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New affordable housing unit planned

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's fourth ward will soon be home to a new affordable housing unit.

Liz Last, executive director for Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. (GOHNI), said an empty lot at 302 Merritt Ave. will once again be a home for people leaving transitional housing.

"Today marks an exciting and meaningful milestone for our community, the historic fourth ward neighborhood and

future residents who will make this place a home," Last said.

Community partners, including financiers of the project and supporters of GOHNI attended the groundbreaking on Thursday.

Last said GOHNI will work with local transitional housing partners to have people referred to live at 302 Merritt Ave. Tenants will include families transitioning from homelessness, domestic violence and refugee resettlement.

Units of the duplex will be rented out at affordable rates in line with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. The group looked for outside financing options and the group's annual budget is \$305,500 and the estimate for the duplex is just under \$400,000.

Last told the City of Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority this could be a pilot for

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Honoring veterans

Volunteers including Duane Cannon and Jeff O'Dell gathered last week prior to Memorial Day at Riverside Cemetery for the annual placement of flags at veterans' graves, a tradition carried out with quiet purpose and deep respect. This year marked an important milestone. Through fundraising efforts, volunteers raised \$1,000 for the Winnebago County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) to help ensure that every veteran's grave receives a new flag each year.

City Center acquisition receives recommendation

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

There is just one more step before the city officially attempts to purchase 17 acres of downtown property.

The Oshkosh Plan Commission voted last week to recommend the Oshkosh Common Council move forward with the acquisition of two downtown properties known as City Center.

City Center, 201 Pearl Ave. and 101 Commerce St. could soon be under the ownership of the city as the final step to put an offer on the property could occur this week.

The Plan Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the city purchase the property. It was a strange item on the Plan Commission agenda, as member Ed Bowen noted, because the Plan Commission is typically charged with deciding land use and zoning for projects.

"This is a little bit of a request that's outside the ordinary for us because we're being asked to play a role in a statutory process that we don't really have a lot of directive on how we evaluate. We are obligated to give a recommendation to the council to acquire land," Bowen said. "But as a land use planning body, we're doing that without a plan for the use of the land."

Community development director Sara Rutkowski told Bowen the Plan Commission is being asked to recommend the acquisition based on how it fits with the city's comprehensive plan.

For this project, the land use remains unknown to everyone besides a few people that have sat in on seven months of executive sessions between last October and April.

One resident gave the Plan Commis-



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The Oshkosh Plan Commission voted last week to recommend the Oshkosh Common Council pursue the purchase of the City Center.

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Mental health awareness

The Oshkosh Public Library has partnered with NAMI Oshkosh to highlight May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The second floor display includes resources, books on mental health and a message board with notes from NAMI Oshkosh SK, which was held earlier this month.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

May 27, 1958

New Airport Grill Now Open: Mike's Airport Grill is now open at the Winnebago County Airport terminal. The city's newest restaurant is one of the most modern and attractive eating places in Wisconsin. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Goerlitz, who also owns and operates a restaurant at the T&O

Bowling Lanes, offers service to busy travelers and the general public alike. Its all-electric kitchen is one of only a few in the entire state. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. daily, Mike's Grill grinds its own coffee and is brewed completely in glass to give it exceptionally fine flavor. The restaurant offers a long counter with 22 stools and five booths for your dining pleasure. Other features include a magazine stand, greeting card and gift racks and a tobacco counter.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern
 May 27, 1958

District seeking community input

The Oshkosh Area School District concluded a three-day event with community members to provide input for the district's future. The district is now taking feedback from the event and asking for more community input through an online survey.

The Oshkosh School summit concluded on May 2 after 11 hours of community members discussing current trends and identified 18 key themes to guide the district moving forward.

The survey gives the entire community a chance to review those 18 themes, select their top priorities, and share if any topic wasn't addressed.

The survey is open until Friday with results to be shared at the June 10 school board meeting.

To access the survey and learn about the Oshkosh Schools Summit, visit the district website at oshkosh.k12.wi.us/summit.

Program offers tips to avoid scams, fraud

Oshkosh Herald

Warnings about scams appear daily in the news, in email inboxes and across social media feeds. Despite this steady stream of alerts, scams are at an all-time high, with losses totaling more than \$12.5 billion in 2024 alone. Scammers continue to refine their tactics, often impersonating potential love interests, government agencies or trusted financial institutions.

To help community members protect themselves, Oshkosh Public Library will host a free fraud prevention presentation led by professionals from Winnebago Community Credit Union at 6 p.m. June 3 in the library's Lower Level.

During the program, presenters will share current statistics that show how widespread fraud has become, walk through real-life examples of common scams, and offer practical tips for protecting personal information and financial assets.

Attendees will also have time to ask questions and share experiences.

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Farmers market returns for another season starting Saturday

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market is preparing for one of its largest and most diverse seasons yet as the 2026 Summer Market gets underway in downtown Oshkosh.

The market will open for the season Saturday, a week earlier this year than in the past. There will be no market the Fourth of July weekend in order to accommodate the Fourth of July parade.

Market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz reports that 193 vendors have already been approved for the season, reflecting continued growth in both vendor participation and community interest as the market continues to attract shoppers from throughout the Fox Valley and beyond.

The market continues to support agriculture by attracting the best growers and producers in the valley. New food offerings this season will include sushi, grilled Asian meat and vegetable skewers, locally smoked salmon, locally produced canned cold coffee beverages and an energy drink made with real ingredients.

The market will also welcome back Green Hearts, known for its homemade Asian noodles. Entertainment at the center market area is expanding this year with additional blues and country performers.

“Our goal is to keep the market fresh and welcoming while still holding onto the local community atmosphere people value,” said market board chair Michael Cooney. “The market continues to evolve, but at its heart it’s still about local food, local people and creating a vibrant downtown experience.”

The market also continues to expand its role as a food-access resource through its SNAP incentive program. During the 2025 season, shoppers redeemed \$38,731 in market tokens through SNAP and related food-access programs, placing the market among Wisconsin’s leading farmers markets for EBT participation.

Through the market’s Match-20 program, SNAP users can receive up to \$20 in matching market tokens each market day to purchase fresh produce, meats, baked goods, and other eligible foods from participating vendors.

Market leaders say the program has become increasingly important as food prices continue to rise.



Photo from Oshkosh Farmers Market

The Oshkosh Farmers Market will open its season Saturday and be open each Saturday morning through the end of October except for July 4.

“In many cases, people are spending the tokens immediately,” Cooney said. “It tells us families are depending on the market not just as an event, but as an important source of fresh food.”

The Oshkosh market has received repeated national recognition over the years, including being named multiple times to national “Best Farmers Markets” lists and frequently being recognized among Wisconsin’s leading farmers markets.

According to the market’s 2025 Community Report, last summer marked another year of growth and community participation. The market opened with a record 129 vendors, including 31 first-time participants, and ultimately hosted 231 unique vendors during the season while averaging 115 vendors each week. Agriculture vendors continued to dominate the market footprint, accounting for roughly 65 percent of rented booth space.

The market remained heavily community-focused throughout the season. Tomato-mania and Kids Day drew

large crowds of families, while Christmas in July generated nearly 800 pounds of donated fresh food for local pantries in addition to monetary contributions. In October, the market sponsored 500 pumpkins for decorating activities and helped draw more than 10,000 visitors downtown during Trick-or-Treat at the Market with participating Downtown Businesses.

Entertainment and cultural programming also continued to expand. The market partnered with JazzFest, hosted performances connected to the UW–Oshkosh cultural exchange program featuring San Jose mariachi musicians, and continued the increasingly popular Polka at the Market events. Overall, the market invested nearly \$14,000 into performers, licensing, and arts programming during the year.

Community support remained strong behind the scenes as well. Volunteers contributed 724 hours of service during the summer season, while the market’s raffle fundraiser generated more than \$6,000 for equipment upgrades and operational improvements.

The market continued supporting local business growth, with vendors such as Fox Pop expanding from market operations into permanent brick-and-mortar locations.

The Winter Market continued to grow in popularity during 2025-26, hosting 11 winter markets and welcoming 110 unique vendors. Attendance averaged approximately 1,000 visitors weekly, with Kids Day drawing more than 1,700 attendees.

