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Talent showcase

The Plein Air Festival was held this weekend at the Paine Art Center and Gardens. Several artists were invited to create artworks from the surroundings in the gardens. The weekend festival concluded with a reception and sale of the artwork.

City Hall strapped for cash

Oshkosh looking at \$3.4 million deficit

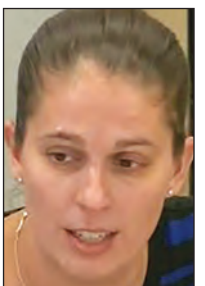
By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The outlook for Oshkosh's finances is not great with city officials bracing for more personnel cuts as the city is looking at a deficit over \$3 million.

Oshkosh's finance director Julie Calmes warned common council members and City Manager Rebecca Grill that the city is heading toward a \$3.4 million deficit.

Last year at this time the city was facing a \$6 million deficit. Now city staff has run into a similar issue.

Calmes highlighted that over 50% of the budget goes to public safety and over 70% is for personnel and salaries.



Calmes

"Public safety is always the number one priority, but when we're talking about the general fund budget, public safety – police, fire, EMS – is over 50% of the budget," Calmes said.

"Salary and benefits are about 70% of the budget. So when you're talking about cutting operating costs – you can cut services and different things but a lot of it is personnel."

Since 2017 the city has added 52 employees, police and fire departments have added 19 employees. Administrative services has added 10 new employees, the

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School District refining key performance indicators

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is in the process of reducing key performance indicators from almost 20 down to eight with the same goal of getting students ready for graduation while also providing support from staff and parents.

The OASD Board of Education has been developing the 2026 strategic plan over the last couple months with superintendent Bryan Davis. The district held a three-day summit with community members in May and those conversations have helped the district focus on what the com-

munity wants from the district.

The district also sent out a public survey looking for even more input for the 2026 strategic plan and the key performance indicators. The district's 2025 plan and many previous plans have had 19 separate key performance indicators.

"We'd really like to get that down to more like seven or eight, nine to make it a little more focused," Davis said. "We also want



Davis

to make sure as we're working through our indicators that we have some semblance of balance."

Davis stressed that regardless of what key performance indicators are chosen or how many there are the goal of the district remains the same – student success.

"We know that student growth and achievement is our number one priority for us to be able to meet our students' needs, to reach our vision of all our students being career, college and community ready," Davis said. "We also know we can't sell out our student growth and achievement and bankrupt ourselves in

the process."

The core areas the district previously focused on are learning and academics, finance and operations, safe and healthy schools, and engagement and communication. The KPIs are based in one of those four areas.

Under Davis's new plan the core areas would be similar but slightly changed with student growth and achievement, culture and safety, stakeholder engagement, and finance and operations.

For student growth and achievement

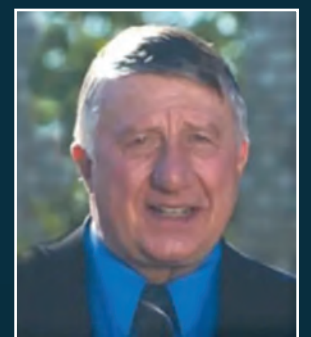
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City to celebrate Fourth of July throughout day

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Independence Day activities in Oshkosh will begin with Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz reading the Declaration of Independence at 8 a.m. Saturday on the steps of the courthouse, 415 Jackson St.

The Fourth of July parade will follow beginning at 9 a.m. in downtown Oshkosh. The parade presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437, which typically lasts about an hour, will start from Waugoo Avenue and North Main Street. It will travel north on Main Street until East Irving Avenue. It will then go east on Irving Avenue until finishing on Hazel Street at the park.

Activities in Menominee Park include the zoo being open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. along with the train running and Lakefly Cafe open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festivities in Menominee Park begin at 3 p.m. with a food truck rally and Reetz Concessions available until 10 p.m.

Food trucks will be located along Siewert Trail near Irving Avenue and along the park's walking trail, north of the Millers Bay parking lot. The variety will allow visitors to sample different cuisines while scoping out a spot to watch the fireworks display.

The fireworks show sponsored by Festival Foods is set to begin at dusk. The fire-

works will be launched for a second year from Ames Point on the far north end of the park instead of Monkey Island as in previous years.

The change last year was due to a new vendor taking over the fireworks show along with safety concerns with having the show on Monkey Island.

Officials said the optimal viewing area for the fireworks show will be the lawn to the north of the ball diamonds along Menominee Drive, located directly across from Ames Point. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure their spot and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

The rain date for the fireworks is Sunday.

New youth choir arrives in Oshkosh, looking to add new members

Oshkosh Herald

A new youth choir is looking to add members in Oshkosh.

The Badger State Youth Choir: Oshkosh, led by Ryan Lindley of Tipler Middle School, is holding auditions for students in second through 12th-grade for its inaugural season throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

Auditions will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. July 19 and Aug. 16 at Tipler Middle School, 325 S. Eagle St. Those who cannot make these dates should reach out to Lindley to set up an individual audition date.

"Oshkosh deserves a thriving youth choir organization that is dedicated to high-level arts education and performance opportunities," said Lindley, who recently received the Most Outstanding Young Choral Director award from the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA).

He has been a teacher in the Oshkosh Area School District for the past five years.

"I am excited to start this new youth

choir in Oshkosh," Lindley said. "I am incredibly dedicated to the success of our young musicians, and this is the perfect opportunity for everyone."

Lindley is also an accomplished musician playing for his local churches and other organizations.

"I have enjoyed learning to play the bass guitar and various percussion instruments to support our local music community such as the school district and WCDA," Lindley said.

Fireworks over Fisk scheduled to launch

Oshkosh Herald

The Fireworks over Fisk show is set to launch at dusk Friday in downtown Fisk.

This will mark the 52nd anniversary of the display and third year under new management. Organizers said the fireworks are 100% funded by donations made by sponsors, local businesses and spectators.

The launch site will be located south of

Wisconsin Highway 44, about 1/8 mile from Fisk. According to organizers, viewing and parking will remain the same as in previous years at the Utica fire station, 1730 County Road FF, and surrounding side roads.

The show is designed to help celebrate as the country turns 250 years old.

The rain date is Saturday.

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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

apparently not alive. Davey used a pole to reach one of the snakes and pulled it to shore. There he was able to identify it as a rattlesnake. As rattlesnakes are not common to this area, speculation began to stir that perhaps the snakes were "escapees" of a local carnival performing on State Street. "Uno, The Snake Eater" is an act with the carnival, which does a disgusting display using various varieties of snakes, including rattlesnakes.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 2, 1903

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Matz marks 16 years reading Declaration of Independence

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz steps to the microphone this Independence Day, it will be the 16th time and last time he has publicly read the Declaration of Independence.

The annual tradition began with former Winnebago County Board Supervisor Bill Wingren, then chair of the Judiciary Committee and a devoted student of history.

"Bill was the one who got it started," Matz said. "It all stems from when we first became a nation. They didn't have mass media. Sheriffs throughout the colonies would read important documents like, the Declaration of Independence to the people, and that's how they learned what was happening."

Matz believes former Sheriff Michael Brooks read the document once before he took over the role. Since then, the reading has become a regular part of Winnebago County's Independence Day observance.

The sheriff admits the document is not as easy to read as it looks.

"There are some strange words in there," he said. "The first year I read it, I started studying on July 2. There were words I wasn't even sure how to pronounce, let alone what they meant."

While he still doesn't have the Declaration memorized, experience has made the task easier.

"Bill always wanted me to memorize it," Matz said with a laugh. "I told him I wasn't sure I had the time to memorize the Declaration of Independence."

Preparation remains part of the rou-

time. Each year Matz reads the document aloud multiple times before the event.

"The staff is used to it now," he said. "I'll sit in my office and read it out loud 10 or 15 times."

This year's reading comes as the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration's adoption and as Matz prepares to leave office at the end of his term.

"I'm hoping this year strikes some additional patriotism because of the 250th year," he said. "I remember the bicentennial in 1976. I was 12 years old, but I remember the sense of patriotism that was everywhere."

Over the years, the annual reading has given Matz a deeper appreciation for the document and the men who signed it.

"Once you really start to read it and think about the commitment those individuals made, it was some great resolve," he said. "They were risking everything. Their wealth, their homes, their families, even their lives."

Many Americans know the Declaration's opening lines, but Matz believes the sacrifices behind the document are sometimes overlooked.

"They knew what they were doing," he said. "They knew they could lose everything."

The event also carries added meaning because it will likely be Matz's final reading as sheriff. Earlier this year he announced he would not seek another term.

"It's bittersweet," he said.

Although he is still focused on current responsibilities, including work on future county budgets, he knows the next sheriff will set priorities for the years ahead.

For now, however, Matz is focused on



Photo by Michael Cooney

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz practices reading the Declaration of Independence to prepare for his last public reading of the document Saturday.

one more Independence Day reading.

"It's been a great run," he said. "I've truly enjoyed reading the Declaration and sharing the experience with the community."

Matz will read the Declaration of Independence at 8 a.m. Saturday on the steps of the Winnebago County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend the free community event.



4th of July Festivities in Oshkosh...picture perfect.

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Area unemployment rate decreases

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate decrease to 2.7% in May, down from 3.1% in April and 2.8% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary May 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates decreased in 12 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in one area: La Crosse-Onalaska.

Preliminary May 2026 unemployment

rates decreased in all 35 of Wisconsin's largest cities over the month. Rates decreased in 27 cities over the year. Rates increased in four cities over the year and stayed the same in the remaining four cities.

Preliminary May 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 72 counties over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in 67 counties over the year. Rates increased in two counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining three counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Volare Aviation buys city land at airport

Oshkosh Herald

Volare Aviation purchased 22 acres at Winnebago Regional Airport from the City of Oshkosh for \$967,400.

The land is adjacent to the 47 acres Volare is leasing from Winnebago County to create Volare Hangars at Oshkosh Aviation Park. As part of its 50-year lease with the county, the Arizona-based company plans to build more than 100 hangars and other aeronautical use facilities, including aircraft parking aprons and vehicle parking spaces.

When fully built out, the county will receive more than \$650,000 annually in lease payments.

At the June 16 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meeting, Volare owner John Panfil said the city-owned land would be used for an aviation themed mixed-used development.

Construction is expected to begin on the county portion of the land in about 18 months. Site plans for the aviation park would need to go through the Oshkosh Plan Commission and Oshkosh City Council.

The airport's aviation park was created in 2014 with the city and county buying land that became available adjacent to the airport. The county decided to lease its land to any potential buyers while the city said it would sell its land.



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Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer takes a second to spot a plane overhead the ground breaking at the Oshkosh wastewater treatment plant. The area will be under construction to install a tertiary cleaning phase until 2028.

Wastewater plant updates will address phosphorous

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

There are big updates coming to the city's wastewater treatment plant. A groundbreaking was recently held to celebrate the changes as the city moves toward new compliance demands for phosphorous.

The wastewater treatment plant, 233 N. Cambell Road, can treat 20 million gallons of water every day and the new project will add a third stage of cleaning water before discharging it back into the Fox River.

Workers from the plant were joined by Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer and council members June 24 for a ceremonial groundbreaking for the wastewater treatment plant updates, which should be operational by the first day of 2028.

