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## The Grand Oshkosh eyeing next chapter

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

For 143 years The Grand Oshkosh has provided entertainment to the community. Changes have been made inside and outside of the historic theater, but none maybe as monumental as the renovations planned over the next year.

With the final performances of the season completed over the weekend, The Grand Oshkosh is slated to expand its footprint and capabilities in the next 16 months. Two new stages will be added to the venue along with additional space for

patrons to enjoy before and after a show.

Construction for the renovations is set to begin later this year and that means the shows will have to move to a new location, which was recently announced as the UWO Theater Arts Center.

“This partnership reflects what strong communities do — they come together to support one another and ensure that arts and culture remain accessible,” said UWO Chancellor Manohar Singh. “While this collaboration benefits both The Grand and the university, the true winner is Oshkosh.”

Joe Ferlo, CEO and president of The Grand Oshkosh, initially thought shows would be at a number of different venues across the city, but instead found a single home for the next season of shows set to kick off this fall.

“This new partnership goes beyond offering The Grand a temporary venue,” Ferlo said. “This is an opportunity to strengthen ties between two important cultural institutions in Oshkosh. We’re thrilled to partner with UW-Oshkosh

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Photo by Michael Cooney

#### Up in arms

Nearly 300 competitors brought strength, strategy and plenty of intensity to Oshkosh Arena as Wisconsin Arm Wrestling returned for another year of competition. The tournament included divisions for kids, teens, athletes with special abilities, men and women amateurs, and masters competitors. The competition also continued its support of a local charitable cause, partnering for a second year with Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

## City Center potential purchase clears another hurdle

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The City of Oshkosh is moving forward with plans to purchase City Center. The plan still has a few hurdles to clear before an offer is officially made.

The Oshkosh Common Council last week directed staff to move forward with a potential purchase of City Center for \$12.5 million. The acquisition was expected to be reviewed for a possible recommendation by the Plan Commission this week and will be back in front of the council at a future meeting.

“There are so many unanswered questions that we don’t know yet regarding the future. If we own it, now what’s going to happen to it,” council member Paul Esslinger said. “We should not be involved in this.”

Esslinger and Mayor Matt Mugerauer were the only opposing votes to the resolution that would direct staff to proceed with the acquisition of 101 Commerce St. and 201 Pearl Ave., commonly known as City Center.

Mugerauer stated the resolution that eventually passed 5-2 directs staff to submit an offer on the property. The final approval

still needs to be voted on by the council.

“We’re authorizing staff to formally negotiate and then a final document will come back to (council) at the next meeting or the one after that depending on the timeliness of those actions for a final approval,” Mugerauer said.

Council member Joe Stephenson said City Center is currently underutilized and that it could be more for Oshkosh. This redevelopment, he believes, will expand commercial offerings downtown and allow for more river access.

“We are going to redevelop this building,

that is my hope,” he said. “I want us to create something great for Oshkosh.”

Stephenson said he wants Oshkosh to develop a downtown similar to the Deer District near the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee and Tiletown near Lambeau Field in Ashwaubenon.

Council member Alec Lefebber suggested that a public/private partnership was best for this project and stated that residents would be able to provide input on what should be in the space in the future.

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# City delays Oshkosh Media closures

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

City officials have delayed the closure of parts of Oshkosh Media, LifeTV and Oshkosh FM 101.9, which was supposed to take effect Friday.

Communications and engagement manager Drew Bailey sent a letter to producers last week with an update on the proposed changes to Oshkosh Media. Earlier this year Bailey announced that Oshkosh Media would be closing LifeTV, GovTV and Oshkosh FM on May 15.

Bailey's announcement took producers by surprise who have been working for Oshkosh Media for decades. This led to City Manager Rebecca Grill and Bailey apologizing.

At the time, Bailey said he's a go-getter and sometimes he pushes too hard. He was hired in January and made the initial announcement in March as one of the first tasks in his new role.

Following the apology, Bailey announced that GovTV, which broadcasts municipal meetings, would not be part of

the closure. It was also announced that the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel would continue to livestream meetings for public viewing.

The Oshkosh Common Council recently directed staff to extend the May 15 deadline to the end of the month.

"We've had several productive meetings so far with interested parties to become partners for both the radio station and Life TV, and those conversations have been encouraging," Bailey said in his May 12 letter to producers. "While no final decisions have been made yet, we are continuing to make progress."

One possibility that was discussed earlier this year was the radio station moving to the library. Oshkosh Public Library director Darryl Eschete told the council during a workshop that he has experience in radio and that the third floor of the library has space that would be perfect for the radio station.

Bailey added that a final transition of the Oshkosh Media studio space is not anticipated to take place until July. There-

fore, producers with scheduled recordings through June were encouraged to continue using the current studio.

City staff hopes to get more information, including a formal update, by the end of May.

When this issue first arose, some council members stated this was not a council issue and that it was for the city manager to decide.

## Memorial Day activities planned

Oshkosh Herald

Memorial Day activities will take place throughout the day Monday in Oshkosh.

Ceremonies will begin at 7 a.m. with a "Reading of the Names" at South Park coordinated by the Disabled American Veterans Post 17, followed at 8 a.m. at the Fox River near the Oshkosh Convention Center with a waterfront service by AMVETS Post 7 Auxiliary to honor those who lost lives at sea, featuring a laying of flowers in the water by members of the Oshkosh Veterans Service Organizations.

A procession will take place at 9 a.m. from Jackson Street and Algoma Boulevard going down Algoma Boulevard to Riverside Cemetery, 1901 Algoma Boulevard, where a program will take place. The guest speaker will be U.S. Army Veteran Retired Lt. Col. Mike Hert along with a 21-gun salute comprised of members from Oshkosh Veterans Organizations.

Hert is also a past Department of Wisconsin Disabled American Veterans Commander.

Other activities include a Memorial Day Brat Fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at American Legion Post 70 of Oshkosh, 1332 Spruce St.

The Military Veterans Museum and Education Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests are invited to bring the whole family and honor the nation's military history through education and preservation.

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

### May 22, 1999

**Great Lakes Aviation to Leave Oshkosh:** Great Lakes Aviation has announced plans to discontinue service to Oshkosh's Wittman Field effective August 17. Great Lakes President Douglas Voss claims the increase in jet service, available sets and destinations at the Outagamie County Airport has made it impossible for the Oshkosh location to compete without the assistance of a federal subsidy. Great Lakes, who flies 19-seat propeller driven aircrafts on the Oshkosh route that includes Chicago and Rhineland, currently is the only carrier serving Wittman Airport since Air Wisconsin departed in 1994. Airport director Duncan Henderson said the decision is not as dire as it first appears. "In fact, it's an opportunity to start fresh an effort to recruit a new air carrier. Any time you have a relationship with someone who doesn't want to be there, it's not a good situation."

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern  
May 22, 1999

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# Council approves Woodman's Market plans to move ahead

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Woodman's Market has received approval from city officials to go forward with plans to make way for a 272,000 square-foot grocery store along with a gas station and car wash.

The Oshkosh Common Council on May 12 approved three resolutions without any opposing votes to create a commercial subdivision, approve a (GDP) general development plan and a (SIP) site implementation plan for the Woodman's Market development.

The plans were approved after receiving recommendations from the Plan Commission. When the council approved the plans, there was no further discussion besides a brief explanation from council member Joe Stephenson.

"The city is not the king of the land," he said. "This use fits within our zoning code; it fits within our ordinances. If something fits within our zoning code and our ordinances, we approve it."

## Hmong Memorial Day festival to be held this weekend

Oshkosh Herald

The Hmong National Memorial Day Festival will be Saturday and Sunday at Winnebago County Community Park.

The event hosted by the Hmong Service Center includes volleyball, soccer, stage competition and topspin to celebrate Hmong culture through sports, music and food.

The event honors Hmong soldiers who

He continued, "This is a private sale, private development. This body doesn't deny private developments that we're not allowed to."

There has been an abundance of online discussion about Woodman's plans to tear down the outlet mall.

However, there was no public comment in favor or opposed to the development at last week's meeting.

The plans for the Woodman's Market includes demolishing the outlet mall and the former restaurant at 3015 S. Washburn St. on the property but appear to keep the mini golf course.

The Woodman's Market will sit on the 39 acres and will include 140,300 square feet of retail space and 131,700 of warehouse space.

The parking lot will include a total of 591 spaces.

The northeast portion of the property will contain a gas station and car wash.

Woodman's officials have stated construction is slated to begin in early 2027.

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Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. No entry after 6 p.m.

Admission is \$8 per person and free for children under 36 inches tall. No pets are allowed.

The Hmong Memorial Day and Labor Day festivals were honored earlier this year with the 2026 Governor's Tourism Award for Arts, Culture and Heritage.



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Members of the Oshkosh North Jazz Band performed May 1 at The Waters as part of the OASD Education Foundation Gala.

## Gala supports visual, performing arts

Oshkosh Herald

For the fourth consecutive year, the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) Education Foundation Gala has exceeded the \$100,000 mark, raising \$101,500 to support visual and performing arts across the district.

Held on May 1 at The Waters, the Kentucky Derby-themed evening united over 150 community members in a celebration of student creativity and local philanthropy.

The evening served as a live showcase of the very programs the funds support. OASD student string musicians greeted guests before enjoying a lineup of performances by the Oshkosh North High School Jazz Band, the Carl Traeger Middle School Show Choir, OASD alumnus Josh Hawley and entertainer Steve March Tormé.

The event also featured a presentation of Lily Guildler Ambient Fashion, created by Oshkosh North High School alumna

Caitlin Stolley, which helped transform the venue into a celebration of artistry and innovation.

Beyond the performances, the gala featured alumni and student art, faculty artwork contributions, a "teacher classroom wishlist" that allowed attendees to fund immediate needs for the upcoming school year and the Wishing Tree, an interactive experience where guests shared messages of encouragement, some of which will later be shared with graduating seniors as reminders of the community's support and belief in their future.

The OASD Education Foundation's fundraising gala aims to support Oshkosh public schools, with proceeds benefiting a specific need or area each year. The 2026 event brought the gala's focus back to its roots; after the inaugural 2023 gala also benefited the arts, the Foundation supported career and technical education (2024) and athletics and adapted sports (2025).

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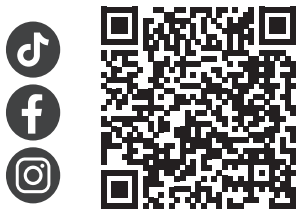
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# Commission approves Community Park projects

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

New and updated soccer, rugby and pickleball facilities are coming to Winnebago County Community Park.

The county Parks Commission approved nearly \$2 million in Spirit Funds for the plan at its meeting last week. As part of the plan, each organization will need to raise funds to help pay for their projects.

“Some projects could get started later

this year or next spring depending on how the fundraising goes,” said Adam Breest, director of Winnebago County Parks and Expo. “We’re excited to be at this point and to see these projects come together.”

These funds are part of what the County Board approved in March 2024 for the parks system. Other Spirit Funds allocations have been used to make upgrades to Waukau Dam Nature Preserve and plans call for updates to the Wiouwash Trail.

At Community Park, Breest said the

soccer fields get a lot of use and are not in the best condition. The quad fields were created in the 1990s and do not have enough topsoil on them. Last fall, three out of the four were closed, which limited their utilization.

Under the Spirit Fund plan, the fields will be tilled, graded and crowned, more topsoil will be added, and irrigation will be adjusted. An additional soccer field will be added west to the quad. Phase 1 will address the east side of the complex and Phase 2 will address the complex’s west side.

For phase 1 of the project, the county will pay \$672,294 from the Spirit Fund and the local soccer clubs will pay \$168,074. For phase 2, the Spirit Fund will pay \$372,212 and the soccer clubs will pay \$140,234.

To create more space for rugby fields, which is a growing sport, the parks department will tear down softball field #2. Softball numbers are in decline and the field and fence need to be replaced. Once the softball field is removed, a full-sized rugby field will be installed.

Community Park will become one of the only complexes in Wisconsin with three rugby fields, which should attract tournaments, Breest said. Further enhancements in phase 2 include adding a fourth field, top dressing the original two rugby fields, removing the press box and adding lights and bleachers.

The Oshkosh Recreation Department runs softball games and will use the park one or two nights per week. Most of their games are held at city parks.

The county’s Spirit Funds will pay \$254,540 for phase 1 with the local rugby

organization paying \$63,635. For phase 2, Spirit Funds will pay for \$379,687 for construction and the rugby club will pay \$162,723.

The county decided to add pickleball courts to the park due to the sport’s growing popularity. Plans call for an eight-court complex just north of the existing tennis and basketball courts. There is parking adjacent to the tennis courts and a nearby shelter for players to use.

For the pickleball courts, the Spirit Funds will pay \$168,844 for construction with the Oshkosh Pickleball Club paying \$313,567. The county will also cover \$185,301 in future maintenance costs over the next 30 years. If the pickleball club wants to add lights to the court, that cost would be another \$138,000.

“All of these projects are about adding capacity,” Breest said.

He said some of the organizations involved have been planning their fundraising but were waiting for the final numbers of how much they had to raise.

“Now, they can go out and seek grants and can leverage the county funds they’re receiving in their fundraising,” Breest said.

When deciding how much funding each project would get, Breest said the county looked at several factors including long-term maintenance costs, how much extra capacity the projects would provide and how much staff time would be spent on the new facilities.

Organizations can seek sponsorships and naming rights for their projects, but those would need to be approved by the county board, Breest said.

All projects must be completed by May 2029.



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

## Commencement celebration






Across two Commencement ceremonies, UW-Oshkosh celebrated more than 900 graduates Saturday at Kolf Sports Center. The graduates celebrated all the hard work, late nights, big dreams, proud families, favorite professors, campus memories and “we actually did it” moments that brought them here.

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# United Way presents community impact award



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Jack Steinhoff of Rhyme and Sue Panek presented Al Hartman with the Sue Panek Community Impact Award during Oshkosh Area United Way's Community Impact Celebration.

Oshkosh Herald

Longtime volunteer Al Hartman received the Sue Panek Community Impact Award last month from Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW).

The award was presented during OAUW's Community Impact Celebration April 21 at Venue 404.

The Sue Panek Community Impact Award honors individuals who demonstrate a deep commitment to improving lives and helping move the community forward through service, leadership and generosity. Hartman was recognized for more than a decade of involvement with OAUW and his lasting impact on the organization and the broader community.

