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## District faces near \$11 million deficit

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is facing a budget deficit of close to \$11 million after projections from district officials changed from earlier reports.

Late last year school district officials reported the district was expecting a potential \$5.5 million budget deficit going into next year.

Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis took responsibility for the budget shortfall. He called the situation that he helped create “unacceptable.”

“Ultimately, it’s up to me to be able to make sure our budget and forecasting is accurate and moves forward,” Davis said. “I just want to sincerely apologize for that work.”

District officials now have to find between \$2.75 million and \$3.25 million to balance the 2026-27 budget. Davis said

classroom teachers will not be part of that discussion.

Last November, the district announced dozens of teaching and support staff positions would be eliminated. The board of education approved a number of cuts and now the board is looking at more cuts going into next school year.



Davis

Davis took responsibility for the poor budgeting and forecasting process that has resulted in a \$10.9 million deficit. Earlier this year the district identified almost \$6 million in reductions.

Part of those cuts from earlier this year include 22 teaching positions that will save the district \$1.9 million. These cuts

are linked to course selection for middle and high school students.

The board voted to eliminate 43 positions in January, bringing the total staff reductions within OASD to 65 positions.

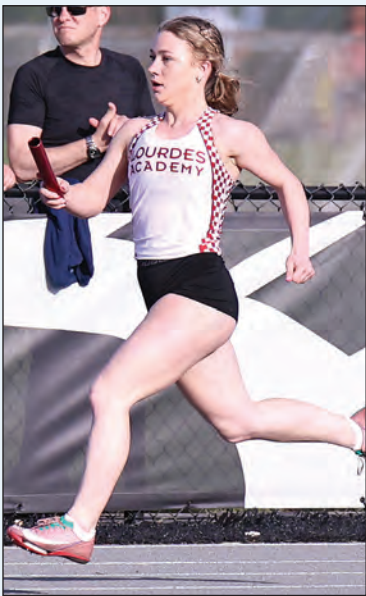
The additional deficit comes from increases to retired employee benefits, increased employee health care costs, increased special education costs and a drop of about \$1.3 million in grant funding.

“We need to do better,” Davis said. The district is going to bring in financial consultant Todd Gray to look at the district’s budgeting and forecasting process in hopes to avoid this budget shortfall in the future.

Gray had recently worked with the Milwaukee Public Schools to help fix that district’s financial issues.

The OASD facilities and finance committee is set to discuss the additional budget reductions on Thursday morning.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## White bass run

Spring brings the white bass run to the Fox River in Oshkosh. The abundant fish surge upstream to spawn, filling the shoreline with anglers — most heading home with fish.

# Upgrades coming to city’s wastewater treatment facility

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Some big changes are coming to Oshkosh’s wastewater treatment facility.

The changes include a third level of filtration that will make the city’s wastewater almost drinkable before it’s discharged back into the Fox River.

The tertiary UV disinfection will replace the current tertiary treatment that uses chlorine, which can be very dangerous because of its toxicity. Tertiary means

third, so this UV disinfection process will be the third and final stage before water is discharged into the Fox River.

The first stage of treatment removes large physical debris, and the second stage removes biological material.

In March, the Oshkosh Common Council passed a resolution that will get the tertiary treatment building built by Miron Construction for \$33.2 million. The council also approved an agreement between the city and Donohue & Asso-

ciates to build the actual UV disinfection system for \$2.5 million.

The city has budgeted over \$40 million for this project and a second project that will address generators at the facility. Oshkosh will receive \$3.2 million in federal funding and \$2.1 million in state funding.

The wastewater treatment facility off of Campbell Road is on the same footprint as the 1936 plant. A new facility was built on the space in 1974. The new tertiary UV treatment will be the first building added

in over 50 years.

Plant manager Kevin Sorge, utilities operation manager Jason Ellis and engineering and utilities director James Rabe walked the Herald through the facility last week explaining the intricacies that go into cleaning Oshkosh’s wastewater and how the city handles millions of gallons of wastewater every day.

The facility has a command center

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# Letter carriers organizing annual food drive

Oshkosh Herald

Letter carriers in Oshkosh will be collecting donations Saturday as part of a national food drive.

The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has been held each year on the second Saturday in May for the past 30 years.

Letter carriers will be collecting non-perishable food donations from customers, said Eric England, letter carrier and food drive coordinator for NALC branch 173: Oshkosh, Omro and Berlin.

England said letter carriers are in the communities they serve every day and often come face to face with a sad reality for too many: hunger.

The donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people who need help. England said the timing of the food drive is crucial as food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the winter holiday season. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast

and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

England said participating in this year's Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food

Drive is simple. Just leave non-perishable food donations in a bag by the mailbox on Saturday and the letter carrier will do the rest.

**Back in the Day**



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

**May 3, 1939**

**White Bass Are Biting:** The lilac blooms have not yet appeared but the white bass have – apparently ahead of schedule. Reports that the heavily sought-after white bass are being taken in significant numbers in adjoining waters this morning, indicating the annual run up river is about to start. Local game wardens report that sizeable strings of white bass were taken last Saturday and Sunday, but the recent cold snap has put a bit of a damper on things early this past week. If today's



Photo from Dan Radig

Locals lineup, taking advantage of the white bass run each spring.

warmer weather continues, the peak of the bass run should be here by the weekend or early next week. Also, walleyes that have made their way back into the lakes are taking live bait on the reefs and trolling.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern  
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# Council reveals timeline for City Center acquisition

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Residents will have numerous occasions this month to voice their opinions, concerns and ask questions about Oshkosh officials' plans to purchase City Center.

The Oshkosh Common Council recently voted to lay over a resolution that would direct staff to offer \$12.5 million on 17 acres of downtown riverfront property

## Library roof repair project underway

Oshkosh Herald

A roof repair project started this week at Oshkosh Public Library designed to preserve one of the community's most recognizable landmarks.

The project focuses on replacing aging materials beneath the library's iconic clay tile dome.

The clay tiles will be carefully removed and salvaged, allowing crews to address the underlying layers that serve as a critical water barrier for the building.

These materials have been in place since

## Singer, songwriter to perform concert

Oshkosh Herald

First Congregational Church Oshkosh is hosting An Evening with Peter Mayer.

The concert featuring Mayer – a master singer, songwriter, storyteller and guitarist – will be at 7 p.m. Friday at 137 Algoma Boulevard. Donations of \$20-25 are suggested to help with expenses.

Mary Bruce-Dinkins, organist/music director, at Emmanuel Church of Christ, was so excited by Mayer's music that she knew she needed to bring him to Oshkosh. She said, "Peter Mayer of Stillwater,

known as City Center.

An open house will be held today for members of the public to learn more about the Oshkosh's plan to acquire City Center. The event will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. with city staff and GOEDC staff giving a presentation on the acquisition and answering questions about the redevelopment.

The acquisition will then be discussed by the Oshkosh Common Council on

the mid-1950s and are being updated to help prevent future water damage. Once repairs are complete, the existing clay tiles will be reinstalled, maintaining the building's historic character.

During construction, a large boom lift will be operating near the library. The building will remain open while the work is being completed. Services and programs will continue as usual.

Funding for the project comes from the City of Oshkosh Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

May 12. A resolution will be on the agenda to direct city staff to proceed with an offer to purchase City Center.

The Plan Commission will then review the resolution, if approved by council, on May 19. The resolution would then come back to the council for a final vote on May 26.

The council will be voting on the price tag at that time; they will not be voting on

## Lift bridges to be closed for maintenance, inspection

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region is closing lift bridges this week in Oshkosh for routine maintenance and inspections.

The Wisconsin Street Bridge will be closed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The Wisconsin Highway 21/Congress Avenue Bridge will

use of the space.

"This is attaching a dollar amount that the council, at this moment, has considered and that will be brought back to council for a formal vote," Mayor Matt Mugerauer said. "This gives the public time to give their thoughts on the use of their tax dollars and gives this council enough time to hear that feedback."

be closed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday.

The Oregon/Jackson Street Bridge was closed Tuesday.

WisDOT said all bridges are safe to travel. Motorists may see bridge inspectors, inspection equipment and drones. WisDOT said pay attention to the roadway when crossing the bridge.



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# Tri-County Dental mobile clinic seeing students again

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Tri-County Dental's mobile clinic is back serving children in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties.

The mobile clinic was involved in an incident in November 2024 in Oshkosh that resulted in the 40-foot bus being totaled by the insurance company. While no one was hurt in the incident, the clinic lost its ability to easily travel to local schools and provide students with free dental care.

Last month, Tri-County Dental's new mobile dental clinic rolled back into service. The bus includes three hygienist stations plus three portable x-ray machines. Students have basic exams, cleanings and restorative work completed on the mobile clinic.

"It's a full clinic on wheels," said CEO and Executive Director Sandy Drexler. "It's so important that children have healthy teeth. Poor oral health can lead to a decreased ability to learn and lower school performance, self-esteem issues and lifelong oral health challenges."

After the incident, Tri-County Dental's team sprang into action, coming up with alternative ways to serve students. The organization first borrowed portable equipment from the Oral Health Partnership in Green Bay until it received a grant from the J. J. Keller Foundation to purchase its own portable equipment. Bergstrom Automotive lent the clinic a transit van so the equipment could be hauled to different schools so check-ups and cleanings could continue. Local schools found space where the clinicians could set up the equipment and see students. Students who needed cavities filled were bused to the Tri-County Dental Clinic in Grand Chute so their needs could be taken care of.

To raise the funds to cover the difference between what Tri-County received from the insurance payout for the damaged clinic and the purchase of a new clinic, which cost \$900,000, a fundraising campaign was launched and led by John,



Submitted photos

Above: The mobile clinic includes three hygienist stations for basic exams, cleanings and restorative work.

At right: Tri-County Dental's mobile clinic is back serving children with a new bus after an incident in November 2024 that resulted in the previous bus being totaled.



Dr. Chris and Tim Bergstrom.

"Our family completely supports the Tri-County Dental Clinic and its mobile bus unit," John Bergstrom said. "We've seen firsthand the positive difference the mobile clinic makes for school-age children that don't have dental insurance. We want to help young people get a healthy start on their dental health."

## Receiving dental care

The Tri-County Dental Clinic sees students through its Robert Glass Focus on the Children Program. More than 70% of patients who receive care at the clinic are children with the mobile clinic visiting 39 schools, with its largest number of patients in the Oshkosh, Neenah and Appleton school districts.

"All our children receive care at no cost.

After their visit, information goes home with them, so their parents know the results and what, if any, extra care is needed," Drexler said. "They also get bags with a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss."

Children also learn how to care for their teeth.

To qualify for care, students must receive free or reduced-price school lunch at school or have Medicaid or who do not have dental insurance. Medicaid has a very low reimbursement rate when it comes to dental care so many private dentists do not accept patients with that coverage.