Schmid-Schultz credited the continued support of the Oshkosh Arena and the Oshkosh Convention Center for helping sustain the growing Winter Market program.

EAA visitors also continued to boost the market’s reputation nationally, with many attendees posting online. Comments describing Oshkosh as one of the best farmers markets visitors had ever visited could be found on several social media sites.

“We hear it over and over from visitors,” Cooney said. “People are surprised by the size, the quality of vendors, and how welcoming the market feels. That community atmosphere is what keeps people coming back.”

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GO EDC to manage housing revolving loan fund

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GO EDC) will develop and implement Winnebago County's Housing Revolving Loan Fund.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved GO EDC's selection at its May 19 meeting. A small county-led committee selected GO EDC over Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development in the competitive proposal process. County Executive Gordon Hintz did not participate in the selection process since he sits on GO EDC's board of directors.

In December, the board approved the creation of the revolving loan fund to accelerate housing development in the county using low-interest gap financing and public-private partnerships. The \$4.5 million fund combines \$3.5 million from the Spirit Fund and \$1 million from the Industrial Development Board.

Koby Schellenger, assistant to the county executive, said GO EDC's experience with the county's nonprofits, municipalities and businesses was a plus for them in the selection process. GO EDC's proposal has lower overall administrative costs and significantly lower fees charged to developers, which

means those lower costs will be passed on to the homeowners or renters.

Supervisor George Bureau questioned if GO EDC will be too focused on projects in Oshkosh.

"It's got Greater Oshkosh in its name — how are going to explain that to constituents?" he said.

GO EDC has relationships with municipalities throughout the counties and attends local meetings at least once per year to provide an update on what the or-

ganization is working on, Schellenger said.

Once GO EDC finds a project that would be a good fit for a loan, an advisory board will make the final decision.

The next step in the process is for GO EDC and the county to work on a contract.

Once the contract is in place, the organization can set up the fund's rules and begin looking for projects to invest in.

The county board will receive an annual review and evaluation of the fund's efforts.

Company expands aircraft maintenance services

Oshkosh Herald

JetGlow Aviation, a new aviation-focused aircraft condition maintenance company based at Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH), is expanding its services.

The company is now offering premium aircraft exterior and interior services to aircraft owners, flight departments, charter operators, FBOs and aviation businesses throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest.

Founded by Oshkosh pilot and retired U.S. Air Force Reserve Combat Camera-man Chris Hibben, JetGlow Aviation was created to bring a higher standard of aircraft appearance management to the aviation industry through aviation-specific methods, products and maintenance-focused service programs.

"Aircraft owners and operators put significant investment into their aircraft, but appearance maintenance is often treated as an afterthought," said Hibben, founder and managing member of JetGlow Aviation. "JetGlow was built around the idea that aircraft condition is part of aircraft maintenance. A clean, protected, and professionally maintained aircraft reflects di-

rectly on safety culture, professionalism, and asset preservation."

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The company operates from Wittman Regional Airport and provides mobile services throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states, including the Green Bay, Appleton, Milwaukee, Madison and Chicago aviation markets.

JetGlow Aviation is also expanding its educational presence within the aviation community. During EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026, JetGlow plans to host aviation appearance maintenance training and educational events in partnership with industry leaders and aviation product manufacturers.

District anticipates more budget cuts coming

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The public will have more information this week regarding the size of the school district budget deficit.

Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis said OASD is looking at an additional \$3 million deficit that was discovered earlier this year. Last Novem-

ber, district officials explained they were looking at a budget deficit and the board made \$6.5 million in cuts, mostly coming from teachers and support staff cuts.

Davis met with Todd Hajewski from Baird Financial to go over the budget forecasting for the upcoming school year.

Davis said today's OASD Board of Education meeting will have more details regarding the budget forecasting.

He also made clear that there will be no additional cuts to personnel for the 2026-27 school year. The recommendations will be beyond personnel. OASD administrators have begun meeting with consultant Todd Gray from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

"As we close the gap, we're not coming back with any personnel decisions," Davis said. "Anybody that has a position next year — that position will not be eliminated due to economic reasons moving into 26-27."

Davis also mentioned a potential operational referendum in the next couple of years.

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County nears deal to rent out office space at Fox campus

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Progress continues at the Winnebago Fox campus in Menasha.

Winnebago County and Wisconsin Entertainment Group Venue Partners (WEG), the organization running the communications arts center and field-house at the former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus, are working on a companion agreement for the group to rent out the adjacent two-story office and classroom space.

“They are seeing an interest from groups who want a home on campus,” Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz told members of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors at its May 19 meeting. “As a reminder, we didn’t budget for this revenue so even if they have moderate success, it will be good for us.”

He said several events have been held at the theater since it opened, including a concert by the Fox Valley Concert Band

and an illusionist. The Attic Theater is planning performances next month.

Hintz said the next step for the campus is to invite a technical assistant panel — a short-term advisory group of nine to 12 experts — brought together next month to the campus to discuss what could be envisioned on the 43-acre site. He said this option was more economical than hiring a consultant since the panel members already understand the community’s needs.

“We’ve all agreed that whatever is done with the site that it is value-added, adds to the tax base and preserves community assets to maximize community benefit, long-term financial sustainability and economic development,” Hintz said.

911 system upgrade approved: The county board approved technical upgrades for Winnebago County’s 911 dispatch center.

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

The upgrades and five-year contract with AT&T Enterprises, LLC will cost an estimated \$500,000, with grant dollars covering 90% of the cost. For the recording system, the county would enter a five-year agreement with WSI Technologies. The county was awarded a \$514,513.76 grant, which will be spent in 2027 on the system.

The new system will be installed in the first quarter of 2027.



Oshkosh Herald

The first shovels of dirt are tossed in celebration Thursday as ground was broken on a new housing unit in Oshkosh that will help people out of transitional housing. The goal is to help people that are refugees, victims of domestic violence or are unhoused.

GOHNI

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GOHNI going forward.

“We’ve never done anything like this before, but it’s a really exciting opportunity,” she said. “If we can repeat this in the future, I would be thrilled to do that.”

GOHNI started 10 years ago with the sole goal of strengthening Oshkosh neighborhoods. The group works with numerous neighborhood associations across the city. GOHNI helps the associations with grants, loans and other services to help promote neighborhoods.

A map showing all the neighborhood associations currently in Oshkosh can be found at gohni.org.

The duplex will be a Signature Home by Adashun Jones. It will be a 1,700 square-foot duplex with a detached two-car garage.

Financial help came, in part, in the form of a \$50,000 grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority with additional funding from

the J.J. Keller Foundation.

Last said the RDA sold the land to GOHNI for \$1. This is a move the RDA has made in the past to help a developer bring positive improvements to an area. The RDA approved the \$1 sale at a March 18 meeting.

The house will be located near the border of the Historic Fourth Ward and the Rivereast neighborhood associations. It is walking distance to the Oshkosh Public Library, Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh, the downtown YMCA and the Oshkosh Farmers Market.

Over the last five years the Oshkosh Common Council has made it a priority to provide more housing options for all types of housing from low-income and affordable to luxury apartments.

“This groundbreaking is not just about construction,” Last said. “It’s about opportunity, it’s about stability, it’s about creating a community where individuals and families have access to safe, quality and affordable housing in a neighborhood where they can thrive.”

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Oshkosh man charged after standoff with police, SWAT

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man is facing multiple felony charges after allegedly shooting a gun into his mother's apartment and pointing a gun at officers during a recent standoff with the SWAT team.

Justin M. Oaks, 44, is facing a maximum of 33 years in state prison followed by up to 26 years of extended supervision. The most serious charge is attempted burglary with a dangerous weapon.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set Oaks' cash bond at \$500,000 during his initial court appearance on May 18.

Oaks is charged with one count of recklessly endangering safety for allegedly shooting a bullet into his mother's apartment on North Eagle Street. He is also charged with threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court of legal system, intentionally pointing a firearm at a law enforcement officer, endangering safety/reckless use of a firearm and failure to comply with an officer by a person in custody.