Hartman's involvement began in 2015 when he and his daughters served as OAUW's first campaign family. He went on to serve on the board of directors for 10 years, including as board chair, helping

guide key decisions and support community investments. His commitment to this community extends well beyond United Way, with years of service across local organizations and efforts that help move Oshkosh forward.

"Al has been a steady and thoughtful presence for our organization," said Heidi Thomas, president and CEO of Oshkosh Area United Way. "He understands how people, resources and partnerships come together — and he's helped move that work forward in meaningful ways."

Jack Steinhoff of Rhyme, the event's presenting sponsor, along with Sue Panek, former executive director of OAUW, for whom the award is named, presented Hartman with the award.

"Al represents what this award is all about," Panek said. "He leads with purpose and believes in the power of people working together to create change."

## Event for kids returns for fourth year

Oshkosh Herald

The CARRnival for Kids at Father Carr's Place 2B is returning for its fourth year.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 30 at 1062 N. Koeller St. Local service clubs, resource agencies and youth organizations will be participating in the event.

The free carnival has something for everyone in the community, said Jim Boehm, Father Carr's Place 2B executive director.

Attractions include carnival rides, inflatable obstacle course, climbing wall, bouncy castle, multiple kids games and

challenges, sidewalk art, face painting and more.

The Oshkosh Police Department, Oshkosh Fire Department and Army National Guard will be present performing community outreach.

Boehm said CARRnival for Kids is a wholesome, safe, free event that brings families and the community together without the barrier of funds. As a life enrichment center, he said Father Carr's wants the focus of the event to be about family fun, building community and cheerful giving.

## Annual golf outing supports United Way

Oshkosh Herald

Community members, businesses and golf enthusiasts are invited to take part in the 17th Annual Golf to Give Outing to support the Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW).

Presented by Ascension Mercy Hospital, the outing June 10 at Westhaven Golf Club brings together local businesses, community leaders and supporters for a morning of golf, networking and giving back. Proceeds help advance Oshkosh Area United Way's work to improve education, health and financial stability throughout southern Winnebago County.

Registration is open for individual golf-

ers, foursomes and corporate teams. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses looking to connect with participants and gain visibility throughout the event.

OAUW is also seeking raffle basket donations and prize items from local businesses and individuals to help enhance the outing experience and fundraising efforts.

The outing includes continental breakfast, "linner" catered by The Roxy, on-course games, raffles and prizes.

To register, become a sponsor, or contribute a raffle basket, visit [bit.ly/oauw-golf-2026](http://bit.ly/oauw-golf-2026) or email [oauw@oshkoshunit-edway.org](mailto:oauw@oshkoshunit-edway.org).



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# Oshkosh woman's aviation book collection heading to museum

By Eric Endres  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Given its strong aviation heritage, there may be no better city than Oshkosh to house a vast collection of classic books involving the subject. That's exactly what can be found at the home of Barry and Sandra Perlman — at least until the collection takes off on a one-way trip to a Texas museum this summer.

The books, which belong to Sandra, are classics from the early era of flying, featuring planes that today would be considered "vintage." But that's not the books' only unique appeal; they depict the adventures of female pilots and protagonists during an era when women weren't exactly seen as equals.

"They're fabulous reads," Barry said. The collection contains different series, including the "Worrals" series by Captain W.E. Johns, books published in the 1940s that follow the adventures of Flight Officer Joan Worrals, also known as "Worrals." Another series in the collection, by Dor-

othy Wayne, takes readers along for the sleuthing escapades of her character, Dorothy Dixon.

While women were still fighting many uphill battles at the time, airplanes may have been an avenue where there weren't as many societal road blocks and they could just... wing it.

"(Flying) was novel then, and also, there wasn't a distinguishing mark between male and female, I think, flying," Sandra said. "Like the automobile, it's like... go for it."

The interest in aviation has been on Sandra's side of the family for a long time, going back before Sandra's time to when her mother and a friend were hanging out at an airport in Appleton (likely George A. Whiting Field) and a pilot offered to take them on a plane ride. Only Sandra's mother took him up on the offer.

That interest carried on with Barry and Sandra's children when they took them to the gates of the EAA to watch the airshows. Later, their older son volunteered at Pioneer Airport, and Sandra herself wound up



Submitted photo

Sandra Perlman's collection of aviation books will soon be on display at a museum in Texas.

## EAA brings back spring kite flying event

Oshkosh Herald

The skies around Pioneer Airport will be filled with kites on May 30 as Wings on Strings returns to the EAA Aviation Museum.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all activities are free with regular museum admission.

"The return of Wings on Strings has been long-awaited for many of our long-time museum attendees, so bringing it back after more than a decade is a fun moment," said Chris Henry, EAA Aviation Museum Director. "We look forward to

filling the skies of Pioneer Airport as we approach the summer months."

The museum's Founders Wing will be transformed into a kite building area, so attendees can go fly them on the historic grass runway of Pioneer Airport. Attendees can also bring pre-made kites from home to fly as well.

Members of the Wisconsin Kites Club will also be in attendance, with demonstrations throughout the day featuring unique kite designs. The day will conclude with a hot air balloon glow, conditions permitting.

volunteering at the airport for 29 years.

The books were more of an incidental, unplanned venture. Sandra, browsing through books at the outlet mall, came across one of these classics that she found interesting.

"It just kind of snowballed from there," she said.

With Barry and Sandra being collectors of many different antiques (Barry's written three books on the topic), it didn't take long before they sought out more of these books, trying to find ones in top condition, and ended up with this unique collection.

Recently, however, they'd been looking for something to do with it, so they reached out to the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas. WASP stands for Women Airforce Service Pilots, and the museum, located inside an old hangar, opened in 2002.

The museum honors the legacy of women who served in the WASP, which was established in 1942, and aims to educate the public through numerous collections. After this summer, one of those collections will be the books that once stood on Barry and Sandra's shelves.

"The fact they're going to use it for education and have it available is incredible," Barry said, after saying that the bane of any collector's existence is donating something to a place where it ends up disappearing. "And it will be known as The Sandra Perlman Collection."

Representatives from the museum will be at AirVenture this summer to meet the Perlmans and collect the books. Barry and Sandra hope that the collection will inspire people, especially children, and teach them that girls and women can do anything they put their minds to.



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Joe Ferlo shows some of the renderings of what The Grand Oshkosh will look like in the future. The Grand Oshkosh performances are set to move to UW-Oshkosh while the historic downtown building is undergoing renovations.

## The Grand

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during this period and hope to continue working together long after construction is completed.”

The partnership is a one-year lease with an option to extend based on the construction timeline for renovations, Ferlo said. Both theaters have seating capacity of just over 500 seats.

The Grand Oshkosh is six blocks from the UW-Oshkosh Theater Arts Center. Patrons who attend events at The Grand can expect the same type of entertainment for shows but also the same involvement with smaller events like bingo nights.

“That will all be carrying over to, what’s being called, ‘The Grand at UW-Oshkosh,’” Ferlo remarked.

Earlier this month the university theater had updated signage installed to temporarily rename it “The Grand at UW-Oshkosh.”

### Grand renovations

The Grand is owned by the city and under the stewardship of Ferlo and the Grand’s board of directors. Initially the plan was to raise \$10 million for the renovations. The city contributed \$5 million and about 50 donors to the Grand contributed the remaining \$5 million, according to Ferlo.

Now, the Grand is looking to complete the next fundraising goal called the capstone phase. Ferlo is hopeful another \$6 million can be donated to the Grand to complete the capstone phase.

This will bring the total cost of the renovations to \$16 million. Ferlo said they’ve already raised about \$12 million and this final stretch will be looking at individual donors.

The renovations include expanding the lounge area on the second floor and setting up a 150-seat cabaret lounge. Ferlo said the community feedback will dictate what will be in this space.

“It could be for standup comedy, maybe a weekly open mic night,” he said. “We’ve got lots of possibilities for the space.”

Another addition will be an outdoor theater that will be in Opera House Square on the east side of the Grand.

“This allows us to have free and inclusive performances outside on the square,” Ferlo said.

A number of other events will take place in the area over the summer, and Ferlo said the community can handle all of these events.

“Why can’t Oshkosh have it all,” Ferlo stated.

He mentioned all of the other options for live entertainment in Oshkosh, including Waterfest, Xroads 41, Music on Main and Jazz Fest.

“There’s enough room for all of these events to thrive in Oshkosh,” he said.

Ferlo said the Grand operates about 130-140 events each year. The renovations and additional stages will help the Grand’s bottom line financially.

The additional space includes a donor lounge. The Grand initially planned to put offices for Ferlo and staff members inside the renovated Grand; instead the space that was going to the offices will now be the donor lounge.

Ferlo and the staff have turned 101 High Ave. into their new offices, which is convenient, as they can walk out of the office and The Grand Oshkosh is right across the street. The Grand offices were formally at 222 Pearl Ave., but that building has been demolished to make space for the expanded downtown transit center at 110 Pearl Ave.

### Downtown revitalization

“I see this as the first big step of the downtown revitalization for the city,” Ferlo said.

In 2024, city officials compiled and released a downtown redevelopment plan that would serve as a potential road map for making downtown Oshkosh a destination. The plan has numerous recommendations for the future of the downtown area.

These recommendations include expanding Opera House Square along with exploring options for City Center and more housing.

A major aspect of The Grand renovations is acquiring more property to properly expand the site. The city is currently involved in negotiations to acquire 114 High Ave., Thompson Studio and 118 High Ave., formerly Gunderson Cleaners, to create space for the Grand’s expansion.

Ferlo is still putting together the 2026-27 lineup of shows that will start this fall at The Grand at UW-Oshkosh. More information on the capstone phase and the upcoming lineup can be found at thegrandoshkosh.org.

# Calendar of events

## 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 Community 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 Community Park

Distinguished Gentleman’s Ride, 10 a.m., Becket’s

## Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Brat Fry, 11 a.m., American Legion Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

## Wednesday, May 27

Military Veterans Museum and Education Center Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne

## Friday, May 29

Jesse James Meets Frankenstein’s Daughter, 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Saturday, May 30

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Oshkosh UnConference, 9 a.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard

CARRnival for KIDS, 10 a.m., Father Carr’s Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Wings on Strings, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

The Magnificent Seven, 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Wednesday, June 3

Music on Main featuring Copper Box, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

## Friday, June 5

National Donut Day Brat Fry, 10 a.m., The Salvation Army Oshkosh, 417 Algoma Boulevard

## Saturday, June 6

Veterans Benefit and Ride, 8 a.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown Oshkosh

The Finest Four Wheels Showcase, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

EAA Hiring Event, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

## Sunday, June 7

Oshkosh YMCA Kids Mud Run, 12:30 p.m., 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue YMCA

## Friends of Oshkosh Zoo announce new branding

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Zoological Society, the nonprofit entity that supports the Menominee Park Zoo in Oshkosh, has announced a new name and brand which its leaders said better fits the mission of the organization.

The new name Friends of the Oshkosh Zoo follows a pattern of other supporting organizations by using “friends” in the name. Along with the new name is a fresh brand and a new Friends of the Oshkosh Zoo website.

The brand release is coinciding with the Menominee Park Zoo’s season opening date, which is Saturday. To celebrate the new brand, Honorary Zookeeper buttons will be given to the first 150 children to visit the zoo this year. Buttons can be picked up at the Lakefly Cafe during the open hours of the cafe 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday along with 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Opening day for the new Menominee Park Train will also be Saturday. The train will load and unload in the front of the Menominee Park Zoo.

Tickets or passes can be purchased in the Lakefly Cafe. The cost of a ticket is \$3 or a Family Punch Pass with 10 rides can be purchased for \$25.

Opening day festivities include a visit with Mascot Pointer from the Oshkosh Herd from 11 a.m. to noon, a food truck, face painting with Whimbubble from 10 a.m. to noon, free samples from Parker John’s BBQ and Pizza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Red Robin will be there with “Red” handing out balloons.

The Friends of the Oshkosh Zoo is a funding entity supporting the zoo. Visitors

to the website located at oshkoshzoo.org will find information about the Menominee Park Zoo such as operating hours, directions to the zoo, each animal exhibit and events at the zoo.

Visitors will also find information about supporting the zoo with donations, the adopt an animal program for the season and how to become a member to support the animals at the zoo. Admission to the zoo is free due to the generous support of Tom and Penny Harenburg, longtime supporters of the zoo.

The Friends of the Oshkosh Zoo work closely with the City of Oshkosh Parks department in efforts to promote the zoo and assist in fundraising efforts for the zoo.

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# City marks awkward historical date after sham event

By Miles Maguire  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city of Oshkosh is coming up on the 100th anniversary of perhaps the most awkward date in its history: May 25, 1926.

That was Chief Oshkosh Day, when the city closed down to celebrate with speeches, fireworks and a two-mile parade of the ceremonial transfer of the remains of the Indian leader from the reservation in Keshena to a new resting place at the foot of a monumental statue in Menominee Park.

The only problem: it was all a sham.

At least that's the narrative that has taken hold in the century since. Just a few weeks after the great celebration, the Green Bay Press-Gazette broke the news: the purported movement of remains was a "hoax." It wasn't the chief's skeleton that was dug up but "that of a woman" with the proof being "there were buttons on the clothing."

This version of events, that the whole affair was a "josh" or a "practical joke," has been repeated multiple times over the ensuing decades, including in a 2002 biography of Chief Oshkosh published by the Oshkosh Public Museum.

But the storyline is almost certainly wrong, according to some newly available information as well as a close examination of the historical record, especially of the life of the person at the center of the story, Reginald Oshkosh.

The brilliant but erratic grandson of the old chief, Reginald has been accused of arranging the hoax and criticized for accepting money to facilitate the transfer of the remains. Although he had plenty of grievances with white society and was known for a biting sense of humor, he had much to lose if caught playing tricks.

When Chief Oshkosh died in 1858, the Menominee buried him with the entire tribe in attendance, according to an eyewitness account that until now has never appeared in English. This report was provided to Antoine-Marie Gachet, a Capuchin missionary who traveled from Oshkosh to Keshena just days after the funeral

and who wrote his memoirs in French.

When the warriors entered the burial grounds, they "shouted with such force that it could be heard two miles away," Gachet reported. When the war chief Souigny finished his funeral oration, the warriors responded "with a tremendous cry, which made all those present tremble."