The mobile clinic removes several barriers for children to get the dental care they need, Drexler said. Many parents may struggle to get their children to the clinic due to transportation needs or getting time off from work. By having the clinic directly go to the school, she said those obstacles are eliminated.

## Custom-built

Everything on Tri-County Dental's mobile clinic was selected with a purpose in mind, Drexler said. The colorful mural featuring animals that the students face is similar to one in the regular clinic so if the students ever need to go there, the mural will serve as a connection point. The bright colors inside and outside of the bus are designed to put a smile on the faces of

children — and adults.

"We want the children to associate going to the dentist with something that is a positive," Drexler said. "We want the children to smile — to show off their healthy teeth — and to feel good about themselves."

Drexler said the clinic is about more than cleaning teeth, applying sealants or repairing cavities. It's about making the children feel better about themselves.

"There's a mental health component to this. If you don't smile because you want to hide your teeth or you feel bad about them, that can affect your self-esteem. Or if your mouth hurts, that affects your overall health," she said.

During the summer when schools are not in session, the mobile clinic visits other places in the community to provide dental care to those who need it, including the Boys and Girls Clubs, the YMCAs and the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

While a dental fellow is employed to work with the children on the mobile clinic, many local dentists and dental hygienists volunteer their time to work at the Tri-County Dental Clinic where they see patients.

"We really depend on donations to help run our clinic and our mobile clinic," Drexler said. "Dental care is a basic need that unfortunately not everyone has access to."

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# Winnebago Fox campus theater, fieldhouse reopen

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is taking a step forward with the former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus in Menasha by reopening its theater and fieldhouse facilities.

The county recently signed a one-year agreement with Wisconsin Entertainment Group Venue Partners (WEG) to offer a wide range of events from theater productions and concerts to expos and athletic events at the Winnebago Fox campus.

UW-Oshkosh closed the campus June 30, 2025, with the county taking over July 1. The county worked with the Menasha Joint School District to keep the campus child care center open and reopened the Barlow Planetarium. The county conducted a facilities study and Faith Technologies Inc. in December expressed interest in using the site as a training facility

and signed a letter of intent. After three months, the Menasha company decided not to move forward.

At that point, County Executive Gordon Hintz said the focus turned to reopening the Communications Arts Center and fieldhouse.

“We wanted to get people back in these facilities but as a county, we’re not in the business of running theaters or fieldhouses so we needed to turn to a third-party organization and WEG was the best option,” he said. “They came to us with so much excitement and they had great ideas, including new ones to breathe new life into this facility.”

The Attic Theater and Fox Valley Concert Band have already booked performances in the theater and Fox Valley Performance Volleyball will utilize the fieldhouse. WEG has plans for other events and performances at the campus.

The county will receive 20% of revenues generated from the theater and fieldhouse. Hintz said the county budget did not include any revenue from the campus, so any funds received is a benefit.

With the theater and fieldhouse now open, attention now turns to marketing the rest of the 43-acre campus.

Hintz said the county continues to show the entire property to different groups and having the theater and fieldhouse open will be helpful as people are walked through.

“We want viable programming here, so it doesn’t rely on tax dollars. The reality is that the county may have to make tough choices if it doesn’t get private investment,” he said. “Opening this space will make the rest of campus more attractive to further development.”

Ideally, the county would like to see some private development on the proper-

ty to add to the county’s tax base, whether it is housing or businesses, Hintz said.

“We want the campus to be value-added to the community with something education-related or related to job training,” he said.

The county will next bring in four to six real estate and finance experts to help give ideas about how best to use the remaining parts of the campus.

At last week’s County Board of Supervisors meeting, Hintz said April’s heavy rains led to some flooding in the mechanical area of the basement, putting some equipment out of service on the campus. A new water heater was purchased to provide hot water to the planetarium, but otherwise current operations were not affected. Faith Technologies will conduct a damage assessment. Any damage should be covered by insurance, Hintz said.

# High school musical theater groups receive recognition

Oshkosh Herald

In its 10th anniversary season, the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center’s Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program has named its 2025-26 recognition recipients, highlighting the talent and contributions of more than 2,200 participating students across 34 area schools.

The Center Stage Program was launched in 2016 as an education initiative that celebrates and supports the achievements of high school musical theater while developing confidence, creativity, and collaboration among high school students

throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Educational opportunities are provided all season long for students and educators to learn and grow together in their craft.

A team of trained adjudicators attended the participating schools’ musical productions and provided educational feedback. Scores for each production were tabulated, and applications were reviewed to determine the program recognition recipients.

Participating schools and recognition recipients will be celebrated when the program culminates in a red-carpet, Tony Awards style showcase at 7:30 p.m. May

16 at the P.A.C.

Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Valley Christian are among the participating high schools.

Bridget Duffy-Ulrich, director at Oshkosh North was named an Influential Theater Educator nominee. Oshkosh North for their production of “Hadestown: Teen Edition” and Oshkosh West for their production of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!” were nominated for Outstanding Ensemble.

Aidan Hartman as Hades, Antonio Thompson as Hermes and Sophia Johns as Persephone in Oshkosh North’s pro-

duction of “Hadestown: Teen Edition” were nominated for Outstanding Performer in a Lead Role along with Jacob Schaefer as Curly and Stella Schwersenska as Ado Annie in Oshkosh West’s Oklahoma! production.

Kaisten Feiter of Oshkosh North will be recognized as Outstanding Student Stage Manager.

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# City, county cleanup efforts underway from flooding

Oshkosh Herald

City of Oshkosh and Winnebago County officials have been coordinating efforts to help residents impacted by recent flooding.

The city reminded residents to properly sort and dispose of flood-related debris to help support safe, efficient cleanup efforts.

Winnebago County Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen said his department's role is to come alongside local municipalities and help them navigate the cleanup process.

"We are doing what we can to get our communities to recover," he said. "We want to make sure the water levels are going down and staying down."

According to Winnebago County Solid Waste, residents cleaning up after flooding should separate debris by material type whenever possible.

Keeping materials sorted helps ensure items are handled correctly and in accordance with state recycling and disposal requirements.

The city said residents needing to get rid of used sandbags can place them at the curb on their regular trash day starting this week. The Sanitation team will identify pickup locations during normal routes, and the operations team will pick them up as soon as possible.

The county instructed municipalities to divide the waste from the flood into vegetation, construction debris and household items like furniture and boxes.

If a well was flooded, Winnebago County Health Officer Doug Gieryn

said it needs to be disinfected with a strong chlorine solution or chlorine tablets. Residents can do it themselves or a professional can help. Afterward, the county can provide free water testing kits to make sure the water is safe to drink.

This spring's flooding is the county's first major flooding event since 2008. Back then, the flood was contained to urban Oshkosh and was caused primarily by heavy rainfall. Rasmussen said this year's flooding is spread out over a wider distance and time.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Chicago District said Lake Winnebago last week reached its highest level since 1973.

Gieryn said recovery is a long process, and it is important to connect people to the necessary resources. Municipalities will have damage assessments completed as needed.

Winnebago County residents with property damage and any unmet needs caused by this severe weather event can report this information to 211 Wisconsin online at 211wisconsin.communityos.org/damage-report or by phone at 2-1-1.

Winnebago County residents with property damage are encouraged to contact their insurance company or agent for guidance on filing damage claims and submitting the proper documentation.

The official Winnebago County Facebook pages and website will continue to provide updates and flooding recovery resources at winnebagocountywi.gov/319/Flooding-Information.



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## Mental health awareness

Over 300 people ran, walked or strolled on Saturday morning near Oshkosh North High School for the annual NAMI 5K. The weather was a bit chilly, but the sun was shining for the event that highlights mental health and suicide awareness.

## Business news roundup

Beth Oswald has joined the **Millworks Distributors, Inc.** (MDI) board of directors. Oswald served as executive director of Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services for over six years and as CEO of the Oshkosh Area United Way for over three years. MDI specializes in assembling and pre-hanging both exterior and interior doors while providing custom solutions tailored to specific customer requirements. Oswald joins current board members Todd Miller of ATW Miller Group, Brenda McCarty formerly of Oshkosh Designs and Tracy Halbach

of Keller, Inc.






**Big Apple Bagels** has reopened at 60 Wisconsin St. in Oshkosh. Julie Wunderlich, who owns and operates Big Apple Bagels in Appleton, is hoping to bring a fresh, new experience to Big Apple Bagels in Oshkosh. The new restaurant is in the same space that the previous franchisee occupied. The dining room has a fresh new look that includes bench seating and new artwork. The menu includes two new breakfast sandwiches, espresso-based drinks and a full selection of smoothies.

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# Oshkosh man charged with attempted homicide

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An Oshkosh man is in custody at the Winnebago County Jail after allegedly shooting a neighbor in the face with a shotgun.

Brandyn D. Hammond was charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide. If convicted he faces a maximum sentence of 60 years with 40 of those years in state prison.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood

set Hammond's cash bond at \$1 million during his initial appearance on April 24.

Hammond, 24, allegedly shot a 65-year-old woman at a house on Bong Court on the night of April 17. According to the criminal complaint, police were dispatched to Bong Court about 11:20 p.m. April 17.

Hammond's mother told police he has bipolar disorder but has not taken his medication regularly in years. She said

he has between three and four manic episodes a year.

Police arrived on the scene and noted two windows on the first floor were broken and "appeared to be broken in due to shotgun blasts."

When officers entered the home, they found the victim bleeding heavily from her face and shattered glass was all over the floor. The victim was conscious but unable to speak. One officer noticed the seriousness of the woman's injuries but decided not to render aid as the officer was concerned assisting could cause further problems.

Paramedics arrived and began to clean the injuries. One officer noted the injuries seemed to be consistent with birdshot. The victim was transported to a hospital where medical staff said she suffered numerous facial fractures, significant injury to her left eye and surgery was needed to remove a blood clot that was in an artery leading to the brain.

There were additional injuries to the victim's upper chest, shoulder area, arm and lower abdomen. At first, authorities said the victim was not expected to live, but despite her injuries is now expected to survive.

Hammond's mother had called police

## Fire destroys home, claims multiple pets

Oshkosh Herald

A house fire last week claimed the lives of multiple pets, but no other injuries were reported.

Just before 6 p.m. April 29, the Oshkosh Fire Department and EMS personnel were dispatched to a structure fire at 1739 Mt. Vernon St. No one was home at the

earlier that day stating Brandyn was creating issues around the house.

A tactically armored vehicle was brought on the scene along with a PA sound system and a drone in an effort to locate Hammond. After searching for about two hours, Hammond turned himself in after hiding in a garage in the Bong Court area.

"Hammond said that he was a natural at it, he did not know why, and that he did not know the victim," the complaint says. "Hammond said that he was protecting mankind. Hammond said that he shot twice and threw the gun through the window."

Hammond allegedly told police he was trying to get high doing crazy things.