Court documents allege that Oaks went to his mother's house on May 13, shot at her door, then went to his house and was making violent threats to other members of his family and law enforcement officers. The situation resulted in the area around Oaks' house being shut down for several hours while the SWAT team attempted to get Oaks to surrender.

According to the criminal complaint, on May 12 Oaks's mother called the Oshkosh Police Department regarding comments

he had made. Police learned that Oaks allegedly had a list of family members on a "kill list."

OPD officers went to Oaks' address on Armory Place but no one answered the door. Officers allegedly noted a bottle of whiskey inside the home. Officers spoke with Oaks over the phone and he stated he was fine and did not intend to hurt himself or anyone else.

Oaks had previously been placed on a Chapter 51 emergency detention in March. This type of detention was initiated for Oaks as he was found to be homicidal and suicidal. During this incident Oaks made comments about putting a bullet in his head and had a list of people he was going to kill.

Oaks allegedly had purchased firearms just before the March incident. Those firearms were in the possession of Oaks' ex-girlfriend. OPD recommended she bring the firearms to the police station and Oaks would be able to pick them up at the station.

She had previously planned to drop them off at Oaks' house and leave them outside.

An OPD behavioral health officer told Oaks over the phone that he could pick up his guns at the police station but that he needed to be sober. The officers asked how much of the whiskey bottle he drank, and Oaks allegedly responded, "All of it."

Oaks allegedly told the officer if the officer came onto Oaks's property he would shoot the officer in the face. Oaks allegedly continued making threats until the officers left the property.

An unknown time later OPD received a call from a Winnebago County Crisis Supervisor who had spoken with Oaks

that day and stated he sounded drunk. The supervisor reported Oaks was making threats to kill his family and himself. He also told the supervisor that he had purchased a gun the day before on May 12.

On the afternoon of May 13, officers were dispatched back to Oaks's property on Armory Place and officers were sent to Oaks's mother's apartment. Oaks's mother reported Oaks attempted to break into her apartment. Oaks later admitted to firing into his mother's front door.

Just before 3 p.m. a perimeter was set up in the surrounding area on Armory Place. OPD told residents of an ongoing situation in the area and that residents should shelter in place if they were in the area around Armory Place.

Officers arrived on the scene in the OPD Tactical Rescue and Response Ve-

hicle. The TRRV is an armored Lenco Bearcat. Throughout the SWAT standoff Oaks allegedly pointed his gun at multiple officers and made verbal threats to officers over the phone.

The complaint states, "Officers began launching chemical munitions into the residence."

Oaks eventually came out of the home, surrendered to police and was taken into custody at 7:24 p.m.

Officers searched Oaks's home and found a handgun with extra magazines and loose bullets lying on a table in the living room. Officers also found a receipt for a gun that matched the gun found in the home from the previous day.

Oaks is set to be back in court on Thursday for his preliminary hearing in front of Heywood.



Oaks

Girl injured after being struck by city bus

Oshkosh Herald

An 11-year-old girl was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries earlier this month after being hit by a city bus while riding an electric scooter on an Oshkosh street.

The crash report of the incident, which was obtained by the Herald, alleges the 11-year-old did not obey a stop sign when entering the intersection of Otter Avenue and Rosalia Street on the evening of May 5.

The report states the girl entered the intersection without yielding to other traffic and the bus struck her just before 6 p.m. The 55-year-old bus driver told police he was driving between 25 and 30 mph when he hit the girl.

The crash report states there was damage to the windshield of the bus. The driv-

er was not issued any citations at the time of the crash.

The girl was traveling eastbound on Otter Avenue at the time of the crash and allegedly drove her electric scooter through the Rosalia Street stop sign. The bus was traveling southbound on Rosalia Street.

The girl was transported to ThedaCare in Neenah for numerous abrasions and road rash.

No alcohol or drug test was given as there was no suspicion of substance use that led to the crash. The report states that neither the bus driver nor the girl were operating while distracted.

The driver is still employed at GO Transit following a review of the crash. These incidents are reviewed under the Transportation Department standard safety and incident-reporting procedures.

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City Center

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sion his opinion at last week's meeting. Tom Swan echoed what council member Paul Esslinger has stated, which is that this plan is putting the cart before the horse.

Swan noted that the full cost of redeveloping the site could likely be tens of millions of dollars.

"If you decide to rehab the building, you are looking at tens of millions of dollars to do that," Swan said. "And if you tear the building down and prep the site and rebuild the street, you're also looking at tens of millions of dollars in rehab costs."

Mayor Matt Mugerauer stated at the May 12 council meeting that the total cost of transforming the site for development could be more than \$30 million.

City officials are aware contaminated soil is likely beneath the building, but officials have stated they have no idea how much it could cost to remediate the soil.

The majority of the Fox River riverfront was once industrial. When Park Plaza Mall, now City Center, was built in the 1960s, there was no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and there were few standards for handling contaminated soil.

Rutkowski told the Plan Commission the city is prepared to handle the potential for contaminated soil. The city had to handle contaminated soil when developing the land that is now the Leach Amphitheater.

The city owning the site will be beneficial, Rutkowski said. She said it would be a local government exemption, which means because the city owns the property and it does not have a private owner, there would not have to be as much clean up under EPA regulations.

Swan also stated it looks like the city is bailing out the owners of City Center with

this purchase.

"I think the city coming in, and in essence bail (the owners) out is wrong without a more careful analysis on what your overall costs are going to be," Swan said.

City records show 101 Commerce St. and 201 Pearl Ave. paid a combined \$334,824.71 in taxes for the 2025 tax bills.

The Herald previously reported City Center Associates, who own 201 Pearl Ave., had not paid any of its 2025 tax bill. Last week, the tax bill was paid in the full amount of \$149,689.22.

Rutkowski said it could take five to eight years to develop the site, which could mean five years of the site being off the tax roll. If City Center is off the tax roll for five years, that could be almost \$1.7 million less in taxes that the city could pay for services.

Plan Commission members Thomas Perry and Margy Davy said the city needs to keep the current City Center tenants in mind as the project moves forward. Almost 30 businesses are currently open inside City Center.

"These places have already given to the city so much. They've established a place there," Davy said. "They've kept the downtown alive. I think we really owe them, not just an offer to relocate, but to keep them there and not have it bankrupt them."

City officials have not spoken with any of the tenants at this point as it would be, as council member Karl Buelow said, inappropriate as the city does not own the property.

David Rucker of the Plan Commission said he was in full support of the acquisition.

"I think that this particular piece of property here in Oshkosh can really be an amazing place," he said. "When you walk through there now it's kind of like, 'gosh, what could this be.'"

Lineups for live summer music set in Oshkosh

By Cassidy Johnson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

To many, live music is the heartbeat — or rather, drum-beat — of the summer, especially in Oshkosh where locals have such a wide variety of music tastes.

Whether it be Live at the Leach and Brews by the Waterside or Music on Main, free live music can be found in Oshkosh throughout the summer.

Music on Main

The summer live music season will kick off with Music on Main June 3 with a performance from Copper Box, an Americana and rock-roots band.

"I think people are really gonna like the lineup this year," said Kris Larson, a board member for Downtown Oshkosh. "This year, a little different than most, we're doing bigger bands [and] bigger budgets."

Some other headliners include blues with Reverend Raven June 24 and rock and country with Grand Union Aug. 9. The concert series will wrap up Aug. 26 with Water City Jazz Orchestra and Janet Planet.

Music on Main concerts are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

"There's country in there, rock, blues, kids [music] in there," Larson said. "[There's] everything under the sun. It'll be all different types."

Located at Opera House Square, Music on Main has been providing free "family-friendly fun" for over five years, Larson said.

Although there are many live music options to pick from, Larson said being in the heart of downtown Oshkosh is what makes Music on Main unique.

"Being right in the central city on Main Street in a really cool park that's totally accessible to everybody makes it really special comparatively," Larson said.

There will also be a handful of Kid's Concerts from noon to 1:30 p.m. June 10 with Kid Boogie Down, July 1 with David Landau and Aug. 12 with Leonardo Music.

Beverages will also be available at a mobile bar at the Grand Opera House during DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) so attendees can grab a drink while listening to some live music.