After Oshkosh was laid to rest, a "spirit hut," or low wooden structure, was erected over his grave in keeping with Menominee custom. But sometime around 1890, a forest fire obliterated the cemetery. This blaze made it impossible to fix the precise location of Oshkosh's grave, although it had been photographed just a few years earlier and was said to be within an area about the size of a modern two-car garage.

This confusion over the exact site of Oshkosh's 1858 grave is the source of the dispute over whether he now lies buried in Menominee Park or, as the tribe recently restated to the Oshkosh Herald, in Keshena.

Today it seems unbelievable that a Native tribe would allow for the grave of a great leader to be disturbed. But Reginald was living in a different time and had a different view.

In 1926 the Menominee, like tribes across the United States, were facing the prospect of "allotment," a policy enshrined in an 1887 federal law that called for carving up Indian reservations into individual plots that could then be sold to non-Indians. Nationwide allotment cost tribes 90 million acres and prefigured the way that the entire Menominee reservation would be "terminated" in the 1950s.

In a 1917 statement, Reginald put it this way: "Appreciating, therefore, that is it only a question of time when the present reservation shall become allotted and pass out of existence as a tribal reservation, we

deem it entirely proper that the last resting place of our beloved ancestor and last chief shall be in the city that has so signally honored him, and that has done so much to perpetuate his memory."

Although it was initially thought that the Menominee would block the move of Oshkosh's remains out of fear of stirring up evil spirits, Reginald was a second-generation Catholic and did not fully share in those beliefs.

Reginald had both professional and personal reasons for not wasting time on a practical joke. He had been a key player in wresting control of the tribe's most important natural resource, its timber, away from the federal government and giving the Menominee a way out of the deep poverty on the reservation. He also had a national role, traveling to places like New York City and Washington, in advancing Indian causes—a position that would have been called into question if he turned out to be a joker.

Two other people joined Reginald in organizing the transfer of remains: Arthur P. Kannenberg and Alfred C. McComb. Reginald had close ties with both of them, and it is unfathomable that he would have betrayed their trust.

Kannenberg was the curator of archeology at the Oshkosh museum. But he had more than an academic interest in Chief Oshkosh. Kannenberg had been adopted into the tribe, set up the local branch of the Indian Defense Association and organized a series of charity drives in Oshkosh to bring food and other badly needed supplies to the reservation.

McComb, a fabulously wealthy timber owner, was the son of an Irish immigrant who had developed a close relationship with Chief Oshkosh and who had hosted the chief at his home in New London.

After disclosure of the alleged hoax, McComb and Kannenberg maintained their connections to the Oshkosh family. In fact when Reginald died, in 1931, both McComb and Kannenberg traveled to Keshena for the funeral.

When the hoax accusations first surfaced, Regional replied with a forceful defense, arguing that the buttons that were found at the disinterment were not associated with the remains of Oshkosh but with the remains of his wives.

He also noted that the supposed source for the original story about a possible hoax was also a hoax. The source used the name John Waupoose, and Reginald said there was no one by that name living on the reservation at the time, a fact backed up by the records of the Indian census.

But Reginald's story didn't completely align with Gachet's account of Oshkosh's funeral or with reports that the chief had been buried in a double casket with his gun and animal traps. The coffin that was dug up was, however, fancier than might have been expected for a typical person, including glass shards that had likely been part of a viewing window, the presence of which is documented in historical accounts of Oshkosh's original interment.

Reginald said he could find his grandfather's grave because his mother had placed a stone marker there. But this is where Menominee elders said he was mistaken.

Reginald "didn't know" where the specific gravesite was and "didn't know who it was" who was disinterred, said Mary Ann Dixon, a Menominee medicine woman who was born in 1888 and who attended Chief Oshkosh Day.

She made these comments in a 1966 interview that was recorded by Thomas E. Connolly and preserved on magnetic tape. Connolly, a Jesuit later relieved of his priestly duties for alleged sex abuse, spent several years in Keshena running a well-regarded anti-poverty program in the mid-1960s. Dixon's interview was digitized and made available to researchers only in 2024.

The conflicting accounts defy easy accommodation. It may be that the ambiguity about the final resting place of the city's namesake will never be resolved. But at least it's clear that tribal trickery was not the cause of the confusion left over from Chief Oshkosh Day.

## City Center

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Mugerauer stated 17 acres of riverfront property is rare in the country and to have it in Oshkosh is a big opportunity. He said it's important to maximize density with the project and ensuring public access to the waterfront.

He also noted the value and risk of the purchase is where he differs from the council members supporting the purchase.

"I believe that the city will one day own this property, but I don't think it has to be today and not at this price and not with the conditions that are being prescribed," Mugerauer said.

He added that he believes if the property was put on the open market the city may be able to get the property for a better price than \$12.5 million. He said it could cost the city upwards of \$30 million before any redevelopment could take place.

"The risks of acquiring this property today, or shortly, outweigh the risks of waiting just a bit, in my opinion," Mugerauer said. "To be absolutely crystal clear the land is what I'm most looking forward to one day controlling. I have no interest in owning the building that currently sits upon that land."

Mugerauer also listed off a number of projects the city needs money for before purchasing City Center. He stated all six fire stations in the city need to be either refurbished or replaced which will each cost \$5

million. He also mentioned the public safety training center that is slated to cost at least \$12 million.

Other projects Mugerauer mentioned include the Riverwalk on Pioneer Island, the future of City Hall and fixing roads will cost tens of millions of dollars for the city.

"We're being asked to approve \$12.5 million for an acquisition," he continued. "We don't know what the plan is. We have to go through that, and this is different. Most communities acquire after it's gone blighted. This is different."

Ken Osmond has owned Planet Perk in City Center for the last 18 years and reminded the council that the property is not vacant. He listed off the almost 30 businesses within City Center, which include fitness centers, retail shops, restaurants, a bookstore, marketing businesses and consulting firms along with a recording studio, yoga studio, dance studio and a martial arts studio.

"One of the most unfortunate things that's occurred is the mischaracterization of the GOEDC about this facility," Osmond said. "We're there. We pay taxes. We employ people."

The city is working with the GOEDC (Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation), a private company that partners with municipalities to further economic development goals in the communities they have contracts with.

Alicia Wenger, project manager at GOEDC, spoke during the public comment

period in favor of the purchase. Wenger has privileged information on the potential purchase of City Center as she sat in on the executive sessions in October and November.

GOEDC may not profit directly from the city, but they will benefit from the purchase as they are a city partner on the potential project. GOEDC president and CEO Tricia Rathermel told the public during an open house on May 5 that GOEDC helped tenants during the Oshkosh Avenue corridor project.

The Herald reached out to Rathermel for examples of tenants that were helped during that process and received no response.

Oshkosh's director of community development Sara Rutkowski said city staff is not in favor or opposed to the purchase. She said city staff "supports the council's decision" for City Center.

Rutkowski said city staff has provided council members with the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing City Center.

A memo from city staff to the Plan Commission states, "The proposed acquisition would provide the City with an opportunity to guide future planning efforts for the property and support continued investment in downtown Oshkosh. At this time, no finalized redevelopment proposal has been approved for the site."

No disadvantages or potential concerns with the proposed purchase have been shared with the public. Presentations have highlighted the potential tax benefits of purchasing City Center and the opportunity to

make downtown Oshkosh more of a destination for visitors.

Negative aspects of the purchase may have been shared with council members during executive session, but that information has not been shared with Oshkosh residents to date.

There is no plan to use tax dollars for the \$12.5 million potential purchase of City Center at this point, but there has been nothing shared with the public of where that money will come from. It remains unclear if that money will be raised with fundraising in the private sector or if it will be paid for with grant funding.

Online records show that 101 Commerce St., the former 4imprint building, has all taxes paid for due in 2026. However, 201 Pearl Ave., owned by City Center Associates, has not paid any of their taxes this year.

City real estate records show as of May 14 City Center Associates did not pay the first or second installment for the 2025 tax bill. Records show the group owes around \$71,800 for the first two installments, which were due on Jan. 31 and March 31.

101 Commerce St. paid the entire \$185,387 2025 tax bill on Dec. 18. 201 Pearl Avenue owes \$143,689 to the city for the 2025 tax bill.

The Plan Commission is set to review the purchase of 201 Pearl Ave. and 101 Commerce St. The property is 17 acres in downtown Oshkosh that has 1,000 feet of riverfront space.

# Council doesn't change pedestrian bridge project plans

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Despite one council member's campaign promise, a planned pedestrian bridge across Interstate 41 in Oshkosh is still going forward and could be completed in the next five years.

The I-41 pedestrian bridge is set to cost about \$10 million to construct with 80% of those costs being covered by a federal grant. The remaining costs will be covered by the city.

City staff has called the project a once-in-a-generation opportunity to connect Oshkosh's expanding west side with the rest of the city.

Council member Paul Esslinger had publicly stated before the April 7 election that he was opposed to the bridge and at the May 12 council meeting he said he was fulfilling a campaign promise to people who voted for him.

"This was an issue that was brought up once or twice in different areas," Esslinger said. "At that point in time, I said that if I

were to get elected, I would bring this up and see if I can get rid of this."

Esslinger made a motion to put his resolution forward but did not receive a second that would have put the resolution up for discussion. This made it clear the rest of the council did not support Esslinger's resolution.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer noted this but still allowed Esslinger to provide information for why he was bringing this topic back despite it being passed without a single opposing vote under the prior council.

The resolution failed with Esslinger being the sole yes vote. Mugerauer noted that the council has already moved the bridge forward, although he is not in favor of building the pedestrian bridge.

"We already adjudicated this," Mugerauer said of the prior council voting to move forward with the bridge.

Mugerauer added that there will be future opportunities to voice opposition to the bridge, including when the council votes to accept the 80/20 grant from the

federal government and when the bid is awarded.

The bridge is expected to connect North Koeller and North Washburn streets and will cross near Taft Street on the east side of the interstate.

Council member Joe Stephenson stated the city will likely be paying between \$2 million and \$4 million for the bridge. It's anticipated that most of the additional \$2 million in costs will be for land acquisition and potential infrastructure that may need to be built.

City staff stated this pedestrian bridge has been part of transportation conversations since 2011. Winnebago Bicycle owner Shawn Lynch spoke in favor of the bridge at the meeting and said it would provide safety to pedestrians as well as cyclists.

Lynch also stated that just before the meeting, there was an automobile-bicycle crash on Ninth Avenue on the I-41 overpass at one of the four roundabouts in the area.

The crash report states a 30-year-old woman was attempting to enter the on-ramp for the interstate when she struck a 69-year-old bicyclist.

The bicyclist was struck while using the designated and clearly marked crosswalk. The vehicle needed to be towed from the crash due to "disabling damage."

The officer's report states the bicyclist was struck and was airborne for a short period. The 69-year-old was transported to ThedaCare in Neenah where doctors said he suffered a laceration to the back of his head and multiples fractures, including a neck fracture.

The city has attempted to make roundabouts safer for non-motorists by install-

ing rectangular rapid flashing beacons at roundabouts across the city. These RRFBs are intended to alert drivers of potential pedestrians and cyclists.

Another Oshkosh cyclist, Brian Kienert, spoke about how the cycling community is tight knit and he receives messages from several community members. Kienert asked Esslinger why he brought this back.

Esslinger explained it was a budget issue and that the city shouldn't build a bridge that people won't use. He said he doesn't believe the estimates for the costs the city has received are accurate and that the project will cost the city a lot more than just \$2 million.

Kienert spoke out of line during Esslinger's speech at the meeting and said Esslinger was making false statements about bicyclists. This was after Esslinger stated that cyclists wouldn't travel a half mile out of their way to use the bridge.

Data from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation states there have been 832 total reported crashes in Winnebago County involving bikes and pedestrians since 2016. The majority of these have been in Neenah and Oshkosh.

Over the last 10 years there have been eight fatal crashes between bikes and pedestrians with vehicles. In that same time period, there have been over 50 crashes leading to serious injury.

Since 2016, there have been almost 50 crashes at or near Oshkosh roundabouts. There have been 20 crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists on Ninth Avenue over the last 10 years.

"One death is too many," Stephenson said.

## UnConference encourages community conversations

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh UnConference will focus on the theme "How should the community respond to the current moment?"

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 30 at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boule-

vard. The meeting is a chance for community members to come together discuss various topics related to the theme.

Organizers encourage participants to have conversations they are really passionate about.

A potluck will be held at noon.



Submitted photo

Elizabeth O'Connor accepts a certificate and check from Dave Steinert, commander of VFW Post 1908.

## VFW awards Lourdes student scholarship

Lourdes Academy student Elizabeth O'Connor took second place in the VFW district Voice of Democracy competition.

Voice of Democracy is the VFW's premiere scholarship program. Nine speeches made it to the district level. Florian Lampert Post 1908, Oshkosh, submitted

O'Connor's speech.

Each year, high school students compete for over \$2 million. The top ones from each state are also awarded a trip to Washington, D.C.

District Six of Wisconsin VFW comprises 17 posts in five counties. This year, over \$5,000 was awarded by those posts.



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First responders on May 13 searched the Fox River after a man reportedly jumped off the Main Street bridge into the water.

## Body recovered from Fox River

Oshkosh Herald

A man's body was recovered last week from the Fox River after multiple departments spent hours searching for him.

A witness allegedly saw the individual jump from the Main Street bridge into the Fox River shortly after 10 a.m. May 13.

The parking lot of the Oshkosh Convention Center quickly filled with police and fire department vehicles. Members of the Oshkosh Fire Department Dive and Rescue team were in the water by 10:15 a.m.

Soon after the divers went in, three of the Winnebago County Sheriff's boats were in the area helping with the search. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Rescue Team helped with the search.

The team remained on scene for several hours continuing the search as law enforcement personnel continued communicating with the divers and the boats. There were also personnel stationed on the railroad bridge and the Main Street bridge.

OPD also used the department drone team to help with the search.

The man, who has not been identified, was located late that evening with the help of the DNR's specialized sonar equipment. OPD reported no foul play is suspected related to the incident.

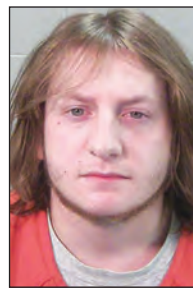
The initial report was that a man with long hair, wearing blue jeans and a dark sweatshirt jumped from the east side of the Main Street bridge into the Fox River.