Police located a pump action shotgun near the shooting along with a case for the gun and another case with a pellet gun inside.

The damage inside the residence led police to believe the shots were fired from the outside into the home.

Officers also located latex gloves which Hammond allegedly used to avoid leaving fingerprints.

Hammond was scheduled to be back in court on Monday for his preliminary hearing.

time of the fire. However, OFD reported multiple pets died in the fire.

When fire crews arrived, they found all four sides of the structure were on fire. OFD personnel were on the scene for three hours monitoring the site.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

## Oshkosh man receives 15-year federal sentence for robbery at local Kwik Trip

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man will spend the next 180 months in federal prison for robbing a convenience store last October when he took \$170.

On Oct. 13, Lorenzo Wood Jr. walked into the Kwik Trip off Jackson Street and Interstate 41 in the Town of Vinland with a revolver in his hand, then pointed it at the clerk and demanded money from the cash register, according to court documents.

Wood, 59, last month was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison followed by five years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Bryon B. Conway in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. The case was prosecuted by assistant United States attorney Daniel R. Humble.

Wood was convicted for Hobbs Act robbery and possession of a firearm as a felon. The Hobbs Act was established in 1946 to prohibit actual or attempted robbery or extortion affecting interstate commerce.

After taking \$170 from the clerk, Wood fled the scene in a silver SUV. Law enforcement was able to track Wood's move-

ments through Flock cameras. A search of Wood's residence led officers to locate the revolver.

A press release from the United States Attorney's Office called Wood a career criminal.

Conway noted at the sentencing hearing Wood has spent much of his adult life in and out of state prison for similar robberies.

Online court records show Wood was convicted of five counts of armed robbery in Winnebago County in 2008. He was sentenced to 13 years in state prison.

Also, in 1999, Wood was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for armed robbery-threat of force in Milwaukee County.

The Winnebago Sheriff's Office investigated the case and Sheriff John Matz noted how Wood was apprehended.

"I want to express my appreciation to the deputies that solved this case," Matz said. "It was not only Kwik Trip video but also the use of Flock that brought this incident to a close. As always, we appreciate collaborating with our federal partners."

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## City facility

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where all the tanks, pumping stations and other operations can be monitored. Sorge said that everything has a redundancy, meaning everything has a backup and some even have a third line to ensure things are working properly.

If there is an issue, he said an alarm plays throughout the building.

"It's annoying, but it allows someone working here on third shift to know what's going on," Sorge said.



Rabe

The building is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year with someone always at the facility monitoring the systems across the city.

The facility can fully treat 70 million gallons of wastewater per day.

It can handle a maximum flow rate of 120 million gallons of water per day.

The tertiary UV treatment building will be built on the site and will need to be operational by Jan. 1, 2028. The main reason the city is making this move is to comply with new phosphorous regulations.

The chlorine gas the city currently uses will no longer be necessary, which is considered good for the facility employees and the public. Rabe said using the gas is dangerous, so the employees wear hazmat suits when they change the tanks.

"The radius for that stuff is about 1.5 miles," Rabe said. "If there was ever an issue, we would need to monitor that entire area."

That area includes a large portion of Oshkosh, including downtown and UW.

"It will be a relief to not have that stuff here," Rabe said.

The chlorine gas is converted into Sodium Hypochlorite and is then used to disinfect the water.

He added the costs have been going up for chlorine over the last few years. The price of a tank of the chlorine gas previously cost \$550; now it costs the city



Oshkosh Herald

Water flows through Oshkosh's wastewater treatment facility on April 29. The facility has over \$40 million of upgrades planned for the next few years, including a new UV disinfection building as the city addresses phosphorous regulations.

\$2,250.

Rabe and Ellis believe the system will be operational by October 2027 and will go through testing for a few weeks and then should be operational when 2028 begins.

A second project is happening in conjunction with the UV treatment, which is new generators are being purchased and installed. The new generators will allow the facility to operate without issue if the power goes out at the facility.

The first step in treating wastewater includes removing large objects. As water is coming in from sewer lines and toilets, these objects include flushable wipes,

feminine hygiene products and even debris like sticks.

"Those wipes shouldn't be flushed but when they are, they're caught here," Sorge said. "It's basically a wad of cotton that ends up being pretty light."

The wad of cotton and other large physical debris gets put in a truck and hauled to a landfill.

The water then starts its journey

## Students organize suicide prevention training

A group of Oshkosh North High School juniors in the Communities Program last month hosted a free suicide prevention training event at the Hyde Family Community Center.

The QPR training session April 22 consisted of creating awareness on Winnebago County's suicide numbers and the demographics most at risk, while increasing awareness of the stigma surrounding suicide. The training also included ways to recognize if someone is at risk for suicide.

QPR refers to how to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who is suicidal, and how to access local and national resources, while also providing ways to offer hope and save a life.

The Communities Program partnered

through a number of holding tanks and filtrations. Inside the tanks the solids sink to the bottom, while oils, fats and other liquids lighter than water rise to the top.

An arm on top of the tank rotates and skims these liquids off the top. A similar arm is on the bottom of the tank to clear the solids.

The water is continuously moving to help separate out physical and biological material. An underground tunnel has a number of pipes moving water back and forth, and it's all done with gravity.

"There's a pump (at the entrance) that pumps the water up and then gravity takes care of it the rest of the way," Rabe said.

Pumping stations all over the city pump wastewater to the facility.

One pumping station, off of Broad Street behind the Leach Amphitheater, handles about two-thirds of the city's wastewater. This pumping station handles almost all the water on Oshkosh's east side, north and south of the Fox River.

The solid waste that is flushed down the toilet goes through a process of being filtered out of the water and is then treated with chemicals so it binds together. The material dries and is then sent to a warehouse where it is stored to be used as fertilizer on farm fields.

Ellis said the water that goes out back into the Fox River is almost clean enough to drink. There are sampling stations in the tunnels that allow staff to monitor the water throughout the process.

One thing that's clear is that the employees of the facility take great pride in their work.

"A lot of our employees are outdoorsmen, they fish and they want to see us take care of the waters in the region," Sorge said. "They take pride in their work. This isn't as visible as other departments, but our staff takes the health, safety and environment very seriously and they do an excellent job."

with Community For Hope's Executive Director, Sarah Danahy, to host the event.

The 21 people who attended the event left with knowledge about suicide awareness and prevention.

Danahy suggested to the group, "Say died by suicide instead of committed suicide." This just helps take the negative stigma off of suicide by replacing the word committed, she said.

Danahy also said, "Caring can save a life, so vocalize it." She emphasized that just saying you care can steer someone away from suicide.

"If you cannot ask the question, find someone who can," Danahy said. Just because it's a hard conversation doesn't mean it doesn't need to be had.

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# County board committee assignments draw debate

By MaryBeth Matzek  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A few newly elected county supervisors received two committee assignments while long-time committee members, including board chairs, found themselves with new assignments.

Those were just a couple of the complaints raised during the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meeting last week when County Board Chairman Frank Frassetto officially presented committee placements for the next two years.

"I wanted a fair balance of experience and new supervisors coming in on these committees," he said. "I wanted to also give everyone something from their interest list."

Supervisors could list up to four committees they were interested in serving on. From there, the Committee on Committees, a group of three supervisors plus Frassetto and Vice Chair Conley Hanson, divided the supervisors onto the nine county committees.

As part of board procedure, supervisors had to vote their approval of the whole slate of appointments. After much discussion, the board voted 21-11 to approve.

In addition, County Executive Gordon Hintz made his own appointments to several boards, including the Board of Health, Human Services Board and the Solid Waste Management Board.

"I talked with Hintz about his appointments, too, so I knew if I wasn't putting someone on a committee that he might be putting someone on a board," Frassetto said. "I knew full well we wouldn't satisfy everyone."

Supervisor Rachael Dowling noted she was not assigned to one of the nine committees, but Frassetto pointed out she was appointed as his permanent alternate to the East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission, which meets monthly, and was appointed to the Winnebago County Human Services Board by Hintz.

Supervisor Bob Poeschl was selected for the Planning & Zoning Committee but

mentioned he listed four committees he wanted to serve on. "How did you decide who got two committees to sit on versus one committee? It's not that we don't want to serve, it's just that we don't like the process."

Supervisor Kristl Laux, who was selected to serve on the University of Wisconsin Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee, was disappointed she wasn't selected for the Land Conservation Committee where she said she had dedicated extra time last term.

"I was very active. I attended state meetings," she said. "I don't get it why I wasn't put back on."

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke said the board appointment process "isn't perfect, but it's the process we have. I didn't get any indication that anything was amiss

in the process."

A member of the Committee on Committees, Supervisor Maribeth Gabert said she was initially upset she was not placed on the Park View Health Center Committee, where she had previously served.

"But I calmed down. I know there will be a new group of people who will get to know them and take care of Park View like I had," she said, adding she looks forward to serving on the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Aviation Committee.

Supervisor Steven Binder, who was chair of the UW Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee and involved with 4-H, said he was shocked he was left off that committee. He was assigned to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

"This is basically a joke," he said.

## BikeOsh26 celebrates decade of cycling

Oshkosh Herald

The Communities program at Oshkosh North High School is organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> annual BikeOsh26.

The event, in collaboration with the City of Oshkosh, will fill city streets with bike riders and showcase local infrastructure through a tour of Oshkosh parks, concluding at the Leach Amphitheater. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Oshkosh North students Matty Sanneh and Virginia Arrington are leading this year's event.

The event is designed to be a fully customizable, family-friendly experience where participants choose their own itin-

erary. Cyclists have the freedom to start at any park pitstop they prefer and visit as many locations as they wish.

At each park, riders will have their "pedal pass" signed by volunteers. Each signature collected earns the rider a ticket to be entered into drawings for prizes of their choice.

To be eligible for the prizes, all participants must gather at the Leach Amphitheater by noon to hand in their pedal passes. As the new official celebration site, the Leach Amphitheater will serve as a central hub for the biking community to gather.

For more information, route updates and event details, visit the BikeOsh Facebook page.

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Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

# Ford elected as board president

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh school board has a new president to lead the group through the current financial difficulties facing the district.

Mike Ford will spend the next year as the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education president. Ford was elected by the school board at last week's reorganization meeting.



Ford

Beth Wyman was elected as vice president, along with Barb Herzog as treasurer and Molly Smiltneek as clerk. The meeting is often a time to swear in new board members and have committee assignments determined.

However, at the April 27 meeting, the board took up a resolution that it had previously tabled. The resolution was to adjust salaries for four elementary school principals for a total of \$28,684.

The board voted to wait and see what financial advisor Todd Gray said about the district's finances before approving the raises. Board member Barb Herzog stated she wanted to delay the raises until Gray's work is completed in June.

"I think we will find the money and

feel comfortable awarding these increases when Mr. Gray finishes his work, but right now I'm not sure that I trust some of the numbers that were shared with us in this report tonight," Herzog said.