Live at the Leach

Live at the Leach will begin their summer concert series on June 9, opening with the NEW (Northeast Wisconsin) Dueling Pianos.

"We're super excited about that," said Jenny McCollian, revenue facilities manager for the Oshkosh Parks Department. "[It's] something different that we normally don't do."

Located at the Leach Amphitheater, Live at the Leach has been providing free, waterside entertainment for over a decade.

However, organizers plan to "amp" things up this year with some new additions.

"We have some fun things this year," McCollian said. "All four bands are brand new, [we've] never had any of them once on the Leach stage."

Next on the stage will be Bella Cain June 7, a top 40 country group in the region. Also in attendance will be Whimbubble Studios for kid's face painting.

The nationally touring band from Madison, WheelHouse, will follow Aug. 4 with bluegrass and Americana, and then That '90s Band, a high-energy 90s rock and grunge cover band, will wrap up the summer concert series Sept. 1.

Live at the Leach shows are from 6 to 9 p.m. At every show, attendees can also expect bounce houses, balloon art and yard games for more family-fun.

Besides waterside views of the Fox River, McCollian said another thing that makes Live at the Leach unique is having many food trucks on-site.

"We have a huge variety of food trucks [and] we have a lot of new trucks [this year], so I'm excited for that," McCollian said. "We have everything from barbecue to an Indian truck, to tacos, pizza, egg rolls — [it] just kind of depends upon the night that you come out."

Some food trucks to expect include Busted Spud, Big Axe Chops, Tasty Thai, The Wandering Table, The Dough Truck, Smokehound BBQ and more.

To find which food trucks will be there on what night, go to their Facebook at City of Oshkosh - Park Services & Events and click the "Events" tab.

Brews by the Waterside

The Brews by the Waterside concert series will begin next, opening with classic rock cover band The Plastic Knives Acoustic Duo on June 16 at Menominee Park, and wrapping up with acoustic rock from Rings on Aug. 25 at Rainbow Park.

Some other highlights include the country band Frank Martin Busch and the Names June 23 at Rainbow Park, the rock & roll group Mason Street Band June 30 at Menominee Park, and rock and pop cover band Jet Pack Stereo July 28 at Menominee Park.

Brews by the Waterside events are scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m.

This will be their fifth year, known for providing waterside free music, food trucks, family-fun and craft beer at Menominee and Rainbow parks.

"You can come down, hang out with friends or family, get some food, listen to music, be right on the water," McCollian said. "You can't beat that."

With six different crafts on tap, this is a great way for beer-lovers to explore new craft beers while also helping breweries to "get their different drinks out there," McCollian said.

They also work hard to make the venue fun for all ages, including bounce houses and face-painting for kids by the beach.

Just like Live at the Leach, they also have a variety of food trucks for each performance. Attendees can expect Indian Peaks Cuisine, Chihuas Tacos, Zoua's Fresh Egg Rolls and more.

"It's really just about getting out there in the community and spending time with your family and friends," McCollian said.

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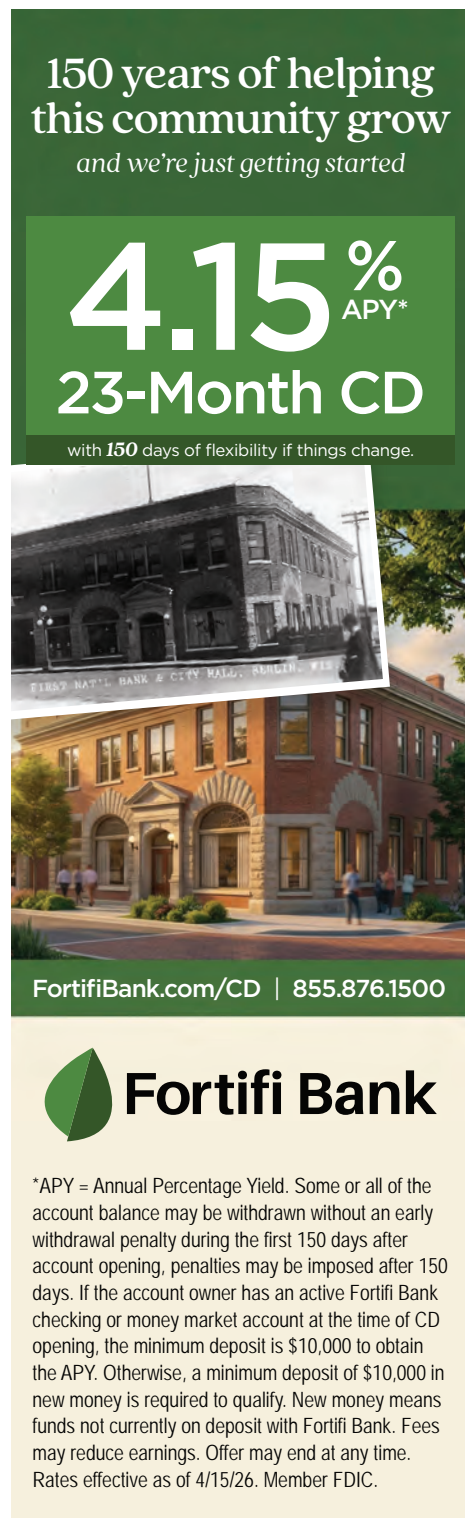
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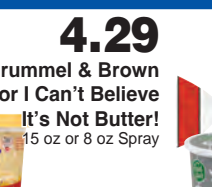






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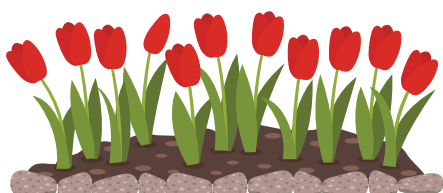
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Poker run event benefits veterans

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League 357 and Auxiliary of Oshkosh is holding their 15th Annual Veteran's Benefit & Ride.

The benefit will be held June 6 at the Marine Corps League located at 4715 Sherman Road in Oshkosh.

A self-guided poker run for motorcycles or any other type of vehicle, with seven stops to be held. The cost for the poker run is \$20 per participant and \$10 per passenger and includes the poker hand and a meal following the ride.

Registration will be from 8 to 10 a.m. the day of the event. Riders should return to the Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League 357 to obtain their poker hand and enjoy their complimentary meal.

There will be different raffles held, in-

cluding a Sportsman's Raffle with 11 prizes. Drawings for the Sportsman's Raffle and other raffles will begin at 6 p.m.

The grounds will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. for anyone to enjoy music by the band Vice Versa. There is no cover charge to enter the grounds.

Proceeds from the event support the Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League 357 as well as other community programs and local non-profit organizations. Donations have been made to veterans in the community who needed assistance as well as providing scholarships to local students in Oshkosh, Neenah, Menasha, Appleton, Omro and Winneconne.

For more information, call 920-235-2222, visit the Annual Veterans Benefit and Ride Facebook page or website at winnebagodet357.org.

Race features wet, muddy fun for kids

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is preparing for an annual event featuring wet and muddy fun.

The 11th Annual Kids Mud Run will be June 7 at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

Kids will be able to travel through a one-mile course filled with 20 muddy obstacles. The event is open to kids ages 4-16.

A mini mud run is offered for kids ages 1-3. Toddlers can try out a miniature mud run with the help of one adult. For everyone's safety, no children younger than 1 or older than 3 are permitted in the mini mud run area.

Mud run waves will be at 12:30, 1 and 1:30 p.m. Ages are divided within each wave. Older kids will be released first, and siblings are allowed to run together.

Registration for kids includes a Mud

Run T-shirt. The course will be open until 2:15 p.m. for participants to run the course as many times as they want.

One parent can accompany each child registered for free. Some obstacles are for kids only. Parents will be asked to go around.

Regular registration through Friday is \$25 for YMCA members and \$35 for non-members. Day-of registration is \$35 for all but no T-shirt is provided for day-of registrants.

No pre-registration is required for the Mini Mud Run.

The event is held rain or shine. The 20th Avenue YMCA will not be open during the mud run.

More information is available at oshkoshymca.org/events/kids-mud-run-event.

