyne Lions Club Country Breakfast, 8 a.m., Van Dyne Lions Park Red Arrow Disc Golf Rebuild Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park Disc Golf Green and Yellow Courses

Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride, 10 a.m., Becket's Spring Art and Craft Show, 11 a.m., Chalice Restaurant, 1741 N. Main St. 12:34 Concert Series featuring Sundae and Mr. Goessl, 11:30 a.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard The Magic of Kevin Spencer - Sensory Friendly Performance, 1 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" presented by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers with special guests Monroe Crossing Bluegrass Band, 3 p.m., Community Church Oshkosh, 2351 Ryf Road

## Wednesday, May 20

Power of the Purse featuring Keynote Speaker Catherine Price, 11:45 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

## Thursday, May 21

Sometimes at Pioneer Island Opening Day, 11 a.m., 1000 Pioneer Drive EAA Speaker Series: Rescue Me, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

## Saturday, May 23

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Park Opening Day, 10 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo Oshkosh Comic and Toy Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Arena Shaun of the Dead, 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Sunday, May 24

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Park

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# Curtis caps record-setting career at Carroll University

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Abby Curtis wasn't sure how much she was going to see the field as a freshman in the Carroll University softball program.

The former Oshkosh West standout had seen plenty of action with the Wildcats but said she didn't know going in how that would translate at the collegiate level.

"Coming in as a freshman, it's like all new and there are upperclassmen and you don't know how things work," Curtis said in a recent phone interview. "I wasn't expecting to play that much (as a freshman). I really just kept my head down and tried to prove to my coach that I was there to play."

That mission was accomplished.

Curtis played a key role with the Pioneers her first season at Carroll and capped an impressive career early this month as she will leave a legacy for future players to strive for.

"I'm waiting for graduation (which happened on Saturday) to realize that it's the end and that it's really over now," said Curtis, who graduated with a degree in Business Administration. "I see other teams posting about practicing still and it's sad."

Curtis certainly has nothing to be disappointed about after a four-year run at Carroll where she etched her name in the program's record book in a number of categories.

The speedy outfielder has three of the top six single season totals in stolen bases and easily tops the career mark for the Pioneers in that category with 71.

Earlier this season, she also established the all-time hits record for the program with 167 while finishing her career in the top 10 in batting average (.360), runs scored (71), total bases (176) and walks (48).



Curtis

"I can remember vividly all of the moments I broke records," said Curtis, who played in 146 games for the Pioneers. "All of those were very special moments."

As memorable as her accomplishments on the field were, Curtis said that she will also miss the times with her teammates away from the diamond.

The bus rides to games – when she admits, the team might have gotten a little loud with the games they played – hotel

stays and especially the time spent together around campus.

"I will remember all of it," Curtis said. "Just being with my teammates every single day. They truly made the experience the best it could have been. I'm so happy I got to play all four years with some of my best friends."

Curtis believes that one of the reasons she was able to make the jump from high school to college so easily was because of her prep days at Oshkosh West and playing in the Fox Valley Association.

Curtis was a first-team all-FVA selection as a senior following the 2022 season and earned second-team honors her junior year.

"It set me up perfectly. I was acclimated to the pitching and type of defense other teams had," Curtis said. "I truly stand by the fact that the FVA is one of the hardest conferences in Wisconsin for high school."

But as prepared as she was for the college game, it was a little boost her freshman year from then head coach Amy Gradecki that helped spark the successful career for Curtis.

"Coach really believed in me and that gave me more confidence. She had the confidence in me so I just had to believe in myself to get it done," Curtis said. "I'm very grateful she gave a little freshman a chance to prove that I could actually play."

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# Prep sports roundup

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Yaggie, Kapral win events for Knights

Matt Yaggie swept the hurdle events and Cameron Kapral finished first in the 400 meters to lead the Lourdes Academy boys at the Under The Lights meet held at Titan Stadium on Friday night.

Yaggie edged Campbellsport's Seamus Toshner by less than a tenth of a second in both the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, while Kapral finished about two-tenths of a second ahead of the field to post his victory.

Henry Spanbauer added a fourth place in the 3,200 meters for the Knights, who finished fifth among the 13 teams at the meet.

The Lourdes Academy girls also posted a win at the meet as Annie Moore, Ana Schneidewend, Allison Stromske and Khloe Bunton took first in the 3,200-meter relay.

The Knights also finished fourth in the 800-meter relay and fifth in the 1,600-meter relay, while Kylie Rietz in the 200 meters and Maci Stegeman in the triple jump were also fifth.

### Warriors take second at Hilbert Invite

The Valley Christian boys used a balanced effort to score a runner-up finish at the 11-team Hilbert Invitational last Friday.

The Warriors scored in all but three individual events at the meet.

Isaiah Hyvonen collected the lone individual win for the Warriors by placing first in the 200 meters, while the foursome of Noah Zodrow, Aiden Murphy, Ben Curtis and Connor Stertz took first in the 400-meter throwers relay.

Sam Gloudemans registered three top-five finishes at the meet, taking second in the triple jump, third in the 100 meters and fifth in the long jump.

Hudson Depue picked up a second place in the 800 meters, while taking fourth in the pole vault and Jonah Menet was third in the 3,200 meters and fourth in the 1,600 meters for the Warriors.

Other top five finishes on the day were: Ben Johnson, third in the pole vault; Simon Menet, fourth in the 3,200 meters; Sam Depue, fifth in the 400 meters; Ezra Ehrlich, fifth in the 1,600 meters; Connor Stertz, fifth in the shot put; and Aiden Murphy, fifth in the high jump.

The Warriors were also second in the 400-meter relay and third in the 800-meter relay.

The Valley Christian girls were fifth at the meet and were led by Mya Moran, who won the 3,200 meters.

Anna Giannopoulos finished second in the discus, Mackenzie Murphy was fifth in the pole vault, Lizzie Fink was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and Madelyn Busch took fifth in the 200 meters.

The Warriors were also second in both the 1,600-meter relay and the 400-meter throwers relay.

### West's Nelson posts win at Myrhum invite

Oshkosh West's Sydnee Nelson won the 100-meter hurdle race to highlight the day for the Wildcats at the 53-team Myrhum Invitational hosted by Arrowhead High School on Saturday.

Nelson blistered the track with a time of 14.14 seconds to finish first in a field of 42 runners. She finished nearly seven-tenths of a second ahead of the second-place fin-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Mat Yaggie, clearing the final hurdle in the 110-meter race, won both hurdle events at the Lourdes Academy Under the Lights Invitational last Friday at Titan Stadium.

isher.

Both Kylie Triebold and Camille Phillips earned a pair of top-10 finishes on the day for the Wildcats.