The board approved the principal raises. Herzog changed her thinking during the week between the meetings and was bringing the resolution back for a vote during the reorganization meeting.

Wyman said she supported the resolution because she didn't want to see any principals leave the district.

Herzog was referring to a report from the April 22 meeting when Superintendent Bryan Davis that the district is facing an \$11 million budget shortfall for the next school year. Davis took responsibility for the district's poor budgeting and economic forecasting for the 2026-27 school year.

Also, during the April 22 meeting the board approved raises for all non-union employees, which includes support staff and administrators. The board voted to amend the agenda item and withhold Davis from receiving a raise after Ford said it would be a good faith move.

The meeting was not filmed for Oshkosh Media. Board member Tim Hess recorded the meeting and Davis said that audio recording, which the Herald reviewed, would be put on the district website. As of press time, it was not on the district website.

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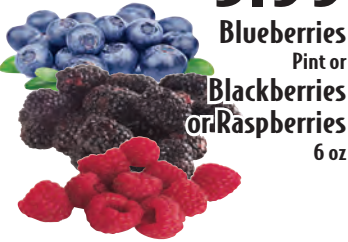
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# Vintage Theatre presents The Glass Menagerie performances

Oshkosh Herald

Vintage Theatre is beginning its 10th anniversary season with Tennessee Williams' award winning play The Glass Menagerie.

The semi-autobiographical drama tells the story of the Wingfield family who are struggling to survive during the Great Depression. Tom is the provider of the family but dreams for a life of his own. The matriarch Amanda is stuck in an outdated

world of the Old South. Laura is emotionally and physically damaged and her only solace is in the world of her glass animals.

The production is directed by Richelle Hudson. Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Historic Masonic Temple, 204 Washington Ave., in downtown Oshkosh.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at vintage-theatre.square.site.

## Bird walks to be held throughout month

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago Audubon is hosting a bird walk every Wednesday evening in May at a different birding hotspot.

The events will be from 6 to 8 p.m. each week to see what birds are migrating through the area as the spring migration progresses including thrushes, vireos, warblers and sparrows. All ages and experience levels are welcome. It is free and open to the public.

Visit their website at winnebagoaudubon.org or Facebook for up-to-date information about all of their activities.

The event today is at Asylum Point Park/Picnic Point Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the parking lot at 3700 Sherman Road, Oshkosh.

The bird walk May 13 is at Heckrodt

Wetland Reserve. Meet in the parking lot at 1305 Plank Road, Menasha. The event May 20 is at Mascoutin Valley Trail. Meet where the trail crosses the road at 9055 Meadow Brook Road, Ripon.

The bird walk May 27 is at Wiouwash Trail (Medina Junction Section). Meet where the trail crosses the road at 9399 Medina Junction Road, Larsen.

In addition to the bird walks, the group is coordinating a May bird count on May 16. Observers record all birds seen or heard in Winnebago County on one day. This count has been conducted since 1966.

Anyone can participate. For more information and to sign up to participate, contact Tom Ziebell at thomasziebell@gmail.com or 920-312-1976.

## Chamber Singers concert to feature bluegrass music

Oshkosh Herald

"The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" will be presented by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers with special guests Monroe Crossing Bluegrass Band.

The Mass, by American composer Carol Barnett and librettist Marisha Chamberlain, is a joyful, exhilarating union of two musical traditions. The 12 movements feature ballads, one instrumental movement, and the traditional major choral sections of Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Benediction.

The Chamber Singers also will present a set of music by American composers, and Monroe Crossing will present a set of their music.

Chamber Singers soloists during the Mass will include Dorothy Zerbe, Austin Anderson, Paula Steinert, Todd Kaphaem, Kate Wagner, Joe Becher, Katie Honish and Katy King.

Soloists during the Chamber Singers

additional set of music will include Kristin Ramsayer, Josh Ramsayer, Cassandra Dodd, Kate Wagner and Ryan Lindley.

The Minnesota-based Monroe Crossing is known for its mix of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and original pieces.

Herb Berendsen is the conductor of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers.

The performance will begin at 3 p.m. May 17 at Community Church Oshkosh, 2351 Ryf Road. Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance at Heid Music on South Park; Gardinas on Main Street; from singers or by calling 920-312-8290. They also will be available at the door.

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## Wednesday, May 6

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

Humans of Oshkosh "Reading Between the Lines: The Power of Literacy in the Oshkosh Community" Book Launch, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library Dome

Bush Land of Milk and Honey Tour, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Thursday, May 7

Meet "Life & Death and Giants" Author Ron Rindo, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Vintage Theatre presents The Glass Menagerie Live, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

## Friday, May 8

Oshkosh West Forensics Showcase, 5 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Vintage Theatre presents The Glass Menagerie Live, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Preliminary Round 1, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

An Evening with Singer and Songwriter Peter Mayer, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

## Saturday, May 9

BikeOsh26, 9 a.m., Oshkosh North High School and Leach Amphitheater

Spring Wine Walk, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Mystery Month Celebration featuring Local Authors Malissa Chapin and Melissa Westemeier, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Vintage Theatre presents The Glass Menagerie Live, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

The Producers (1967), 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Sunday, May 10

Free Admission on Mother's Day, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

UWO Band Concert, 3 p.m., Theatre Arts Center

## Saturday, May 16

Wisconsin Arm Wrestling State Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, Oshkosh Public Museum

Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens

Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Area Women's Association Meat Raffle, 11 a.m., Wehrmann's Bar, 1762 County Road FF

Mutts Gone Nuts - Unleashed, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Harry and the Hendersons, 7 p.m., The Time Community Theater

## Sunday, May 17

Red Arrow Disc Golf Rebuild Tournament, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park Disc Golf Green and Yellow Courses

Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride, 10 a.m., Becket's

12:34 Concert Series featuring Sundae and Mr. Goessel, 11:30 a.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Boulevard



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# Prep sports roundup

## BASEBALL

### Wildcats edge Spartans in pitcher's duel

Avery Mosloski outdueled Jackson Anderson in a showdown of standout senior pitchers as Oshkosh West edged Oshkosh North, 1-0, in a Fox Valley Association contest at Pepler field last Thursday.

Mosloski allowed one hit and one walk, while striking out 11 in 6 2/3 innings to earn the win on the mound. Madden Mercado got the final out of the game for West to close out the win.

Anderson pitched 5 2/3 innings for the Spartans, scattering five hits while striking out nine.

West scored its lone run in the bottom of the second inning as Gabe Balcom came in on a hit by Avery Mosloski.

Caleb Lee finished 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats, while Mosloski, Cade Heiman and Noah Muehrer also had hits in the game for West.

Jack Bennett and Ty Karpowitz each had hits for Oshkosh North.

### Knights extend winning streak to 10 games

Lourdes Academy picked up four wins last week and have now won 10 straight and 12 of its last 13 games.

Three of the wins came over Wayland Academy, including a pair of lopsided victories to finish off the week.

The Knights pounded the Big Red 22-3 on Friday, despite totaling just eight hits in the game. Parker Sluslarski and Reagan Needham each had two hits in the game to lead Lourdes Academy as the Knights



Oshkosh West's Gabe Balcom slides across home plate in the second inning with the game's only run as the Wildcats edged rival Oshkosh North, 1-0, at Pepler Field last week.

Photo by Jim Koepnick

took advantage of 15 walks and six hit batters in the game.

Needham finished with four RBIs to pace the Knights while Nolan Gibson and Brady Bauer each drove in three runs in the win. Christian Baumann and Ryder Mullen finished with two RBIs apiece.

Eli Halla and JT Schultz combined to

allow just four hits and strike out six in the five-inning game.

The Knights used an 11-run first inning to roll to a 16-3 win over Wayland Academy the day before.

Michael Santiago blasted two home runs and finished with seven RBIs to pace the win for the Knights. Sluslarski scored four times in the game for the Knights.

Johnny Santiago pitched all five innings, striking out 11, while allowing just four hits and one earned run in the game.

The Knights won a 2-1 game over the Big Red earlier in the week as Sluslarski and Halla combined on a one-hitter. Sluslarski struck out five in five innings to get the win, while Halla fanned three in two innings for the save.

Lourdes Academy scored single runs in the third and fourth innings with Johnny Santiago tallying the only hit in the game for the Knights.

The Knights also picked up a 10-4 win over Tri-County last week with Gibson finishing 3-for-4 at the plate, including a double. Sluslarski, Michael Santiago and Bauer each added two hits, while Bauer belted a home run and drove in three runs.

Bauer pitched the first four innings and struck out five to earn the win, with Mullen racking up eight strikeouts in three in-

nings of relief to close out the win.

### Wildcats collect win over West Bend East

Oshkosh West scored three runs in the fourth inning to break a 3-3 tie as the Wildcats rolled to an 8-3 win over West Bend East in a nonconference game on Saturday.

Nolan Cheever finished 2-for-3 and drove in three runs to lead the Wildcats, while Caleb Lee and Wyatt Martin also finished with two hits in the game for West.

Kenden Todd pitched three innings of scoreless relief to earn the win for the Wildcats, while Cole Clarke pitched a scoreless seventh inning to close out the win.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats dropped a 7-0 decision to third-ranked Hortonville in a Fox Valley Association game.

### Oshkosh North secures win over Terrors

The Spartans erupted for six runs in the third inning to take the lead and held on for a 7-5 victory over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association game last week.

No other information was available from the game.

## SOFTBALL

### Knights split pair of conference contests

Lourdes Academy topped Wayland Academy 18-3 but fell to Oakfield 20-2 in Trailways East games last week.

In the win over the Big Red, the Knights scored six runs in the first inning and added 12 in the second to key the win.

Zella Tidemanson went 3-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs, while Elliana Reichenberger finished 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs. Talullah Feuerhelm and Sarah Hafemeister also chipped in two hits and two RBIs apiece.

Tidemanson struck out six in two innings and did not allow a hit.

The conference-leading Oaks proved to be too much for the Knights although Lourdes Academy finished with five hits in the contest.

Reichenberger went 2-for-2 and Feuerhelm had a double in the game. Reichenberger and Aubrey Schettle each had RBIs in the contest for the Knights.

### Oshkosh West falls to Polar Bears

Hortonville scored four runs in the top

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# Defense delivers as Spartans ground Bluejays

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh North's soccer team has been a bit defensive when it comes to its play on the field this season.

And head coach Nicole Palmquist doesn't mind at all.

Anchored by a veteran defense and senior goalkeeper Olivia Dennis, the Spartans have already registered four shutouts this season and posted a 1-0 win over Menasha in a nonconference matchup last Thursday.

"Our defense has been our most consistent area," said Palmquist, who starts three seniors along the back line in front of Dennis. "It's a veteran group and it's been nice to rely on them and count on them. They have played phenomenal and they have saved our butts."

Dennis finished with seven saves against the Bluejays and believes the Spartans have found rhythm with the way the team defends.