Martial arts communities unite for veterans fundraiser

Oshkosh Herald

A collaboration between Team Vaghi Northern Region, Gracie Jiu Jitsu Appleton and Gnosis Combat Sports is bringing the martial arts community together for a fundraising event in support of the We Defy Foundation.

The event, titled "Ruck & Roll," will take place in Oshkosh and is designed to raise funds and awareness for combat veterans by combining physical challenge, technical training and community connection.

The We Defy Foundation provides scholarships for combat veterans to train in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, helping them cope with the physical and psychological ef-

fects of service through structured training, camaraderie and renewed purpose.

The event, which is open to all skill levels and members of the community, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Impact Martial Arts, 2325 Wisconsin Highway 44.

"This event represents what Jiu Jitsu is truly about — community, resilience and using our training to make a difference," said Chris Baardsen, owner of Impact Martial Arts and organizer of the event.

Admission is \$20, and 100% of proceeds will be donated directly to the We Defy Foundation.

Register at secure.qgiv.com/event/wdfmemorialday2026/team/1031970/

Oshkosh Public Library hosts free summer dance camp

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Public Library will host a free summer dance camp led by instructors from Richard's School of the Dance on Mondays, June 8, 15 and 22. The program includes separate sessions designed for young children and elementary-aged participants.

Dance Camp for children ages 2-5 will take place at 11 a.m., followed by a session

for ages 6-12 at 11:45 a.m. All sessions will be held in the library's historic Dome.

Participants are encouraged to register for and attend all three sessions. Activities will introduce basic movement and dance concepts in a fun, supportive environment.

Registration is available through the library's online calendar by clicking on the program date. For more information, call 920-236-5208.

Calendar of events

12:30 p.m., 20th Avenue YMCA

Tuesday, June 9

Live at the Leach featuring NEW Dueling Pianos, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, June 10

Oshkosh Area United Way Golf to Give Outing, 7:30 a.m., Westhaven Golf Club

Family/Kid Concert featuring Kid Boogie Down, noon, Opera House Square

Thursday, June 11

Oshkosh Area Women's Association Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub

Friday, June 12

Food Truck Friday, 5 p.m., South Park

Saturday, June 13

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

Pie on the Porch and Open House, 9 a.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Sunday, June 14

Oshkosh Kids Foundation Cow Pie Bingo Fundraiser, 11 a.m., Sometimes at Pioneer Island

Tuesday, June 16

Brews by the Waterside featuring The Plastic Knives Acoustic Duo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

Wednesday, June 17

Music on Main featuring Ants Marching, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

EAA Hiring Event, 4 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Thursday, June 18

Waterfest featuring Hairball and American English, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

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North's Weber brings all-around game to golf course

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The big orange ball that Owen Weber grew up with was more than just something to bounce.

Basketball was a way of life in the Weber family.

Owen was skilled in the sport his father coached and would eventually play varsity hoops for Brad Weber at Oshkosh North.

However, Owen was also proficient when it came to launching another ball: a tiny white one. He is closing out his memorable two-sport high school athletics career as one of the area's best prep golfers.

Weber is the No. 1 golfer on a good Oshkosh North team. He is a fourth-year varsity golfer who received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention in 2025.

Weber is looking to put together a breakout season and become a first-time WIAA state meet competitor. He has the skills, experience and competitive nature to pull it off. Weber currently carries a 38.1 average which is one of the top nine-hole averages in the FVA.

"Owen will go down as one of the best golfers I've coached at North in my 13 years here," said North coach Bryan Dorn. "He's obviously talented, winning individual tournaments the last couple years. But his strength is his determination and competitiveness to beat everyone when he's on the course."

Weber finished seventh at the FVA meet in 2025 with an 18-hole score of 77 (40 and 37) and might challenge for medalist this spring. Reaching the WIAA state tournament looks doable as an individual, but Weber seems more focused on driving his team to success.

"My first goal is for us to finish in the top five (teams) in the FVA," said Weber. "That would certainly not be an easy feat, but I feel that we could easily do that with this group of guys. Individually, I'm hoping to be one of the top golfers in the FVA and play well enough down the stretch to give myself a chance to qualify for sectionals and state."

Weber is rock solid in every phase of the game.

"He drives the ball well and his iron play is consistently strong," Dorn said. "Add solid putting and you get great scores that challenge anyone in our conference. He has a lot of talent and puts in the work during the season and the summer, doing Junior PGA tournaments throughout the



Submitted photo

Oshkosh North two-sport standout Owen Weber has his sights set on a strong finish to the golf season for the Spartans and will continue playing at St. Norbert College next year.

state."

Weber is off to a strong start in 2026. He shot a 72 to win the Oshkosh City Invitational and claimed medalist honors at the Oshkosh Lourdes Invitational with a 75. Weber was third at the Wautoma Invitational at 76.

"I would say that my strength is just recovery shots," Weber said. "In the game of golf, you're going to hit some bad shots. You're going to miss the fairway sometimes and end up in the trees. You have to stay steady and get out of trouble."

"I feel like I'm good off the tee. My driving was questionable my freshman and sophomore year, but I've been working with my swing coach (Matt Burry, the pro at Winagamie Golf Course) on that and

he's helped me straighten that out."

Weber started playing the game at the age of five.

"My grandparents lived right next to a par 9 course called Marlinks Golf Course (in Wautoma) and they knew the owner pretty well," said Weber. "So I'd go over there as a young kid with these sawed-off clubs and just hit balls. That's how I started."

Weber golfed when he wasn't playing hoops or helping out with his father's Oshkosh North basketball teams. Brad Weber has been the Spartans' varsity coach since 2014 and Owen served as the team's waterboy for many of Brad's early teams. Owen learned a great deal about the game and what it took to excel at it, while having the time of his life.

"I was the water boy since the third grade, so I grew up around the game," Owen said. "I was a little kid and got to hang around the high school guys before and after games. It was a blast"

The highlight of Owen's water boy days was watching and assisting the 2017-18 Division 1 state championship team led

Senior Spotlight



by current NBA star Tyrese Haliburton.

"It was super fun being around the state championship team," Owen said. "To be able to turn on the TV now and watch Tyrese and think, 'I know that guy, He's a great guy.' That was awesome."

Owen went on to play three seasons of varsity ball for his father. He was a team captain and received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention this past season, averaging 9.0 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game for a solid North (18-9 overall, 11-7 FVA squad).

"Playing under my dad was a lot of fun," Owen said. "I mean, there was some tough love being the coaches' kid, but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Owen's most memorable basketball experience came his junior season when he was the sixth man for North's state-qualifying 2023-24 squad, averaging 4.6 points, 2.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists.

"Getting to state my junior year was awesome," he said. "My dad would take us down to the state tournament when I was younger and he'd always tell us: 'Get used to it because I want you to get here some day.' When we made that run to get to state, it was unreal. It was hard to believe we were living in the present."

Owen will take his advanced skills on the links to St. Norbert College next fall where he'll be a member of the Knights' golf team.

"I really liked the team, the campus and how close it is to home," Owen said. "It's only a 35-minute drive so I can get home a lot and see my family and my two younger brothers (Jay, 13, a sophomore at North and Davis, 10, a fifth grader)."

Owen plans to major in finance. He was a member of the Polaris National Honor Society and was a three-time Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association academic all-state team member. He carries a 3.86 grade-point average.

"I've always loved dealing with numbers, so it kind of drove me toward finance," Owen said. "Even in basketball when we'd get the stats, I'd always dive into them and crunch the numbers."

Dorn is confident that Owen will be a success on the links at St. Norbert.

"I'm excited that he will continue playing at the college level," said Dorn. "With the time to focus on one sport and with the great facilities at St. Norbert, he will be able to reach a higher level. It's been a great honor coaching Owen the past four years."

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Late first-half goals spark Wildcats to win over Spartans

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West controlled possession for the majority of the first half against rival Oshkosh North last Thursday night, but was still staring up at a zero on the scoreboard.

The Spartans' defense had stymied the Wildcats' scoring efforts and with half-time less than a minute away, it seemed like the first half would end without a ball finding the back of the net for either team.

"It was a really good matchup and I was really convinced we were going in 0-0," West senior co-captain Elaina Butz said. "We were moving the ball really well but (North) has a really good defensive back line and is very good defensively."