Triebold finished third in the 400 meters and took seventh in the 200 meters, while Phillips was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles and eighth in the 100-meter hurdles.

The Wildcats finished tied for 11<sup>th</sup> place in the team standings.

The West boys were led by Carter Crowe, who finished fifth in the 800 meters. Colden Searles added a ninth place in the pole vault and Dylan McDonald was 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meters for West.

### Scott, relay post wins for North boys

Jamare Scott earned one first-place finish for Oshkosh, while the 3,200-meter relay added another as the Spartans finished fifth at the 13-team Hilbert Invitational last Thursday.

Scott finished first in the 100 meters for North, while Reid Anderson, Mason Gumz, Mugisha Sebhunja and Jay Weber teamed up for the relay win.

Jose Diaz picked up a second place in the 300-meter hurdles and a third place in the 110-meter hurdles for the Spartans, while Dalton Clark in the 200 meters and Weber in the 800 meters were each third.

The Spartans were also second in the 800-meter relay.

The North girls were led by Alai Awak, who took second in the high jump and fourth in the triple jump. Savannah Rust added a fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles, with the Spartans taking fourth in the 400-meter relay.

### Knights edge Warriors in boys dual meet

The Lourdes Academy boys topped Valley Christian, 74-70, to finish 5-0 at the Trailways Conference dual meet event at Titan Stadium last week.

The Warriors finished 4-1.

Mat Yaggie won both the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles to lead the Knights, while joining Brett Maki, Isaak Rucinski and Cameron Kapral in winning the 1,600-meter relay.

Kapral in the 400 meters, Henry Spanbauer in the 3,200 meters and Quin Ruark in the high jump also added wins in individual events for the Knights. Lourdes Academy also finished first in the 800-meter relay with a team of Rucinski, Maki,

Ruark and Johnny Santiago, while the foursome of Zach Foster, Spanbauer, Mason Piechowski and Connor Salm finished first in the 3,200-meter relay.

Adding second places for the Knights were David Agosto in the 200 meters; Zach Foster in the 800 meters; Spanbauer in the 1,600 meters; and Tristan Gomez in the shot put. Santiago in the 200 meters, Piechowski in the 800 meters, Sam Rehm in the discus and Matthew Loker in the triple jump were each third.

The Warriors were led by Isaiah Hyvonen, who placed first in both the

100 meters and 200 meters, and Samuel Gloudemans, who was second in the triple jump and third in both the 100 meters, while joining Lucas Whyte, Wyatt Sawicki and Josiah Franz to win the 400-meter relay.

Jonah Menet was second in the 3,200 meters and third in the 1,600 meters for the Warriors, while Hudson Depue was second in the discus and third in the pole vault. Aiden Murphy was second in the high jump, while Simon Menet in the 3,200 meters and Ben Curtis in the shot put were each third.

Valley Christian also took second in both the 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

The Lourdes Academy girls finished 4-1 in the dual meets, with the Knights' lone loss coming to Dodgeland, 73-70, with the Warriors going 3-2 on the day.

The Knights' individual winners were Kylie Rietz in the 200 meters and Maci Stegeman in the triple jump, with Annie Moore grabbing second places in the 800 meters, 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters and Allie Feuerhelm taking second in the 100 meters and third in the 200 meters.

Lucy Schade added a second place in the high jump and Anika Leitch was third in both the 100-meter hurdles and triple jump.

The Knights also won the 400-meter relay with a team of Leah Ridenour, Rietz, Adriana Saucedo and Feuerhelm and the 1,600-meter relay with a foursome of Saucedo, Rietz, Allison Stromske and Ana Schneidewend.

The Knights were also second in both the 800-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay.

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# Versatile Duran helps Spartans find success on pitch

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Ava Duran is too young to know much about rock bands from the 1980s like Duran Duran.

However, she knows a lot about the Duran Duran combo that has made Oshkosh North a hit on the pitch.

Ava has teamed with her younger sister, Emaly Duran, to help the Spartans navigate a difficult Fox Valley Association.

Hungry like the wolf? You bet the two Durans are when it comes to soccer.

Ava, a senior defender, plays a center back position, while Emaly is a sophomore midfielder. The sister act has combined for nine goals this season: six by Emaly and three by Ava.

This is the second and final season the two will play high school soccer together. Ava will take her stellar game to Kenosha next season where she will join the University of Wisconsin-Parkside soccer program, while Emaly will be one of the Spartans' top returning players in 2027.

"It's great, I love it," said Ava. "Emaly is a great soccer player and I know I can always count on my sister. She's really aggressive and I know she always has my back."

Ava is a fourth-year varsity contributor who plays the game year-round, competing on the Wisconsin United (Appleton) club team during the non-high school season.

"We're really going to miss Ava next year, but I can't wait to watch her grow as a player at the next level," said North coach

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Nicole Palmquist. "Her love for the sport is what makes her a great player."

Ava has such a diverse skill set that Palmquist has used her in different ways on the field. It's not uncommon for Ava to start a game on defense at center back and then shift to a midfielder position and play up front, depending on the situation. It's been an effective strategy as Ava has scored five goals and garnered three assists the past two seasons – impressive numbers for a defender.

"Last year, I played a lot of center back and also some midfield with my little sister," said Ava. "This year, I've played more of a high center back, but in some games I've pushed up and been able to get into the attack."

"I love playing center back, but I also like pushing up because I want to be in the game at all times. And just like everyone else, I want to get a chance to score some goals."

Palmquist greatly values Ava's versatility, work ethic and leadership skills.

"Ava is very versatile and we can use her wherever we need to on the field," said Palmquist. "The time and effort she puts into it, day in and day out, doesn't go unnoticed. We can count on her on and off the field to be a leader and she's helped lead our underclass players. She's really stepped up vocally this year helping direct us out on the field in the back line."

Ava – a single-sport athlete at North – has been playing soccer with Emaly for years. Their older brother, Eric, is a former Oshkosh North soccer player, while their father, Javier, coached Ava and Emaly at different youth levels.

"My dad is a really big soccer guy, so he put us in soccer right away when we were kids," said Ava, who received all-FVA honorable mention in 2025 along with Emaly.



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Ava Duran is a four-year varsity performer for Oshkosh North who earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition last season. She plans to continue to play soccer at UW-Parkside next year.

"Soccer has always been my thing. Even when I was younger, I didn't play any other sport. We both started playing when we were maybe four and we'd always play it in the backyard and at County Park. Soccer is such a big part of our family."

Ava – an honors student at North - will fulfill a childhood goal of playing college soccer when she starts school in the fall at UW-Parkside.

"I always wanted to play college soccer," she said. "I went there on a visit and loved

it. The players and the coaches were so nice and I loved the campus."