"After the first couple of minutes we are able to kind of feel it out and see who



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Emaly Duran boots a ball forward against Menasha last Thursday.

needs to do what," Dennis said. "Then we can get into a rhythm and do what we need to do to get a clean sheet."

Menasha didn't mount much sustained pressure in the second half but did put a scare into the Spartans.

A turnover in midfield led to the Bluejays getting a breakaway chance, however, Dennis was up to the task and made the

save to keep Menasha off the board.

"It does feel good to see it out of the net," Dennis said. "I just really think about what my goal-keeping coach and I talk about – small movements and don't fold under the pressure. I'm just moving and following the ball."

The Spartans got the only goal it needed in the early going when Emaly Duran scored off a combination with Gabi Pereira Da Silva.

North would have the majority of possession the rest of the match, however, couldn't add to its lead.

Still, the Spartans walked away with the win and that gave the team a boost of confidence.

"It feels nice to get the win. I'm glad we

were able to pull it off and get the goal we did," Dennis said. "Even though we have stuff to work on, we take the pride in knowing what we did."

Palmquist has liked what she has seen from the squad this year, which already has racked up a 4-2-2 record after finishing with just five wins all of last season.

The Spartans already have a win in the Fox Valley Association after going winless last season.

"The last few games we have been a little inconsistent in our play," Palmquist said. "It works where we have a handful of girls who have skill and they feed off of that. It's been a better season so far ability-wise and we are finding the back of the net a little more which is nice."

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# Speedy Rietz helps drive Knights' relays to success

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Kylie Rietz can be accurately described as a go-getter.

It's an excellent character trait that serves her well on the track.

Get Rietz the baton in a relay race with a top medal at stake and the outcome is predictable.

She will go get it.

The Lourdes speedster already has an impressive collection of athletic bling, including a state championship gold medal that she won last season at La Crosse.

Rietz ran anchor leg on the Knights' 4x400-meter relay team which won a 2025 Division 3 state title with a time of 3:59.61. She was joined on the championship relay by Natasha Konop, Erin Moore and Dasha Averkamp. The squad set a school record in preliminaries with a swift 3:59.52 clocking.

"It was unreal," said Rietz. "That was such an amazing, talented group of girls and I'm just glad I got to be a part of it."

"All three of them were graduating and I didn't want to let them down. That's what inspired me. It was my last race with them and their last race in high school. To go out with the gold, it was like a fairy tale ending."

Rietz was also a member of the Knights' 4x200-meter relay that took seventh at state with a time of 1:47.00. Konop, Sabur Machiros, and Bree Kane rounded out the squad.

La Crosse's Veterans Memorial Stadium has become a second home for Rietz, who has a good chance this spring to become a rare four-year WIAA state meet competitor.

Rietz made her state meet debut as a freshman, competing on Lourdes' 4x200 relay which placed 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:49.07. She reached the podium in La Crosse a year later as a member of the Knights' fourth-place 4x400 relay that delivered a school-record time of 4:02.28. Rietz also ran on the Knights' 4x200 relay that took 12<sup>th</sup>.

"It (Veterans Memorial Stadium) has always been my favorite place to be," said Rietz. "I've had the best memories there. It's such a high-adrenaline thing. You're competing at such a high level and you've put in so much work. It's great to be able to showcase your skills and experience and do it with such amazing girls."

Rietz also competes in open (individual) events like the 100-meter dash and



Photo by Andy Ratchmann

Lourdes Academy senior Kylie Rietz is a three-sport athlete who excels on the track where she has been a part of state-qualifying relays in each of her first three years in high school.

the 800 and 1,600-meter runs. She usually places near the top when she runs them, but seems to hit another gear when she grabs the baton in a relay.

"Kylie has been an amazing asset to our team since her freshman year," said Lourdes track coach Tim Moore. "She's a relay specialist – it fits her personality. Her open times are competitive but her relay splits are exceptional."

Rietz agrees that she delivers her best work in relays and feels the teamwork involved gets her feet moving faster.

"What I love about the relays is that you're doing it for other people and doing it together," she said. "That's why running an open event has always been a little

harder for me. You're doing it for yourself versus doing it for your team. Doing it for a team is just so much fun."

Rietz points out there is more to running a relay race than just good handoffs.

"There's a lot that goes into it" Rietz said. "Everything has to be perfect. You have to trust one another and trust yourself. Any race is daunting because there are so many things that can go wrong. Maybe your legs aren't feeling the best or maybe you haven't eaten right."

"You need to trust your body and trust your preparation. And above all, you call upon God. I've read the same prayer before every race since my freshman year."

Rietz's 2026 track goals are to repeat as

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a state champion and establish herself in open events.

"There are some records I'd like to break at Lourdes and I'd obviously love to get a chance to return to state and go back to back (in the 4x400 relay)," she said. "But right now we're not sure what that relay team is going to look like."

"I'm excited about running more open opportunities this spring. Going into my college career, I want to know what I can do by myself. I want to gain confidence in myself as a competitor and I want to have fun, too."

Rietz has always brought high energy, commitment, work ethic and a sense of humor to her athletic endeavors.

"She is Lourdes Academy track and field," said Moore. "She's what we're about: working hard, having fun and making the program better by your presence. She's made an impact to our program."

Rietz has also impacted the Knights' volleyball and basketball programs. The three-sport athlete was a starting defensive specialist in volleyball and a valuable role player in basketball who excelled as a defender.

"In both sports, defense was what I played the best," she said. "I've always loved doing the harder work that doesn't always correlate to stat sheets. In basketball, I had so many teammates that were better than me at shooting, so I tried to get them the ball in positions where they can do their thing."

"In volleyball, I never wanted that ball to hit the floor and was always looking to get the ball to our hitters."

Rietz will be taking her impressive athletic and academic skills to Viterbo University where she will be a member of the school's track and field team and major in nursing. Rietz is a national honor society member with a 3.65 grade point average. When she's not acing tests or winning races, Rietz works part-time as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at Parkview Health Center.

"I started working there a few years ago

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## Prep roundup

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of the fourth to break open a tight game in handing the Wildcats an 8-3 loss last week.

Avarie Tritt and Alexia Monroe each finished with two hits and an RBI in the game for West, while Lia Lipinski also drove in a run.

### SOCCER

## Knights net pair of shutout wins

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian toppled a pair of Flyway Conference opponents last week, racking up a season-high 16 goals in a shutout win over Lomira while also netting a 6-0 win over Mayville.

Ellie Koch led the way for the Knights against Lomira scoring four goals and assisting on two others in the lop-sided win.

Abby Mroczkowski, Marlie Kieckhafer and Avianna Wihlm each added two goals, with Aoife Mains, Rachael Kowalske, Younhee Ison, Amy Wilis, Evangeline Bratton Wesner and Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhaupt also scoring for the Knights.

Gutierrez Kuhaupt finished with five assists in the win.

Five different players scored in the win over Mayville with Mroczkowski, Gutierrez Kuhaupt, Wihlm, Koch and Willis scoring goals for the Knights.

Raya Fisher made four saves to earn the shutout in goal for Lourdes/Valley.

## Spartans secure nonconference victory

Gabi Pereira Da Silva played a role in four goals as Oshkosh North topped Shawano, 5-0, in a nonconference match on Saturday.

Pereira Da Silva scored two goals and added two assists in the win, while Emaly Duran, Quetzi Burmeister and Ava Duran also scored for the Spartans. Emaly Duran also notched a pair of assists in the win.

Olivia Dennis finished with six saves in goal for Oshkosh North.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans gave up two early goals to Fox Valley Association powerhouse Neenah in a 2-0 loss.

Dennis finished with 13 saves in match.

## Wildcats notch victory over Appleton West

Brookleyn Kufel scored the lone goal as Oshkosh West picked up a 1-0 win over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association match last week.

Rilyn Polakowski assisted on the goal.

Emma Last and Sophie Kalka split time in goal and each finished with two saves.

The Wildcats also dropped a 1-0 contest against Bay Port last week.

### GOLF

## Knights win tight race at Oshkosh City invite

The Knights finished with a team score of 320 at Westhaven Golf Club to edge both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West by one shot in the Oshkosh City Invite.

Owen Weber of Oshkosh North earned medalist honors in the annual meet, finishing with a score of 72 to come in two shots ahead of Oshkosh West's Lincoln Houle.

Liam Buttke and Henry Achterberg led the Knights with rounds of 79 with Ian Simmons close behind with an 80. Jackson Buttke's 82 rounded out the Knights' scoring golfers.

Wesley Loewe added a 79 for the Spartans, while Brady Anderson, Clay Poquette and Sully Snow each added 85s.

Rounding out the scoring golfers for West were Tyler Moderson with an 81 and Brayden Kufel, Tyler Mellgren and Billy Berg with 83s.

## Spartans collect win over Terrors

Owen Weber earned medalist honors with a 35 as Oshkosh North topped Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association dual meet, 169-176, at Westhaven Golf Course.

Wesley Loewe added a 39, with Clay Poquette carding a 46. Brady Anderson and Jack Anderson each shot 49s for the Spartans.

The Spartans also lost a close match with Neenah last week, 162-169.

Weber and Loewe each shot 40s to tie for second place overall and led the Spartans. Poquette added a 44 and Brady Anderson shot a 45 for North.

## Oshkosh West picks up win over Patriots

The Wildcats packed all four scoring golfers in the top five and downed Appleton East, 165-171, in a Fox Valley Association dual meet at the Oshkosh Country Club last week.

Lincoln Houle led the Wildcats with a round of 40, followed by Brayden Kufel and Tyler Mellgren each with 41s. Billy Berg added a 43 to complete the Wildcats' scoring golfers.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats lost an FVA dual meet to Hortonville, 170-190.

Berg led the Wildcats with a round for 43, followed by Mellgren with a 47. Eli Gelhar and Tyler Moderson also scored for the Wildcats with a 49 and 51, respectively.

West then fell to Kimberly at High Cliff Golf Course, 147-173.

Gelhar led the Wildcats with a 41, while Carter Kufel, Berg and Houle each shot 44s for West.

### COED TRACK AND FIELD

## Wildcats, Spartans compete at Neenah invite

Kylie Triebold posted a pair of first-birth-weight babies or critically ill newborns). I felt like this is where I need to be."

Rietz is pumped about her college years ahead at Viterbo, which is located in one of her favorite cities: La Crosse. The V-Hawks compete at the NAIA Division 2 level.

"I'm nervous but excited," she said. "I loved the coaches and the girls when I visited there and I'm excited to see what my body can continue to do there. I feel that Viterbo will provide the same safe atmosphere that I had at Lourdes to be successful as both an athlete and a person."

place finishes to lead the Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North competitors at the 10-team Neenah Rocket Invitational on Friday.