But after 39 minutes of scoreless play, the Wildcats completely turned things around in a span of 35 seconds.

West scored off a corner kick with 38 seconds left in the half and then added a second tally with only three seconds left before intermission and rode the momentum to a 4-0 win over the Spartans at the Oshkosh North soccer field.

"It would have been a lot better going into the half at 0-0 and 1-0 would not have been so bad. But that second one with (three) seconds left in the half was a real dagger," Oshkosh North head coach Nicole Palmquist said. "It was a really big momentum change."

The turning point of the match started when West generated a corner kick with just less than a minute left.

Rylee Coppernoll lofted a ball into a mass of players in front of the North goal and Brookelyn Kufel was able to direct the loose ball through the traffic and into the net.

"Once we got that first one, that really helped," West head coach Abe Nelson said. "We were just scrapping for the ball and put it in."

But Kufel wasn't done.

As the clock ticked down in the first half, Kufel was able to get a leg on a ball as the Spartans tried to boot the ball forward from their side of midfield and deflected toward the North goal.

The freshman then sprinted to the loose ball and settle it before driving a shot past the onrushing North goalkeeper Olivia Dennis.

"Just an incredible job by Brookelyn to just take a chance and then finish with the left foot there," Nelson said. "That second goal was huge before the half for momentum."

Having a two-goal lead at the break certainly put the Wildcats in a different mindset than had they went to intermission with a scoreless tie.

"It definitely gave us a lot of motivation to keep scoring goals in the second half," Butz said. "Going into the second half we had a lot of energy."

Butz would be the next Wildcat to find the net in the game and it was a cool moment for the senior.

Kamryn Stauffacher was taken to the ground in the penalty area by a North defender, resulting in the a penalty kick and it was Butz – a defender, who had never scored a goal in high school – stepping to the spot.

Butz drilled a rising shot into the right side of the goal just past the midway point of the second half.

"I was really nervous because I don't normally shoot or take anything near the goal so I was nervous but I was like I have just one job and that was to put it in the back of the goal," Butz said. "Before the game, my teammate McKenzie (Blair) told me to look one way and shoot the other. So, I looked one way and shot the other and it went in."

West added another goal off a corner kick with about six minutes to play with



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Emaly Duran and Oshkosh West's Rylee Coppernoll (4) battle for the ball during the first half last Thursday night.

Prep sports roundup

GOLF

Lourdes Academy reigns over Trailways Conference

The Knights had three golfers finish in the top 10 and edged Abundant Life for the team title at the Trailways Conference golf tournament held at Mascoutin Country Club in Berlin last week.

Lourdes Academy finished with a team total of 336 to come in 10 shots ahead of Abundant Life. Williams Bay was third, another 10 shots behind Abundant Life with a 356.

Jackson Buttke led the way for the Knights with an 82, tying for third place among the individuals. He was three shots behind medalist Daniel Gaylord of Williams Bay.

Liam Buttke and Lucas Neuens finished in a tie for eighth place overall with rounds of 84, while Henry Achterberg was close behind with an 86.

The Knights followed the title up the next night by taking third in a strong field at the Sevastopol Invitational held at Horseshoe Bay Golf Course.

Lourdes Academy finished with a total of 328 at the tournament, placing behind only Kimberly and Ashwaubenon.

Neuens and Achterberg provided a strong 1-2 punch for the Knights, with Neuens shooting a 78 and Achterberg carding a 79. Ian Simmons was the next lowest scoring golfer for Lourdes Academy with an 85, followed by Liam Buttke with an 86.

West, North tie for seventh at FVA meet

The Wildcats and the Spartans each carded a team score of 331 at the Fox Valley Association meet held at Chaska Golf Course last week.

Kimberly easily won the team title with a 296, with Kaukauna's Bax Benson earning medalist honors with a 72.

The Wildcats' Tyler Mellgren and the Spartans' Harrison Loewe each shot 79s to lead their respective squads.

Owen Weber added an 80 for North, followed by Wesley Loewe with an 83 and Sully Snow with an 89. North's fifth golfer was Clay Poquette with a 90.

Eli Gelhar and Billy Berg shot 82 and 83, respectively, for the Wildcats with Lincoln Houle adding an 87. Brayden Kufel rounded out the West golfers with an 89.

Wildcats edge Neenah in FVA dual

Lincoln Houle shot a 40 to lead Oshkosh West in a 164-167 win over Neenah at Ridgeway Country Club last week.

Billy Berg and Tyler Mellgren each shot 41s for the Wildcats with Eli Gelhar adding a 42.

Spartans drop dual meet to Kaukauna

Owen Weber led Oshkosh North with a 38 but the Spartans fell to the Ghosts,

McKenzie Blair poking in the shot off Coppernoll's service.

The Spartans weren't able to generate any scoring chances in the game although the threat of speedy forwards Emaly Duran and Gabi Pereira Da Silva had the Wildcats aware of what they had to do defensively.

"We were putting high pressure up the field and not letting them hit balls over

the top," Nelson said. "We didn't want our center backs chasing them all day."

North's defense held West without a shot on goal for the first 30 minutes of the match and contained a potent Wildcats attacking group much of the night.

"All season (our defense) has stepped up for us," Palmquist said. "They did the job they needed to, but you can only defend for so long."

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157-174, at Countryside Golf Course.

Wesley Loewe had the next lowest score for the Spartans with a 44, while Sully Snow and Jack Anderson each shot 45s.

TRACK AND FIELD

West, North compete at FVA Championships

The Oshkosh West girls finished third while boys grabbed fourth – one point out of a top-three finish – at the Fox Valley Association track and field meet held last week at Lawrence University.

The Wildcats finished with a team total of 90 points on the boys side with Appleton North edging them for the spot with 91 points. Oshkosh North was eighth with 48 points.

West had three individual boys champions, including two in field events as Liam Otterson took first in the high jump and Colden Searles won the pole vault.

Carter Crowe added a win in the 400 meters for West, with teammate Alex De-

cker taking second in the race.

The Wildcats best race for the boys was the 200 meters where Joey Ware took third, Carson Choinski was fourth and Dylan McDonald placed fifth. McDonald and Ware also placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 100 meters.

Also placing in the top five for West was Juan Collins, taking fifth in the 1,600 meters and the 1600-meter relay team, which placed second.

Jamare Scott had a strong night to lead the Spartans, winning the 100 meters, while anchoring North's first place 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams. Dalton Clark, Brendyn Sawall and Evan Auler joined Scott on both relays.

The Spartans also got a first place from Andrew Oehler who topped the field in the discus.

The West girls had four individuals that placed in the top four in multiple events, highlighted by Kylie Triebold who won both the 200 meters and 400 meters at the meet.

Sydnee Nelson added a win in the 100-meter hurdles and picked up a fourth place in the 300-meter hurdles.

Emma Liebergen and Kayana Turner finished second and third, respectively, in the triple jump, while Liebergen was also third in the long jump and Turner was third in the 100 meters.

Nelson, Liebergen and Turner, along with Samantha Panske, also won the 400-meter relay for the Wildcats.

West also got a third place from Camille Phillips in the 100-meter hurdles, a fifth place from Nora Pakula in the discus and fourth-place finishes from the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relay teams.

The North girls were paced by Alai Awak, who took fifth in the high jump, and the 400-meter relay team which placed

fourth.

Kimberly won the boys team title, while Neenah finished first in the girls final standings.

BASEBALL

Knights fall short in matchup with Marshmen

Lourdes Academy never led against Horicon and fell to the Marshmen, 7-4, in a matchup of the top two teams in the Trailways East. Horicon clinched the conference title with the win.

The Knights scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut Horicon's lead to 4-3, but the Marshmen stretched their lead with three runs in the top of the seventh to keep the Knights at bay.

The Knights were held to four hits in the game, with Michael Santiago collecting a double. Santiago, Eli Halla and Nolan Gibson each drove in runs.

Lourdes Academy committed four errors which led to six unearned runs in the game. Halla struck out three in 5 1/3 innings but none of the four runs he allowed were earned in getting saddled with the loss.

The Knights also dropped a 7-3 decision to Ozaukee last Thursday.