Ava has entered the final month of her distinguished high school career and is looking to finish strong with a solid West team.

"We have an amazing group of girls," Ava said. "Everyone has a great sense of humor and this is a good team. Both high school and club soccer have been a lot of fun. I'm going to miss both of them and all the girls."

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Lizzie Fink won both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdle events to pace the Warriors, with Mya Moran taking first in the 400 meters and Mackenzie Murphy adding a first place in the pole vault.

Anna Giannopoulos took second in both the shot put and discus and Charlie Gardner added a second in the 300-meter hurdles. The Warriors were also third in the 1,600-meter relay.

### Spartans, Wildcats compete at FVA Relays

Oshkosh West finished eighth and Oshkosh North was ninth in both the boys and girls standings at the Fox Valley Association relays last week.

The Spartans' Andrew Oehler had a strong performance at the meet, taking first in the discus and second in the shot put. Jay Weber added a second place in the 1,600 meters, while North's 800-meter relay team placed second.

The West boys placed second in the 400-meter relay, third in both the 3,200-meter and distance medley relays and fourth in the sprint medley relay. Colden Searles tied for third in the pole vault and Jack Heidl in the discus and Carter Schmidt in the long jump were each fifth.

The West girls got wins from Sydnee Nelson in the 100-meter hurdles and Kayana Turner in the triple jump as well as the 400-meter throwers relay team.

Emma Liebergen added second places in the long jump and triple jump, Nora Pakula was fourth in the discus and Samantha Panske tied for fifth in the high jump. The Wildcats also took fourth in the 400-meter relay and fifth in the distance medley relay.

Alai Awak was the top Oshkosh North finisher, tying for fifth in the high jump.

### BASEBALL

#### Knights extend winning streak to 14

Lourdes Academy notched its 14<sup>th</sup> straight win and improved to 16-2 overall with a 13-1 thumping of Central Wisconsin Christian last Thursday.

The win marked the Knights seventh straight game of scoring double-digit runs and marked the 12<sup>th</sup> time this season the offense has scored at least 10 runs.

Michael Santiago and Brady Bauer each finished with three hits in the game to lead the offense, with Bauer notching a pair of doubles. Nolan Gibson and Ryder Mullen each added two hits, while Mullen and Bauer each drove in three runs.

Parker Sluslarski allowed just three hits and struck out three in throwing the five-inning complete game in the win.

The day before the Knights rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh to collect a 13-9 win over Randolph/Cambria-Friesland.

Sluslarski finished with three hits with Bauer and Reagan Needham each adding two in the win. Gibson drove in three runs in the game while Santiago had a pair of RBIs.

Johnny Santiago allowed just one run over three innings of relief to earn the win on the mound. He fanned four and did not allow a hit in the outing.

Earlier in the week, the Knights swept a doubleheader from Central Wisconsin Christian, winning the games by 13-3 and 16-6 margins.

Sluslarski went 4-for-5 and Gibson added three hits and three RBIs in the opener for the Knights. Needham also had a pair of hits in the game.

Sluslarski also got the win on the mound

for the Knights, striking out five and allowing just two earned runs in six innings.

In the nightcap, the Knights got home runs from Michael Santiago, Gibson and Bauer to key the win. Michael Santiago finished 3-of-4, while Gibson, Bauer and Christian Baumann each had two hits and drove in three runs.

Eli Halla got the win on the mound for Lourdes Academy.

#### Wildcats drop pair of FVA contests

Oshkosh West lost a pair of Fox Valley Association games last week, falling to Appleton North 7-5 on Friday and 12-5 to Fond du Lac on Thursday.

The Wildcats also picked up a 10-0 win over Appleton East on Tuesday.

No other information was available from the games.

#### Spartans have tough week against conference foes

Oshkosh North went 0-3 last week with all three losses coming against Fox Valley Association opponents.

The Spartans fell to Hortonville, 8-2, on Friday after losing to Kimberly 11-2 on Thursday. They also dropped a 4-2 decision to Kaukauna earlier in the week.

No other information was available from the games.

### SOFTBALL

#### Wildcats can't hold off FVA-leading Lightning

Oshkosh West scored a run in the top of the seventh to tie the game at three, but Appleton North answered with a run in the bottom of the frame to hand the Wildcats a 4-3 loss in Fox Valley Association action on Friday.

Colleen Fitzpatrick finished 2-for-3 with a home run to pace the offense for the Wildcats, who scored two runs in the top of the second to tie the game at 2.

Avarie Tritt struck out three and scattered eight hits in the game for West, but took the tough-luck loss against the FVA-leading Lightning. Only three of the four runs she allowed were earned.

West dropped a 6-3 decision the day before to Fond du Lac, as the Wildcats scored all three of their runs in the sixth inning.

The Wildcats were held to four hits in the game.

West opened the week with a 12-2 win over Appleton East.

Tritt and Izzy Kramer each had three hits in the game for West and combined for seven RBIs. Fitzpatrick, Alexia Monroe, Lia Lipinski and Sam Frank each added two hits, with Monroe and Lipinski each totaling two RBIs.

Kramer and Lipinski homered for West.

#### Knights edge Horicon in Trailways tussle

Lourdes Academy scored in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 6-5 win over Horicon last week.

The Knights took a 3-1 lead after the first inning but the score was tied at 3 after the third inning and knotted at five entering the sixth frame.

Elliana Reichenberger finished 3-for-3 and drove in three runs to lead the Knights, while Aubrey Schettle added a pair of hits. Zella Tidemanson had two RBIs.

Tidemanson struck out 12 in the game and only two of the runs Horicon scored were earned in netting the win in the circle.

The Knights then fell, 8-1, to Hustisford/Dodgeland on Thursday as Lourdes Academy committed six errors leading to four unearned runs.

Tidemanson went 2-for-3 in the game for the Knights.

### SOCCER

#### Knights suffer first Flyway loss of the season

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian was shut out for the first time this season in a 1-0 loss to Winnebago Lutheran on Thursday.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes/Valley posted an 8-0 win over Wayland Academy with Abby Mroczkowski and Ellie Koch each notching hat tricks.

Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhaupt and Amy Willis also scored in the game, while Aviana Wihlm led the team with two assists.

#### Wildcats collect pair of wins

Oshkosh West earned a pair of wins last week, edging Neenah 2-1 on Tuesday before scoring a 3-0 nonconference win over Plymouth on Saturday.

No other information was available from the games.

#### North dealt pair of shutout losses

Oshkosh North dropped both of its Fox Valley Association matches last week, losing to Appleton East and Kimberly by identical, 3-0, margins.

### GOLF

#### Knights take sixth at invitational

Liam Buttke led Lourdes Academy with an 84 as the Knights finished tied for sixth among 24 teams and the Adams-Friendship Green Devil Invitational at Northern Bay Golf Resort on Thursday.