"The dedicated professionals who operate this facility have consistently delivered exceptional results, and today we're investing to ensure that success continues for generations to come," Mugerauer said.

James Rabe, the city's director of engineering and utilities said the groundbreaking was the culmination of years of work by city staff. He said the goal of the facility is to protect public health, safety and the environment by treating wastewater generated in the city of Oshkosh and other towns in the area.

"The water discharged into the Fox River is actually much cleaner than the water

flowing through the Fox River," Rabe said. "The staff here at the wastewater treatment plant take their mission of protecting health, safety and the environment very seriously and are proud to serve the residents of the City of Oshkosh."

The plant is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year. The purpose of the project is to ensure the city is compliant with new phosphorus regulations that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2028.

The new UV disinfectant will replace the chlorine gas currently used. Rabe stated the chlorine gas is a very dangerous hazardous material. By eliminating the chlorine gas the city will be safer as the hazard radius is about 1.5 miles, which based on where the plant is would affect the entire downtown area and UWO.

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.

Donahue & Associates, based in Sheboygan, designed the upgrades while Miron Construction will oversee construction.

"Today we're breaking ground on a project that may not be as visible as a new park, a new road or a new building," Mugerauer said. "But it's every bit as important to the health, sustainability and the future of this community."

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Child development center hires new executive director

Oshkosh Herald

The Board of Directors of the Oshkosh Child Development Center (OCDC) has hired Elizabeth “Liz” Storms as executive director of the new child development facility.



Storms

The OCDC is on the first floor of The Corridor, a newly developed housing and office complex in the 600 block of North Main Street. The OCDC is targeting an Aug. 1 opening.

The nonprofit center will be the first

fully licensed child development center in the area to offer two shifts of care, providing flexibility for working families. Residents of The Corridor apartments will receive preference on the enrollment waiting list.

The Corridor will host an open house starting at 3:30 p.m. July 9 with tours of the new housing and child development center offered.

Storms earned her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2015 and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. Most recently, she worked at the YMCA of Neenah-Menasha, where she taught and led a classroom of three-year-old children.

“Creating a nurturing and supportive environment where children can thrive is at the heart of everything I do,” Storms said. “I am excited to help build a center that supports not only children, but their families as well.”

Storms and her husband, Josh, reside in Oshkosh with their three children. More information about the Oshkosh Child Development Center can be found at oshkoshchilddevelopment.org or by calling 920-267-8101.

New Habitat home construction begins

Oshkosh Herald

The Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh affiliate will begin construction on four new homes in Oshkosh this summer. Three of the homes will be located on former Washington Elementary school lots, with two on Winnebago Avenue and one on School Avenue.

Construction has already begun at the fourth lot of this build cycle at an in-fill lot behind the former Merrill Middle School on West Tennessee Avenue and at one of the lots on Winnebago Avenue.

Habitat Oshkosh purchased these lots through a partnership with the City of Oshkosh. Excavations will begin on the other two properties within the next month.

The nonprofit is excited to begin construction and eventually give the families the keys to their new homes. Not only will it unlock their new house but also pro-

vide opportunities to build generational wealth and receive better education and safer housing situations.

Families in the Habitat Oshkosh Home Buyer Program pay property taxes, home insurance and mortgages like other homeowners. The four families residing in these future homes were approved and entered into the Habitat Oshkosh Home Buyer Program during last year’s pre-application cycle.

Habitat Oshkosh Home Buyer pre-applications open July 15 to Aug. 15. Lots in the Springview Acres II subdivision in Omro will be offered to applicants this summer. Those interested in applying for future Oshkosh development can apply in summer 2027.

For more information on Habitat’s new construction plans, contact Habitat at 920-235-3535 or info@habitatoshkosh.org.



Photo from Oshkosh Arena

Community celebration

The Oshkosh Pride annual celebration was held on Saturday at the Oshkosh Arena. The Pride Market included more than 60 vendors featuring items ranging from original artworks to custom T-shirts. Entertainment hosted by Jessica Bee included DJ music and dance performances.

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Oshkosh area titleholders compete in state pageants

Three women from the Oshkosh area recently competed in the 2026 Miss Wisconsin pageant at New Berlin West High School's Performing Arts Center in New Berlin, while a local teenager participated in the Miss Wisconsin's Teen pageant event.

The reigning Miss Oshkosh is Trinity Faith Horstman, 20, of Onalaska, a student at UW-Oshkosh. The tap dancer won her title on March 7 but did not place in the state pageant on June 20. Horstman was Miss Onalaska last year and previously served as Miss Wisconsin's Teen in 2023.



Horstman

Green, 21, of Oshkosh, is a senior at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, where she studies nursing. She competed as Miss Wood Violet, a title she won on March 29 in New Berlin at the 10th annual Miss Wisconsin Sweeps multi-title pageant competition show. Last year, she was Miss Sugar Maple, which is another "Sweeps" title. Green was named fourth runner-up to Miss Wisconsin last year.



Green

Green, the daughter of Kim and Adam Green of Oshkosh, tied for the talent award in the second night of preliminary judging with Miss River City, Jordenne Demiree Butler of Onalaska, a jazz dancer. Green performed a baton twirling routine to "River Deep Mountain High" by Celine Dion.

She placed among the semi-finalists and was awarded the fourth runner-up honors for the second consecutive year. Also among the 31 state candidates last month was former Miss Oshkosh's Teen 2020, Paige M. Nikodem, 22, of Winnebago, who competed as Miss Cherryland, a title she won at the second annual regional pageant held in Brussels on February 6. The baton twirler is the daughter of Gina and Dean Nikodem and did not place in the semifinals.

While attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, she competed in the Miss Minnesota pageant as Miss Glacial Waters in 2024, and last year as Miss Twin Cities. Winning the Miss Wisconsin title was six-time state competitor Jordenne Demiree Butler, a double preliminary winner last week. Butler, at 27, is the oldest woman to

win the state crown. She performed a jazz dance "That's Life" and is a graduate of Viterbo University in La Crosse. Butler previously held the title of Miss Wisconsin's Teen in 2015 that she won in Oshkosh. She entered the state pageant last week as the appointed Miss River City. She will now advance to the 2025 Miss America pageant this September in West Palm Beach, Florida.



Staerkel

The current reigning Miss Oshkosh's Teen 2026, Riley Staerkel, a tap dancer from Oshkosh, competed in the 21st annual Miss Wisconsin's Teen pageant in New Berlin, but did not place in the event. She won her city title on March 7 at Oshkosh West High School, and is the daughter of Monica Ceisel, and her late father, Vernon Russell Staerkel, who died in March 2024.

Miss Wisconsin to speak at afternoon tea program

Oshkosh Herald

Miss Wisconsin 2025 Willow Newell will be the featured speaker during the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's annual Afternoon Tea.

The event will be from noon to 2 p.m. July 29 at The Gibson Social Club in downtown Oshkosh. Tickets and tables are still available to community members and can be purchased online at bgcosh.org/events-news/afternoon-tea.

The event is the culmination of the club's Character & Empowerment Program, a series of classes led by club staff and partners for 50 participating club girls ages 7 to 10. The program is designed to broaden participants' horizons and instill good character, leadership and healthy life skills.

Participants also have the opportunity

to choose a brand-new summer sundress and flip-flops for the July 29 Afternoon Tea, courtesy of the club and its partners, including Old Navy.

A short program at the event will feature Newell, the first Black woman crowned Miss Wisconsin. Her duty as Miss Wisconsin is to travel across the state to meet with Wisconsinites and champion her community service initiative: "The ART of Belonging," which promotes inclusive access to the arts for all ages.

Guests gather with Club members and others from the community to connect, reflect and celebrate growth and achievement, as well as enjoy tea, punch and a light lunch catered by Becket's Restaurant. Attendees are encouraged to wear brightly colored suits and dresses, complemented by hats and gloves.

Butler, at 27, is the oldest woman to

Oshkosh residents honored at 2026 Miss Wisconsin pageant

While the annual Miss Wisconsin pageant is no longer held in Oshkosh, the state competition still recognizes the individuals from this city who had long been associated with the Miss Wisconsin pageant who passed away within the last year.

The 2026 Miss Wisconsin pageant was held last month at the New Berlin West High School's Performing Arts Center in New Berlin, the location of last year's state pageant after leaving Oshkosh in 2024.

The members of the 2026 Miss Wisconsin "In Memoriam" included six people with Oshkosh connections.

Gerald (Jerry) Chris Backus, was longtime Miss Wisconsin pageant show producer and director, and audiences recognized his voice as a Miss Wisconsin vocalist on many of the Miss Wisconsin telecast shows.

Backus, who was a barber at Douville's Family Hair Center and later at Sheers, began with the pageant in 1972. He was a Miss Wisconsin board of directors past vice president and continued to assist the pageant until 1988. He was once married to former Miss Louisiana 1973, Debbie Ward Backus, who also was a Miss Wisconsin pageant vocalist in the 1970s.

Backus died at age 72 on May 26, 2025.

Barbara Ann Marie Gleamaker Brown died at age 94 on August 6, 2024.

She was a member of the pageant board of directors and active with the state competition from the late 1960s to the 1970s. Her late husband, George S. Brown, also served on the Miss Wisconsin board of directors in the late 1960s.

She was secretary and president of Oshkosh Community Players.

Paul Louis Jansen, Jr., along with his son Bill, operated Paul L. Jansen & Son, Inc. musical accessories and piano benches, was one of the longest serving Miss Wisconsin pageant volunteers in the history of the state pageant.

He was a volunteer from 1978 to 2024, working on the state board for several decades while also being a past board president and worked on the scholarships and sponsor committees.

He died at age 95 on September 21, 2025.

Glenn Harlan Miller passed away on December 22, 2025 at 85. He was the head guidance counselor at Oshkosh West High School where the Miss Wisconsin pageant was staged from 1963 to 2024.

He worked on the state pageant program book and assisted on the coronation ball committee from the 1980s to 1990s.

Walter J. Scott, Jr., the owner of Independence Financial, had been associated with the state pageant starting in the late 1960s as the assistant executive state director to being on the state pageant board of directors into the 1970s.

"Scotty," who passed away at age 88 on October 6, 2025, also ably served on the pageant's parade committee.

Ruth Alice Vorpahl was synonymous with the state pageant each June from 1968 to 2015. She served as a back-stage hostess for the state contestants as well as her being the hostess chairwoman for over three decades.

Vorpahl served on the state pageant board of directors, was a past board president, as well as being the traveling companion for the reigning Miss Wisconsin (1994 to 2004).

She died at 94 on October 29, 2025.

Also honored this year was former Miss Milwaukee 1955 and Miss Wisconsin 1955, Margaret Carolynne Walls Carseth, who won her state title on July 30, 1955 in Reedsburg. She died at age 88 on Nov. 8, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas.

Last year, the Miss Wisconsin pageant recognized past state board members and pageant volunteers Donald W. Jaenke and Fintan Martin Flanagan, as well as two state pageant hostesses Roxanne M. Kovars and Betty Guetschow Litjens, all who were from Oshkosh, had died in 2024.

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Fiber internet provider committed to rural communities

By Emme Hornung
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It may sound unbelievable, but glass wires the width of a single strand of hair are building the backbone of modern telecommunications. It's called fiber optic internet, and while this high-speed technology has been around for decades at this point, rural communities have been largely overlooked by service providers.