Triebold bested the field in both the 100 meters and 400 meters to lead the Wildcats, who finished fourth overall in the team standings. Abigail Tercha added a win in the 1,600 meters and took third in the 800 meters for the Wildcats.

Camille Phillips earned a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, while the Wildcats also got third places from Kyna Turner in the 100 meters, Jaylie Hullar in the 3,200 meters, Kerrigan Kimbal in the shot put, Nora Pakula in the discus and Emma Liebergen in the triple jump.

Coraline Strebelski chipped in fifth-place finishes in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters, while West was also second in the 400-meter relay and fifth in the 800-meter relay.

Alai Awak's second place in the high jump was the only top-five finish for the North girls.

On the boys side, West finished third and North was sixth in the team standings.

The two teams dominated the sprints as North's Jamare Scott took first in the 100 meters, while teammate Evan Auler was fifth. West's Dylan McDonald earned a second-place finish followed by Joey Ware in fourth place.

Ware and Carson Choinski also took second and fourth, respectively, in the 200 meters for West.

McDonald, Ware, Choinski and Carter Schmidt also won the 400-meter relay with North taking second, while the Spartans' Dalton Clark, Brendyn Sawall, Auler and Scott finished first in the 800-meter relay with the Wildcats taking third.

North added two more individual winners as Jay Weber finished first in the 3,200 meters and Andrew Oehler was first in the discus, while West standout Carter Crowe placed first in the 1,600 meters.

Other top-five finishers at the meet were: Juan Collins of West, third in the 800 meters; Colden Searles of West, third in the pole vault; Noah Cardinal of West, tied for third in the pole vault; Dominic Moore of West, fourth in the 400 meters; Jose Diaz of North, fifth in the 110-meter hurdles; and Oehler, fifth in the shot put.

Oshkosh West also placed fifth in the 3,200-meter relay.

## Knight girls, boys take second at Omro invite

Both the girls and the boys track and field teams from Lourdes Academy finished second at the Omro Invitational last Friday.

The girls were led by a strong showing in the relays as the Knights won three of the four races.

Allie Feuerhelm, Leah Ridenour, Kylie Rietz and Adriana Saucedo combined to win both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays, while the foursome of Khloe Bunton, Ana Schneidewend, Allison Stromske and Finley Coats finished first in the 3,200-meter relay. The Knights were also third in the 1,600-meter relay.

Annie Moore won both the 800 meters and 1,600 meters to lead the individual finishers, while Feuerhelm also won the 200 meters.

Other top five finishers for the Knights were: Ella Laib, third in the 400 meters; Ridenour, fourth in the 200 meters; Coats, fourth in the 400 meters; Bunton, fourth in the 800 meters; Anika Leitch, fourth in the long jump; and Tessia Mroczkowski, fifth in the 400 meters.

Henry Spanbauer and Mat Yaggie led the Lourdes Academy with each earning

a pair of top-five finishers. Spanbauer won the 3,200 meters and took fourth in the 1,600 meters, while Yaggie won the 110-meter hurdle race and took fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Cameron Kapral also picked up a win in the 400 meters, while the foursome of Quin Riark, Isaak Rucinski, David Agosto and Brett Maki finished first in the 400-meter relay.

Sam Rehm added a second place in the discus, while Zach Foster in the 800 meters and Johnny Santiago in the long jump were each third. Agosto in the 100 meters and Ruark each took fourth, with Connor Salm in the 800 meters, Jacob Thelen in the shot put, Ian Simmons in the long jump and Matthew Loker in the triple jump each taking fifth.

The Knights also took second in the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

## North girls, boys second at home FVA triangular

Both the Oshkosh North boys and girls squads took second as hosts of a Fox Valley Association triangular last week.

Andrew Oehler earned a pair of first-place finishes to lead the boys team taking first in both the shot put and discus.

Jamare Scott in the 100 meters and Evan Auler in the 200 meters also earned individual wins, while joining Dalton Clark and Miguel Diaz to take first in the 400-meter relay.

Auler in the 100 meters, Clark in the 200 meters, Mason Gumz in the 1,600 meters and Xavier Waters in the high jump also took second place. North also finished second in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

The North girls were led by Alai Awak, who won both the high jump and triple jump and teamed with Dahlya Darden, Allison Cummings and Ajak Awak to win the 1,600-meter relay.

Kenna Bentley in the 200 meters and Adri Clark in the 800 meters also earned wins for North.

### BOYS TRACK

## Wildcats take first at FVA quadrangular

Oshkosh West racked up a wealth of wins and edged Neenah for the top spot in a Fox Valley Association quadrangular last week.

The Wildcats won nearly every individual running event as Dylan McDonald placed first in the 100 meters, Carson Choinski was first in the 200 meters, Alex Dedecker won the 400 meters, Carter Crowe topped the field in the 800 meters and Dominic Moore finished first in the 3,200 meters.

McDonald and Choinski also joined Ethan Bowman and Carter Schmidt to take first in the 800-meter relay, while Crowe and Moore teamed up with Arjen Karns and Juan Collins to finish first in the 3,200-meter relay.

In the field events, Schmidt took first in the long jump while Liam Otterson in the high jump and Colden Searles in the pole vault also earned first places.

### GIRLS TRACK

## West girls post three wins at FVA quad

The Wildcats had three first-place finishers as they took fourth at a Fox Valley Association quadrangular at Kaukauna last week.

Sydney Nelson and Kylie Triebold finished 1-2 in the 100 meters for the Wildcats, while Abigail Tercha won the 3,200 meters and Nora Pakula finished first in the discus.

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as a hospitality aide when I was a sophomore," she said. "I really enjoyed that giving, caring aspect and working with residents and building relationships with them. That's why I decided to make the next step and take CNA classes.

"I was also in the Youth Leadership Oshkosh program and we got to tour hospitals on Health Care Day. I fell in love with the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit which provides care for premature, low-

# Obituaries

## Ralph W. Giessen

Ralph W. Giessen, age 84 of Winneconne, passed away on April 29, 2026. He was born on September 11, 1941 to the late Alvin and Vivian Giessen. He grew up on the South Side of Chicago, attending Calumet High School and studying business at Elmhurst College and Wilson Junior College. Ralph spent many years raising his family in a variety of Illinois suburbs. In 1987, his family moved to Waukesha, Wisconsin, and later made their home in Winneconne.

Ralph kept in touch with his Chicago friends and classmates after he moved to Wisconsin and enjoyed returning there to visit them. Ralph also served several years in the Army Reserves.

In April of 2001, Ralph married Sandra Whyms. They honeymooned on an Alaskan cruise and continued traveling coast to coast in the US and Canada during the rest of their marriage. They just celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary three weeks ago. Ralph was always a favorite among Sandy's seven siblings and their families. He loved playing with his grandnieces and nephews whenever they got together. Working with his nieces' horses also gave him great pleasure as Ralph was an animal lover.

From an early age, Ralph found a working career in sales and management in active, passive and LCD computer electronics components. He loved building lasting relationships with businesses and customers. He truly enjoyed traveling around Illinois and Wisconsin for his work and took great pride in the connections he made along the way. Ralph also won various sales awards including three trips to Super Bowl games for top sales performance.

Ralph was a man whose love for his family was at the center of everything he did. In the company of family and friends, Ralph could often be found sharing stories, laughter and the kind of moments



that meant the most to him. Ralph enjoyed getting out on the road in search of new and familiar favorite restaurants, taking great pleasure in discovering good food and sharing those experiences with others. He was an avid reader of mystery novels. Ralph also loved many genres of music including show tunes and rock 'n' roll and was a smooth, polished dancer.

Volunteering was truly a calling for Ralph. He spent many rewarding years volunteering as a Master Gardener in the area. As a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, he devoted countless hours to serving his community. Often working behind the scenes, he helped coordinate many Tootsie Roll Drives, worked many brat fries, and organized the Free Throw Contests at Winneconne Elementary School. Giving back meant everything to him, and his kindness, dedication and joyful spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ralph is survived by his wife Sandra Giessen. He is also survived by his two children Kristin Kasuboski, Roy (Amanda) Giessen. He is further survived by his brother David (Nancy) Giessen and his grandkids Kaitlyn (George) Beattie and Nick (Daydre) Kasuboski. He is further survived by his great grandkids Everett and Patrick Beattie, Jaxson Giessen, Rylee Giessen, and Briana Giessen. He was preceded in death by his first beloved wife, Kathleen Giessen, his mother Vivian and his father Alvin Giessen, and son-in-law Pete Kasuboski.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main St, Winneconne WI 54986, with Deacon Paul Vidmar officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.



## Richard G. Bradley

Richard "Dick" G. Bradley, age 85, of Pickett, WI, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, WI, with his family by his side.

Dick was born on March 10, 1941 in Oshkosh, WI, son of Edgar and Isabelle (Clute) Bradley. He graduated from Ripon High School, class of 1959. On May 26, 1962 he married Deanna Slife, and they enjoyed 63 years together. Dick was a farmer when he met and married Deanna, and then spent 37 years working for Rockwell International, where he welded parts (mainly axels) for Oshkosh Truck. He and Deanna later owned and operated a trucking business, hauling grain and fresh food commodities around the area. In his free time, Dick enjoyed bowling, horseshoes, snowmobiling, and truck/tractor pulling. He had a love for pets, and a passion for NASCAR. He loved traveling around the country with Deanna to watch NASCAR races, and they also took several trips overseas throughout the years. More than anything he cherished time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Deanna Bradley; a son, Jeff (Michele)

Bradley; a daughter, Stacey Bradley; grandchildren, Alex (Megan) Bradley, Emily (Brad) Kempka, Kristian Bradley-Kasten, and Jackson Bradley-Clemo; great-grandchildren, Arianna and Zander Bradley; three sisters, Margaret Tigert, Lila (Dan) Jerabek, and Nancy (John) Lieske; a brother, Edgar (Mary) Bradley; and sister-in-law, Jane Bradley. He is further survived by many nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives; and friends. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Isabelle Bradley; parents-in-law, Henry and Erma Slife; two brothers, Kenneth Bradley and Ronald (Ruth) Bradley; brother-in-law, James Tigert; and a sister, Sharon Bradley.

Visitation for Dick will be held from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Grace Lutheran Church, 508 Co Rd M, Pickett, WI 54964.

Funeral service for Dick will be held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Grace Lutheran Church in Pickett, with Rev. Jud Krohn officiating. Interment will follow at Liberty Prairie Cemetery, Pickett, WI. Memorials in his name may be directed to the Oshkosh Humane Society, 1925 Shelter Ct, Oshkosh, WI 54901, or to St. Jude, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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## William D. Frueh

A Funeral Mass will be held on May 16th, 2026 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Peter's site, 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh WI with Father Bob Kollath offi-

ciating. Visitation from 9 - 11:30 am. Mass at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in Bill's memory.