The Knights finished at 352 along with Cochrane-Fountain City. Sparta won the team title with a 326.

Lucas Neuens added an 86 for the Knights, while Ian Simmons and Jackson Buttke each finished with a 91.

Lourdes Academy picked up another Trailways North mini-meet win on Tuesday, collecting the victory by nearly 20 strokes at White Lake Country Club.

Liam Buttke earned medalist honors with a round of 40 to lead the Knights, while Neuens and Jackson Buttke each finished with 44. Simmons and Henry Achterberg each shot 47 to round out the Knights golfers.

Lourdes Academy also took part in the unique Berlin Invitational at Mascoutin Country Club, where two-player tandems play the 18 holes in three different formats.

The Knights finished sixth overall among 17 teams and were led by the pairing of Neuens and Dominic Goel, who carded a score of 82.

Vincent Fett and Jackson Buttke as well

as Liam Buttke and Achterberg each had 88s.

#### Wildcats earn top-10 finish at invite

Oshkosh West finished ninth overall with a total of 360, just seven shots out of the top five, at the Manitowoc Invitational held at Wander Springs Golf Club last Thursday.

Eli Gelhar led the Wildcats with a round of 85, followed by Carter Kufel with a 90 and Tucker Ziegler with a 92. Carson Marchant rounded out the West scoring golfers with a 92.

At the Lawsonia Invitational on Wednesday, the Wildcats placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams with a score of 353.

Tyler Mellgren led the Wildcats with an 83, followed by Lincoln Houle with an 85 and Billy Berg with an 86. Brayden Kufel rounded out the scoring golfers with a 99.

The Wildcats dropped a close battle with Fond du Lac at Rolling Meadows, with the Cardinals collecting the 172-174 win.

Gelhar earned medalist honors with a 40 to lead West, with Houle shooting a 43, Tyler Moderson carding a 45 and Berg adding a 46.

Oshkosh West picked up a win over Appleton North, 179-196, at the Oshkosh Country Club last week.

Houle led the Wildcats and earned medalist honors with a 41, followed by Berg with a 44, Mellgren with a 46 and Moderson with a 48.

#### Spartans pick up win over Cardinals

Owen Weber tied for the low round with a 39 at Westhaven Golf Course as Oshkosh North pulled out a 167-175 win over Fond du Lac last Friday.

Wesley Lowe and Harrison Loewe finished at 41 and 42, respectively, while Clay Poquette added a 45 in the win for North.

North participated in the Manitowoc Invitational held at Wander Springs Golf Club last Thursday and tied for 13<sup>th</sup> place with a 371.

The Spartans were led by Luke Davis and Brady Anderson, who each fired rounds of 90. Harrison Loewe added a 94 and Wesley Loewe chipped in a 97.

The Spartans finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams at the Lawsonia Invitational last Wednesday.

Owen Weber finished in a tied for 14<sup>th</sup> place with a round of 80 to lead the Spartans. Jack Anderson added an 86 for North, followed by Sully Snow with a 97 and Poquette with a 101.

Oshkosh North topped Appleton North, 162-166, at Westhaven last week with Weber leading the team with a round of 39.

Brady Anderson, Snow and Wesley Loewe each added 41s for the Spartans.

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## Obituaries

### Dr. William Sloey

Dr. William Sloey, age 91 died on May 1, 2026.



Bill was born July 29, 1934 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin to Elma M. (Roth) and Earl T. Sloey. He had one brother: Francis (Bud) Sloey and one sister: Joyce E Pinnow, both deceased.

He graduated from Fond Du Lac High

School in 1952 and was the first in his family to attend college: at the then Wisconsin state College-Oshkosh. He graduated with a BS degree, with biology and natural science majors and a geology minor in 1956.

He married his childhood sweetheart Patricia Dietrich in 1955 and had one daughter Gayle A. (Fischetti). Patricia died in 1957. Grandma and grandpa Sloey cared for Gayle for three years. Bill married Veda Marie Scudera in 1959 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Bill earned his master's degree in plant pathology in 1960 from UW Madison.

Bill returned to UW-Oshkosh as a lab instructor in 1963.

Veda and Bill have four additional children. Cheryl Goergen (Kurt, Eau Claire) Robert Sloey (Shelly, Madison) Julie Strey (Dan, Oshkosh) David Sloey (Kim, Madison).

Bill and Veda took a leave of absence (with five children) for him to complete his PhD at UW-Milwaukee (1969). Dr. Sloey was promoted stepwise to Full professor in the department of Biology and Microbiology at UW-O while developing and teaching numerous courses relating to ecology of natural ecosystems and doing research and publishing some 30 papers on Wisconsin lakes and wetlands (mostly with Dr. Fred Spangler and Dr. William Fetter). He was caretaker of the universities' two natural areas: High Trestle woods and Allen marsh. He served on many state, regional and national committees. He served on advisory committees to establish several Wisconsin administrative rules relating to phosphorus and water quality as well as wetlands. He helped prepare the Winnebago comprehensive management plan. He was chair of the Oshkosh environmental advisory committee.

He advised in developing master plans for the northern highland/ American legion state forest. He was awarded the James

F. Duncan Research award in 1979 and the prestigious John McNRosenbush Professorship Award in 1980. Bill retired from UW-Oshkosh in 1993. With the help of family and friends, he built a log cabin near Star Lake in Vilas County where he spent much of his retirement hunting, fishing and golfing and enjoying the north woods and lakes with his family. There he served for many years on the Lakes committee for the town of Plum Lake. These contacts generated many friends and acquaintances in the northland. He was a member of the Wild Ones natural landscaping group for years. He established several native prairies in Winnebago and Vilas counties.

He is survived by his wife Veda and their five children. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren as well as other extended family members.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54904 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will take place from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

The family would like to thank the staff at Senior Stride, Country Villa in Omro Wisconsin and St. Croix Hospice for their loving care and support of Bill.

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### Betty Raye Monnett

Betty Raye Monnett (Shirk), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, entrepreneur,



mentor, supporter, community advocate, teacher, and role model, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026. She will be remembered for her friendliness and warmth, and her ability to easily

connect with people in a remarkably kind and caring way.

Betty was born April 2, 1943, in Morrison, Illinois, to Lola Mae (Twombly) and Ellsworth Shirk. She was raised by her mother on the Shirk farm while Ellsworth served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines until his return in 1945. Growing up, she was a loving big sister to her three siblings, a decorated student, and devoted herself to mastering the clarinet.