That's where OAnet comes in. The company is a locally owned and operated fiber internet provider serving rural communities in the Fox Valley since 2020.

OAnet, previously known as USI Fiber, was started by Daniel Kesselmayer as a franchise of US Internet, a Minneapolis-based fiber provider founded by Kurt Lange and Travis Carter. From 2020-2022, Kesselmayer was awarded broadband grants by the state of Wisconsin in its effort to expand high-speed internet access across the state.

In just six years, the fiber provider has built infrastructure in the town and village of Winneconne, Winchester and parts of Larsen, Poygan, city and town of Omro, Eureka, and is currently expanding into the town of Algoma with future plans to get deeper into Oshkosh.

Last year, Lange and Carter sold the Minnesota entity to T-Mobile. Kesselmayer, with continued backing from Lange and Carter, decided not to sell the Wisconsin entity to T-Mobile and to keep the network local, and with that, has rebranded to OAnet. Though the name is new, the commitment to providing reliable, fast internet to small, rural communities remains.

"Everybody is overlooked in those communities, for pretty much forever, and we

had the opportunity to utilize some state grants to expand into those communities," Kesselmayer said. "We built an infrastructure out there that will support internet needs in those communities for the foreseeable future. We could do 400 gig to every single home; your computer can't even draw 400 gig, but the infrastructure in the ground is there to support it. So, in 10 years when you're doing video hologram Zoom meetings, that infrastructure is there."

Unlike big-name internet providers, supporting these communities is personal for the OAnet team.

"We're not a faceless company; all of our people live and work right here in our backyard," Kesselmayer said. "And we're focused on customer service and doing the right thing by customers. When you call our customer care center, it's one of three or four people right here in the Valley."

All employees are provided with extensive training, with many having started with no prior telecom experience, Kesselmayer said.

"We try to get them cross-trained in every single aspect of what we do, from mainline construction to fiber splicing to troubleshooting, so they can wear many hats here," Kesselmayer said.

OAnet also supports the next generation of telecom workers through a high school internship program, providing local students with job training that can culminate in a full-time job offer.

Another thing that sets OAnet apart from big-name providers is that their infrastructure is 100% fiber based and built with modern times in mind.

"The infrastructure that cable providers built was meant to send you a signal, but it



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Seeing one of the OAnet fleet vehicles on the side of the road means there's a good chance fiber internet is coming to that area.

didn't really ever have to receive a signal. It was never meant for upload speeds," Kesselmayer explained. "So, technology for Zoom calls and video gaming, whatever requires a high upload speed, that's something that we do very well in comparison to our competitors."

In the event of an outage — which has only occurred twice in six years for a cumulative five hours — the team immediately jumps into action to identify the problem and fix it.

"As a small company, that's just what we do," Kesselmayer said. "We only have one

brand and only have the opportunity to spoil that brand one time, so it has to be up and operational and functioning."

Their commitment to customers extends beyond just a reliable fiber service, Kesselmayer added.

"Even when we make a mess in someone's yard from digging in a box in somebody's utility right-of-way, if our clean-up is not up to par, we're back there to make sure that person's happy," he said.

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County restarts strategic planning initiative program

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is looking to update its strategic plan and is seeking input from area residents.

The county created its first strategic plan in March 2025 under former County Executive Jon Doemel and the County Board of Supervisors. Current County Executive Gordon Hintz said the plan was helpful when it came to budgeting for the 2026 fiscal year, and that it is time to do a review of the plan since there is a new county board and executive in place.

"It's recommended we make periodic updates, and this is a good time to do it before we work on the next budget," Hintz said.

The five strategic pillars outlined in the current strategic plan include: transportation, housing, economic development, efficient government and quality of life. Each pillar has goals, and a definition of what success looks like.



Hintz

Hintz said it will be a multi-step process to gather feedback to create the plan. A survey was created and will be shared by county employees with stakeholders and clients as well as with community members at farmers' markets. County supervisors will also get

a copy of the survey to share with their constituents.

Six focus groups will also be held with community partners and leaders from throughout the county. On July 15, the county board will meet to share their thoughts on the plan.

From there, the new plan will be written with the board giving its final approval.

Hintz said the plan will likely get some tweaks and not a complete rewrite.

Supervisor Cullen Bettin questioned why the county's executive branch led the development of the strategic plan and that he felt he would not have enough time to discuss it with his constituents.

Hintz pointed out that supervisors

were receiving the survey to share with residents in their districts to seek out their opinions. As to why the executive branch leads the strategic plan development, he said he was following the same process undertaken in 2025 and in other counties with strategic plans.

Supervisor Bob Poeschl said working together on the plan made sense. "We want to work with the county executive on this. I've never seen a strategic plan initiated by a legislative body," he said.

The strategic plan allowed the county to do priority budgeting last year, said Supervisor Karen Powers.

"I'll admit I was a bit leery of the strategic plan, but I thought it was a great process," she said.

Boat landing to close for rest of season

Oshkosh Herald

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

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

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

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Forty-year sentence ordered in 2024 Oshkosh homicide

Oshkosh Herald

Two years ago a 19-year-old was shot and killed in Oshkosh. He was located by first responders on the sidewalk as the shooter fled the scene.

Daniel T. Wilson was 18 years old when he fired six shots at Atem Mathiang and then fled the scene. In court last week, Wilson was sentenced to 30 years in state prison followed by 10 years of extended supervision for first-degree reckless homicide.

"I'm sorry to your family, but I did not kill your son," Wilson said before hearing his 40-year bifurcated sentence. Wilson, 20, and his mother maintained his innocence in Judge Scott Woldt's courtroom on Friday morning.

"I don't feel like my son should be sitting in this courtroom," she said. "He's not this type of person."

Assistant district attorney Amanda Nash stated the case centered around a "very minor verbal argument." She argued for 30-35 years in prison for Wilson's crime.

"A 19-year-old lost his life in the most senseless way possible," Nash said.

After firing six shots, five of which struck Mathiang in the chest and neck, Wilson fled the scene and went to Fond du Lac where he confessed to the crime to his then-girlfriend.

Nash stated in court Friday that in jail calls between the two, Wilson urged the woman to change her story. During the hearing Wilson's mother stated she had evidence and also brought up the girlfriend not telling the right story.

Mathiang's mother spoke during the hearing. She struggled through tears at first and then stated she will never forgive Wilson for what he did and what he's put her family through.

"You hurt my family," she said. "You took my son's life."

Wilson's attorney Timothy Hogan argued that even though Wilson was 18 at the time of the shooting he was still a juvenile that grew up without a father figure. Hogan was arguing for a 15-20 year prison sentence.

Woldt understood the age in this case, of both parties.

"He is young, so was the victim," Woldt said.

In response to Hogan stating Wilson had a juvenile mindset, Woldt stated a bad upbringing may lead for poor decisions,

but they're still decisions.

"You're a murderer, plain and simple," Woldt said.

On July 2, 2024 OPD was dispatched to the 1000 block of Wisconsin Street after a woman called stating there was a body lying in her front yard.

Mathiang was lying on the ground next to a pool full of blood. EMS personnel attempted life saving measures, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. Two gunshot wounds were located in his upper chest.

An autopsy was done at Aurora Medical Center, which determined the victim had five gunshot wounds. Police recovered six spent shell casings at the crime scene.

"I don't know exactly what happened at the time of the shooting," Hogan said. He then went on to explain that he believed Mathiang was reaching into his waistband possibly for a gun.

"Even though there was no gun recovered from the scene," Hogan admitted.

There was a gun located in Wilson's vehicle that matched the shell casings found at the crime scene.

Court documents state officers spoke to two witnesses who were playing video games with Wilson at their home before going outside for a smoke break.

The trio went outside when they were approached by Mathiang. There was a minor verbal argument and the witnesses told police Wilson fired a black handgun and then they ran back inside the home.

Wilson and his mother noted during the hearing that the other "boys" who were with Wilson were responsible.

Wilson fled the scene and was later arrested during a traffic stop by Fond du Lac police.

Wilson entered a plea of no contest in November and was found guilty. Since then he has fired two attorneys and attempted to fire Hogan on Friday morning.

In a hearing earlier this year, he told Judge Woldt he did not understand that a plea of no contest meant guilty, even though Woldt said it as part of the proceedings during the November hearing.

Woldt denied his motion to have Hogan withdraw from the case on Friday morning. Hogan had another motion to delay the sentencing because Wilson said he has discovery on flash drives that he was unable to view since he only gets two hours of computer time a day.

Woldt denied that motion as well stating Wilson had at three months to view the materials. Woldt stated Wilson has been springing things up since the plea hearing to try and delay the sentencing,



Wilson

City budget

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parks department has added eight employees, and public works has added seven employees. The other seven department's accounted for the other employees added.

Last year the city eliminated 17 positions across numerous departments. Six people were fired as a result of these cuts as most of the positions were vacant. At the time Grill told the Herald those positions were each making about \$80,000 annually.

The total budget impact of these eliminated positions was approximately \$1.8 million, according to the communication and engagement division.

The discussion shifted to sales tax which City Manager Rebecca Grill said she is not in favor of. Last year former council member DJ Nichols brought up the topic of Oshkosh asking the state to establish a sales tax.

This was while the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors was analyzing a potential county sales tax of 0.5%. Winnebago County is just one of two counties in Wisconsin that don't have a county-wide sales tax. Milwaukee is the only city in the state that has it's own sales tax.

Last July the council passed a resolution requesting the state legislature to authorize a city sales tax for Oshkosh even though there is no county sales tax.

City staff in the finance department have not moved forward with that resolution despite it passing 6-1 and Calmes stating at the time she would reach out to the Department of Revenue to see what a potential 0.5% sales tax could generate in Oshkosh.

A comment from the city communications and engagement division to the Herald stated, "However, the feedback from constituents at the county sales tax meeting the Winnebago County Board on September 16, 2025 indicated there was not sufficient support for the idea to be introduced at the state level seeing as it

failed at the county level."

Grill did bring up the idea of a dedicated sales tax specifically to take advantage of the tourists coming to the city during the summer. This includes the hundreds of thousands of people that visit Oshkosh during EAA AirVenture.

EAA officials estimate 704,000 people attended the event last year and officials have stated a sales tax for the county and city would benefit the municipalities.

This all comes at a time when city staff is pushing to spend \$12.5 million for City Center, which could lead to net new construction in the next eight to 10 years. City staff initially told residents that money would be coming from other avenues but have since walked that statement back with city staff admitting the money will come from taxpayers.

The city is also looking at a number of facilities updates. This includes \$40 million earmarked for 2027-2030 for City Hall renovations or a replacement. Grill told the community and council members about City Hall.

"City Hall is a very unsafe, um, location," Grill said at the April 22 meeting. Grill added she talks frequently about how something could happen to endanger the safety of city staff at city hall.

There will be another council workshop on Aug. 31 for the CIP highlighting the facilities and infrastructure projects. Then on Sept. 22 there will be another workshop for the CIP focusing on vehicles and equipment.

In the past the city held eight-hour long budget sessions at the end of October where every department head would explain their budget to the council and answer questions. Grill has ended that process and now there are shorter operating budget sessions planned for Oct. 13-15 and possibly Oct. 19 and 20 if needed.