Gibson and Reagan Needham each had a pair of hits in the game to lead Lourdes Academy, while Gibson and Brady Bauer drove in runs

SOFTBALL

Knights post pair of easy wins

Elliana Reichenberger threw a one-hitter with 10 strikeouts as Lourdes Academy rolled to an 11-1 win over Bowler last week.

Reichenberger also had a strong night at the plate smacking a pair of doubles and driving in a run, while Aubrey Schettle also finished with two doubles and had a pair of RBIs in the win.

Sarah Hafemeister scored three runs in the game for the Knights.

Lourdes Academy also picked up a 5-0 win over Living Word Lutheran, scoring four runs in the first inning in the victory.

Schettle finished with two hits in the

game with Zella Tidemanson driving in two runs for the Knights. Both Tidemanson and Alejandra Feuerhelm had triples in the game for Lourdes Academy.

Tidemanson also earned the win on the mound, allowed just two hits in the seven innings, while striking out nine.

Big inning not enough for West

The Wildcats came up short against Kimberly earlier in the week, falling to the Papermakers 12-9.

West scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the score but Kimberly answered with five runs in the top of the seventh and prevailed.

Avarie Tritt finished 4-for-4 to pace the Wildcats, while Colleen Fitzpatrick registered a double and a home run in four at bats and drove in two runs.

Lia Lipinski also added a pair of hits in the game for West, while Skylin Quella, Kylie Hielsberg and Lillie Peterson each drove in two runs in the game.

The Wildcats also fell to Hortonville, 5-2, on Thursday.

Hielsberg finished 3-for-3 in the game to lead the Wildcats, while Fitzpatrick and Alexia Monroe drove in runs.

SOCCER

Balanced attack lifts Wildcats to FVA win

Five different players scored goals and eight players registered a point as Oshkosh West blanked Hortonville, 5-0, in a Fox Valley Association match last week.

Rilyn Polakowski finished with a goal and an assist and was the only Wildcat with multiple points in the match.

Ava Pamer, Brookelyn Kufel, Kaitlyn Schaller and Kaycee Williams also scored goals for West with Elaina Butz, Kamryn Stauffacher and Riley Mugerauer tallying assists.

Sophie Kalka made two saves in goal to earn the shutout.

The Wildcats also picked up a 1-0 win over Fond du Lac last week with Pamer scoring off an assist from Rylee Coppernoll.

Emma Last made four saves in goal for West.

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Marlene Hansel Sweet

Marlene Hansel Sweet, lovingly surrounded by her family, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026. She was born on August 5, 1945, in Oskaloosa to Lloyd Hansel and Ruth "Faye" Gladwin Samer.



Marlene graduated from Wautoma High School with the Class of 1963. Throughout her life, she was known for her caring heart, strong spirit, and deep love for family and friends. In her younger years, Marlene worked in nursing and waitressing, but her true calling was caring for children in her home. She touched the lives of many families over the years, offering love, comfort, laughter, and guidance to countless children who became part of her extended family.

Marlene found joy in the simple pleasures of life — crocheting beautiful creations, baking for those she loved, and sharing laughter and a glass of wine with family and friends. She was also a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is lovingly survived by her sons, Mitch (Michelle) Dredske, Mike (Sheryl) Dredske, and James (Olivia) Thompson; her daughter, Beth Thompson; and her stepson, David (Heidi) Sweet. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Patty Michur; brothers-in-law Clifford (Sue) Sweet and Mike (Sue) Sweet; and her dear best friend of many years, Sharon Hammes. Marlene was a proud grandmother to Andria (Betty), Mikey and Adam Dredske; Erik and Bella (James) Thompson; Courtney (Casey) and Alexis (Clayton) Robinson; Chris (Alyssa) and Brionna Pinno, Sydney Gray-Pinno, Keagan, Ryley (Chelsea), and Ethan (Jordan) Dittel;

Hunter (Brittany), Hailey, Brice (Ashlyn), and Brock (Emily) Price; Eddie (Ashley), Dale, and David Sweet. She was also blessed with many great-grandchildren: Makya, Amari, Emersyn, Sully, Marilyn, Sammie, Hazel, Oakly, Landyn, Brielle, Lucas, Kylie, Aubrey, Blakely, Elliott, Anastayza, Hudson, Braxton, Bryler, Beckett, Nevaeh, Waylon, Brielle and Daxtyn (expected to join the family soon). Marlene shared a special bond with her "special grandson" Cody (Anna) Hasslinger, who held a very special place in her heart. She also leaves behind the many children she lovingly cared for throughout her life, all of whom became part of her story and legacy.

Her family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Leroy Jajtner and the entire Compassus Hospice team for their compassion, care, and support during Marlene's final days.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, James Sweet; her daughters, Mary Dredske and Angie Remer; stepson Brad Sweet; her grandson, Frankie; and her cherished dogs, Beau and Precious.

Marlene will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, sense of humor, spunkiness, and the unconditional love she gave so freely. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 11 am at Fiss & Bills Funeral Home at 865 S. Westhaven Drive. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Rev. Robert Rosenberg will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday at the funeral home from 9 am until 11 am. Committal services will be held at Lake View Cemetery, Lunch after cemetery at South Park shelter 1 in Oshkosh.



June E. Thompson

June E. Thompson, age 94, passed away at Park View Health Center on the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2026. She was born to the late Nels and Julia (Thompson) Nelson on June 30, 1931, in Neenah. She eloped with Richard (Bud) Thompson on November 12, 1949, to Dubuque, Iowa. June



was a member of Grace Luthern Church in Winchester and was involved with the choir and ladies' aid. June was a homemaker when her children were young and worked at the Red Owl Store in Winchester for many years. She enjoyed gardening and taking care of her beautiful flowers. She also loved feeding and watching the birds. June and Bud enjoyed going to a good auction, collecting carnival glass and other antiques. She also made close to 50 sock monkeys and gave them out to family and friends! After Bud's passing in 1994, June started a relationship with Louie Peterson, which ultimately led to her big formal wedding on May 1, 1999. They enjoyed taking many bus trips together and visiting old friends.

June is survived by her children, Barb (Joe) Schraven, David Thompson, Denny Thompson, Jeff (Deb) Thompson, Terry Thompson, John (Jackie) Thompson; 18 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and a few great, great-grandchildren; sister Neita Holverson, sister-in-law Pat Thompson and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, June was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard and second husband Louie; son, Michael

Thompson; daughter, Pauline Thompson, daughter-in-law Kim Thompson; grandsons, Marshall Thompson & Jason Thompson; 2 brothers, Wally and Earl Nelson; and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

A funeral service for June will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester (8396 Steeple Hill Dr) at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service. Burial will take place immediately following in Grace Luthern Cemetery. Light lunch to follow in the church.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at Park View Health Center in Oshkosh for taking such good care of our mom! She truly enjoyed her time spent at Park View, participating in the garden center, singing in the choir, playing bingo, having her hair done and spending time outside on the patio with her good friend Tom!

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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.

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.

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Carol Jean Kentopp

Carol Jean Kentopp, age 83, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026 at the Residence in Oshkosh.

She was born on February 4, 1943 a daughter of the late Leslie and Etta (Woodworth) Dunham. She married Ronald Edward Kentopp Sr. on March 25, 1961.

Mom was passionate about her in

home child care for many years having helped many children.

She greatly enjoyed crafting with her grandchildren and will be remembered for her great love of family.

Mom is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her husband of 65 years, Ronald; a son, Ronald (Jennifer) Kentopp Jr. of Nebraska; a daughter, Diana (Craig) Thern of Larsen; three

grandchildren, Garret, Bryce and Marisa Thern; a great-granddaughter, Ella Dausey. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine Anklam and a brother, Wayne Dunham.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 2 pm in the Lake View Memorial Park

Mausoleum Chapel in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held in the chapel from 1 pm until the time of service.

The family wishes to thank Preceptor Hospice, especially Sam, Kory and Jamie for the care that was extended to Carol and her family.