## Oshkosh man gets probation, community service in shooting

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man who accidentally shot his manager when working has received a sentence of probation and community service in the misdemeanor case.

Adam Samida, 25, pled no contest to one count of carry concealed weapon and one count of disorderly conduct. Samida was found guilty and will spend the next 18 months on probation and will need to complete 30 hours of community service.



Samida

According to the criminal complaint, the incident in the early morning hours of Oct. 29 began when Samida didn't want to work and was just walking around the restaurant.

An OPD officer reviewed video of the incident. The complaint outlines the manager was grabbing and pulling Samida while yelling at him.

The manager allegedly said, "I will whoop your a\*\*, boy."

Samida then goes toward the entrance/exit to the restaurant, but when the manager approached, Samida retreated toward the bathroom area. The manager grabs

Samida and forces him to the ground. While on the ground, the manager put his hands on the back of Samida's neck, pushing him further into the ground.

The manager eventually gets off Samida. That's when Samida grabs his firearm and shoots the manager in the foot.

The manager was later transported to a hospital to care for the injury that was considered non-life threatening. Another witness gave their side of the story to police. They told an officer the interaction between Samida and the manager was "professional and non-confrontational."

The complaint notes the contradictions in the witness' timeline of events from the video. They said that Samida gestured to his waist band, where firearms are often kept, and asked the manager to "meet him outside."

The witness also stated they asked Samida to leave when they were at the entrance/exit doors, which contradicts the video the officer watched.

Shortly after the shooting, Samida fled the restaurant and, according to OPD, was located within 14 minutes of being dispatched to the scene.

Samida was arrested and taken into custody. He declined to make any comment while at the police station.

## Former DOC employee sentenced in federal child exploitation case

Oshkosh Herald

A former Department of Corrections employee has been handed a 20-year sentence by a federal judge for using the internet to coerce a minor in a foreign nation to engage in unlawful activity.

Bradley D. Hounsell, 44, was sentenced last week to 13 years in federal prison followed by seven years of extended supervision. Hounsell used a social media platform to pay a person in the Philippines for sexu-

ally explicit images and videos of children.

Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach presided over the case and sentenced Hounsell on May 12.

A press release from the U.S. Department of Justice outlined Hounsell's crimes based on court documents. In November 2023, Hounsell was in contact with a woman in the Philippines and the two discussed sexual images of a 13-year-old girl.

Hounsell offered to pay for sexually explicit images. Law enforcement was able to recover a video of sexual exploitation of a child and other criminal conduct of Hounsell during a search warrant of Hounsell's home.

Hounsell was employed by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections prior to his 2025 arrest.

The case was prosecuted by assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel R. Humble for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and William G. Clayman.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Child Exploitation Operational Unit and Milwaukee Field Office with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

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# Man given 10-year sentence in 2025 shooting case

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man has been given a 10-year sentence for shooting another man in August.

Vautrell J. Section, 18, will spend the next five years in state prison for his role in the shooting in Oshkosh.

Section pled no contest to first degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of firearm by a felon and felony bail jumping. He was sentenced on May 8 by Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 4 Judge Michael Gibbs.

Gibbs sentenced Section to five years of state prison for endangering safety and possession of a firearm by a felon to run concurrently then will serve five years of extended supervision. He was also sentenced to three years of prison for felony bail jumping that will run concurrently with the other counts.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Central Street for reports of shots being fired. While officers were heading to the scene, one officer saw a man at Wisconsin Street and Amherst Avenue.

The man, identified as V1 in the complaint, was holding a towel around his right arm. He told officers he was driving down Franklin Street when he was confronted by the shooter.

The victim told the officer he could not identify the shooter or say how many shots were fired.

The victim was taken to Aurora Medical

Center for treatment.

The investigation continued with officers checking surveillance cameras of residents in the area. One resident reported hearing six to eight gunshots at 1:43 p.m. Aug. 9.

The videos showed the victim get into a blue Nissan Altima, then drive away with another man running east behind houses in the neighborhood.

Officers went to the victim's residence and found the Altima. The vehicle had a bullet hole in the passenger side door, a flat tire on the passenger side and blood in the passenger area of the vehicle.

Police spoke to a witness, who is the victim's brother, who provided his phone to police showing communications between the witness and Section.

There were several calls and text messages sent to the victim.

During one phone call, Section said, "I tried to warn him. I tried to warn him."

At the time of the calls and messages the witness did not know what Section was referring to. But a short time later the victim arrived at the witness' house with a gunshot wound.

Officers also found social media posts that police believe are related to the shooting. One of the posts was Section holding a gun with a caption stating, "They say do-aaaaa," seemingly a reference to dead on arrival.

Medical staff at the hospital believed the injuries were consistent with a through-and-through gunshot wound. Police believe the shot entered the back of the victim's elbow and exited his forearm.

The victim was interviewed at the Oshkosh Police Station. He said his brother was having issues with Section. The victim,

who said he had no weapons with him, saw Section while driving around and walked up to him and within 10 to 15 seconds Section pulled a gun from his waistband and began shooting.

Due to heavy rainfall in the area police believe shell casings from the incident may have been washed away with the storm.

Officers eventually located Section and chased him for a while before he was taken into custody and interviewed by police.

During the interview Section got upset and threw a police laptop to the ground and picked up a printer and threw it at officers. Section threw punches at the officers and spit in the face of an officer during the incident.

Section eventually began answering the

questions and told police he got rid of the firearm by putting it in a storm drain. An effort was made to locate the firearm, including additional help from the water department. However, a firearm was not located.

Section did provide a statement to police stating he was cutting lawns in the area when he saw a blue car drive past him, then do a U-turn. He explained there was a history between the victim, witness and Section over a stolen handgun.

The victim threatened Section multiple times over the stolen gun in the past.

The victim approached Section and was recording him before the gunshots.

"I know that when they do that, they are maybe going viral and trying to embarrass me," Section told police.

## Drivers cautioned when near schools

Oshkosh Herald

A Perry Tipler Middle School student was taken to the hospital after being hit by a vehicle last week near Oshkosh West High School.

Families of Tipler and West students were sent an email about the incident.

"We urge everyone in our community to exercise utmost caution when driving around schools, especially when students are present," principals Becky Montour and Tyler Umentum stressed in the letter.

Montour is principal at Oshkosh West and Umentum in the principal at Perry Tipler. The letter was sent out on the afternoon of May 13 after the incident occurred.

The letter outlined the incident stating that a middle school student was hit by a ve-

hicle near West during dismissal time. Staff responded to the area and called 911. The student was then transported by ambulance to a hospital and the family was notified.

"We know that many students from both schools may have witnessed the accident, and we understand this can be very distressing," the letter from the principals stated. "Please know that the well-being of our students is our highest priority. Our student services staff and school counselors at both Perry Tipler and Oshkosh West will be available to speak with any student who needs to process what they saw or are feeling."

The letter continued, "Our thoughts are with the student and their family. For privacy reasons, we cannot share further details, and we ask that you respect their privacy during this time."



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# Summer programs offer performance opportunities

By Pamela Hart  
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Programs in the area this summer are offering opportunities for community members to perform in and view live theater.

## Riverside Players

To celebrate Riverside Players' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Neenah community theater group is presenting "The SpongeBob Musical" and Neil Simon's "Rumors: A Farce" at Riverside Park led by directors Amanda Petersen and Laura Frelich, who have been contributors to the group throughout the years.

Looking to the future, the group is preparing for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans include significant upgrades to the event space and amenities to enhance the experience for performers, audiences and the community.

SpongeBob is a joyful, family-friendly musical that invites the community to come together for a few hours of laughter and an unforgettable trip to Bikini Bottom. The plot is welcoming and silly, in the best way but reminds audiences how powerful optimism and community can be, especially in uncertain times. Petersen plans to transform the pavilion into a world that is playful, handmade and full of heart with bold colors and big movement for audiences to feel they are immersed in Bikini Bottom itself.

Set in the 1980's, Rumors is a Neil Simon comedy that takes place during an elegant dinner party hosted by New York's Deputy Mayor. Upon arrival, the guests discover a gunshot wound and a missing spouse which sets off a chain reaction of outrageous rumors. Simon's comedic tim-



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Inspiration Theatre will be performing David again this summer after shows in 2024.

ing enhances the plot and reveals what lengths people will go to protect their innocence. This fast-paced farce induces nonstop laughter, especially with a wildly talented cast who embraces the madness.

SpongeBob hits the Riverside pavilion stage July 23-26 and July 29-Aug. 1 with all performances at 7:30 p.m. Rumors will be presented at 7 p.m. Sept. 10-13. Tickets are available on the city of Neenah website or at the door before each show.

## Inspiration Theatre

Back by popular demand, Inspiration Theatre in Winneconne presents "David, the King of Jerusalem."

This story of David from Jewish history begins from the perspective of Old King David reliving his life. The victories and the failures that brought him to his old age. Flowing through all of it is the vital

and intimate relationship with God, who is portrayed by a figure in white: kind, strong, good and true.

The family-friendly production won Appleton's Broadway World awards in 2024. Michael McGinnis, portraying young adult David, won Best Performer in a Musical and Wesley Breyer won second place for Best Lighting Display. Many of the 2024 cast members are returning to reprise their roles.

"David, the King of Jerusalem" performances are at 7 p.m. July 30 and 31, 6 p.m. Aug. 1 and 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Winneconne Community Arts Center. Tickets can be reserved by email to winneconneticket@gmail.com, or on the group's website inspirationtheatre.org. The tickets are free but reservations are appreciated. The reply email is the admission ticket. Doors open a half hour before the show. Walk-ins will be welcome on a first come, first serve basis.

## Jolly Jester Children's Theatre

Well known for their 62 years of children's productions, Jolly Jester has expanded to community theater in recent years.

Since 2019, the Oshkosh group offers opportunities for adults and children to participate in one of their shows every other summer. This summer they are presenting "Shrek, the Musical" directed by Tracie Schlaak. Given the success with their children's theater presentation of "Shrek, Jr." in 2019, eager community members requested the full version for all ages to be a part of the production.

Organizers said to get ready for big laughs, big hearts and one very big green ogre. A hilarious and heartfelt fairy tale filled with catchy songs and outrageous humor. It is a joyful celebration of individuality and friendship reminding us that what makes us different is exactly what makes us special.

"Shrek, the Musical" will be presented at 7 p.m. Aug. 12-15 along with 2 p.m. matinees Aug. 15-16 at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium in Oshkosh. Tickets are available online at the Oshkosh Recreation Department and at the door before each performance.

## Jubricosa Youth Theatre

A place where young people ages 7 to 18 learn the basics of theater, Jubricosa instills self-confidence and responsibility in youth both on and off the stage. Classes are held in Oshkosh and Neenah with students participating from the Fox Valley area.

The younger class is performing "Seussical, Jr." a whimsical tale narrated by the Cat in the Hat. Horton the Elephant must protect the Whos from a dangerous world. Although he faces ridicule and trials along the way, Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

The high school students will present "Freaky Friday" based on the popular movie which follows a mother and daughter who end up magically switching bodies for a day. Chaos ensues as they experience each other's perspective on empathy and family. The story captures the challenges and joys of life while walking in someone else's shoes.

Classes begin the week of June 8 in Neenah and Oshkosh. Registration is open to all Fox Valley youth until the first day of class.

Seussical performances are at 7 p.m. July 9-11 with a matinee at 2 p.m. July 11. Freaky Friday performances are at 7 p.m. July 16-18 with a July 18 matinee at 2 p.m. Both shows will be performed at the Winneconne Community Arts Center. Tickets are available at jubricosa.org or at the door one hour before showtime.

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# Mental health first aid training can help those in crisis

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Just as people are trained in first aid to help those with physical injuries, there's training available to assist those dealing with a mental health crisis.

Called mental health first aid, Katie Jaegly, health and well-being educator and behavior health for the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Winnebago County, trains people how to respond to someone in a mental health crisis. In 2025, she provided the training to 10% of Winnebago County employees and hopes to train another 10% of county staff this year.



Jaegly

"Mental health first aid is important to learn since you want to make sure people know how to respond in a crisis," Jaegly said. "Like regular first aid, we're not solving the whole problem; we're just providing assistance until someone with more experience can take over."

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, Jaegly said it is a good time to call attention to mental health first aid. The program requires eight hours of training that begins with looking at men-

tal health in the United States and talks about the stigma around the disease, she said. From there, she discusses the importance of mental health care and why people should provide their own self-care before helping someone else.

"It's like when you're on an airplane and they always tell you to put on your oxygen mask first before helping someone else," she said, adding class attendees learn about different signs and symptoms to look for and then how to react and respond in crisis scenarios. "The goal is to provide support and then encourage the person to call a crisis line, reach out to a medical professional, a counselor — someone else who can provide deeper support."

Jaegly said program participants are encouraged to follow the ALGEE action plan when approaching someone in crisis: Approach and assess for risk of suicide or harm; Listen nonjudgmentally; Give reassurance and information; Encourage appropriate professional help; and Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

"When you think about county workers, especially caseworkers, those at the front desks or dispatchers, they are sometimes working with people who are in some difficult situations, so it is important they have these tools available

to them," Jaegly said. "They can better respond to residents' needs. It improves safety as people feel better understood."

Jaegly said one of the hardest parts of mental health first aid is when someone reveals he is thinking about harming himself.

"You need to come out and ask if they're thinking about injuring themselves. And if they are, you need to sit with them and help them connect with a local crisis line or the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Line," she said.

Going through mental health first aid training can also help people improve

their own well-being and provide them with the tools they need if they find themselves in crisis, she added. Those trained can also help family, friends and neighbors facing mental health crises.

Jaegly provides training to organizations beyond the county. Anyone interested in mental health first aid training or other behavioral health training, such as suicide prevention, can contact at the Extension office at 920-232-1970.

"There's such a need and desire for this kind of training since people want to support each other," she said.

## Police youth leadership camp registration open

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department Youth Leadership Camp is accepting registrations.

School Resource Officers will lead the sessions for youth ages 12-15 to build leadership skills, serve the community and make new friends.

The camp is a five-day program of classroom study, physical challenges, guest

lectures and community service. The program's focus is on leadership, ethics and personal development.