The council will then hold a public hearing regarding the 2027 budget at 6 p.m. on Nov. 2. The council will then vote and potentially approve the operating budget and capital improvement projects at the Nov. 17 council meeting.

Oshkosh man dies in two-vehicle crash

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash in Vinland.

The department reported that a 60-year-old Oshkosh man died from injuries he sustained during the crash last week.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. on June 23 first responders were dispatched to County Road GG at Green Valley Road in Vinland. The crash involved a sedan, driven by the Oshkosh man, traveling south on Green Valley Road and an SUV traveling west on GG.

Initial reports stated the sedan stopped at the stop sign and then entered the intersection when it was struck by the SUV. All passengers in the SUV sustained non-life threatening injuries.

The sheriff's office reported the driver of the SUV was traveling at normal speeds and began to slow down to avoid the crash.

The 60-year-old driver of the sedan was transported to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

The department did not release the name of the deceased or anyone else involved in the crash.

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Oshkosh man honored at Governor's service event

An Oshkosh volunteer has been honored by the governor's office for his dedication to transportation and helping others.

Michael Abraham was honored at the 2026 Governor's Service Awards held June 24.

Abraham was awarded the AmeriCorps Senior Volunteer of the Year at the event. He volunteers with the ADVOCAP RSVP Transportation Program. The program helps vulnerable individuals overcome transportation barriers that impact their health, independence and quality of life.



Abraham

Abraham has volunteered hundreds of hours and driven tens of thousands of miles to ensure individuals get to medical appointments, work, groceries, and community services — and even Special Olympics events. Michael's commitment has made a true difference for our neighbors throughout Winnebago County and has helped reduce unmet transportation requests in the community, according to ADVOCAP.

Serve Wisconsin hosted the 2026 Governor Service Awards, an annual event that recognizes volunteers across Wisconsin for the impact of their service.

"All of the individuals and programs being honored here today have done extraordinary work in service for communities all across the state. This year we're recognizing 14 individual honorees,

two organizations, and a whopping 49 AmeriCorps senior volunteers who have reached 20 years of service," Governor Tony Evers said. "As a now 50 year public servant myself, I know that public service can be challenging, but it is incredibly rewarding and important work, whether it's helping communities in need, cleaning up and protecting our natural spaces, or supporting veterans and their families."

Evers was joined in celebrating the honorees by Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, who stated that, "We are so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers, and so grateful for your generosity of spirit, and we are excited to be here today to celebrate you and your impact." The Governor's Service Awards are organized by Serve Wisconsin, the state service commission responsible for supporting the work of AmeriCorps programs and promoting volunteerism throughout the state, which is housed within the Wisconsin Department of Administration. The awards annually honor outstanding Wisconsin volunteers, AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and national service organizations that address serious social needs across Wisconsin.

Abraham logged 1,558 volunteer hours and drove over 41,500 miles to ensure that community members have access to medical treatments, employment, food resources and essential support services.

His guiding attitude is "anything I can do to help" and it reflects his compassion and reliability that defines service.

Change of command

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 17 Ray H. Fuller Winnebago County experienced a change of command. Barbara Belmont US Navy and Gulf War Veteran served as the first female Chapter Commander. Belmont successfully moved the Chapter forward and provided outreach to local Veterans. She was awarded a plaque by the membership acknowledging her selfless service to others. Niles Beck (left) is the newly elected Commander. Beck is a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. John Hoelt (right) is a US Army Vietnam Veteran, who is the past Chapter Adjutant.

Annual Oshkosh event changes name, location

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh arts and crafts fair has a new name and location this year.

The Faire on the Fox arts and crafts fair (formerly Faire on the Green, hosted by the Paine Art Center and Gardens) will be held at the Leach Amphitheater. The event

runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 12.

With more than 100 vendors to shop from, organizers said there is sure to be something to pique various interests. Featured vendors include garden art, woodwork, glasswork, jewelry, food trucks, live music and more.

Historical Society sets Pie on the Porch dates

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Historical Society will be hosting Pie on the Porch events throughout the summer.

The events will run from 9 a.m. to noon

July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 19 at the Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

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Young entrepreneurs put ideas on display

Oshkosh Herald

At the Acton Children's Business Fair, young entrepreneurs will develop a business idea, create a product or service, build a brand and open for real customers during a one-day marketplace experience.

The Acton Children's Business Fair is an entrepreneurial market from 9 a.m. to noon July 11 at Opera House Square fea-

turing businesses created and operated by children ages 4-18.

Young entrepreneurs develop products, build brands, and sell to real customers while learning skills in leadership, communication, financial literacy and problem-solving. Free and open to the public, the fair invites the community to shop, support local youth and celebrate creativity and innovation.

School district

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the proposed KPIs are focused on grades three to 11 improving math and reading proficiency. The KPIs for culture and safety center around staff turnover and student sense of belonging.

The board said they wanted more clarity on the stakeholder core area KPI as the

plan moves forward. The current KPI is a question asking parents if they recommend the district to others.

Lastly, for finance and operations, the district will focus on fund balance as a key performance indicator.

Davis plans to bring a more detailed plan and specifics back to the board in July to go over.

The board will vote on the 2026 strategic plan at a future meeting.

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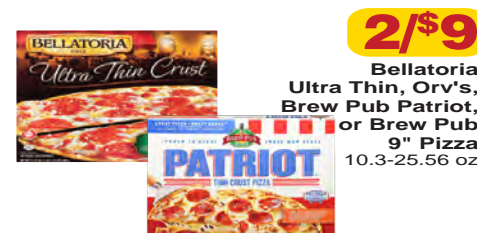
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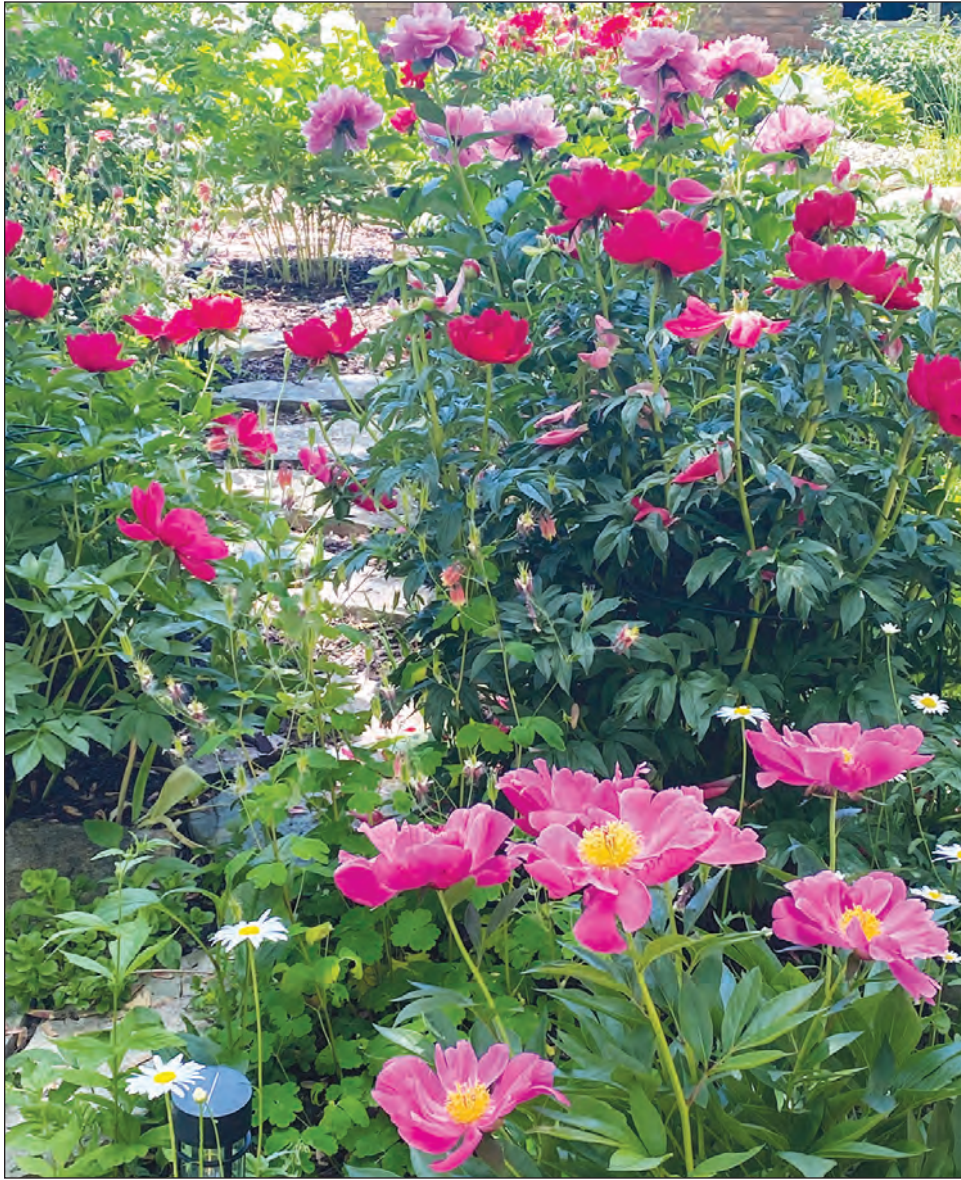
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Five properties will be open July 12 during the Oshkosh Garden Club's Summer Garden Walk for anyone interested to explore at their own pace and in any order.

Event highlights city's private garden collection

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Summer Garden Walk is a chance to see a collection of private gardens throughout the city.

The annual event hosted by the Oshkosh Garden Club will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 12, rain or shine. Anyone interested can explore the outstanding garden properties throughout the community at their own pace and in any order they choose.

Five properties will be open during the

event.

Along the way, they'll meet expert gardeners and homeowners ready to share advice and inspiration for outdoor spaces.

Tickets are \$8 in advance at House of Flowers and UBloom and \$10 on the day of the event. Children under 18 years are free. For more information, visit oshkoshgardenclub.org.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to support The Downtown Oshkosh Riverwalk Beautification Project.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, July 1

Family/Kid Concert featuring David Landau, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, July 3

Morgan House Tour, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Saturday, July 4

Oshkosh Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Festival Foods Fireworks, 9:45 p.m., Menominee Park

Tuesday, July 7

Live at the Leach featuring Bella Cain, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, July 8

Music on Main featuring Michael Murphy, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band Summer Series, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, July 9

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

Lifest, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Waupaca Boatribe Volleyball Tournament, 10:30 a.m., Brighton Acres

Waterfest featuring Uprooted with Michael Glabicki joined by Steely Dane, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Panorama Arts Collective presents Godspell, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Friday, July 10

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

Lifest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Waupaca Boatribe Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Brighton Acres

Panorama Arts Collective presents Godspell, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, July 11

Stevens Park Neighborhood Association garage sales, 8 a.m., various locations

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

Waupaca Boatribe Volleyball Tournament, 8 a.m., Brighton Acres

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

Lifest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Acton Children's Business Fair, 9 a.m., Opera House Square

Meet International Travel Writers Tom and Kristi Manus, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Nekimi Mini Mud Run and Community Picnic, noon, 3790 Pickett Road

Panorama Arts Collective presents Godspell, 2 and 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, July 12

Faire on the Fox, 9 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Waupaca Boatribe Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Brighton Acres

Lifest Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Garden Club Annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m., various locations

Panorama Arts Collective presents Godspell, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater

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Public library calendar

Some events require registration. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org to register or call 920-236-5203.