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Obituaries

Lois Mae Folck

Lois Mae Folck, 96, of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Evergreen Skilled Nursing in Oshkosh. She was born on April 28, 1930, in New Boston, Illinois, to the late Joseph and Agnes (Sellnau) Zimmerman. On November 17, 1948, she married Donald Folck, who preceded her in death on June 24, 1978. Lois worked for many years at J.I. Case Company in Winneconne. In 1995, she moved to Evergreen Retirement Community, where



she managed the Manor Mart Thrift Store. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed traveling to the western United States and Hawaii. Lois was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Omro and later First Presbyterian Church in Oshkosh.

Lois is survived by three daughters, Linda Rodencal, Judy (Bruce) Mulford, Delores Wright; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents and husband, Lois was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Robert Rodencal; a sister, Frances, a brother, David Zimmerman; and sisters,

and sister Jacqueline Medvecz. He is survived two sisters, Susan (Roy) Duxstad and Julie (Mike)Basel, niece Lexi Basel and nephew Alex Basel. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert Medvecz and sister-in-law Debra Hyde and leaves behind a large loving extended family of aunts and cousins.

Larry was diagnosed with schizophrenia in his late teens and lived with the challenges that disease presented throughout his life. The family thanks the staff at Alten Haus for their kind and loving care.

Larry will be interred at Liberty Prairie Cemetery in Pickett with a private family gathering.

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Pryne, Greg Kroll. He had a special place in his heart for all his nieces and nephews, and is further survived by many other relatives, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; siblings, James (Joyce) Sullivan, Ann (Ron) Korb; in-laws, Ralph Draeger, Ed Langenfeld, Bernice Pryne, Doris Kroll, David Egan, Richard (Ann) Egan; special nephew, Patrick Sullivan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial with Military Honors will be held immediately following the service at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Jack's honor. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Two Brothers crew for embracing Jack as family and bringing joy to his life.

Rest in peace Bumper Jack.



Steven Neil Lorge

Steven Neil Lorge, 81, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026, while under hospice care.

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

take place at Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

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Aileen Andress, Betty Bull, Virginia Bratton.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel at Evergreen Retirement Community 1130 N. Westfield Street, Oshkosh and a memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Chapel. Interment will be in the Omro Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the won-

derful staff at Evergreen for all their years of care to Grandma and AseraCare Hospice for the support over the last few months. All of you are so truly appreciated.

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Dated this 18th day of May, 2026. Electronically signed Clerk of Circuit Court, Winnebago County, WI 2026CV000490, Honorable John A. Jorgensen, Branch 5

Form completed by: OLSON LEGAL GROUP, LLC /s/ Nathan P. Olson Nathan P. Olson, WSB#1059348 Attorney for Plaintiff 21 W. New York Avenue Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone (920) 230-7020 Facsimile (920) 2310-7021 www.olsonlegalgroup.com

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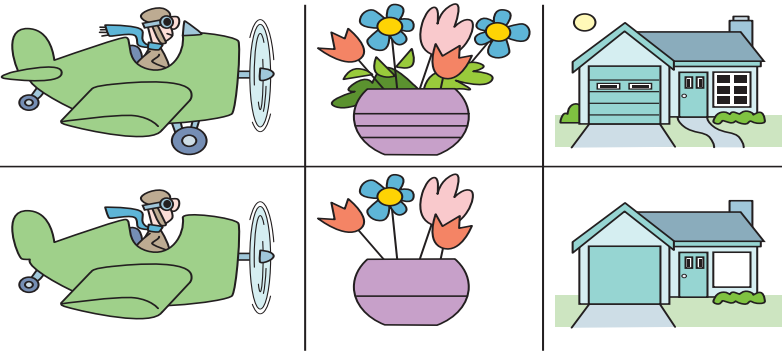
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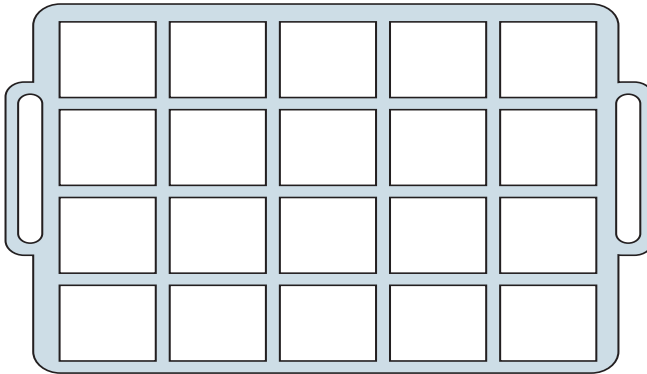
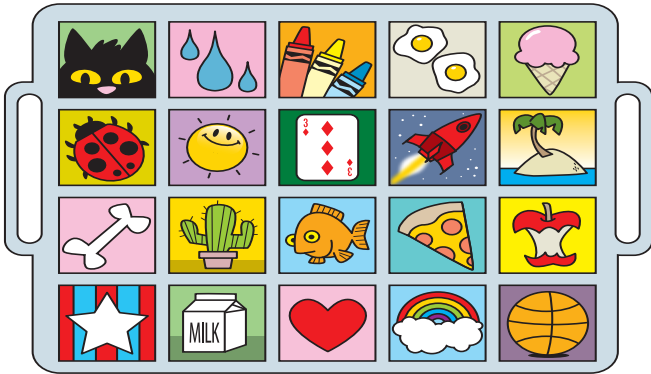
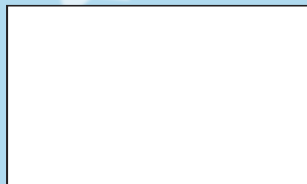
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BANANA	_____	_____	_____
PENCIL	_____	_____	_____
ONION	_____	_____	_____
SNEAKERS	_____	_____	_____
DINOSAUR	_____	_____	_____
RAISIN	_____	_____	_____
FRANCE	_____	_____	_____
BIRTHDAY	_____	_____	_____
HAMMER	_____	_____	_____
CAMPING	_____	_____	_____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- MEMORIAL
- REMEMBER
- OBJECTS
- IMPROVE
- WINNER
- CARDS
- MATCH
- GAMES
- COVER
- PLACE
- PLAY
- FACE
- TRAY
- FLAT
- LOUD

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



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

Kid Scoop Together

Memory Concentration

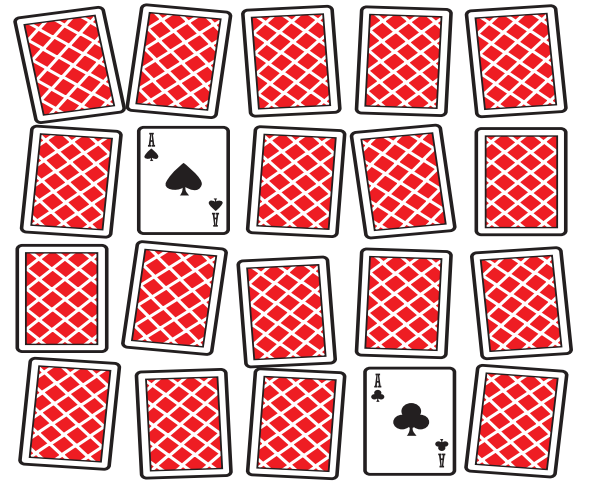
Play with a deck of 52 playing cards.

Shuffle and spread all of the cards out on a flat surface, face down.

Players take turns choosing any two cards. (A match is two cards with the same number or face card. For example, a two of hearts and a two of clubs is a match. Two Jacks are a match.)

If the cards match, then the player keeps the cards and goes again. If the cards don't match, turn the cards back over and leave them in the same place.

Play until all the cards have been picked up. The winner is the person with the most pairs.



Classic "I Went to the Store..." Game

Long car rides are a great time to play memory games. A classic memory game is "I Went to the Store..."

Each person in the car takes turns adding grocery items in alphabetical order.

The first player says, "I went to the store and I bought APPLES."

The next player says, "I went to the store and I bought apples and BANANAS."

Each player must repeat every item on the list before adding an item starting with the next letter of the alphabet. It's gets tricky!

"I went to the store and bought apples, bananas, carrots, dog food, eggs, fish..."

Can your family make it all the way to the letter Z?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Write On!

Remembering the School Year

Write a paragraph about what you will remember most about this school year.

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