The camp will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3-7. Paper application can be picked up at the Oshkosh Police Department front desk or from any School Resource Officer at Oshkosh middle and high schools. The application deadline is July 1.

## Winnebago County ranks among highest in deer-related crashes in Wisconsin

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County was among the top 10 Wisconsin counties for crashes involving deer in 2025, according to the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Last year, 566 deer-related crashes were reported in the county, up from 532 in 2024.

The State Patrol said 17,795 crashes involving deer occurred in the state last year. It added preliminary data showing six people were killed and 720 were injured in those incidents.

The most crashes involving deer reported in 2025 was in Waukesha County with 1,010 such incidents.

Motorcyclists are at greater risk of injury in a deer crash. In 2025, 223 of the deer crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting

in four fatalities and 80 serious injuries. This means 38% of motorcycle deer crash resulted in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes.

"Drivers should have their full attention on the road ahead to avoid deer crashes," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Deer are unpredictable, often changing directions and freezing as they cross the road. Motorists should be alert and prepared to respond at all times."

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# Museum recognizes silent anonymous heroes this month

By Paul F Janty  
JULAINE FARROW MUSEUM

The month of May is special for at least two reasons. In 1949, the United States identified May as "National Mental Health Awareness Month." Since that time, the field of mental health has been recognized and celebrated throughout the month.

May is also when most Western countries honor their military veterans at cemeteries around the world.

Near the shore of Asylum Bay on Lake Winnebago, sits a large open field mostly enclosed with old fencing. As one walks down the gravel path to the area, it becomes apparent that this is no ordinary field.

A large marker identifies it as the patient cemetery for the Northern Hospital for the Insane and Winnebago State Hospital, used from 1873-1972. Since that time, the grounds have been maintained by Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

Researching the cemetery has been a focus of the Julaine Farrow Museum in recent years. One goal was to determine how many military veterans had been buried there.

Initial research indicated the number was two. They were Civil War veterans and members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the preeminent Civil War Veterans organization of the day.

As an aside, Dr. Walter Kempster, the hospital's first superintendent, was the national president of this organization at one point.

With ongoing research, it was learned that these were not the only veterans laid to rest in this cemetery. However, the research has been, to say the least, challenging. Patient privacy, even in death, is pro-

tected by Wisconsin Statutes.

Middle initials were typically not included in a patient's record, many of the names were spelled phonetically, and an individual's branch of service was not usually identified. Nevertheless, by utilizing databases from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, the volunteers have learned that there are at least sixty-five veterans in the hospital cemetery.

Specifically, to date, the museum volunteers have identified fifty-one veterans who served during the Civil War, four who served during the Spanish American War, eight who served during World War I, and one each who served during World War II and the period immediately after the war, known as "Peacetime."

To date, the volunteers have not found evidence of veterans from the Korean or Vietnam Wars. At this point, there are no female veterans buried at the cemetery.

As such, of the 833 individuals buried in the cemetery, seven percent are known to have been veterans. Research will continue with the goal being to identify every veteran buried there.

In the meantime, what follows are brief vignettes describing five of the veterans:

- I was a patient here in 1922 for a brief period. I served in the US Army, in the medical department, during World War I. I was also a laborer living in Ozaukee County.

- I I was a patient here since May 1873 and died in 1876. For most of my life, I was a resident of Winnebago County. I am one of the longest serving Civil War veterans buried here. My service for the Union began in September 1862 and ended in July 1865. I was a member of a Wisconsin



Image courtesy of the Julaine Farrow Museum

Winnebago Mental Health Institute has maintained the grounds of the patient cemetery for the Northern Hospital for the Insane and Winnebago State Hospital, which was used from 1873-1972.

light artillery unit. My career after the Civil War was as a carpenter, helping to build Oshkosh. I am amongst the first patients buried here.

- I I was a physician who served during the Spanish American war. As the result of complications received during the war, I died in 1907. I am from southwest Wisconsin.

- I I served during the Civil War. After the Civil War, I was granted 160 acres of

land in Marathon County, married and raised three children.

- I I am one of the last people buried at the cemetery in 1972. I served in the US Army after World War II for two years. I lived in northern Wisconsin prior to my passing.

*Author's Note: A thank you to my fellow volunteers at the Julaine Farrow Museum who helped with this project. Without their efforts, this veterans' research effort would not be possible.*

## Darts tournament benefits food pantries

Oshkosh Herald

A darts tournament will help raise money for local food pantries.

The Road Angelz Sisterhood Darts for a Cause event will start at 12:30 p.m. May 30 at Terry's Bar, 688 N. Main St. Partic-

ipants are asked to bring an item for the food pantries.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. for those not able to pre-register at the bar. The cost is \$25 per team of two or \$10 for those just eating. The event includes food, a 50/50 raffle and basket raffles.

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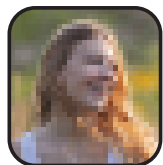
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# Wildcats' mound ace Mosloski bringing the heat

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Perhaps it's fitting that Avery Mosloski's last name contains a K.

That letter can be found repeatedly in scorebooks whenever Mosloski is on the mound.

The hard-throwing righthander has racked up plenty of Ks in his impressive prep career at Oshkosh West and is one of the area's best prep pitchers.

A second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior, Mosloski has whiffed a combined 116 hitters (and counting) in his last 88 innings pitched the past two years.

This spring, Mosloski has pitched far better than his 1-3 mound record might suggest. He has racked up 56 strikeouts in just 36 2/3 innings and has a rock-solid 3.01 earned run average.

Mosloski carved out a 4-4 record as a junior with 60 Ks in 51 1/3 innings and a stellar 2.32 ERA.

"Avery has a strong ability to compete on the mound," said West coach Chris Atwood. "Any time he has the ball, he gives us a chance. His plus fastball allows him to be aggressive and gain an advantage on hitters. He's a strong dude and uses that strength well. He also has the ability to throw multiple pitches on any given count."

Mosloski throws a four-seam fastball along with a curve, change-up and slider. His fastball usually registers in the mid-to-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West senior Avery Mosloski has been the ace of the Wildcats' pitching staff the past two seasons and earned second team all-Fox Valley Association recognition last year.

high 80s, topping out around 90 mph.

"I'm just looking to get outs any way I can," said Mosloski. "I try and throw strikes, hit spots and work the corners."

In addition to throwing harder than opposing pitchers, Mosloski, a third-year varsity player, is also more polished.

"As a pitcher, he does the other things very well like holding runners on, mixing his timing, and fielding his position," Atwood said. "He also plays a solid third base (when he's not pitching) and has the ability to hit the ball hard."

Mosloski, though, is most comfortable when he's on the mound. His best performance of the 2026 season came on April 30 in a 1-0 win over city rival Oshkosh North. Mosloski allowed just one hit and fanned 11 in 6 2/3 innings of exceptional work.

"I've been a pitcher ever since I started playing kid-pitch baseball when I was six or seven," said Mosloski. "I've always liked

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that as a pitcher, you're involved in pretty much every single play."

Mosloski grew up in a baseball family. His father, Tory, coached him at several levels of youth baseball and has been a major factor in his development.

"My dad has been coaching me since I was little and taught me a lot about baseball and pitching, so he's been my biggest influence," said Mosloski.

It didn't hurt that two older brothers, Jordan and Carter, excelled on the diamond and went on to play high school baseball at Oshkosh West. Jordan was a 2017 West graduate and Carter graduated in 2020.

"I grew up watching them, so they definitely influenced me, too," said Mosloski. "I went to all of their games. I wanted to get to the level they were at, and quite honestly, maybe get a little higher level."

Mosloski will accomplish that in the near future. A strong student at Oshkosh

West, Mosloski will play college baseball at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he will be used strictly as a pitcher.

"I'm really excited about it," said Mosloski. "I toured a few other schools like La Crosse and Eau Claire, but Stevens Point stood out. It's going to take more than just a fastball, more than just velocity to succeed there. I'm going to need to throw my off-speed pitches a little better."

Once the prep season is over, Mosloski will stay sharp and continue to work on his pitching over the summer while playing for the Oshkosh American Legion team.

"Legion ball has helped me quite a bit because you're often playing against older guys," Mosloski said. "I've always played up and you can play Legion until you're 19. It's always given me a littler bit more of a challenge and I've gotten to be a better pitcher playing Legion."

But Legion and college ball can wait. Mosloski is looking to finish strong with a promising Oshkosh West team that has hovered around the .500 mark for much of his season but has the talent to get hot in the upcoming WIAA tournament.

"There is a lot of talent, a lot of potential on this team, and we're looking to tap into that," said Mosloski.

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Three one-run wins was enough to propel the UW-Oshkosh softball team into the NCAA Division III Championship Super Regional beginning Thursday.

The Titans will face eighth-ranked Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss., in a best-of-three series with the winner advancing to the Division III World Series. The Titans are trying to advance to the Division III World Series for the first time

since 2024 when they finished fifth.

UW-Oshkosh, which will take a 33-8-1 record into the Super Regional, advanced by winning all three games in played at the regional tournament, hosted by Washington University in St. Louis.

The Titans clinched the berth with a 2-1 win over the host Bears on Saturday, getting a two-run double from Haylie Wittman in the bottom of the fourth inning to provide the winning margin.

Washington University had taken the

lead with a run in the top of the fourth.

Oshkosh West alum Brianna Bougie got the win in the circle for the Titans, pitching one inning of relief. Mardi Grace pitched the final three innings to earn the save.

The Titans also beat the Bears, 2-1, on Friday scoring both runs in the top of the seventh after being held to just one hit through the first six innings.

Amanda Martineck started the inning with a single, while a fielder's choice and

then an error helped UW-Oshkosh score a run to tie the score. Wittman then singled to left field to plate the game-winning run.

Bougie picked up the win in relief, striking out two over three innings, while Nardi picked up the save.

In the regional opener, UW-Oshkosh knocked off Illinois College in 12 innings, getting a two-out RBI-single from Brianne Lopez for the walk-off win. Nardi was the winning pitcher with two innings of hitless relief.

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# Prep sports roundup

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Yaggie leads area finishers at Trailways Meet

Lourdes Academy senior Mat Yaggie earned a pair of individual conference titles to lead a contingent of strong finishers from area athletes at the Trailways Conference meet last Friday.

Yaggie finished first in both hurdle events winning the boys 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles to help the Knights finish in a tie for fourth place in the final team standings. Lourdes Academy totaled 57 points to tie Randolph/Cambria-Friesland, while Valley Christian was one point and one spot in the standings behind the Knights.

The Valley Christian girls finished in sixth place while Lourdes Academy was ninth among the 19 teams at the meet.

In addition to Yaggie's wins, Lourdes Academy also got a first place from Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters. David Agosto

in the 100 meters and Henry Spanbauer in the 3,200 meters were each fourth, while Lourdes Academy also finished second in the 1,600-meter relay and fourth in the 800-meter relay.

Valley Christian was led by Isaiah Hyvonen, who finished first in the 200 meters and took second in the 100 meters at the meet. Hudson Depue picked up a third place in the pole vault and fourth in the 800 meters while Samuel Gloudemans was fourth in both the long jump and triple jump.

The Warriors were also third in both the 400-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

For the girls, Lourdes Academy captured three conference titles in the relays winning the 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

Allie Feuerhelm, Leag Ridenour, Adriana Saucedo and Kylie Rietz teamed up for the win in the 800-meter relay, while Feuerhelm, Rietz, Ana Schneidewend and Allison Stromske were the winning team in the 1,600-meter relay. The Knights then won

the 3,200-meter relay by just more than a tenth of a second with Kloe Bunton, Annie Moore, Stromske and Schneidewend teaming up for the win.

The Knights were also third in the 400-meter relay and got a fourth place from Moore in the 800 meters.

Valley Christian got second-place finishes from Mya Moran in the 800 meters and Anna Giannopoulos in the discus, while Moran also picked up a third place in the 1,600 meters.

Madelynn Busch added a third place in the 400 meters for Valley Christian, while Lizzie Fink was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

### West girls, boys take second at FVA triangular

Both the Oshkosh West girls and boys track and field teams finished second at a Fox Valley Association triangular meet in Neenah last week.

The girls posted four wins on the day with Kylie Triebold winning the 100 meters, Coraline Strebelinski taking first in the 1,600 meters and Kayana Turner earning a win in the long jump. The foursome of Turner, Samantha Panske, Emma Liebergen and Sydnee Nelson also finished first in the 400-meter relay.

Strebelinski added a second place in the 800 meters, while Haylie Hullar in the 1,600 meters, Bella Ballman in the 300-meter hurdles and Nora Pakula in the discus were also second.

The West boys posted a pair of 1-2-3 finishes and finished just nine points behind Neenah in the final team standings.

Joey Ware, Dylan McDonald and Carter Schmidt swept the top three places in the 100 meters with Arjen Karns, Dominic Moore and Will Schiek grabbing the top three spots in the 1,600 meters.

Carter Crowe earned a pair of victories, winning the 400 meters and 3,200 meters, while Carson Choinski in the 200 meters,

Juan Collins in the 800 meters and Colden Searles in the pole vault also finished first at the meet.

The 3,200-meter relay of team of Alex Dedecker, Collins, Eli Maloney and Kypten Turner also took first, while Maloney added a second place in the 3,200 meters.

### Spartans shine in relays at FVA triangular

Both the Oshkosh North boys and girls track teams posted relay wins in a Fox Valley Association triangular last week at Kimberly.

The Spartans finished third in both meets.

The boys won both sprint relays as the foursome of Brock Binder, Talen Oesterreich, Guliano Saverda and Lewis Wilson took first in the 400-meter and 800-meter relays at the meet.

The girls got a win from Kenna Bentley, Savannah Rust, Dahlya Darden and Alai Awak in the 400-meter relay.

Jay Weber and Mason Gumz finished first and second, respectively, in the 1,600 meters, while Amaree Davis was second in the 400 meters for the Spartans. North also took second in the 1,600-meter relay.

### Warriors win boys East Division title

The Valley Christian boys won five events and earned the Trailways Conference Eastern Division team title at Dodge-land last week.

Winning events for the Warriors were Isaiah Hyvonen in the 100 meters, Hudson Depue in the 800 meters, Jonah Menet in the 3,200 meters, Connor Stertz in the shot put and the 400-meter relay team of Ben Curtis, Jay Parish, Samuel Gloudemans and Hyvonen.