## Michael D. Wiatrowski

Michael D. Wiatrowski, 55, died at Ascension Hospital on May 1, 2026. He was born in Oshkosh to David and Muriel Wiatrowski and spent his life here. While in high school, Mike developed love of cooking and soon had the keys to Mr. Steak to open and close.

After culinary school at Fox Valley Tech., he spent the next fourteen years as kitchen manager of the Granary Restaurant. While involved



in that industry, he managed a Winneconne restaurant and was part owner of JJ's Supper Club in Princeton.

Shortly before covid hit, he took a job with Saleytics Corporation and like so many was sent home to work. He continued to work at home for Saleytics until last year.

Early in life, Mike developed a passion for Major League Baseball and a love for his New York Yankees.

A special thanks to his best friend, Jeff Haber for his kindness. Mike is survived by his father David of Oshkosh.



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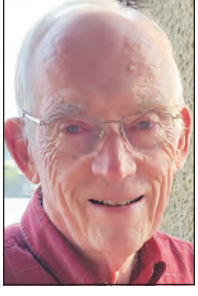
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## Obituaries

### Barent Charles Johnson

Barent Charles Johnson (86) was born July 12, 1939. He was a much loved son, caring husband, dad, stepdad, colleague and supporter of many community organizations. He passed away from a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease on April 21, 2026, at Lakeshore Manor in Oshkosh.

Barry was the youngest son of Mary Elizabeth (nee Anthony) and James Lyn-



wood Johnson. He grew up in Upper Darby, PA.

Before graduating from high school in 1957, Barry spent many memorable summers as a camper and eventually as a staff member at Camp Belmont, a Boy Scout camp. He enrolled in Pennsylvania State University after high school, completed his BS, MS and PhD in Physics. In 1967, he took a job as Assistant Professor at Wisconsin State University (now University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh) in the Physics Department. Barry played many important roles throughout his tenure at the University until retirement in 1998. He was

### Dick Kuehn

Dick Kuehn, age 90, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away peacefully on April 26th, 2026 at home, with his daughter Connie by his side - following a major stroke.



Dick lived a full, independent and accomplished life. He took great pride in supporting his 2 daughters through 6

years of college. Dick was also known for his generosity, and enjoyed going out & socializing.

In his own words: Dick Kuehn was born on October 6th, 1935, in Green Lake County, WI, the son of the Kenneth and June (Sorenson) Kuehn. He was raised by his beloved Grandfather, Clarence Sorenson of Markesan, WI.

Dick was united in marriage to Gail M. (Koeck) Kuehn in Oshkosh on July 2nd, 1960. He graduated from his beloved Markesan High School in 1954. As a college student, he attended the University of New Mexico Western-Silver City, the University of Miami-Florida, and the UW-Oshkosh. Dick graduated in 1958 with a BS in Liberal Arts, having minors in Psychology, Sociology, and English. During his college years, he was also in the Marine Corp's Officer School in Quantico, VA. While attending college, in the summers, Dick worked at Del Monte, Fall River, Markesan Canning Company, and John Deere Co. (setting up farm equip-

ment). He loved being a swim instructor and lifeguard in Waupun. Dick was also an excellent water skier.

After college, Dick became a highly successful Marketing representative for Wisconsin Public Service, receiving numerous awards for his outstanding sales figures.

In 1977, Dick became the Founder/President/Treasurer of Oshkosh Insulators, Inc., with his wife Gail as the VP/Secretary and the business thrived for 25 years. He and Gail became certified Wisconsin State Energy Inspectors upon the start-up of their business. They enjoyed numerous referrals from multiple state energy utilities, as well as personal references from satisfied customers.

Dick used to relish pheasant hunting with his pointing Labrador retrievers in Iowa, 1-3 weeks annually. He also enjoyed fishing locally in the Oshkosh area as well as Arkansas and Siesta Keys, FL. And, Dick loved gambling from Las Vegas to Grand Bahama Island.

Being multi-talented, Dick successfully dabbled in the real estate market - sometimes buying/selling homes and other times retaining rental properties that provided a notable source of income throughout his life.

Dick is survived by his daughter, Connie Kuehn of Payson, AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife Gail M. Kuehn, of Oshkosh and his daughter Carrie Lou Kuehn (Maul) of Denver, CO.

Dick joined his wife in unselfishly donating his body to science for medical research.

### Delhardt K. Kollmann

Delhardt K. Kollmann, age 87, passed away on April 28, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. Delhardt spent his final moments surrounded by his loving family at Eden Vista. He was born on November 10, 1938, in Fond Du Lac to Frank Sr. and Leona (Weber) Kollmann.



Delhardt was a proud graduate of Winnebago Lutheran Academy and later attended Milwaukee Engineering School. He served his country in the United States Army for four years. After his service, Delhardt dedicated his career to Mercury Marine, where he became known for his innovative spirit, earning several patents. He eventually wrapped up his working years at Giddings and Lewis.

He was a dedicated member of Martin Luther Church, where he found a sense of community. Delhardt loved the great outdoors, relishing camping trips, fishing, hunting, boating, and snowmobiling, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

Delhardt is survived by his wife, Joan

Kollmann; his sons, Dave (Linda) Kollmann, Dennis (Alisa) Kollmann and Daniel (Rebecca) Kollmann; six grandchildren, Justine Wolf, Jordan (Emily) Kollmann, Hannah Kollmann (Mo Dovsky), Emily Kollmann (Emmi Nievinski), Jonah Kollmann and Lucy Kollmann; great-grandchild, Chloe Kollmann; brother, James (Marlene) Kollmann; sister-in-law, Donna Kollmann.

In addition to his parents, Delhardt was preceded in death by his grandson, Sean David Kollmann; sister, Annabele (Sperry) Winn; brother, Frank Kollmann Jr; in-laws, Rutherford and Margaret Butt.

Per Delhardt's wishes, a private service will take place.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for Martin Luther School.

A special thank you goes out to the dedicated staff at Eden Vista and Preceptor Hospice, especially Sam, Maria, Kori, and CarePatrol, for their incredible assistance and care during this time.



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Department Chairs of two disciplines, Associate Dean of Letter and Science, re-trained in Computer Science, worked in the Advising Office in Dempsey Hall and was Interim Registrar. He often remarked that the University gave him the opportunity to try out new things and to use his skills in other areas.

Over the years, Barry's expertise in math gave him the opportunity to function as a treasurer of many different organizations from churches, regional councils, stock club and Learning in Retirement. His math skills and negotiating skills were employed while he volunteered at the Winnebago County Meditation Center.

As self-taught computer user, he developed his own spreadsheet to track the family budget, put together many picture albums depicting family gatherings, ever-expanding family of grandkids, Road Scholar/Elder Hostel classes and trips abroad over 35 years. He was an avid reader and learner and enjoyed experiencing different cultures. He loved live theater and concerts. One of his favorite memories was experiencing the opera of "War and Peace" on his birthday while on a trip to Moscow, Russia.

Most of all, he will be remembered for his thoughtful conversations, lively humor and wit. He loved his yard, trees and nature. For years he diligently measured snow and rain for the weather service. As

### Jack Eiler

On May 1, 2026, Jack Eiler, age 93, decided it was time to move on to the next great adventure.



Born October 5th, 1932, just Jack, per his mother as Jack was a good name. He grew up in Oshkosh as child number 4 of 6 and lived there most of his life.



At the age of 16 he joined the National Guard and after deciding whether transporting bombs was not for him he joined the Navy at 17. His navy career lasted 3 years and he served on the USS boxer in the Korean War as a Navy fireman E3 and engine room specialist.

After getting out of the Navy with an honorable discharge he dabbled in several factory jobs until Jack started his working career and was promoted to Foreman for Pelles & Johnson Sign Company. He worked there 20+ years and left in 1983 to become Maintenance Manager for Marathon Oil (Speedway Gas Station) retiring in 1997. When the honey do list was complete boredom took over so Jack decided working was the thing to do and gladly joined the Kitz & Pfeil team as your local jovial yet slightly cranky screen and window repair man in Oshkosh for the next 20+ years.

In 1962 Jack met the love of his life, Shirley (Wenrich) Eiler, soon after they decided to combine their families and get married. After already having a combination of seven children, they decided to try for one more boy. What a surprise when they got a two for one deal twin daughters, a total of nine.

While weekdays were dedicated to work, they spent many weekends camping and snowmobiling together as a family. Jack also enjoyed taking Shirley out

a result, weather became a topic of discussion with friends and colleagues. His gentle soul, accepting nature, will be missed most of all.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Noreen; his sisters, Lois Burns and Lynn McLaughlin; brother, Neil Johnson (Marilyn); sons, Keith Barent Johnson, Peter Craig Johnson and Steven Mark Johnson (Angie); 3 stepchildren, Collette Kolb (Craig), Don Gaymon (Bari) and Devin Gaymon (Stephanie); and 14 grand/step grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Anne Johnson (first wife) preceded him in death in 1996. His parents and two brothers-in-law proceed him in death.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, July 3, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, 110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI, 54901. Visitation will be from 10:00am to 11:00am, with service to follow at 11:00am.

A huge thank you to the Lakeshore Manor staff and Moments Hospice for taking such wonderful care of Barry during his stay.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the following: Fox Valley Memory Care Project, Alzheimer's Research Organizations and Oshkosh Humane Society.



dancing.

In fashion of his first name, he really was a Jack of all trades. He enjoyed picking up odd jobs keeping his hands busy, helping people out doing this and that. Additionally, he loved helping out his children and grandchildren with their house projects too. Something as simple as changing out a light fixture to taking out a whole wall gave him joy and purpose. Just remember, you can always mud it.

Among his other loving family members that went before him waiting on the other side was his number one babe wife Shirley. Just behind is their daughter Sandy Jungwirth with her little nephew, Grandson Brent on her hip. Son-in-law David Frederick is there waiting with a hammer and drill to do the next house project.

Here on this earth, keeping the jovial Jack's memory stay alive are all the rest of his babes, daughters and son as well as his grand babes grandson's a great grandkid.

If you were wondering what you can do to help keep Jack's memory alive, please consider donating to the Oshkosh Humane Society as Jack loved all the four-legged friends.

The family asks that you live your life like Jack, jovial, a little bit of a jokester, as lovingly as possible, and if you were going to live to be 160, or did he say 140, well maybe it was was 120, just live your life like you hit the Jack Pot, because we did having him as our Dad. And he would say if you can't do that, go blow it out your nose. (Translation, put a little boogie in it)

A huge thank you to the staff at Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay for making Jack's final days as comfortably as possible, special thanks to his nurses and CNAs for indulging in his flirtatiousness and making a 93-year-old man smile. Additional thanks to Both Oshkosh and Fond du Lac Aurora Hospitals, Evergreen Manor staff and Superior Ambulance Service who graciously brought him home.

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## Larry Genz

Larry Genz passed away from natural causes on April 6th, 2026. Larry was born on August 31, 1952 in Oshkosh, WI to Wilbur Genz and Shirley Genz (Johnson).