Following graduation from Morrison High School in 1961, she enrolled at Northern Illinois University, where she studied elementary education and met the love of her life, John Monnett, Jr. Following graduation, they were married on August 13, 1966, and settled in suburban Chicago, where both taught in the Illinois public schools before welcoming a son, John III, in 1971. About that same time, John and Betty began selling plans for John's newly designed aircraft, the Sone-rai. So began a 60-year entrepreneurial journey, on which Betty's support for John's ideas was unwavering.

Twin sons Jeremy and Jason joined the family in June 1974. As a mother of three, Betty also lent her knowledge and experience as a role model and mentor for La Leche League. Starting in the mid-1970s, Monnett Experimental Aircraft grew, with Betty's help, into a flourishing business. Ultimately John and Betty moved their family and business to Oshkosh, home of the EAA and its annual convention and fly-in.

Betty and John thoroughly enjoyed

their introductions to the Oshkosh community, and Betty became active in the PTO, Cub Scouts, and coaching soccer while the boys attended Oakwood School. When economics required a departure from the aviation industry, Betty brought her positivity and energy to her work at Supportive Home Care and then Fletcher Financial Network. As a professional, she enjoyed mentoring and supporting other women through her participation in Women in Management, Tempo, and other organizations.

In the 1990s, John returned to aviation with the founding of Sonex Aircraft and the ensuing line of unique aircraft offerings, with Jeremy joining him in the business. Betty was soon to follow. She served as the warm welcome to customers who became friends—and to all who visited from around the world for Sonex workshops, tours, and AirVenture.

In her later years, Betty enjoyed visits with John to Chicago and their St. Pete, Florida, condo and the accompanying walks on the beach, hosting family gatherings whenever possible, spoiling her grandkids, reading, chardonnay, and salty snacks.

She is survived by John, her husband of nearly 60 years; sons John III (Terri) of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Jason (Jaimie) Monnett of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; daughter-in-law Kate

Monnett and her husband, honorary son-in-law Tim Kiefer of Pewaukee, Wisconsin; grandchildren Calvin, Miles, Juliet, Brooks, and John IV; sisters Cindy Connelly and Joanne (Mike) Kutzman; brother Bill (Sherrie) Shirk; as well as 11 nieces, four nephews, 12 great-nieces, and 10 great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jeremy, and her nephew, William ("Billy") Shirk.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Oshkosh this summer, with Details TBD.

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atz. After serving his Country in the U.S. Army he drove Semi for a living.

Roy is survived by his wife, Karen Dake of Oshkosh. Two sons, Troy (Tina Hudson) Dake of Oshkosh and Roy (Tory Jahnke) Dake, Jr. of Neenah. Four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1 pm at the Fiss & Bills Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Rev. Jennifer Czarnota will officiate. Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at the funeral home from 11 am to 1 pm.

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### Gerald J. Payne

Gerald J "Jerry" Payne, age 89, of Oshkosh, passed peacefully on Wednesday,



May 7, 2026, in his family home. He was born in Oshkosh, WI, on November 12, 1936 the son of late John and Bessie Sourek Payne. In his early years, Jerry enjoyed fishing, hunting, auto mechanics

and singing in local music groups. Jerry joined the National Guard in 1957 and was ordered to active duty in 1961 in the Army Reserves, serving his country as an auto mechanic in the Army in Fort Riley Kansas until 1962. In 1960, he married his high school sweetheart, Leora "Lee" Ziegenhagen at St. Josaphat's Catholic Church in Oshkosh. It was while serving in the army, that his first son, Brian was born in 1962. After his discharge from the Army, he went to work at Rockwell International where he retired in 1992.

After retirement, he found great pleasure spending his time fishing and woodworking (creating beautiful, handcrafted furniture pieces). He and Lee also enjoyed traveling to Florida every year and spending time road-tripping throughout the country. He especially loved spending times in Northern Wisconsin at the family cabin and yearly fishing trips including family and extended family. These cherished moments were important to him and exemplified his love for family. He rediscovered his love of singing joining multiple local music groups, the Oshkosh Choraliers, the Winnebago Land Barbershop Chorus, the Golden Tones (Oshkosh Senior Center Choir), the Y-Nots (YMCA Chorus) and "religiously" attended St. Peter's Catholic Church and sang in the Church Choir. He was happiest when he was engaging musically and could be heard, often throughout the Pig, singing and whistling while shopping. He was also an avid community member, volunteering to serve meals with his Loving Partner Patricia Toms and singing and ringing for the

Salvation Army, and could find him every summer selling Brats outside local venues through the Barbershoppers, using donations to offer scholarships for young students. He continued his love until his passing, throughout the community.

With his wife Lee, Jerry gave back to their community by opening their home to children through Foster Care, where they spent decades caring for children in their loving, nurturing home. Through the years they touched hundreds of children's lives in positive ways. Our dad taught us to love all God's creatures and save them from harm as he nightly fed the Opossum in his backyard.

His incredible sense of humor often caught people off-guard as his reserved and quiet spirit lent to shock when some random, intellectual, strange comments. On any given day, you would find him having lengthy conversations with phone scammers, playing with them, thereby creating his own enjoyment. Jerry's loving kindness, integrity, and humor, will be sadly missed in our family.

The world is a better place for having our dad in it, he will be forever missed.

Jerry is survived by his loving partner Patricia Toms, of Oshkosh, his sons Brian (Lori) Payne, Jon Hatfield, and daughters Lynn Payne, Glenda Payne, Sara Payne, Melissa Payne and Tabby Payne, three granddaughters, Erika (Randy) O'Neil, Hope Houts, Lauren Koch and three grandsons, Ben Houts, Roxas and Vincent Payne, and one great grandson, Channing O'Neil.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lee Payne, his son, John Michael "Jack" Payne, his loving partner June Tesch, two brothers, John Patrick "Jack" Payne, Richard M "Dick" Payne and one infant sister, Patricia Ellen Payne.

There was a service at Most Blessed Sacrament-St Peter's site (435 High Ave) on May 13, 2026

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## Obituaries

### John Russell Sherer

John Russell Sherer, age 67, of Lake Mary, FL passed away surrounded by family on April 29, 2026.



He was born on January 27, 1959 in Oshkosh, WI to the late John D. & Carolyn (Hoppock) Sherer.

Growing up in Oshkosh, his three older sisters were thrilled to have a brother join the family. John attended Longfellow School, Emmeline Cook Elementary, and Webster Stanley Middle School. It was in his youth that sports became a huge part of his life, beginning with YMCA football and Little League baseball. He later took up golf at the Oshkosh Country Club. John's dad was his biggest fan and encourager. Together they made many memories hunting ducks as members of the Fox River Hunting and Fishing Club. They also attended many Packers games, leading John to be a lifelong Packer fan. John also

appreciated music and was inspired by Maynard Ferguson. He loved playing the trumpet, finding enjoyment in the instrument throughout his life.