Menet added a second place in the 1,600 meters and Depue was second in the pole

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The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12 and 30.208, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Wis. Stats., if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit ePermitting at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for Loberg or WP-IP-NE-2026-71-X04-22T16-54-20.

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The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document. Docket Number IP-NE-2026-71-01305

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES For the Secretary

By:  
Crystal Von Holdt  
Waterways Policy Coordinator

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vault, while Samuel Gloudemans was second in the 100 meters, long jump and triple jump. Also placing second for Valley Christian were Simon Menet in the 3,200 meters, Aiden Murphy in the high jump and the 1,600-meter relay team.

Hyvonen in the 200 meters and Depue in the discus earned third places along with Zachary Werner in the 1,600 meters and the 3,200-meter relay team.

The Lourdes boys finished second in the meet and were led by wins from Cameron Kapral in the 200 meters and Mat Yaggie in the 110-meter hurdles. The Knights also won the 800-meter relay with a team of David Agosto, Kapral, Yaggie and Quin Ruark and the 3,200-meter relay with a foursome of Henry Spanbauer, Zach Foster, Kody Neitzel and Mason Piechowski.

Other top finishes for the Knights were: Agosto, second in the 200 meters; Spanbauer, second in the 800 meters; Johnny Santiago, third in the long jump; and Matthew Loker, third in the triple jump.

Lourdes Academy also took third in the 1,600-meter relay.

For the girls, Valley Christian second and Lourdes Academy was fourth among the eight teams.

The Warriors had a pair of individual winners as Madelynn Busch finished first in the 400 meters and Mya Moran won the 800 meters. The Knights' Maci Stegeman finished first in the triple jump.

Lourdes Academy also won both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with Allie Feuerhelm, Leah Ridenour, Kylie Rietz and Adriana Saucedo making up both relay teams.

Busch added a third place in the 100 meters for Valley Christian, while McKenzie



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Oshkosh West's No. 1 singles player Kole Stauffacher rips a forehand return in his match against Oshkosh North last week.

Murphy placed third in the pole vault.

For the Knights, Feuerhelm was second in the 200 meters and Annie Moore was second in the 1,600 meters.

## TENNIS

### Wildcats outduel Spartans in FVA match

Oshkosh West took down crosstown rival Oshkosh North, 6-1, in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last week.

The Wildcats won three of the four singles matches and swept all three double matches in the win.

Kole Stauffacher at No. 1 singles, Anderson Ruth at No. 2 singles and Soren Larson at No. 4 singles each posted wins for Oshkosh West, with Ruth bouncing back from a first-set loss to earn his win.

Doubles wins for West went to Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner at the No. 1 flight, Jacob Lemke and Isaiah Wilson at the No. 2 flight and Colin Smith and Jordan Schroeder at the No. 3 flight.

Oshkosh North's lone victory came from Quasi Alqawasmi at the No. 3 singles flight.

## GOLF

### Knights roll at Trailways North mini-meet

Lourdes Academy posted three of the lowest four scores to finish nearly 20 strokes ahead of the rest of the teams at the Trailways North mini-meet held at Fox Lake Golf Course on Friday.

Lucas Neuens led the charge for the Knights by earning medalist honors with a score of 38.

Henry Achterberg was second in the meet with a 40, while Liam Buttke tied for third place with a 41. Jackson Buttke rounded out the scores for the Knights with a 44.

### Spartans drop dual meet to Papermakers

Owen Weber fired a 39 to lead Oshkosh North but the Spartans dropped a Fox Valley Association dual meet to Kimberly, 154-169, on Friday at Westhaven.

Clay Poquette added a 41, while Wesley Loewe and Luke Davis finished with scores of 44 and 45, respectively.

The Spartans also fell to Hortonville, 157-167, earlier in the week at Grand View Golf Club.

Weber and Harrison Loewe each shot 41

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to lead the Spartans, while Wesley Loewe had a 42 and Poquette finished with a 43.

### Wildcats can't get past Ghosts in dual meet

Oshkosh West fired a team score of 176 at Countryside Golf Course but lost a Fox Valley Association dual meet to Kaukauna.

Billy Berg led the Wildcats with a round of 41, while Brayden Kufel and Lincoln Houle each shot 42s. Stuart Suwalski rounded out West's four lowest scores with a 44.

The Wildcats did pick up a 166-176 win over Appleton East earlier in the week as Berg earned medalist honors with a 37 at the Oshkosh Country Club.

Houle had the second-lowest score for West with a 41, followed by Eli Gelhar with a 43. Tyler Mellgren and Tyler Moderson each shot a 45 for West.

### SOFTBALL

### West splits pair of nonconference games

Oshkosh West played a pair of close games at a home triangular on Saturday rallying for a 10-7 win against Oak Creek in the first game before falling to Slinger, 5-4, in eight innings.

Avarie Tritt belted a two-out, walk-off three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to cap a six-run rally in the final frame against Oak Creek. Lia Lipinski started the outburst with a one-out double before three straight singles from Sam Frank, Peyton Dorn and Kylie Hielsberg.

After Oak Creek got the second out of the inning, Colleen Fitzpatrick smacked an RBI-double to tie the score with Tritt following with her game-ending blast.

Tritt also had an RBI-single in the bottom of the sixth inning to start the comeback after Oak Creek had built a 7-3 advantage.

Fitzpatrick and Lipinski each finished with three hits in the game for the Wildcats, while Tritt and Dorn each had two. Dorn also drove in a pair of runs.

Alexia Monroe pitched a scoreless top of the seventh to earn the win in the circle for West.

Against Slinger, the Wildcats scored in the top of the seventh inning to force extra innings, but the Owls tallied a run in the



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## College signings

Valley Christian recently held a ceremony to recognize nine seniors who committed to play sports at a collegiate level. The group consisted of (from left to right): Dawson Miller, tennis at Wisconsin Lutheran College; Danny Kunde, tennis at the University of Northwester-St. Paul; Sam Vilski, tennis at St. Norbert College; Aubryn Lehman, volleyball at Marian University; Derek Wallace, rugby at Arkansas State University; McKenzie Murphy, cross country/track and field at Concordia University Wisconsin; Paige Boevers, basketball at Marian University; Kaleb Richardson, soccer at Concordia University Wisconsin. Not pictured Anna Giannopoulos, track and field at Viterbo University.

bottom of the eighth to pull out the win.

Fitzpatrick finished off a big day at the plate, going 3-for-3 in the game, while Lipinski and Monroe each chipped in two hits. Lipinski also drove in two runs in the game.

The two games on Saturday capped off a busy week for the Wildcats, who dropped Fox Valley Association contests to Neenah and Kaukauna after routing Appleton West last week.

Fitzpatrick went 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs in the 14-1 win over the Terrors, while Monroe and Hielsberg also finished with two hits apiece. Hielsberg also finished with three RBIs in the game. Monroe struck out 10 and scattered five hits to earn the win.

West took a 2-1 lead against Neenah after the first inning but couldn't stay in front of the Rockets. Izzy Kramer and Fitzpatrick each had two hits in the game, while Monroe, Kramer and Lipinski all drove in runs.

Kaukauna scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to edge the Wildcats, who had tied the game with a run in the top of the inning. Lipinski and Dorn each had two hits in the game, while Fitzpatrick, Lipinski, Frank and Lillie Peterson each drove in runs.

### Knights knock off Aquinas at triangular

Lourdes Academy topped Aquinas 6-3 in the first game of a triangular on Saturday, losing to host Assumption 11-0 in the second game.

Six different players had hits in the win over the Bugolds with Alejandra Feuerhelm, Ellianna Reichenberger and Sarah Hafemeister each driving in runs in the game. Reichenberger struck out seven and allowed just one earned run in the game.

The Knights were held without a hit in the loss to Assumption.

Oakfield jumped out to a 7-0 lead after the first inning and handed the Knights a 14-2 loss on Friday. Brynn McKone had two hits in the game and Zella Tidemanson drove in both runs for Lourdes Academy.

The Knights also fell to Princeton/Green Lake, 5-1, and to Hustisford/Dodgeland, 3-1. Hafemeister finished with two hits and an RBI in the loss to the Tigersharks, while Tidemanson had two hits and also struck out eight in the circle against Hustisford/Dodgeland.

### BASEBALL

### Knights split pair with Marshmen

Lourdes Academy rolled to an 11-5 win over Horicon on Thursday after dropping a 4-0 decision to the Marshmen earlier in the week.

The Knights erupted for a six-run fourth inning to take the lead for good in the win, tacking on three more runs in the sixth inning to seal the victory.

Brady Bauer went 3-for-4 with a double and a pair of RBIs to pace the Knights in the win. Eli Halla added two hits and two RBIs, while Michael Santiago and Ryder Mullen each chipped in a pair of hits in the win.

Parker Sluslarski struck out five in 5 2/3 innings to earn the win while Brady Bauer pitched the final 1 1/3 innings to close out the victory.

Lourdes Academy was held to just one hit in the loss to Horicon – a double by Santiago – earlier in the week. Halla struck out two in six innings and only three of the runs he allowed were earned in taking the loss.

### Wildcats blanked by Rockets

Avery Mosloski struck out five in six innings and allowed just one earned run but Oshkosh West tallied just three hits and

lost to Neenah, 4-0, on Thursday.

Easton Haase finished 2-for-3 in the game for the Wildcats.

West also lost to Kaukauna, 10-0, on Friday after the Wildcats beat Appleton West, 11-1, on Tuesday.

### Oshkosh North picks up shutout win

The Spartans collected a 7-0 win over Appleton East on Thursday.

North also dropped both games of a doubleheader against Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday by scores of 12-9 and 10-0.

On Tuesday, the Spartans fell to Neenah 20-1, with Brayden Frank picking up a pair of hits in the game.

### SOCCER

### Blair's two goals lift Wildcats to win

McKenzie Blair scored a pair of goals and Sophie Kalka earned the shutout in goal as Oshkosh West downed De Pere 2-0 in a nonconference contest on Saturday.

It was the Wildcats' fifth shutout win of the season.

West was coming off a 4-0 loss to Kimberly on Thursday but had beaten Kaukauna 1-0 on Tuesday on a goal by Taytum Shufelt.

Kalka was in net to earn the shutout win.

### Spartans drop pair of FVA contests

Oshkosh North lost two Fox Valley Association matches last week, dropping a 3-0 decision at Fond du Lac on Tuesday before being edged, 1-0, by Appleton North on Thursday.

Olivia Dennis made eight saves against the Cardinals, while racked up 18 stops in the loss to the Lightning.

### Knights knock off North Fond du Lac

Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhnaupt scored a pair of goals to lead Lourdes Academy to a 3-0 win over North Fond du Lac in a Flyway Conference tilt last week.

Ellie Koch also scored in the game for the Knights, while Younhee Isom registered an assist.

Raya Fisher made two saves to earn the shutout win.

The Knights dropped a nonconference game to Menasha, 3-2, on Friday.

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## Obituaries

### Gilda Gladys Wegner

Gilda Gladys Wegner, 85, of Oshkosh (formerly of Van Dyne), passed into the loving arms of her Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at Oakwood Manor, Oshkosh.



She was born on August 17, 1940, in Markesan, WI, a twin daughter of Edward and Helen (Kantorowicz) Draeger. Gilda was baptized at St John's Lutheran, Markesan, WI, and confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran, Fond du Lac, WI. On April 18, 1959, she married Roger C. Wegner at St. Peter's Lutheran, FDL. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2011.

Gilda served her Lord as a member of

Zion Lutheran, Van Dyne, St Paul's Lutheran, North Fond du Lac, and recently Grace Lutheran, Oshkosh. She was an active member of the Ladies Aid at Van Dyne and NFDL. She was a 1958 graduate of Winnebago Lutheran Academy. She attended monthly gatherings until recently with many of her high school classmates. She enjoyed hosting and attending weekly coffee with friends in her condo association.

Following high school, she worked at Glasgow & Lietman Jewelers, FDL, and Tupperware Home Party Sales, Oshkosh. She worked at Walmart, FDL, for over 25 years, retiring in 2014. She helped her husband on the family farm in Van Dyne until his death. She later moved to Oshkosh in 2018.

She is survived by her children: Jeffrey of Sun City, AZ, Tamara (Scott) Monroe of

Waukesha and Amy (Randy) Montgomery of Oshkosh; three grandchildren: Stephen (Christine) Monroe of Sun Prairie, Thomas (Rebecca) Monroe of Hartland and Rachel (Alex) Mielke of Watertown, SD; six great-grandchildren: Micah Monroe, Jonah Monroe, Ellie Monroe, Marcus Monroe, Maya Mielke and Kayla Monroe; a twin sister Gladys Rohde, Waupun and special friend Larry Kind, Oshkosh.

Gilda loved her family as they loved her. She liked playing cards, especially sheephead with family, friends and neighbors. While living on the farm in Van Dyne, she enjoyed her large gardens as well as canning, cooking, and baking. Over the years, she took over 15 trips with Tom's Christian Tours.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, her parents, Edward and

Helen Draeger and four siblings: Edward (Mildred) Draeger, Irene (Joseph) Trem-pala, Marian (Paul) Kaat, Arden (Patsy) Draeger and brother-in-law, Earl Rohde.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 26 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 913 Nebraska St., Oshkosh. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am with the Rev. Colin Rieke officiating. Burial will take place in Estabrook Cemetery, FDL.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be sent to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, or Winnebago Lutheran Academy, FDL.

The family thanks the staff at Oakwood Manor for their excellent love and care.

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### David James Bidwell

"Dave" was born on August 21, 1950, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Calvin and Julaine (Schmidt) Bidwell. He passed away on December 9, 2025, in Marietta, Georgia—a place he proudly called home for nearly four decades.

Dave's story was one built on loyalty, hard work, and love for family. After graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1968, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 on the buddy plan alongside his older brother, Paul. Following basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Dave discovered a passion that would shape the rest of his life—cooking—while attending culinary school at Fort Lee, Virginia. He went on to serve his country in Vietnam, where, in the midst of war, he met the love of his life, Khuy. Their story became one of lifelong devotion, spanning 51 years of marriage until her passing in 2022.

Food was never just a career for Dave—it was how he connected with people. He got his start at just 16 years old at the newly opened Pioneer Inn and Marina in Oshkosh, and from there built a remarkable career as an executive chef. His journey took him across the country with Hyatt Hotels, eventually bringing him to Atlanta, where he worked at the World Congress Center and later finished his career at Proof of the Pudding. Along the way, Dave built kitchens, mentored others, and, most importantly, formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. Those who worked with him knew his standards were high—but so was his heart.