Larry is survived by his brother Bryan

Genz, nephew Lance Galica, and great-niece Sierra Peabody. Larry was preceded in death by his father Wilbur Genz, mother Shirley Genz, and sister Margo Galica (Genz).

Larry was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps, greatly enjoyed both hunting and fishing and having a good time.

A funeral service will be held on May 16th at 11:00 am at Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at St. Andrew's church May 15th at 5:30 pm with a church service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, no donations are necessary. Your presence and support are greatly appreciated.

## Douglas D. Schmuhl

Douglas D. Schmuhl, age 91 of Oshkosh, passed away at Eden Meadows on April 30, 2026. A memorial service for him will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:00

a.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

A full obituary will follow.

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# Obituaries

## Terri S. Hansen

Terri S. Hansen, affectionately known as Tessa or Tess, passed away at her home on April 27, 2026. Her life was rich with deep friendships and a community of those who loved and respected her.



Terri was born on November 26, 1954 and grew up in Mayville Wisconsin graduating from Mayville High School in 1972. She went on to earn both her undergraduate and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, setting the stage for a remarkable career dedicated to caring for others.

A registered nurse by training, Terri also excelled as a business leader and entrepreneur. At age 25, she became the Director of Nursing the Upjohn Home Health agency. By 28 she co-founded Supportive Homecare, Inc. with her partner and friend John Westphal, serving as CEO for 17 years before selling the company to Valley VNA in Neenah in 2000. Terri's entrepreneurial spirit shone further when she started a business with her dear friend Diane Penzenstadler called Creative Management & Marketing Resources. In 2000, Diane took over the company, renaming it 44° North Advertising & Design - a venture that continues to thrive today. Additionally, Terri worked as a business consultant and life coach through her company ts Hansen & Associates, LLC and contributed her expertise to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Small Business Development Center. Terri's compassion extended beyond her professional achievements. With a lifelong passion for animals, she spent the last six years before retirement as a part-time grant coordinator for the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to animal welfare.

Her influence in civic life was equally profound. Terri was the first woman to serve as president of the Oshkosh

Chamber of Commerce board of directors and served on its board for 13 years. She also dedicated her time to several organizations including boards of the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, The Oshkosh YMCA, UWO Business Advisory Board, Oshkosh Commercial Development Corp. and Chamco. Her remarkable achievements were recognized with awards such as the Entrepreneur Woman of the Year Award, the Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and the Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award from Connecticut Mutual. A deeply spiritual person, Terri found solace in prayer and connecting with her angels and spirit guides. She believed in the power of healing - extending her healing care to people, animals, plants and even the smallest elements of nature. Her passions included walking, yoga, and enjoying the beauty of flowers. In her personal life, Terri adored her beloved Cockatiels Mr. and Mrs. Manners. Terri leaves behind a cherished circle of friends who were like family including: Joni Geiger, Asia Voight, Celestia Soles, Eric Van Heuklon, Cathy Huybers and Diane

Penzenstadler. These relationships enriched her life and are a testament to the love and kindness she so freely shared.

A brief celebration of Terri's life will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 100 Lake Point Dr. Oshkosh, with visitation preceding at 4:00 pm until the service. We invite those gathered to share stories, smiles and remember Terri's humor, originality and the many ways she made the world a better place. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Terri's legacy by performing a random act of kindness or donating to a cause close to your heart that reflects her passion.

We are confident Terri has been welcomed in heaven by God, saying, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Godspeed Terri. You will be missed.

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We would like to thank the Oncology department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the care they provided over the past nine months. We would also like to thank Compassus Hospice for Barry's care the last few weeks of his life. Their compassion and care toward Barry was truly appreciated.

Per Barry's request, there will be no funeral



## Jerome Strigel

Jerry Strigel passed away at his home, April 29, 2026.



Funeral Services will be held on Friday May 8th at St. Raphael Catholic Church (830 S. Westhaven Dr.) at 11:00.

A time for visitation will be held at church from 10:00 until the time of service.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Charles V. Andreas

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/24/1933 and date of death 03/04/2026 was domiciled in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 7329 Sunburst Lane, Neenah, WI 54956.  
3. The application will be heard at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room Join Zoom Meeting <https://wicourts.zoom.us/j/88686786577> Meeting ID: 886 8678 6577.  
One tap mobile • +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), before Sara Henke, Probate Registrar, on May 19, 2026 at 11:05 a.m.

**You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.**

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 21, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Winnebago County Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Room 242.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (920) 236-4833 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE SIGNED: April 15, 2026  
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Code No. 30301

Capital Credit Union  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Janei Rice  
XYZ Unknown Defendant  
Defendants.

**PUBLICATION SUMMONS STATE OF WISCONSIN**

To each person named above as a Defendant: | You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after April 22, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St, PO Box 280, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808, and to Justin J. Bates, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, WI 54402. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court

may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: April 14, 2026  
Bates Legal Group, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Justin J. Bates  
Justin J. Bates  
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**Runs: April 22, 2026, April 29, 2026 and May 6, 2026.**

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Hailey Lee Jurgenson By (Petitioner) Lindsey Marie Jurgenson By (Co-Petitioner) Joseph Michael Jurgenson Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000399**

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

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

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust

Place: 415 Jackson St, Oshkosh, WI 54901, Room 410  
Date: June 12, 2026  
Time: 11:15 AM

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

**NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:**

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

**BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: April 20, 2026 Winnebago County Circuit Branch I**

**Runs: May 6, 2026, May 13, 2026 and May 20, 2026**

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## Barry Alan Tetzke

Barry Alan Tetzke, 63, passed away on April 21, 2026. He was born in Berlin, WI on February 7, 1963 to David and Karen



(Rucks) Tetzke. He grew up in Menasha and graduated from Menasha High School in 1981. He enjoyed singing in the chorus and participating in musicals. In his own words, "I spent 13 glorious years sing-

ing with the White Heron Chorale n/k/a New Voices". Barry loved watching the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, and the Wisconsin Badgers. He loved going to movies and enjoyed tagging along with his sister for Tuesday matinees.

He is survived by his parents and sister, Michele Demerath. He is also survived by cousins: Randy(Teresa)Rucks, Becky(Todd)Voeltner, Gina(Scott) Hoffmann, Amy(Kevin)Bartels and Corey(Eileen)Carolfi, and other relatives and friends.

He was proceeded in death by his brother-in-law, Joseph Demerath, grandfather, Clarence Tetzke, grandmother, Evelyn Rucks, grandmother, Lucille (Herman) Buechel; cousin, Tristan Pigorsch, and Aunt & Uncles Lewis (Ione)Pigorsch,

# CINCO DE MAYO

## A FUN-FILLED FIESTA!

On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a holiday called **Cinco de Mayo**. Cinco de Mayo is how you say *fifth of May* in Spanish.

On May 5, 1862, in the town of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be ruled by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French left Mexico after that, and each year Mexicans celebrate with food, games, music and dancing. It's a festival or, as they say in Spanish, a **fiesta!**

### SAY IT IN SPANISH!

Do the math to discover the Spanish word for each of these things.

- 12 + 3 = LIBRO
- 20 - 3 = SOL
- 14 + 5 = LUNA
- 11 + 2 = ZAPATO
- 5 + 5 = GATO
- 6 + 6 = ESTRELLA
- 13 + 5 = PERIÓDICO
- 5 + 6 = LÁPIZ
- 19 - 3 = PEZ
- 15 - 1 = PERRO



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

What traditional Mexican drink do people like to sip at a Cinco de Mayo fiesta? Unscramble the letters to find out the answer.

**THO COLA EHCOT**

**Extra! Extra!**

### PLAN A FIESTA!

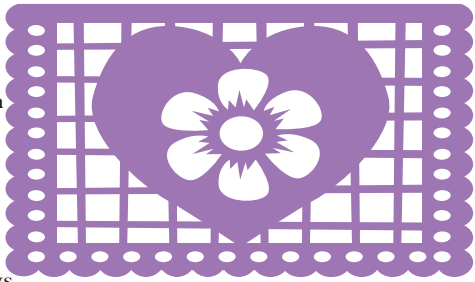
Pretend you have \$100 to spend to have a fiesta. Look through the newspaper for food and things you would want to buy for your fiesta. Figure out what you can get for \$100.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums using money amounts to \$100.

### MAKE A PAPEL PICADO BANNER!

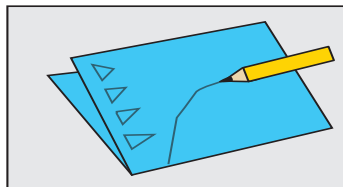
A **papel picado** banner is a colorful decoration made from thin sheets of paper that have been carefully cut into beautiful designs.

These banners are often seen during celebrations for Cinco de Mayo and other festive holidays in Mexico. And when several are taped to a string, they "dance" in a soft breeze, bringing a joyful feeling to these parties and gatherings.

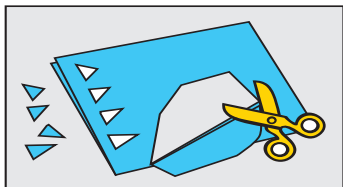


#### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

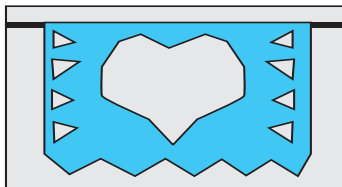
- colored paper
- scissors
- hole punch
- pencil
- ribbon or string
- tape



1. Fold the paper in half. Lightly sketch the shapes.



2. Carefully cut the shapes out of the folded paper with scissors. If you have a hole punch, you can make a nice pattern, too.



3. Tape your papel picado to a ribbon and display it in your room or a window.

### GAMES! PINATA SURPRISE

Piñatas are one of the best parts of a Cinco de Mayo fiesta. A piñata filled with toys and candy is hung from a tree branch or pole. Children take turns wearing a blindfold and swinging a bat or stick at the piñata, trying to break it to release the goodies inside!

Find the hidden pictures in this piñata.



- Spoon
- Star
- Shoe
- Tree
- Car
- Glasses
- Pencil

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.

### Double Double Word Search

- ARMY
- CANDY
- CUT
- DANCE
- FIESTA
- FIFTH
- FOLD
- FOOD
- HOLIDAY
- JOYFUL
- MEXICO
- PAPER
- SPANISH
- TOWN
- YEAR

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

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

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

### We made a mistake!

At **Kid Scoop**, we try our best to avoid mistakes, but sometimes they still happen. Thank you to all the eagle-eyed readers who let us know about the typo in last week's page. We apologize for the error!



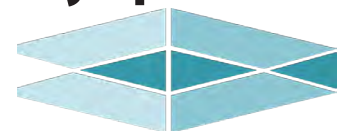
### Write On!

### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Describe what you think people should do and eat at a Cinco de Mayo party.

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

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