John attended Oshkosh North High School, where he loved playing basketball and running track. His 1975 4x400 relay record still stands today; a point he enjoyed reminding his great-nephews and niece at North, about often! John graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1977. While earning his degree at UW-Oshkosh John worked at Mabel Murphy's; a job and establishment he remembered with fondness decades later. After graduating college, he began what would become an accomplished career that took him to FL where he met his greatest love, Patti.

John lived a full and blessed life alongside Patti and their beloved dogs throughout the years. After thirty-five years in the mortgage banking industry, John retired in 2018. He enjoyed boating, playing golf, and spending time with close friends. While most of John's adult life was spent in FL, he stayed steadfastly connected to his

Oshkosh roots. He read the local papers online daily, streamed countless Oshkosh North basketball games in recent years, and kept tabs on North track, cross-country and golf results. At times it felt like he knew more about what was going on in Oshkosh than those of us who lived here!

While there may have been a geographical distance for many years, he never felt too far away. So, he was beyond thrilled when the opportunity arose to have a second home in Oshkosh in the same neighborhood he was born and grew up in. Their summer home in Oshkosh was more than a respite from the FL summer heat. It was a place that gave him purpose, where he could be close to family, and soak up the Lake Winnebago views.

John is survived by his treasured wife of thirty-three years, the yin to his yang, Patti and his "best friend" Lambeau. Sisters: Lisa Sherer Laughlin, Ginnie (Dick

Oelschlager) Sherer, and Anne Harrison. Nephews: Drew Martin, R. David (Bee) Harrison Jr., Loren (Tania) Harrison, John (Rachel) Harrison and Charlie (Meghan) Harrison. Uncle John is loved and will be deeply missed by his nephews, great nieces and great nephews, as well as his close friends. A special thanks to his dearest friends, Bill and Chris Rose, whose love and loyalty knows no bounds. Their greatest gift was driving John's "best friend" Lambeau from FL to Oshkosh, so he could spend his final days with him.

John's humor, decisive nature, and hard-working character made him a source of wisdom and laughs for those who knew him. He had a story for nearly any situation or circumstance. We will miss his anecdotes, quick-wit, and words-of-wisdom; all of which he had in spades. We'll remember all his "John-isims" with fondness and love. "It's a beautiful thing"; "there you have it". JRS

### Mary Terese Wondra

Mary Terese Wondra, age 91, of Lomira, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at SSM Health Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac.



A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary was held on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at St. Andrew's Catholic

Church in LeRoy with Rev. Fr. Mark Brandl presiding. A visitation for Mary was held at church on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m.

Following the service, interment will take place at St. Andrew's Cemetery in LeRoy.

Mary was born on February 2, 1935, in Oshkosh to Joseph and Clara (Bauer) Grable. She was united in marriage to Edward J. Wondra on May 5, 1954, in Oshkosh. Together the two farmed for many years in the town of LeRoy.

Mary was a faithful and active member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in LeRoy. She was a member of Christian Women, St. Andrew's Women Card Group, and made many rosaries and quilt tops, and

crocheted beautiful afghans for family and friends. She loved to watch birds, enjoyed growing flowers, and loved cats.

Above all, Mary cherished her family dearly and treasured the memories she created with them.

Mary is survived by her children: Anne (Michael Robichaud) Wondra of Oshkosh, Dennis Wondra of LeRoy, Richard (Sandra) Wondra of LeRoy, Lee (Tami) Wondra of LeRoy, John Wondra of Mayville, and Patrick (Gina) Wondra of Oakfield; her son-in-law Brian Edwards of Brownsville; her daughter-in-law Nona Wondra of LeRoy; her grandchildren: Matthew, Chad, Bryan, Nathan, Austin, Brianna, Angie, Mandy, Todd, Nich, Chelse, Cherie, and David. Mary is further survived and dearly missed by her great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Edward; daughter Laura; and son Daniel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville is caring for the family. <http://www.Koepsellfh.com>



### Robert J. Plank

Robert (Bob) J. Plank, age 80, of Oshkosh, died at his residence on Saturday,



May 2, 2026 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born on September 20, 1945 in Wisconsin Rapids, a son of William and Jean Langer Plank.

On June 22, 1974, he married Sandy Clements in Duluth, MN.

Bob loved outdoor activities. He enjoyed hunting, shooting sporting clays, kayaking, fishing and traveling. Bob was also a lifelong member of the Oshkosh YMCA and loved sporting events. Most of all "Grandpa Bobby" adored spending time with his family and took every opportunity to attend his grandchildren's various events: football games, basketball games, dance recitals and dance competitions. He was a member of All Saints Lutheran Church where he volunteered his time for multiple positions at church. He was employed by ABC Supply

for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, two daughters Heather (Brandon) Seaborn, Tara Plank, five grandchildren Carter Seaborn, Harrison Seaborn, Molly Bass, Madison Bass, and Mallory Bass.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother.

A memorial service for Bob will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church (1072 Honey Creek Rd.) Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers the family is establishing a memorial in his name.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hendrick Schultz, Dr. Dacy Reimer and Excel Therapy for their care and compassion. Bob's daughters would like to thank their mother for the amazing care and sacrifice she showed to him during the last few years of his journey.



### Douglas D. Schmuhl

Douglas D. Schmuhl, age 91 of Oshkosh, passed away at Eden Meadows on April 30, 2026. He was born in Ripon on May 21, 1934 to the late Daniel and Linda (Weich) Schmuhl.



Doug lived a life rich in love and dedication. Following his graduation from Wautoma High School in

1953, he married his beloved wife, Lois Hauser, on April 14, 1956, embarking on a journey that would last almost 58 remarkable years. As a devoted husband and father, he embraced the role of a hard-working provider, ensuring his family was nurtured and supported.

A proud veteran, Doug served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1961, achieving an honorable discharge. His professional life included Rockwell International, where he retired in 1991. In retirement, he continued to contribute his talents, driving a school bus, serving as the woodworking supervisor in the Art Department at UW-Oshkosh, and working as the greenskeeper at Westhaven Golf Course.

Doug was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church, where he served as Church Council President for six years, reflecting his commitment to community and faith. An avid bowler, fisherman, golfer, pool player, card enthusiast, and woodworker, many smiles and gifts were made with his talented woodworking skills. He and Lou traveled

extensively, creating cherished memories on road trips across the United States.