Thursday, July 2

Career Navigator – Job Center of Wisconsin, 9 a.m. - noon, teens and adults
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Friday, July 3

Library closed

Saturday, July 4

Library closed

Monday, July 6

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12
Learn American Sign Language together, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

ChickQuest: Eggs and Incubators arrive!, 1 p.m., grades K-5
Teen Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Adult DIY, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Baby and Toddler Storytime 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
“Did you finish the book?” Club, 10:30 a.m.
Art Doll Lab: Creating Identity in Mixed Materials, 6-7:30 p.m., teens and adults

Thursday, July 9

Career Navigator – Job Center of Wisconsin, 9 a.m. - noon, teens and adults
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Find Your Art Powers, 1-2:30 p.m., grades K-5
Second Thursday Book Club: Horse by Geraldine Brooks, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
Adult Animanga, 4:30 p.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Friday, July 10

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m.
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., Grades K-5

Monday, July 13

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Learn American Sign Language together, 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m.
Craft in Company, noon, adults
ChickQuest: Watch the baby chicks develop, 1 p.m., grades K-5
Teen Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Craft in Company, 5:30 p.m., adults

Wednesday, July 15

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m., teens

Thursday, July 16

Career Navigator – Job Center of Wisconsin, 9 a.m.-noon, teens and adults
Look Up Book Club: The Power of Fun, 10 a.m., adults
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Friday, July 17

PreTeen Create and Chill, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5

Saturday, July 18

Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m.-noon, adults
Wicked Watch Party, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., all ages

Monday, July 20

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Unplug and Play Games, 4:30-6 p.m., all ages

Learn American Sign Language together, 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

Dino Academy: A Dinosaur Discovery Show, 10 a.m., kids and families
ChickQuest: Chicks begin to hatch!, 1 p.m., grades K-5
Teen Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Elementary Explorers, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

Career Navigator – Job Center of Wisconsin, 9 a.m. – noon
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages

Friday, July 24

Birds of Prey Live Animal Program, 10 a.m., kids and families

Saturday, July 25

Craft Swap, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., teens and adults

Participants to express identity in art

Oshkosh Herald

Participants are invited to create a meaningful expression of personal identity during Oshkosh Public Library’s Art Doll Lab: Creating Identity in Mixed Materials.

The workshop invites participants to create a self-portrait doll using mixed materials to express their inner spirit. Guided by artists Gayle Johnson and Bessa Krauss, the free program will be from 6 -7:30 p.m. July 8 in the library’s lower level.

Local theater group presents Godspell performances

Oshkosh Herald

Panorama Arts Collective, a new Fox Valley community group, is presenting their second theatrical event: Godspell.

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Adult DIY, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 27

Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Learn American Sign Language together, 5-6:30 p.m., teens and adults

Tuesday, July 28

Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m.
Hiring Event – Clarity Care, 1-3 p.m., adults
Teen Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, July 30

Career Navigator – Job Center of Wisconsin, 9 a.m.-noon, teens and adults
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Chess Club, 5 – 7 p.m.
Jolly Jester Children’s Theatre presents a preview of Shrek the Musical, 6-8 p.m., all ages

Friday, July 31

Bookbinding Workshop: Create Your Own Custom Notebook, 1-4 p.m., teens and adults

The workshop concludes with an optional group sharing experience, offering a supportive space for reflection and creative connection. Examples and basic art supplies will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring materials of personal significance, such as fabric or small objects to incorporate into their artwork. Each attendee will leave with a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

Registration is required. Visit the library’s events calendar at oshkoshlibrary.org and select the program date to register.

Their first production, The Taming of the Shrew, was presented at The Velvet Fox in Appleton in April.

Performances of Godspell will take place July 9-12 at the Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St. in Oshkosh. Showtimes are 7 p.m. July 9-11 and 2 p.m. July 11-12.

The show is considered a new iteration of the classic musical Godspell by Stephen Schwartz (the composer of Wicked, Children of Eden, and Pippin). The musical production includes some technological and visual aspects that contain images of both perpetrators and victims of “man’s inhumanity to man.”

Tickets are available at panoramaartscollective.org or through the Time Community Theater.

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UWO hosts government experience for high schoolers

UW-Oshkosh Today

A civic leadership experience focused on government, elections, public service, debate and leadership development played out last month at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for hundreds of high school seniors from across Wisconsin.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State has a long history at UWO, and Executive Director Joanie Dickerson, who has volunteered 31 years, says her expectation from the week is always that the girls take what they learn and experience and apply it to their lives as involved citizens of their community, state and country.

“To build a strong America, we need people to be leaders in our country,” Dickerson said.

The delegates are chosen by their schools and sponsored to attend—there is no cost to the student—and they are assigned to the “Nationalist” or “Federalist” political party in a week-long mock government activity. They are assigned to one of 10 cities, including such names as Balsam, Hemlock, Hickory and Pine, as part of the mythical state of Badger.

Organizers say the girls were dropped off the night of June 21 and often wonder what they are getting involved with and if it’s right for them. They end the week after cultivating leadership skills, many new friendships and tears flowing when they head separate ways back home.

On Monday morning, students took group photos before kicking off campaigns



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

Badger Girls State delegates running for office were seeking nomination signatures.

for various offices and holding caucus debates on platform issues. State nomination papers with the required signatures needed to be turned in by the 10:15 p.m. Monday deadline.

There are Primary and General elections for Federalist and Nationalist offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Supreme Court Justice.

The week included political party conventions, Senate and Assembly Bill writing sessions, lobbying opportunities, an evening flag ceremony, hearings on bills and visits from Wisconsin’s elected officials.

Debate on platform issues the afternoon of June 22 included topics such as housing, green house gas emissions, property and income taxes.

A fun “State Fair” lunch event Thursday included lots of traditional Fair foods and a State Fair talent show showcased delegate abilities on Friday.

There was a three-hour future college/career day on Thursday afternoon and a highlight of the week took place Thursday night, when Senate, Assembly, State Officers and special guests are part of the highly-anticipated Inaugural Dinner at Blackhawk Commons. The week wrapped up Friday.

Leadership-in-action

“For a very long time women were not visible in politics,” Dickerson said. “They need to realize they have a voice and its value and impact.”

Delegate Claire Li of Madison West High School, who was part of the Federalist Party, was seeking a few more signa-

tures (30 were required) on her nomination papers for Governor.

Another Delegate, Erin Cassady of Verona, was running for Supreme Court Justice. She had her 30 signatures but wanted a couple extra, just to be sure she would be eligible to be on the ballot.

“My mom is a public defender,” she said of her decision to run for a judgeship. “Being a Justice—I’d want to bring an unbiased view.”

Madison Cotton, a student at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School in Milwaukee, said she plans to take in as many opportunities as possible throughout the week. She wants to meet people and network. A forensics team member, she said said her personal “strong suit” is public speaking. She said she plans to pursue a degree in political science at UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh or UW-Whitewater.

Dickinson said students today have many competing interests and opportunities during the summer. At one time there were 750 delegates, but the number has dropped since the COVID pandemic, to around 500.

This year marks the 81st session of the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State.

“I think it’s (Badger Girls State) as important as it ever was, in the world,” Dickinson said, adding that she hopes delegates will take what they learn and experience at ALA Badger Girls State and apply it to their lives as involved citizens.

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club celebrates changing of the guard

The Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club celebrated its annual Changing of the Guard on June 24 at the Lakeshore Park Pavilion with the naming of new club co-presidents and the presentation of annual awards.

Following tradition, the evening’s program kicked off with the club roasting and celebrating outgoing 2025-26 Club President Karen Boehm. Club members also enjoyed the annual Rotary Year in Review, shared through photos highlighting service events and activities from the past Rotary year. The celebration also provided an opportunity to honor club members who have served the club above and beyond the call of duty.

Along with the fun and festivities, Boehm thanked the club for its support throughout the past year.

Nate Olson and Jim Chitwood were officially welcomed as club co-presidents for the 2026-27 Rotary year.

Olson, who is an attorney, has been a member of Southwest Rotary for 15 years,

serving multiple terms on the club service and membership committees. He previously served as club president in 2018-19. Olson has co-sponsored four bed builds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and has volunteered at numerous community events, including the club’s Parent Connection Christmas Party.

Olson Legal Group was founded in 2007 with a simple goal in mind: helping those in need within the community. Attorney Nate Olson and his staff pride themselves on providing high-quality legal representation to businesses and individuals.

Chitwood, who joined Rotary in January 1982, has been an active and engaged member ever since. His involvement with the club has included serving on the community service and club service committees, acting as board sergeant-at-arms, supporting club’s local foundation, receiving the Service Above Self Award, and serving as club president in 2002-03.

Jim Chitwood is the retired Dean of Students at UW-Oshkosh. In retirement, he enjoys spending time with family, trav-



Submitted photo

Karen Boehm (center), who officially stepped down as the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club preesident, is joined by incoming co-presidents Nate Olson and Jim Chitwood.

eling and tending to his gardens in Black Wolf.

Oshkosh Southwest Rotary is a service organization that meets every Wednesday for lunch at the Oshkosh Marriott. The club’s 83 members raise and donate mon-

ey annually to support local, national, and international causes—all while having a lot of fun doing it.

To learn more about Oshkosh Southwest Rotary, visit www.oshkoshrotary-southwest.org.

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UWO dedicates The India Corner, joins global network

UW-Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh has created a new educational resource that supports global learning, cultural understanding and international engagement.

The India Corner, which is housed within Dorian Boyland Hall, was dedicated June 18. UWO is part of a growing network of universities across the United States and around the world that have established India Corners and similar educational resources to provide opportunities for learning, cultural exploration and global awareness.

A special dedication and reception was held, with 75 new hardcover books about such topics as India's geography, art, history, food, films, literature, on display in a large bookcase within Boyland Hall.

"The India Corner represents more than a cultural resource," said Somnath Ghosh, who is consul general of India in Chicago, Illinois. "It is a space that promotes dialogue, learning and mutual understanding, reflecting the values that connect our two democracies and strengthen relationship between people, communities and nations."

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh said educational resources such as The India Corner, help students better understand the world around them and the various cultures, histories and perspectives that shape it.

"This resource will support learning, dialogue and cultural understanding while further strengthening UW-Oshkosh's commitment to global engagement," he said.

Singh extended his thanks to Ghosh and his colleagues for "making this day happen" and said UWO will cherish the gifts.

"Universities prepare students for careers, but our greater responsibility is to help them develop perspective, judgment and an understanding of their place in an interconnected world," Singh said. "The India Corner reflects our commitment to global learning and the exchange of ideas that enrich the educational experience for all students."

Mud run, picnic supports area fire department

Oshkosh Herald

The Town of Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department invites guests to attend the 43rd Annual Mini Mud Run and Community Picnic.

The event will begin at noon July 11 at 3790 Pickett Road. Activities will include a full day of engines roaring, mud flying, music blasting and the community together



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

Somnath Ghosh, Consul General of India in Chicago, Illinois, provided a donation of books to Chancellor Manohar Singh for The India Corner at UW-Oshkosh.

Brent Blahnik, UW-Oshkosh director of admissions, said The India Corner is not simply a place, but provides an invitation to learn.