### Lawrence J. Schweda

Lawrence J. "Larry" Schweda, age 83, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, May 15, 2026 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on October 31, 1942 in West Allis, WI and grew up in Wisconsin Dells, a son of the late George and Arletta (Smith) Schweda.



Larry married the former Isabelle A. Edwards on June 6, 1964 in Stevens Point, WI. Larry was an art teacher for 30 plus years at Merrill Middle School retiring in 1999. He had served as a supervisor for the Town of Nekimi and also was at one time on the Nekimi Volunteer Fire Dept. and helped with fire investigations in Winnebago County. Larry greatly enjoyed collecting all things but especially old cars.

After retirement Larry shuttled Oshkosh Truck customers to and from Chicago making many friendships. He will be sadly

Above all else, Dave was a family man. He and Khuy raised two children, Susan Marie (deceased) and Joseph Michael (Cathy). He was a proud and devoted grandfather to Madison, Chloe, and Jaxon, who brought him endless joy. Some of his happiest moments were the simplest—especially Easter celebrations with his grandchildren, which he cherished deeply and looked forward to each year.

Dave also had a lifelong love for football and was a dedicated Green Bay Packers fan. Game days were something he rarely missed, often filled with excitement, opinions, and the kind of passion only true fans understand.

He is survived by his son Joseph (Cathy); his grandchildren Madison, Chloe, and Jaxon; and his siblings Paul (Nancy), Debbie Curtis, Becky (Rich) Nourse, Cindy Kilp, Mark (Linda), and Mary (Derrick) Schuman, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Khuy, his daughter Susan, his parents, and his brothers-in-law Bob Curtis and Mike Kilp.

Dave will be remembered for his strength, his generosity, his dedication to his craft, and the love he gave so freely to his family and friends. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the meals he shared, and the memories that will continue to be told around tables for years to come.

David's ashes will be laid to rest at Lakeview Memorial Park on May 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Beach in Pavilion at Winnebago County Park.

missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife of 62 years, Isabelle; three sons, Joseph (Karla), Daniel (Ruth), and Timothy, all of Oshkosh; a brother, Kenneth Schweda of Manitowoc; four grandchildren, Carolyn (Ben) Adams, Noah Schweda, Faith Schweda and Chase Jensen. He is further survived by Lisa Jensen; other relatives and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter Laura, and a son Andrew.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 11 am in Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh with Fr. Chris Corbin officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 10 am until the time of service.

Larry liked colorful things so any colorful attire is welcome at the service. In lieu of floral expressions, a memorial fund will be established in his name.

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### Dawn Renee Connell

Dawn Renee Connell, age 70, passed away on May 6, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI.



She was born on December 26, 1955, to parents, Edward and Mary (Trump) Diethman, in Wisconsin

After graduating high school, she attended some additional college classes for early childhood education. She married Patrick Connell on April 15, 2000, in Lake Mead. Together, they were blessed with 26 years of marriage.

In her free time, she enjoyed thrift shop-

ping, going on adventures and traveling, and listening to classic rock music—especially Lenny Kravitz. She will be remembered for her love of everything.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Connell; son, Matt Gerstenlaver; grandchildren, Madeus and Shea; brother, Ed (Sue) Diethman; and several nieces, nephews and additional family members.

Preceding her in death was her parents, Edward and Mary (Trump) Diethman, and sister, Chris Diethman.

Per her wishes, no formal services will be held.

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## Obituaries

### Glorianna Zimmerman

Glorianna Zimmerman, age 94, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



She was born on January 27, 1932, in the Town of Poygan, Wisconsin, to the late Henry and Frances (Langman) Gebauer, at home on the family farm.

On September 20, 1952, Glorianna married Donald Zimmerman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne, Wisconsin. Together, they built a loving home and raised four children—Robert, Stephan, Carla, and Mark—sharing 65 wonderful years of marriage.

Glorianna graduated from Winneconne High School in 1949. She began her career working in the office at Wagner's Cheese for one year before moving on to Deltex Rug Company in Oshkosh. While attending a dance with friends at the Eagles Club, she met Donald, who would later become her husband.

In 1955, after the birth of their first son, Glorianna became a devoted stay-at-home mother. In 1957, the family moved

to Winneconne, where she worked one summer at the Winneconne Canning Factory. In 1959, they settled in their home in the Town of Utica, where Carla and Mark were born. In 1968, she briefly worked at Victory-Lite Candle Company and later spent 20 years as a cook at Ripon College.

Even after retiring, Glorianna continued sharing her love of cooking as the cook for the Neighborhood Center at First English Lutheran Church, where many senior citizens enjoyed both the programs she supported and the meals she lovingly prepared.

Glorianna's passions were cooking and gardening. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, she could often be found tending her gardens. Neighbors would slow down, and passersby would stop along the roadside just to admire and photograph her beautiful flowers. Her family and guests were always treated to her outstanding home-cooked meals, especially her well-loved homemade pies.

She and Don enjoyed many years of camping at Bear Lake Campground and traveling together on bus tours—you never knew where they might go next. During cribbage tournament season, Glorianna could often be found competing with Bill, always hoping for that elusive 29-point hand. She also enjoyed playing sheeps-

head and cribbage with friends during the week and especially cherished time spent with her children and grandchildren playing UNO and Kings in the Corner.

Glorianna found joy in life's simple routines, including gardening, tending to her flower beds, raising chickens, and spending time with her beloved dog, Baby Girl, who was always by her side.

She is survived by her children: Robert (Ginger) Zimmerman; Stephan (Audrey) Zimmerman, Carla Zimmerman; and Mark (Kelly) Zimmerman.

Grandchildren: Matthew (Julie) Zimmerman and Miranda Zimmerman; Benjamin Zimmerman and Noel (Sam McLimans); six great-grandchildren—MacKenzie, Cody, Lillianne, Kendaleigha, Jordan, and Baby; and one great-great-grandchild, Theodore. She also survived by her special niece, Sherri Tirpe;

She is further survived by her brother-in-law, Gareth Sternitske; sister-in-law, JoNell Gebauer; and her special friend, Bill Zaske; as well of many nieces and

nephews.

Glorianna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; her brothers, Henry and William Gebauer; and her sister, Marion Sternitske.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the first responders of Utica Township, as well as the compassionate ICU staff and Dr. Schermer at Aurora Medical Center, for their exceptional care.

A funeral service will be held at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 12:00 PM, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Liberty Prairie Cemetery in Pickett, Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to assist family with funeral costs.

Glorianna will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.



### Reinhold P. Schulz

Reinhold P. (R.P.) Schulz, age 96, passed away peacefully at Bella Vista on



May 14, 2026. Reinhold was born in Oshkosh on February 22, 1930, to the late Paul and Elsie (nee Machner) Schulz. He was baptized and confirmed at First English Lutheran Church. Reinhold was married

to Virginia (nee Hartl) on September 14, 1949. They had two children together, Robert and Christine. Virginia preceded him in death on August 13, 1980. He was later married to Cheryl Bartlett for almost 27 years. She preceded him in death on September 9, 2008.

Reinhold served in the United States Army. Upon returning from service, he worked for Anderson Motor Company. Then he worked for over 30 years at the Foundry doing inspection. After the aluminum and brass plant closed, Reiny went to work for Morgan's Door Company until retirement.

R.P.'s past times were golfing in the men's league at Far Vu, fishing & boating, and league bowling at T.N.O. Reiny was a dedicated member of Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 for forty-four years, and was

very proud to hold the position of Exalted Ruler for the 1994-95 Lodge year.

Reinhold is survived by his daughter, Christine Pascarella, of Oshkosh, WI; stepson, Thomas (Pam) Elmer, of Oregon, WI; granddaughter, Angela (Ken) Phillips & great-grandson, Vincent Phillips, of Shakopee, MN; step-grandchildren, Samantha Elmer, Jamie Elmer, and Jason Elmer; and step-great-grandchildren, Graysinn and Ella Elmer. Sister, Margaret (Joe) Principalle; and special friend, Pam Schedivy (Tim Gibson), of Oshkosh, WI.

In addition to his parents, Reinhold was preceded in death by his son, Robert Schulz; stepson, Timothy Elmer; sisters, Helen Rueckert, Dorothy Laraway; brother-in-law Jim Rueckert, Pete Laraway, and Joe Principalle.

A special thank you to all his Elks friends who helped with Reiny when needed. Also, thank you to St. Croix Hospice and the care team of Bella Vista for making Reiny's last days as comfortable as possible.

Funeral services for Reiny will be held at Konrad-Behlman, 100 Lake Point Drive, on Thursday, May 21, 2026, with visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. An Elks Service will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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### Joan M. Schultz

Joan M. "Mickey" (Siebold) Schultz, age 80, passed away peacefully on May



8, 2026, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin surrounded by her family. She was born on July 30, 1945, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Jacob and Lucille (Kenfield) Siebold.

Joan graduated from Oshkosh High School with the Class of 1963. She pursued a career in cosmetology and worked as a hairdresser for many years in Fond du Lac, later working at Martins School of Hair Design in Oshkosh. She also worked in medical records and patient food services at the local hospital. Her most cherished and recent role, however, was being a farmer's wife.

On March 19, 1982, Joan married the love of her life, David Schultz, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Van Dyne. Together they shared 44 wonderful years of marriage.

In her free time, Joan enjoyed traveling, playing cards with neighbors, and hosting gatherings for her classmates from the Class of '63 at the family farm. Above all, she treasured time spent with family and friends. She will be remembered for her

happy-go-lucky spirit and for being a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Joan is survived by her husband, David Schultz; her children, Tami (Jim) Fritz, April (Steven) Buhrow, Jodi Mallas (Scott Roffers), Doug (Heather) Schultz, and Dustin (Allison) Schultz; her grandchildren, Megan Gebhart, Andy Fritz, Maddy Rich, Chae Buhrow, Gage Buhrow, Harley Buhrow, MacKenzie Schuenemann, Zoe Schuenemann, Jenni Malchow, Mike Steger, Nick Steger, Lexi Schultz, Stevie Schultz, and Myles Schultz; and her great-grandchildren, Hailey Steger, Camdyn Immerfall, and Baby Rich, expected soon.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda Rosik; her son, Steven Mallas; her great-granddaughter, Gemma Gebhart; her parents, Jacob and Lucille Siebold; her brother, Lee Siebold; her parents-in-law, Oscar and Flora Schultz; along with several other family members and friends.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at the family farm, W7700 Cemetery Rd., Van Dyne, Wisconsin, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 12:00 p.m., with a meal to follow afterward.



### Agnes Marion Habeck

Agnes "Aggie" Marion Habeck, age 92, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away on May 12, 2026, at Gabriel's Villa in Oshkosh.



Aggie was born on May 26, 1933, in Dorchester, WI, daughter of the late William and Anna (Kautzer) Sedlack. She graduated from Dorchester High School. Aggie held various jobs throughout her life, but she especially enjoyed working at EAA Red Barn Store. She married Lavern Habeck on August 27, 1953, at St. Mary's Church in Oshkosh.

Aggie was known for starting memorable traditions with her family and friends. She would use any excuse to get everyone together. Aggie was a Brewers and Nascar fan, she especially loved Jeff Gordon. She was an avid and dedicated bowler. Whenever she met someone new, it was said that her second question would be "Do you bowl?"

Aggie is survived by her sons, Ken (Dar-

lene) Habeck, and Steve (Joan) Habeck; daughter, Susie (Ray) Panske; grandchildren, Jodie, Tonia (Eric), Kristi (William), Katie (Paul), Nicci (Cory), Andy (Katie); great grandchildren, Kayli, Anna, Wyatt, Caleb, Adelyn, Orin, Monty, Nina, Calvin, Ben, Eli, Daniel; sister, Alice Scidmore; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Vern Habeck; brothers, Bob Sedlack and James Sedlack; and sister, Bernice Robida.

A funeral service for Aggie will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 3:00pm at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A time of visitation will begin at 1:00pm and continue until the start of the service. Entombment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

Aggie's family wishes to extend a special thank you to Gabriel's Villa for all their genuine love and care, they were like family. As well as to Bristol Hospice for their care, and to all the good friends who visited.

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## Obituaries

### Ann E. Moore

Ann E. Moore, age 72, passed away at Edenbrook of Omro on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. She was born to the late Harold and E. Bonita (Bonnie Coburn) Zittel on August 19, 1953 in Mondovi, WI. Ann married Terry Moore in December 1995 and they were together until his passing on June 10, 2016. In addition to her parents and husband, Ann was preceded in death by her Paternal Grandparents Jules and Lillian (Benning) Zittel, Maternal Grandparents C. Clinton and Elizabeth (Flemming) Coburn, and her sister Mari Ellen Koch.

Ann is survived by her brother Thomas (Jane) Zittel, Eau Claire, WI, and her sister Susan Denning, Oshkosh, WI. She is also survived by Tom's two daughters, Angie (David) Koecheler of Strum, WI,



and Amy (Steve) Anderson of Eleva, WI, along with Angie's children, Alissa, Richard, Percy, Edward, and Marlyse, and Amy's children, Hayden, Hunter, and Holden. She was also an exceptional aunt to her sister Susan's children, Nathan Kafka of Appleton, WI, and Garrett Denning of La Crosse, WI.

Ann attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Mondovi High School in 1971. She received her Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Chemistry from Viterbo University in May 1975. While working on research on the Missouri River in South Dakota, she received her Master's Degree in Biology from South Dakota State University. She remained in South Dakota and went to pharmacy school and became a licensed pharmacist in May 1980. Ann worked diligently as a Dispensing Pharmacist for St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI and Chippewa Falls, WI, at the hospital in Osseo, WI, for Shopko in River Falls WI and as a Pharmacy Manager for Shopko traveling throughout Central WI. She took great pride in opening the Aurora Pharmacy in Wautoma, WI and managed that location much of her 40-year career before retiring.