He is lovingly survived by his children, Kris (Doug) Siewert, Kim (Darrell) Lubenow and Steve (Gayle Griffith); grandchildren, Lauren (Scott) Ewertz, Adrienne Siewert, Cory (Janet) Zedler, Matthew (Caity) Zedler, Nicholas (Natalia) Lubenow, Ashley (Eric) Mijal and Courtney Schmuhl; great-grandchildren, Avery and Conor Ewertz, Isla and Leah Zedler, Sofia Lubenow, Isabella and Nadia Majal. He is further survived by his very dear friend, Mary Kolberg, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

In addition to his parents, Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Schmuhl.

A memorial service for Doug was held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Monday May 11, 2026.

In a special tribute to Doug, attendees are encouraged to wear their brightest apparel to reflect his vibrant spirit and the life he lived to the fullest. In lieu of flowers, the family will establish a memorial in Doug's name.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Moments Hospice, Eden Meadows, and Edenbrook for their exceptional care and support during this time.

A special note from Douglas, "My family is the best family a father could have, thank you all so very much. When I leave here I so much want to be with your mother in my coming life. She was my best friend for almost 58 years. I know I will see you all later".



### Joseph Yurek

Joseph Yurek, 82, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away Friday May 8, 2026. Joseph



was born in Green Bay, to Joseph and Mary Yurek. He was employed by Neenah Foundry for 33 years. Joe was an avid golfer, upon retirement you could find him on the golf course 5 days a week or may have

just caught a glimpse of him at the casino. There was not a Green Bay Packer, Wisconsin Badger or Milwaukee Brewer game he missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Yurek and his son Joel Lee Yurek; sister, Carol Pierret; brothers, Jerome Yurek and Lawrence Yurek; brothers-in-law, Jack Nagel and Brian

Pierret; nephews, Daniel E. Veraghen and Daniel Yurek Jr.; niece, Amber Veraghen; and great-nephew, Damien Veraghen.

Joe is survived by his wife, Stephanie Yurek; stepson, Joshua; siblings, Daniel (Darlene) Yurek, Rosemary (Roland) Pirlott, Jean (Dan) Veraghen, Robert (Debbie) Yurek, Kenneth (Celeste) Yurek, James Yurek and his partner, ManLinn, Tina Yurek and Lori Yurek (Scott VanderSande); and sisters-in-law, Sue Pierret and Mary Jo Yurek, Kathy LaFontaine. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and his fur baby, Niko.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the Oshkosh Humane Society in his honor.



# Obituaries

## Kelly Ann Paul

Kelly Ann Paul, loving wife of David F Paul, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 28, 2026. Kelly was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on February 16, 1959 to Richard and Lorraine Eiden.

Kelly enjoyed her youth on Lake Winnebago, swimming and participating in water activities with her younger brothers Rick and John Eiden. Kelly's adult

life was spent in the business world working for many years for the largest wholesale distributor in the upper Midwest, Chambers & Owen. She became one of their top salespersons developing many accounts at convenience stores in the Northwest Territory of Wisconsin. The owners of these stores relied on her knowledge, expertise, personal attention and appreciated her work ethics.

Kelly retired from her successful career in 2023.

Kelly is survived by her best friend and husband, David F Paul, her father Richard (Sylvia), brothers Rick (Brenda) and John (Gina) Eiden, along with her son, Justin (Serena) Perdue, daughter Nicole Perdue, step children Eric and Erin Paul, and her beloved step grandson, Silas Cost and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother Lorraine Eiden.

A private Memorial Mass will be held at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Memorial donations in memory of Kelly can be given to Father Carr's Place at 1062 North Koeller Street, Oshkosh, WI.

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## Obituaries

### Levi Grant Krueger

Levi Grant Krueger, age 10, beloved son of Craig and Rachel Krueger, passed



away unexpectedly on April 29th 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. A bright light in the lives of everyone who knew him, Levi filled his 10 years with love, laughter, and a spirit that was both incredibly sweet and just a little bit spicy. Levi was born in Oshkosh, WI on April 4, 2016, his daddy's birthday, a connection that always felt a little extra special.

A proud 3rd grader at Omro Elementary School, Levi had a gift for making friends wherever he went. He loved people wholeheartedly and made sure those

around him felt happy and cared for, often asking others if they were okay. His heart was truly golden.

Levi is deeply loved and survived by his parents Craig and Rachel and his two younger sisters, Emmy and Adlie, who adored their big brother. He shared with them not only laughter and play, but a bond that will forever remain unbreakable.

He is further survived by his grandparents Grant "Papa" and Gretchen "Gaga" Withers; Tom and Sheri Krueger; uncles, "Uncy Logan" Withers and Kyle (Stephanie) Krueger; cousins Makayla and Bailey; as well as a large extended family including Great Grandpa Emil Leppiaho and Great Grandma Florence Withers.

Levi was preceded in death by his Grandma Emily Krueger; Great Grandma Jean Leppiaho; Great Grandparents Dolores and Merlin Krueger; Great Grandpa

Holly Withers, Great Grandma Barbara McDowell; and Great Grandpa Arthur Tesch.

Levi found joy in the simple and fun things in life, especially his favorite characters from his favorite movies like Disney Cars, Toy Story, Mickey Mouse, Sonic, and Elio. One of his most unique loves was "Connie", the robotic vacuum, which brought him endless happiness and perfectly captured his delightful quiriness.

Levi faced life's challenges with remarkable bravery and determination beyond his years. Even in the hardest moments, he continued to show love, resilience, and a strength that inspired everyone around him.

In his final act of generosity, Levi became an organ donor, giving the gift of life to others. Before this, he was honored with an honor walk, surrounded by the love, respect, and gratitude of those who cared for him, a reflection of the profound impact he had on so many lives in such a short time.

He will be forever remembered for his unforgettable giggle, his stunning blue-green eyes, and the way he made others

feel so deeply loved just by being himself.

Levi's life, though far too short, was full of meaning, connection, and love. His legacy will live on not only in the hearts of his family and friends, but also in the lives he helped save.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family. Memorial will be established to support brain tumor research at St Jude Children's Research Hospital and family support of children battling brain tumors at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Our family would like to express our unending gratitude for all of those that supported Levi and our family throughout Levi's battle and especially the last week of his life. We are forever grateful the care provided by Dr. Nir Shimony, Dr. Ibrahim Qaddoumi, Tricia Allmon APNP, Dr. Colleen Melengaz, and the entire staff of the Le Bonheur's 5th Floor PICU.