"It is an invitation to learn about one of the world's oldest civilizations and one of its most influential modern nations," he said. "It is an invitation to explore India's history, literature, philosophy, science, innovation, democracy and cultural traditions. It is an invitation to better understand a country that is helping shape the future of our interconnected world."

"For our students, it is an opportunity to encounter ideas and perspectives that may challenge assumptions, spark new interests and inspire future study, research, travel and collaboration."

Blahnik added that international engagement is not simply about travel — it's

er for one of Nekimi's summer traditions.

Every dollar raised from the event supports the Town of Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders, helping provide the equipment, training and lifesaving tools needed to protect the community.

Live music by Ask Your Mother will be from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

about preparing students to live and lead in a world that is increasingly interconnected.

"It's about helping them develop the knowledge, perspective, empathy and cultural understanding necessary to navigate that world successfully," he said.

With the dedication, UW-Oshkosh joins a growing network of institutions that have established India Corners and similar educational resources, including Indiana University Bloomington, Rutgers

University, Wesleyan University, the University at Buffalo and universities around the world.

The dedication brought together representatives of the Consulate General of India in Chicago, university leaders, faculty, students, community partners, business leaders, elected officials and guests from across the region.

The India Corner will serve as an ongoing resource for learning, exploration and engagement at UW-Oshkosh.

Registration open for economic development conference

Insight Publications is expanding programming for InDevelopment, a regional event focused on commercial development, construction, real estate and economic development across Northeast Wisconsin.

Registration is open for the 17th annual event, which will be held 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 15 at UW-Oshkosh.

New this year, InDevelopment will feature a lunch and learn with Tim Gokhman, managing director of New Land Enterprises, which developed the Ascent in Milwaukee, the world's tallest mass timber building. Gokhman is known for championing mass timber construction, walkable urban design and public-private partnerships.

In addition, InDevelopment will in-

clude a panel of perspectives from local cities and counties offering practical ideas on how to move projects forward in Northeast Wisconsin and roundtables where participating municipalities will share the resources and opportunities available in their areas.

Programming additions come alongside a new partnership with New North, Inc., the regional economic development organization serving the 18 counties of Northeast Wisconsin. The partnership deepens InDevelopment's reach across the public and private sectors and reinforces the event's role as a forum for regional growth and investment conversations.

Additional event details and registration information are available at insighttonbusiness.com/indevelopment.

Business news roundup

Shawn Mischo has joined **Horicon Bank's** mortgage lending team serving the Fox Valley area. Mischo brings 10 years of banking experience, starting in member service roles before advancing into loan processing and ultimately mortgage lending. Mischo will work closely with homebuyers, homeowners, and referral partners to provide personalized lending solutions

that support long-term financial success.

Kristin Steede has been promoted to Vice President of Culture + Capability at **Verve, a Credit Union**. In her expanded leadership role, Steede will lead Verve's strategy for onboarding, training, leadership development and team member growth.

As the newest member of the Senior Leadership Team, she will help ensure Verve's values are consistently reflected in everyday experiences across all teams and locations.



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Oshkosh Legion catcher Connor Palmquist puts a tag on a Neenah baserunner on a play at the plater during last Thursday's game at EJ Schneider Field.

Oshkosh Legion scores walk-off win over Neenah

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion picked up a pair of wins last week, highlighted by a 4-3 walk-off win over Neenah at EJ Schneider Field last Thursday night.

With the score tied at 3 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, Nolan Cheever drew a lead-off walk and advanced to second on a single by Noah Muehrer.

Evan Johnson then followed with a ground ball to the right side of the infield that was misplayed by Neenah allowing Cheever to dash home with the game-ending run. It was the first time Oshkosh led in the game.

Muehrer finished 3-for-3 to lead the offense for Oshkosh, which outhit Neenah 10-8 in the game. Walker Fuetz added a pair of hits in the game, while Cheever scored a pair of runs in the win.

After two scoreless innings to start the game, Neenah scored in the top of the third to take the lead but Oshkosh answered in the bottom of the inning with a sacrifice fly from Muehrer to even the score.

Oshkosh tied the game again in the fourth inning when Caleb Lee singled to start the inning and followed when Fuetz followed with a double.

Neenah surged back ahead in the top of the fifth, but once again Oshkosh was able to pull even in the bottom of the inning.

Cheever doubled to start the inning and advanced to third on a single by Muehrer.

Johnson then lifted a sacrifice fly to right field to score Cheever and knot the game at 3.

Parker Jungwirth retired Neenah in the top of the sixth and Avery Mosloski pitched around a two-out single in the seventh, notching all three outs by strikeout to keep the game tied. Oshkosh would then win the game in the bottom of the inning.

Mosloski, the last of seven pitchers used by Oshkosh in the game, earned the win.

Earlier in the week, Oshkosh picked up an 8-4 win over the New London Clippers, breaking the game open with a four-run sixth inning which was aided by a pair of New London errors.

Nursing a two-run lead, Connor Palmquist and Fuetz opened the bottom of the sixth with walks, with courtesy runner Levi Wojciechowski scoring on a Clippers' error for the first run of the frame.

After Lee reached on an infield single, Mosloski reached on an error that allowed two runs to score. Mosloski later scored on a Jungwirth groundout to cap the inning with Oshkosh leading 8-2.

New London scored a pair of runs with two outs in the top of the seventh but never brought the tying run to the plate in the frame.

Nate McWilliams finished 3-for-3 to pace Oshkosh's offense, while Cheever and Lee each chipped in a pair of hits. Cheever also finished with a pair of RBIs

for Oshkosh, which never trailed in the game, scoring a run in the first, two in the second and another in the third.

Madden Mercado pitched all seven innings in the win, allowing just five hits and a walk in the 89-pitch complete game. He struck out eight in the win.

Oshkosh will face Fond du Lac at EJ Schneider on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., before heading to the Firecracker Tournament in Stevens Point this weekend where the Legion will play four games in three days.

Rietz, Yaggie garner Trailways East honors

Oshkosh Herald

Two Lourdes Academy track and field athletes were honored by the Trailways East following the divisional meet in May.

Seniors Kylie Rietz and Mat Yaggie were selected by the conference coaches as athletes of the year in the division.

Rietz was a part of three relays that took first place at the Trailways East meet. The senior ran on the 400, 800 and 1,600-meter relay teams that earn the top finishes.

Yaggie, who shared the division honors with Central Wisconsin Christian's Dylan Bulwalda, won the 110-meter hurdles, while also earning a first place with the Knights' 800-meter relay team. He also ran a leg on the Lourdes Academy 1,600-meter relay team that placed third.

Bougie, Gavin honored

Oshkosh Herald

Two former Oshkosh prep standouts were honored by the WIAC this spring.

Brianna Bougie, who played softball at Oshkosh West, and Shaun Gavin, who played baseball at Oshkosh North, each earned honorable mention all-WIAC honors in their respective sports.

Bougie finished the season with a 7-4 record and four saves, while compiling a 1.85 earned run average and a 1.07 WHIP for the UW-Oshkosh softball team. She struck out 66 batters while walking just 15 in 83 1/3 innings this season.

Gavin finished with a 5-4 record this season at UW-River Falls and ranked third in the WIAC with a 3.32 earned run average. He struck out 47 batters while walking just 14 in 57 innings of work and hurled a two-hit shutout against UW-Stevens Point.



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Obituaries

Diane M. Hershberger

Diane M. Hershberger, 80, passed away on June 12, 2026. She was born on May 31, 1946 in Berlin, WI to Reinhardt and Viola (Duering) Schendel.



Diane graduated in 1964 from Berlin High School. She married Milton "Lee" Hershberger on August 12, 1965. Diane graduated from FVTC in 1982 and went on to work as an LPN at Mercy Medical Center, later she worked at Originals Mall of Antiques in Oshkosh. She enjoyed reading and traveling with her husband, Lee.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Lee Hershberger; children, Chris (Margy) Hershberger of Oshkosh,

Tim Hershberger of Omro and Karen (Isidro) Garza of Oshkosh; ten grandchildren, Dylan Hershberger, Brianna Hershberger, Cody Rezanow, Josh (Sarah) Hershberger, Alex Hershberger, Nathan Hershberger, Katlyn Hershberger, Zach Garza, Nick Garza and Brittany Garza; and great-grandchildren, Raelyn and Skylar. She is further survived by her sister, Deloris (Jack) Lungwitz of Redgranite; as well as many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Diane is preceded in death by her brothers, John and Richard Schendel; and sister, Deloris (Jack) Lungwitz.

Per her wishes, no formal services will be held and cremation has taken place.



Marilyn Janice Cornell

Marilyn Janice (Novotny) Cornell passed away on June 23, 2026.



Marilyn, was born in Oshkosh, May 19, 1929. She was raised in a loving home, surrounded by her mother, Rose Novotny, as well as aunts and uncles and her grandparents. During her youth, she attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. She graduated from Oshkosh High School with the class of 1947.

It was in high school that she met her life-long sweetheart, Robert J. Corell They married on September 16, 1950. Marilyn was employed by the Schmitt Abstract and Title Company until she switched careers to take care of their five children. She later returned to Schmitt Abstract until her retirement.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her mother and step-father Rose and Russell Fisher, her husband of 70 years, Robert Cornell and her son Jeffrey Cornell.

She is survived by 4 children: Timothy (Paula) of Oshkosh; Thomas (Lou Ann); Susan (Kevin) Ohl of Aurora, IL; and Steven (Dina) of Oshkosh.

Other survivors include 8 grandchildren: Becky (Joe) Meissner, Paul Cornell, Brian Cornell; Sara (Mike) McDonald; Stephan Cornell and Chloe Cornell, all of Oshkosh; Alison Ohl of Aurora, IL; and Nicholas (Ashley) Ohl of St. Louis, MO. She also leaves behind 6 great-granddaughters: Emma and Greta Meissner, Lydia and Clarity McDonald; and Harper and London Cornell, all of Oshkosh. Marilyn is further survived by her sister-in-law Karen (Al) Neubauer, brother-in-law Reg-

inald Jennerjohn and their families, and a cousin Don (Liz) Lehmann.

Marilyn loved socializing, especially with her long-time lady friends from high school known as "The Club." They met monthly for over 50 years, rotating houses and hostess duties. After retirement, she also met every 2nd Tuesday with her breakfast group of fellow students from Sacred Heart grade school

After retirement, Marilyn and Bob spent their winters in Scottsdale, AZ, making new friends from all over the country. Marilyn and Bob loved to travel and they made four visits to Hawaii, in addition to traveling to Alaska, Europe and Australia. They enjoyed many cruises on Princess Cruise Lines. Marilyn loved music and stage performances. She and Bob were regular attendees at the Weidner Center in Green Bay, the PAC in Appleton and the Fireside in Fort Atkinson. They were long time supporters of and season ticket holders at the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh

Her family would like to acknowledge the wonderful staff at Eden Vista for the compassionate and patient care they provided to Marilyn over the last 7 years, as well as to Preceptor Hospice for their comfort in her last days.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Jude (Sacred Heart site), 519 Knapp St, Oshkosh, WI 54902 on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 11:00 am following visitation at 10:00 am at the church. Entombment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions can be made to St Jude Parish or Sacred Heart Cemetery, through the office of St Jude at 1025 W. 5th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI, 54902.



Joseph J. Seager, Sr.