Ann loved to read and often listened to various audiobooks on her 90-minute commute to and from work. She passed on this love of reading to her nephew, Garrett, and would share various book recommendations and discussions with him as he transitioned from high school to college. She loved to look for new cookie recipes for family holiday baking and loved to bring out her special china to be a "hostess with the mostess" for holiday dinners, often enjoying a good wine or cocktail for the occasion. Packer and Badger games served her as ongoing entertainment as she would immerse herself in the game while working on her favorite cross-stitch patterns. A devoted fan of Winnie the

Pooh, the colors red and purple, and irises, Ann would also decorate her home with apple décor and little village memorabilia, including—of course—a pharmacy. Ann also loved her watches and jewelry and didn't feel dressed without them.

A funeral mass will be offered in Ann's honor at Sacred Heart Church in Mondovi, WI with her burial at Saint Patrick's Cemetery of Canton following the mass on Monday, May 18th. Visitation will be at the church at 11:00 and the mass at 11:30. There will be a luncheon at the church following the burial.

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### David Tigert

On May 13, 2026, after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis, The Lord answered Dave's prayers and took him home with his family by his side.



Dave was born on December 28, 1947 in Oshkosh, WI, son of the late Richard and Lillian (Kopplitz) Tigert. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1966. On May 10, 1969, he married the love of his life, Diane Hass. They were grateful to have 57 wonderful years together.

He started working at Pepsi Co. while in high school. Dave worked various jobs and ended his full-time employment with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Dave was a hard worker, after retiring he found himself back to working part time at the Oshkosh School District and Kwik Trip.

Dave's pride and joy was his grandkids and the time spent with them. As a couple Dave and Diane enjoyed line dancing and going on trips to Las Vegas and Laughlin,

Nevada, making new friends along the way.

Dave is survived by the luckiest people to have known him, his wife, Diane Tigert; daughters, Roxanne Tigert, Krystal (John) Mazzuca; grandchildren, Kelsey (Jacob) Chappa, Carson (Toni) Post, Sheridyn Brayshaw and Ethan Brayshaw; sisters-in-law, Marlene (Richard) Schultz and Cheryl Miller; brothers-in-law, David (Paula) Hass and Gary (Teresa) Hass; his godchildren, Doug Tigert and Jason Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald Tigert; his father and mother-in-law Arthur and Elsie Hass; and brothers-in-law, Ronald Hass and Randy Miller.

A funeral service for Dave will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, starting at 12:00pm, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., A time of visitation will begin at 10:00am and continue until the start of the service. Interment will take place at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Oshkosh.

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### Ryan Joseph Fitch

May 8, 1984 – May 7, 2026

After a long and courageous battle with his health, Ryan finally found peace. He passed away quietly, surrounded by the love of family and friends on May 7, 2026. He was born on May 8, 1984.



To know Ryan was to know kindness, humility, and an unforgettable sense of humor. Even in life's darkest moments, he found light — and somehow made sure everyone around him could see it too. He left an impression not only on the hearts of those closest to him, but on every person lucky enough to cross his path.

Known affectionately as "The Ry Guy," "Fitchy," and sometimes even "Dr. Fitch," Ryan was a short little ray of sunshine with a constant smile, a bounce in his step, and endless kindness and laughter to share. Around these parts, he was somewhat of a celebrity — a "big dill," if you will — and a legendary Neuro Trauma, ICU nurse adored by patients, coworkers, friends, and family alike.

Ryan began his healthcare journey through the School-to-Work CNA Program with Bethel Home in Oshkosh. He later graduated from Marian University with his Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. He found his professional home as an RN with Theda Clark Hospital in Neenah, where he worked across many specialty areas before ultimately finding his passion in the ICU and educational training. Nursing was never simply a career for Ryan — it was who he was. Whether by fate or circumstance, he was born into his profession, gifted with both the heart and intuition that helped save countless lives.

His greatest loves included nursing, golf, cooking, golf, fishing, golf, bowling, the Golf Channel, Las Vegas, fur babies, and above all, his friends and family. Ryan's legacy will live on through great memories of laughter with family and friends and the countless healthcare professionals he mentored, the stories shared throughout hospital halls, and the many lives touched by his compassion, humor, and care.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Cassan-

dra Fitch; son, Ian Ruetten; daughter, Trin Ruetten; mother, Sharon (Kurt) Villwock; father, Daniel (Stella) Fitch; sisters, Sara (Chris) Hansman, Alicia (Kyle) Noskowiak; maternal grandmother, Jan Mallindine; mother-and-father-in-law, Sandy Feldner and Sylvester (Bonnie) Boehnlein; brother-and-sister-in-law, Daniel (Karin) Boehnlein and Stacy (Daryl) Meyer; niece and nephews, Sydney, Steve, Chase, Ryan, Liam and Rowan as well as Andrew, Christopher (Adi) Jonathan (Jadyn); fur babies, Derby, Riley and Lenny. He is further survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Kenneth Mallindine; paternal grandparents, Richard Fitch, Elizabeth Fitch and Delores Fitch; uncle, Timothy Fitch.

In his final days, an overwhelming outpouring of love came from coworkers, friends, and family — all people deeply impacted by Ryan and the incredible life he lived.

A celebration of Ryan's remarkable life will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Pickles and Bags, 2211 Oregon St Unit Z, Oshkosh, WI 54902 from 2 PM to 8 PM. During this special gathering, family, friends, and all who knew Ryan will come together to honor the kindness, humor, and compassion he brought to their lives.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Ryan's name will be established through the ThedaCare Foundations, Nursing/Clinical Education Fund, and Caring for Colleagues. Additionally, a Go Fund Me campaign will be set up to honor "Honoring Ryan Fitch's Legacy of Care and Compassion", with proceeds going towards nursing scholarships and animal rescue.

On behalf of Ryan's entire family, thank you to everyone who loved him and stood beside him through the unimaginable. We will forever be indebted to the compassion, support, and kindness that carried him through life's hardest battles. To the countless doctors and nurses who cared for Ryan throughout his life, and especially the ICU team, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your love and support will remain with us forever.

Cheers, Ryan — this next one's for you.

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FUNERAL HOMES

### Patricia A. Cumber

Patricia A. "Pattie" (Robinson) Cumber, age 70, went home to be with Jesus on May 9, 2026. She was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, to the late Harold and Cordelia Cumber. Pattie retired from Oshkosh Truck Corporation after 15 years of service.



She is survived by, and will be deeply missed by, her life partner, Jay Robinson; her children, Doni Marie (John) and Daniel Jay; and her grandchildren, Victoria, Elizabeth, Jonah, Marley and Eden Charlotte.

She is further survived by her sisters, Barb (Jim) Rice, Lora Cumber Bartlett and Becky (Peter) Garcia; her brothers, Wayne, Alan (Donna), Steven (Patty) and Kevin (Linda); brothers-in-law, Joe, Dana

and Mike; sisters-in-law Susan, Sharon and Carol; and special friends, Candy and Scott Tessmer and Patricia Krause.

Pattie was preceded in death by her sister, Sylvia Sue; her brothers, Daryl and Gary; her parents-in-law, Clyde and Leona; her brothers-in-law, Rodney, Don and Doug; and her loyal chihuahua, Apachi Girrl.

The family would like to thank the staff and chaplains at Mercy Ascension for their care and support during Pattie's final weeks, especially Dr. Heraly, Lori, Sandy, Scott, and Nathan.

Per Pattie's request, no formal funeral services will be held. Private services for family and close friends will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be directed to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in her name.

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### Robert Wade Frees Sr.

Robert Wade Frees Sr. "Bob"  
January 16, 1932 - February 10, 2026



Kind. Humble. Gentle. Three words. Infinite depth. Robert Wade Frees Sr. "Bob" was deeply and easily loved by all who knew him.

Bob's life will be celebrated in the Spring, as he requested, when all is green and growing. Visitation will take place from 10:00am to

12:00noon and service at 12:00noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Omro, Wisconsin, Saturday, May 30, 2026. Burial will be on the same day at Oak Hill Cemetery in the town of Poygan at 1:00pm with military honors. A celebration will follow at the Utica Town Hall from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

Bob's complete obituary can be found on the Kwiatkowski Funeral Home website at <https://www.omrofuneralhome.com/obituaries/robert-frees>

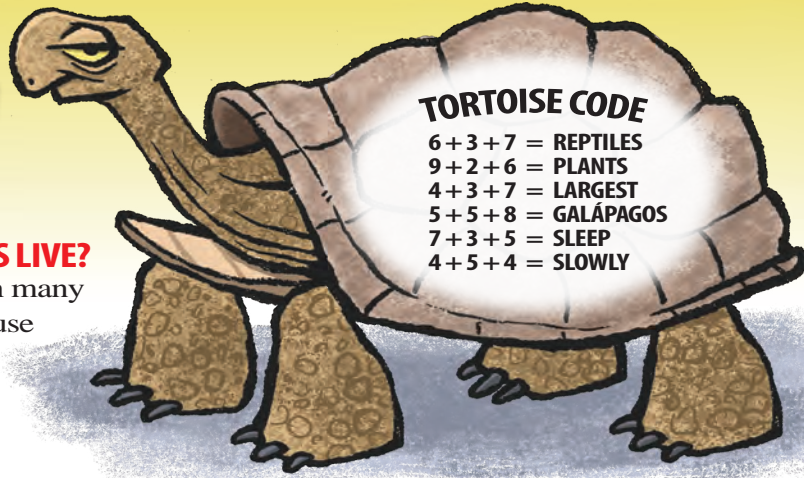
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## GIANT TORTOISE

Use the code to unlock amazing facts about these incredible creatures!



### TORTOISE CODE

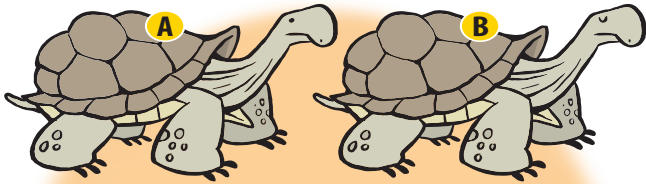
- 6 + 3 + 7 = REPTILES
- 9 + 2 + 6 = PLANTS
- 4 + 3 + 7 = LARGEST
- 5 + 5 + 8 = GALÁPAGOS
- 7 + 3 + 5 = SLEEP
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### WHERE DO THESE GIANT TORTOISES LIVE?

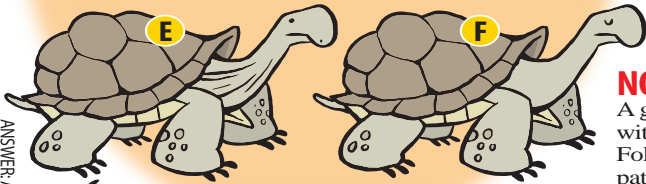
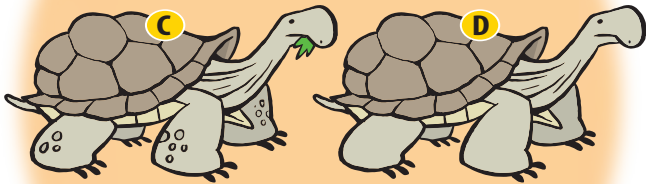
Long ago, these giant reptiles lived in many places around the world. Sadly, because they move so **18**, they were easily hunted to near extinction. Today, most of the remaining giant tortoises live on the **18** Islands.

### HOW BIG ARE GIANT TORTOISES?

Giant tortoises are some of the biggest **16** on Earth. The **14** giant tortoise ever recorded weighed 919 pounds (417 kg) and measured more than 4 feet long!



Can you find the two identical tortoises?



### ARE GIANT TORTOISES DANGEROUS?



Not at all. In fact, some people call them gentle giants. They only eat **17**, making them **herbivores**. And, they love to **15**. Sometimes, they sleep 16 hours a day!

### TORTOISE TEETH

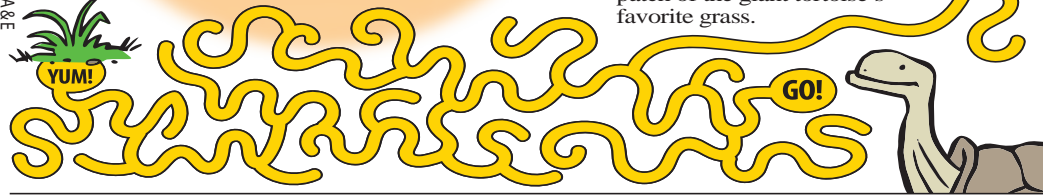
Hold this page up to a mirror to read a surprising fact about tortoise teeth.

Their strong beaks and "chew" teeth are used to grind up their food.



### NO FOOD? NO PROBLEM!

A giant tortoise can go a year without eating or drinking! Follow the maze to find a sweet patch of the giant tortoise's favorite grass.



### Extra! Extra!

### Really BIG!

Look through the newspaper for three numbers that you think are really big. Cut them out and glue them to a piece of paper in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Math: Sequencing numbers in numerical order.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

When a certain small bird flies in front of a giant tortoise, the tortoise stretches out its neck and legs. This bird eats bugs and dead skin off the tortoise's skin to help keep it clean.

Circle every other letter to discover the name of this helpful bird.



G B A J L S Á V P T  
 A M G Y O W S C  
 F B I H N X C S H

G \_\_\_\_\_

### Double Double Word Search

- BIG
- CLEAN
- DAY
- EAT
- FOOD
- GIANT
- ISLANDS
- LIVE
- NECK
- PLANTS
- SHELL
- SLEEP
- SLOWLY
- TORTOISE
- WORLD
- YEAR

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

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

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

### Kid Scoop Together

### Missing Words

Replace the missing words. Then read these tortoise facts aloud to a family member.



They are one of the longest-lived \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, often \_\_\_\_\_ to be over 100 years old. A Galápagos tortoise named Harriet lived to be 176 years old!

Giant tortoises are found mainly in the Galápagos \_\_\_\_\_ (near South America). Early explorers named these islands after one of their amazing animals.

The word Galápagos means tortoise in \_\_\_\_\_.

When it's time to lay eggs, a female tortoise digs a hole with her back \_\_\_\_\_. They will lay up to 20 eggs and \_\_\_\_\_ them. The eggs take four to eight \_\_\_\_\_ to hatch.

The baby tortoises \_\_\_\_\_ their way out of the dirt. Then, they're on their own!

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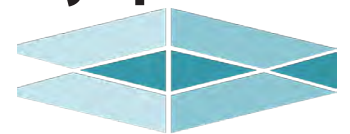
### Write On!

### Animal Facts

Research your favorite animal. Write five cool facts about it.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

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