### David Raymond Glaze

October 7, 1930 – May 5, 2026

David "Daizy" Glaze, age 95, moved from Bella Vista CBRF to the heavenly home prepared especially for him by his Savior, on May 5, 2026. David was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin as the only child of Raymond and Clara (Hintz) Glaze on October 7, 1930. On May 31, 1952, he began a 68 year marriage to MaryAnn Pfaffenroth. A lifelong patriot, David served his country in the army from 1955-1957 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

After the service, David worked a variety of jobs to support his family, including for his uncle, Rudy at Druck's Plumbing. He later apprenticed at EC Merrill, Inc., becoming a master plumber while in their employ. David worked there until 1985, then he began his own business, DR Glaze Inc., where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

David's children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. The annual hotel weekend made memories treasured by all but was just a drop in an overflowing bucket of love, fun and experiences with Grandpa. David loved cars. He enjoyed making them sparkle and had a hard time not bringing them all home to his driveway. He loved using his skills to benefit others: helping family with home proj-

ects, responding to the automotive or plumbing emergencies of friends, donating time to the building of churches in Oshkosh and Neillsville, as well as a dental clinic in Mexico. David enjoyed hunting - goose, duck, turkey, and especially the family deer hunting adventure every November, passing his passion to the fourth generation. David was a long-time member of Plymouth Church and was involved in many aspects of church life.

David is survived by his sons, David (Judy) and Dean (Carol) Glaze; daughter, Debbie (Joel) Cook; 8 grandchildren, Matthew, Justin, Ann, Eric, Jodi, Michael, Clare and Jennifer (and their spouses); and 17 great grandchildren. He is survived by cousins, two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and special friend, Marlene Gehrke. He was preceded in death by his wife, MaryAnn.

A funeral service for David will be held at Plymouth Church (1325 Georgia Street, Oshkosh) on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 2:00pm. Visitation will be from 12:30pm until the time of service. Entombment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank the staff of Bella Vista CBRF, and St Croix Hospice for their compassion, patience, kindness, and respect given with the care David received in these months. In challenging circumstances, you were for our dad's best good. We are so grateful.

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riety of animals during her lifetime and took comfort from her cat and grand dogs up until her passing.

Debby is survived by her son; Justin Wolf, daughter; Audrey James, sister; Sandy (Steve) Waschow. She is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Eden Meadows and Aurora Hospice for their incredible kindness and care during her last days. They would also like to thank the private in-home caregivers who took exceptional care of Debby and allowed her the dignity and safety to stay home as long as possible (Shirley, Deb, Toni, Nancy and Elise)

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday May 16, 2026 at St. Raphael Catholic Church (830 S. Westhaven Dr.) in Oshkosh, at 11:00 AM. A time for visitation will also be held from 9:00 AM until the time of Mass at Church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite foundation.

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### Debbra P. Wolf

Debbra P. Wolf, age 79, passed away peacefully on her and her daughter's birthday, May 6, 2026, at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh.



She was born in Milwaukee WI on May 6, 1947, daughter of the late Sylvester and Constance Hajduk. Debby graduated from Silver Lake College with a bachelors in education. She met Jerome Wolf and they married June 21, 1974. Jerome preceded her in death on January 21, 1995, she never remarried. Debby taught elementary school in the Hartford WI school district for several years. She left teaching to raise two children but continued to substitute teach and tutor in Oshkosh WI.

Debby loved music, she and Jerry sang together in the church choir for many years. She played piano and gave lessons and encouraged the love of music in her kids. Debby loved animals, especially dogs and horses. She rescued and adopted a va-

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Garage Sale: 367 Horseshoe Rd (off County E). Friday, 5/15 8am-3pm, Saturday, 5/16 8am-1pm. Yard Art, Pictures, Books, Lamps, Snowblower, Air Fryer & Other Household Items.

Rummage Sale: May 15 & 16, 8am-5pm. Rain or Shine. 1634 Cedar Street, Oshkosh. Men's Medium & Large and Women's 1x-2x Clothing, Collectible Dolls/Barbies, Disney Collectibles, Vintage Dishware, Knickknacks, Old Tools, Football/Baseball Card from 80's, Lionel Trains from 80's, 1960's Baby Bassinet & Vintage Baby Scale & LOTS MORE!

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
NAME CHANGE OF:  
Hailey Lee Jurgenson  
By (Petitioner) Lindsey Ma-

rie Jurgenson  
By (Co-Petitioner) Joseph  
Michael Jurgenson  
Notice of Name Change  
Hearing  
Case No. 2026CV000399

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

From:  
First - Hailey  
Middle - Lee  
Last - Jurgenson  
To:  
First - Hailey  
Middle - Marie  
Last - Jurgenson  
Birth Certificate:  
First - Hailey  
Middle - Lee  
Last - Jurgenson

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust Place: 415 Jackson St, Oshkosh, WI 54901, Room 410 Date: June 12, 2026 Time: 11:15 AM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4811 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

### NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:

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

**BY THE COURT:**  
DATE SIGNED: April 20, 2026  
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Ask a parent to tell you about the way they make decisions while shopping. On your next trip to the store, compare and discuss the value of several products.

**PRICE**

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Are logos, characters and other extras important to you?

**value:**

- worth of something compared to the price paid for it
- importance of something
- usefulness of something



Which shirt would **YOU** choose, and why? Write **your** reasons here to help me decide:

**Decisions, Decisions**

Circle the most important thing you'd consider when buying each of these items.

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Find three advertisements in the newspaper. Read each one and decide what **value** they are selling. Are they selling something because it is the best price? Or, because it is cool? Or something else?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the t-shirt that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Double Double Word Search

- EXPENSIVE
- QUALITY
- DECIDE
- BUDGET
- MONEY
- PRICE
- VALUE
- COOL
- PAID
- ITEM
- BRAND
- GIFT
- FAIR
- SHOPPING
- TOYS

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

T F I G P J E F E G  
 Q E V W F A I R V N  
 B U D G E T I M I I  
 R L A P X C E D S P  
 A A X L V T I H N P  
 N V O D I W X R E O  
 D O S Y O T J K P H  
 C G M O N E Y R X S  
 N E P X E D I C E D

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

**Kid Scoop Together: Alphabet Math**

Working with a family member, give each letter of the alphabet these money values:

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
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| B = 2¢  | O = 15¢ |
| C = 3¢  | P = 16¢ |
| D = 4¢  | Q = 17¢ |
| E = 5¢  | R = 18¢ |
| F = 6¢  | S = 19¢ |
| G = 7¢  | T = 20¢ |
| H = 8¢  | U = 21¢ |
| I = 9¢  | V = 22¢ |
| J = 10¢ | W = 23¢ |
| K = 11¢ | X = 24¢ |
| L = 12¢ | Y = 25¢ |
| M = 13¢ | Z = 26¢ |

Using these letter values, add up the "value" of each word in the headlines on the front page of the newspaper. For example:

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Which word is the **most expensive**? Cut it out and paste it here:

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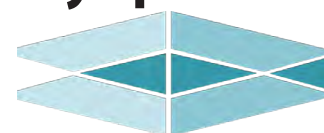
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