Joseph "Joe" J. Seager Sr., 84, passed away in Appleton, Wisconsin, on June 26, 2026.



He was born on November 4, 1941, in Wisconsin, to parents, Fredrick J. Seager and Margaret A. (Kurtz) Seager. Spending the majority of his years in Oshkosh.

Joe worked for many years at Mercury Marine, until his retirement.

On July 16, 1996, he married Jean Gefers. They spent many wonderful years together.

He had a gentle nature and kindness, he was considerate and chose his words carefully; he didn't waste time speaking at length. Joe was a proud friend of Bill W.

for many years. He also was an excellent golfer and loved bowling.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Jean Seager; his sons, Joe Seager Jr., John (Olga) Seager and Jeff (Michelle) Seager; stepsons, Jeffrey Miller and Chris Miller; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and other family.

Service will be held on Friday, July 3, 2026, at 10:00am sharp.

He will be laid to rest inside the mausoleum at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his honor.

His request was to share a special quote, "Nothing happens in God's world by mistake."



The Fraternal Order of Eagles Oshkosh Aerie #267 thanks all Donors and Bowlers who helped make the Larry Dunn Memorial Fundraiser a success. This year's event raised over \$5,600 for Cancer & Multiple Sclerosis charities.

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Stanley Robert Sperger

Stanley Robert Sperger, 94, formerly of Omro passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family and a lifetime of cherished memories on Friday, June 19, 2026.



Born on February 27, 1932, in Leroy, Wisconsin to George and Ida (Bauer) Sperger, Stan lived a life defined by faith, family, friends and generosity. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1950 and proudly served his country in the US Army in the Korean Conflict for two years.

On June 15, 1957, he married Lois Gose and they resided in Oshkosh until moving to Omro in 1965. Stan proudly worked for Kimberly Clark at Lakeview mill and retired after 34 years. During his retirement he enjoyed delivering firewood, volunteering at the EAA and supporting the local casinos. He was a lifetime and loyal Packer and Brewers fan. He was a mem-

ber of Grace Lutheran Church where he served as an usher.

Stan is survived by his five children – Debbie (Steve) Parewski, Mike (Brenda) Sperger, Kathy (Mark) Hintz, John Sperger and Jeff (Terri) Sperger; grandchildren Laura Parewski, David (Kim) Parewski, Jalaine Sperger, Eric (Marissa) Sperger and Georgia Sperger and great-grandchildren Olivia and Carter Parewski and Ila Sperger. He is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents and his 3 brothers, Stephen, Andrew and Merrill along with his wife and an infant son Mark.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Brenwood Park Assisted Living in Franklin, Wisconsin and Preceptor Hospice for their wonderful care of our dad during his stay there.

A memorial service for Stan will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Omro (720 Jackson Ave) on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service. A private burial will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

Dr. Mary Margaret Rigney

Dr. Mary Margaret "Marnie" Rigney, 99, of Ellisville, Mo passed away June 13, 2026.



Former University of Wisconsin Oshkosh professor and Medical Technology Director. Dr. Rigney retired to St. Louis, Mo where she led an active retirement. Survived by family and dear friends.

See Schrader.com for full obituary.



Sarah Ellen Meyer Clark



Sarah Ellen Meyer Clark, 86, formerly of Orono, Maine, passed away June 10, 2026, in Tucson, Arizona.

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Obituaries

Dolores Neumueller Nielsen

My name is Dolores Ann Washnieski Sitzberger Neumueller Nielsen but you



may call me "Dolly". I died on June 22, 2026, at the age of 89.

I was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1937 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You would think that my parents would want to name me "Patricia" or another Irish name but no, some members of the family did not think you could put "Patricia" with "Sitzberger". So, it was decided that my name would be Dolores, which means "pain and sorrow". I was the oldest child of 6 to Margaret and John Sitzberger. I had 4 brothers: Paul (deceased), Ralph (Jean(-deceased)), Donald (deceased) and John (deceased)(Carol (deceased)). Finally after 4 brothers, my sister Fran (Gary Weber (deceased)) arrived.

Around 1946, Dad decided he wanted to start a glass business and so we moved to Oshkosh to make that happen. I started my 4th grade in Oshkosh at St. Vincent de Paul school which at that time was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. I graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1955. I then attended UW-Oshkosh for only one year but did not continue at that time. I went to work for Teela-Zentner as a secretary. At the same time, I answered the telephone for the Weights and Measures office that was just across the hall. I next worked in the Classified Advertising Department for the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern. This was a job which I did not like at all. Unknown to most, I did some modeling and runway work for Queen Bee Fashions.

I met my first husband Gerald "Jerry"

Neumueller when I was 21. We married on September 19, 1959, at St. Vincent de Paul church (SVDP). We had 6 children. Michael John who was born in 1960 but died just 6 months later, Peggy (Roger Gravrok), John (Becky), Robert (deceased)(Diana), Patti (Don Peppler), and Carol (Mike Pfeilstifter). I have 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

I was a stay-at-home mom but also did a lot of volunteer work for SVDP and at the various schools our children attended. At SVDP, I was the Sacristan and taught CCD, a marriage prep class, and the new adult and child altar servers. I volunteered at Smith School and then was the librarian at SVDP for 8 years. I worked at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at UW-Oshkosh for 5 1/2 years. I then became the librarian at Lourdes Academy and remained there for about 16 years. When I was 52 years old, I went back to college at UW-O and graduated in 1992 with a Liberal Arts degree.

I caught the travel bug at the age of 42 when I went on my first trip abroad to the Holy Land. Leaving the 5 children home with Jerry for 4 1/2 weeks, I traveled with a group of adults and students from UWO and traveled to Israel. Since then I have traveled to 6 continents and 48 countries. I had no desire to travel to Antarctica as it is too cold and only has penguins. I will miss Carol Procknow, one of my travel companions and trip planning guru.

After 48 years of marriage, Jerry died in 2007. After his death, friends and family told me to get out and get involved and so I started attending fitness classes at the YMCA. It was a lifesaver after Jerry died. It was there that I met my second husband Ralph. We married in 2011. Together our family grew to 9 children to in-

clude Ralph's 4 children: Beth (Russ Hildebrand), Terri (EJ Lord), Tricia (Terry Mulholland), Mark (Siegried). Ralph and I shared a love of travel, traveling often throughout our marriage.

I had continued to volunteer in many capacities throughout my life. I was President of the Catholic Library Association Wisconsin Chapter. I have volunteered for the Special Education Religion Voice (SERV) for over 35 years, serving as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. I volunteered weekly at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. I was a member of the Red Hat Society and various Book Clubs at the Oshkosh Public Library. I sang with the Huff & Puff singing group. I also brought Communion to the homebound. I met many beautiful people who told me wonderful stories and showed me how to be happy and live with joy. Although most people who knew me would find it hard to believe that I can keep quiet for 5 minutes let alone 8 days, I often went on 8 day silent retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House to recharge.

When my children were small, I never got to weed the one small garden on the south side of my house. I eventually tended more than 15 gardens of my own and loved it. I enjoyed going to cemeteries for the quiet and to meet up with many of my old friends as I attended and added a lit-

tle color by way of flowers to their graves. I had a yearly rummage sale for 40 years and when that was done, continued to rummage every Saturday with family and friends. Nothing was more important than Saturday morning rummaging. Many of us loaded up in my van to begin the morning with a stop at Kwik Trip for a coffee and donut.

I loved to bike ride with my great friend Betty Price, and will miss my lunch ladies: Lynda, Sue, Bonnie, Nancy, Kathy, and Donna.

I have been blessed with the love and friendship of some wonderful people over the years, without whom I would not have been able to accomplish all that I have. They are Sr. Marie Estelle, Fr. Bob Sladek, Norm Wegener, and Bob Thompson. Dolly often said she only wanted flowers when she was alive, so in lieu of flowers to her, please give flowers to someone special in your life.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Dolly on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Parish (St. Vincent site) in Oshkosh. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM with the funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.

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Theresa Ann (Lemieux) Serate

Theresa Ann (Lemieux) Serate, age 53, passed away on June 12, 2026, with her



loving family by her side at UCI Health Alamitos in California.

Theresa was born on March 10, 1973, in Oshkosh to David and Roxanne Lemieux. She attended Roosevelt and Perry

Tipler schools and graduated from Oshkosh West. After graduation, she worked at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Terri had a beautiful voice and sang in a band for several years. In 2003, she traveled to California on a road trip with her mother and decided to stay in San Diego, where she lived with her best friend, Jen, and worked as a preschool teacher.

Her love of foosball led her to meet Henry. Terri and Henry married in 2007 at their home in Cypress, CA. Together, they raised three wonderful children: Henry Jr., Natalia and Amelia. Terri homeschooled their children for many years and continued to do so up until last year.

Terri was deeply devoted to her faith and was very active in her churches. She

enjoyed playing the ukulele, singing, leading prayer groups, and teaching her children. Her faith meant everything to her.

She is survived by husband, Henry; children, Henry Jr., Natalia, and Amelia; her parents; brother Chad (Lisa) Lemieux; father-in-law, Tersito Serate and many family members and friends in both CA and WI.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Shirley and Paul Hassler, and Lucille and Charles Lemieux and recently her mother-in-law, Melvina Serate.

Visitation will be in CA on Sun, June 28 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, then on Mon at Neighbors and Nations Church in Buena Park, CA. Services for Terri in Oshkosh will be at St Raphael's on Sat July 11, visitation at 9-11, Memorial Service at 11, luncheon & fellowship to follow.

A special thank you to her church family at Sunnyview Christian Church in Oshkosh.

Terri will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her beautiful voice, and the deep love she had for her family and friends. Terri's faith was the foundation of her life, and she now rests peacefully in the presence of the Lord she loved so dearly. Her legacy will live on through her children and all who were blessed to know her.

Mary Jane Sawicki

Mary Jane (Tobisch) Sawicki, age 72, of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly on



June 23, 2026, leaving her family and all who loved her heartbroken.

Mary Jane was born on May 7, 1954, in Mellen, Wisconsin, to Florian and Anna Tobisch. As a child, she helped tend the family's large garden, a love that stayed with her throughout her life.

Mary Jane came to Oshkosh in the early 1980s where she found herself living just two blocks away from her future husband, Bruce Sawicki. They clicked immediately upon meeting and were married on September 13, 1986, at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Mellen.

Mary Jane and Bruce were looking forward to celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this fall. Through nearly four decades of marriage, she remained a constant source of love, strength, and support. Together they built a life centered on family and, as Bruce would tell you, there was no greater blessing than the years they shared together and the family they built with their son, Kevin.

As a mother, Mary Jane was dependable, thoughtful, and deeply loving. She made sure Kevin always had what he needed, worried when he worked too hard, and always had his wellbeing at heart. She loved doing things together as a family and found happiness in the things Kevin loved.

Mary Jane had a tender heart and caring spirit. She was kind, thorough, protec-

tive of those she loved, and, as those who knew her best would lovingly admit, stubborn. She appreciated everything she had and cared for everything well.

She was happiest outside in the yard, tending to her flowers, landscaping, and garden. Mary Jane also loved the traditions of home and family. She decorated for every season and prepared holiday meals, loved Wisconsin sports, and carried pieces of her northern roots with her (like the rolled cabbage "rolly pollies" that were served at her wedding and remembered fondly by family).

Those who loved Mary Jane will miss her smile, her laugh, her signature waves (with one for each Bruce and Kevin), and the way she always wanted to know how everyone was doing. Her love lives on in the family she cherished and in the countless ordinary moments she made meaningful.

Mary Jane is survived by her beloved husband, Bruce; her son, Kevin (Erin) Sawicki; her brothers, Florian and Wayne; her sister, Lisa; along with extended family and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Elizabeth; and her brother, Greg.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Peter's Church), 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. A Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Mary Jane's name.

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Obituaries

Marlene Alma Pamperin

Marlene Alma (Hoepner) Pamperin, 89, died Saturday, June 20, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



The oldest of seven children, she was born in a farmhouse near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, on July 15, 1936. She attended many small rural schools in the area, and throughout her life, she could tell you who lived in every house and on every farm along the country roads of Juneau and Dodge counties.

After graduating from Hartford High School in 1954, Marlene moved to Milwaukee. As a young independent working woman who had grown up in the last years of the Depression, she enjoyed being able to bring Christmas gifts home to her family.

She married Ray Pamperin on September 20, 1958, and moved with him to New London, Wisconsin. There they established R & L Electric, Inc., providing

motor repair and commercial and residential wiring services. While Ray worked happily in the motor repair shop, Marlene worked in her office, handling what she called "the bookwork."

In the early 1970s they built a house on a small farm, and Marlene spent long hours in the garden growing flowers for local greenhouses and handing out sweet corn, raspberries, and vegetables to friends, family, and neighbors. Between canning salsa, ironing clothes, making meals, and hanging laundry, she hosted many parties, pig roasts, and New Years Eve and 4th of July celebrations with Ray for their extended family at the farm on the ledge.

Marlene and Ray sold R & L Electric and retired to Manawa in 1995. There Marlene took on the role of Grandma, maintaining close relationships with her grandchildren even as they moved on toward adulthood.

Marlene and Ray moved to Oshkosh in 2016. Their apartment was the heart of frequent family gatherings that brought together their children and grandchildren for holidays, meals, and games. More than anything, Marlene loved to provide for the

people around her. If you came for a visit, you could count on leaving with a loaf of fresh-baked bread, a bucket of chocolate chip cookies, a plate of banana bread, or a bowl of strawberries and raspberries.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Raymond; parents Florence (Ehlers) and Norbert Hoepner; her brother Ken; her sisters Bernice, Lucy, and Marilyn (Mike) Keller; and her brother Jack.

She is survived by 5 children: Pam, Cindy (Mark) Richardson, Lance, Mary

Hamilton, Tom (Cathy Statz) Pamperin; and 5 grandchildren: Amy, Emma, Blayde, Autumn, and Renton.

She was loved; she will be missed.

A funeral service will be held at Living Water Lutheran Church, 1585 S Oakwood Rd, Oshkosh, on Sunday, June 28. Visitation will begin at 12:00, followed by the service at 1:30 and luncheon after.



Pam Feig

Pam (Reed) Feig, age 83, passed away peacefully on June 24th 2026. She was born to Raymond and Doris (Shaw) Reed in Portsmouth, Virginia on June 8, 1943.

She married the love of her life, Robert Feig, on August 3, 1963, in Knox, Indiana. There they raised two daughters, also where she later worked as a CNA for State Memorial Hospital, caring for others was rewarding for her.

Pam was a voracious reader; she could finish a novel in one day if left uninterrupted!

She is survived by her husband, Bob of

almost 63 years; daughters, Connie (Tom) Bach of Juliette, TN and Sharie (Farhad) Hyder of Seattle, WA; along with her two granddaughters, Ashley Gasser and Elizabeth Bach; and grandson, Zayad Hyder. Pam is further survived in a special way by her godson, Sgt. Ian Leafgren and his family members, Jenifer Jensen, Mark, Ellie (Danny Puser) and Abby (Johnnie Day) Leafgren all of Oshkosh, WI.

A prayer service will be held at a later date.



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Devulson Arnett

Devulson "Ray" Arnett, age 92, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 17, 2026, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born on August 7, 1933, to Albert William and Grace Mae (Van Antwerp) Arnett, in Gibson City, Illinois. He graduated from Octavia High School in Colfax, Illinois.

Ray married Mary Lou Huston on May 24, 1959. They were blessed with 61 years together until her passing in September of 2020.

Truck driving was one of Ray's greatest joys and a lifelong passion. He drove for various companies and independently before settling in Wisconsin and driving for N&M Transfer until he retired. Still plagued by the driving itch, he drove new Pierce fire trucks to their destinations throughout the United States and Canada. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, raising bird dogs and cutting lumber. After retirement, he fished as much as the weather would allow, gardened, built a model train in his basement and spent the winter cracking black walnuts.

He is survived by his children, Tery Arnett, Julie Appollo, Betsy (Jeff) Uhler and Bill (Stephanie) Arnett; nine grandchildren, Chris (Karissa) Arnett, Ashleigh (Austin) Young, Andrea (Connor) Lewin, Mary (Nick) Harvey, Sarah (Dan) Cluka, Kimberly (Matt) Ebbons, Taylor Arnett, Mikayla Arnett and Will Arnett; five great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Ethan, Bryce,

Cypress and Noel; brother-in-law, Pat Huston; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his brother, Edward Arnett.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The National Diabetes Association in his memory are appreciated.

The family would like to thank the staff of Aurora Hospice and Oakwood Manor for the excellent care they provided Ray through his journey.

He will be remembered for being a loving and supportive father, his humor, his love of fishing, his strong work ethic and his love for the open road.



Betty Raye Monnett

Betty Raye Monnett (Shirk), passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 11, 2026 at the EAA Nature Pavilion from 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. with the Celebration Program beginning at 2:30p.m. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Monnett Fund at the Oshkosh Community Foundation. A full obituary may be found online.



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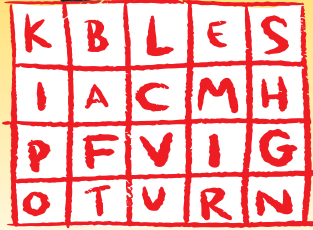
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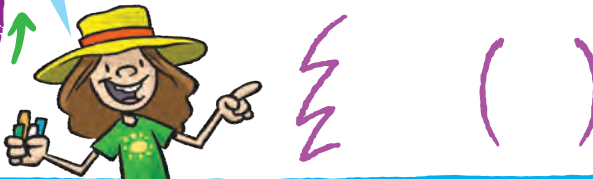
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1. Draw a large grid with squares that are large enough for you to stand in. The grid should have at least four squares on each side.
2. Write a letter inside each square on the grid. Be sure to include at least four vowels, but not in a row.
3. Take turns stepping from one letter to another to create a word. You can jump over a square if you need to. Write each word that is spelled out in chalk on the sidewalk. What is the largest word someone can make?



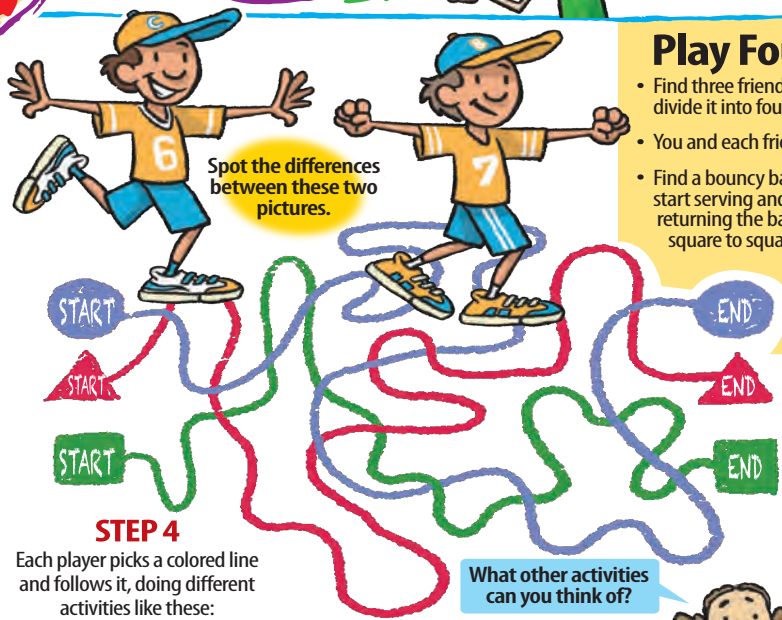
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What can you draw starting with these chalk lines?



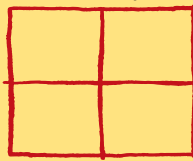
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- STEP 1**
You need three different colors of chalk for this game. Start by making three shapes lined up in a row to be START spots.
- STEP 2**
Move forward at least 10 feet and make a matching-colored shape to be the END spot.
- STEP 3**
Draw a crooked line between each pair of START and END spots of the same color. Be sure to have some of the lines cross over each other.



Play Four Square

- Find three friends. Draw a big square and then divide it into four smaller boxes of the same size.
- You and each friend stand in a different square.
- Find a bouncy ball and start serving and returning the ball from square to square.



Standards Link: Follow basic written directions.

Number Words

Look through the newspaper for five numbers under 100. Rewrite each spelled out with letters of the alphabet. Use chalk if you have it!

Standards Link: Spell out whole numbers from zero up to ninety-nine.

What other activities can you think of?

- STEP 4**
Each player picks a colored line and follows it, doing different activities like these:
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 - hopping on one foot
 - walking on tiptoes
 - twirling
 - walking backwards
 - walk in slow motion

Standards Link: Learn rules, strategies, and problem-solving skills needed to play a game.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the morning or late afternoon, have a friend stand in a pose while you trace their shadow's outline with sidewalk chalk. Then, have your friend trace your shadow. Decorate your shadows in colorful and creative ways.

Draw lines to connect each hand to its shadow.



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written instructions.

Double Double Word Search

- ART
- CHALK
- COLOR
- DRAW
- FOUR
- FROG
- GRID
- HOP
- JUMP
- LINE
- PLAY
- RED
- SHAPES
- SPIN
- SQUARE
- TRACE

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



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

Kid Scoop Together

Masking Tape Masterpiece

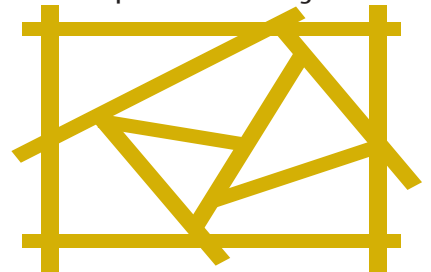
STEP 1

Use masking tape to create a square on cement.



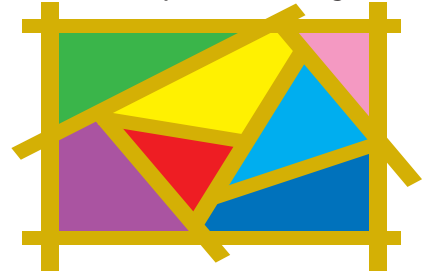
STEP 2

Add more strips of masking tape to create a design.



STEP 3

Color the spaces in the design.



STEP 4

Carefully remove the tape.



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written directions.

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Write On!

What Makes You Smile?

Write two or three sentences about one or more things that make you smile.

Standards Link: Self-reflect to identify personal sources of joy (SEL).

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