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Police updating camera surveillance plan

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's police chief is scheduled to give an update on automatic license plate readers (ALPR) next week. However, the police department hasn't yet said what group or company it's working with.

City Manager Rebecca Grill stated at the end of the May 26 Oshkosh Common Council meeting that Police Chief Dean Smith was working with a new group. Grill

said the information would be brought to the council, which is next scheduled to meet June 16.

"We are in the preliminary stages of discussions and will present the information to the City Council during the June meeting," the Oshkosh Police Department's public affairs officer Kate Mann said in response to a request from The Herald for information regarding this new group.

The city and OPD recently chose not

to renew a contract with Flock, an ALPR company with over 80,000 in over 5,000 communities, after the company either lied to or misled the council and police department about aspects of the Flock system.

After that, the cameras were covered by plastic.

The discussion garnered a lot of input from community members. Many com-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Messy fun

Kids of all ages enjoyed wet and muddy fun Sunday during the Oshkosh Community YMCA's 11th Annual Kids Mud Run at the 20th Avenue YMCA. Participants could travel through a one-mile course filled with 20 wet and muddy obstacles. Additionally, toddlers could try out a miniature mud run.

Valley Christian breaks ground for new high school

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Supporters of Valley Christian Schools (VCS) gathered in an open construction site last week to break ground on a new high school in Oshkosh.

The 39,000 square-foot building is expected to welcome approximately 300 students into 19 classrooms in 2027. The \$14 million project has been funded by private donations and foundations.

VCS operates an early education campus in Oshkosh, a separate campus in Neenah and its main campus at 3450 Vinland St. The main campus currently houses K-12 students but that is set to change for the 2027-28 school year.

VCS head administrator Brad Dunn an-

nounced the school will be open for students in fall 2027.

Dunn called the June 2 groundbreaking a "historic occasion."

"Today we gather to celebrate more than a groundbreaking of a building; we gather to celebrate God's faithfulness," Dunn said. "We gather to honor those who came before us, those who sacrificed, prayed and dreamed and worked tirelessly to establish a school where students can be educated through the lens of biblical truth."

While the school is being built, the City of Oshkosh is extending West Fernau Avenue from Jackson Street to Vinland Street.

VCS staff seem to be happy that there

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Valley Christian Schools board members toss the ceremonial first shovels of dirt last week at a groundbreaking ceremony.



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Students launch unique woodworking project

Students at Carl Traeger Middle School are mastering advanced manufacturing and engineering skills firsthand. This semester, eighth-grade students in the Manufacturing and Engineering Concepts class took raw materials and transformed them into high-quality, custom, Wisconsin-shaped charcuterie boards.

Throughout the project, students learned the ins and outs of blueprints, measurement, material fabrication and shop safety. They even integrated advanced technology into the production line, utilizing Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and automated CNC machinery to precision-cut the custom Wisconsin design.

To help bring the project to market, the school district connected the middle school creators with Oshkosh North High School Marketing Essentials students. The high schoolers put their skills to work by designing the official digital promotional graphic used to market the boards online.

"This project is a great example of the Career-Based Learning Experiences (CBLEs) our district aims to provide

within our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs," said Melanie Wroblewski, Oshkosh Area School District Career and Technical Education and Academic Career Planning Coordinator. "By linking the manufacturing skills at Carl Traeger with the digital marketing skills at Oshkosh North, we are showing students how different industries work together to bring a project to life."

To cross the finish line, the district partnered with local businesses Wagner Market and Becket's, who have stepped up to exclusively host and sell the student-made boards on their shelves.

The custom boards are available for \$30 each, with 100% of the proceeds going directly back into the Carl Traeger Middle School Tech and Engineering Department. As part of their classroom learning, students produced a limited run of 40 boards.

Members of the community can purchase the boards in-person only at Wagner Market, 502 N. Main St. or Becket's, 2 Jackson St., while supplies last.



Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Eighth-grade students in Hugh McWane's Manufacturing and Engineering Concepts class at Carl Traeger Middle School work on a limited-run woodworking project.

County overdose deaths rise 8%

Oshkosh Herald

Drug overdose deaths increased 8% in Winnebago County in 2025 for a total of 26, according to county statistics.

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team's annual report noted fentanyl remains the leading cause of overdose death, accounting for 12 of 26 deaths. Half of the overdose deaths occurred among between 25 and 44 years of age with 20 of the 26 individuals being male.

The report reflects the work of 46 partners representing 33 agencies who continue to meet monthly to review overdose cases, identify systemic gaps, and implement solutions designed to save lives and strengthen the community. The report emphasizes that progress remains possible through coordinated prevention, recovery support, trauma-informed care and upstream intervention efforts, said OFR Project Manager Jennifer Skolaski.

"This work cannot be done by one agency, one system or one strategy alone," she said. "Every conversation, intervention, resource and act of support matters. The strength of this work comes from partners continuing to show up together with urgency, compassion and hope."

The report shows that overdose deaths peaked in 2023 with 47. The report also breaks down the age of the deceased person and the primary cause of death. Seven of the fatalities were people between 25 and 24 years old and six were between 35 and 44 years old. There were three fatal

overdoses of people over 65 years old.

The most common substance in these overdoses was fentanyl followed by methamphetamine, cocaine and alcohol.

Of the 26 overdose deaths, 24 of the victims were white, one was Black and one was Hispanic.

The report highlights major accomplishments and collaborative initiatives completed during the past year, including:

- The Gold Cross Ambulance Leave-Behind Narcan Program, developed in partnership with multiple counties and municipalities to expand overdose prevention resources directly into homes and communities.

- The expansion of the Handle with Care program, which has generated more than 2,300 referrals during the 2025-26 school year alone, helping schools quickly respond to children experiencing potentially traumatic situations.

- The Neenah and Fox Crossing Overdose Intervention Pilot, which brought together law enforcement, public health, schools and community partners to expand Narcan access, strengthen overdose prevention efforts and reduce overdose deaths through data-driven, community-based action.

- The launch of Version 2.0 of the We Heart You App, offering easier navigation, expanded resource listings, improved mapping and live connections to recovery support specialists by phone, text, chat and email. The app can be downloaded at www.weheartyou.org/app.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society



Oshkosh City Bus - Circa 1911.

June 11, 1928

Buses Replace Street Cars in City: On this date in 1911, the first substitution of a bus for streetcars was made. The initial route entailed Main Street, New York Avenue, Ninth Street and Oregon Street. Eight second-hand buses were rented for temporary service until they were replaced on July 15 by new equipment. Service then began to expand to the northwest and southwest sections of the city. The last step in completing substitution of buses for street cars took place at 11:07 p.m. on May 31, 1930. As successful as the horse and mule cars had been in their day, and as efficient as the electric street cars had become – both gave way to new buses. As the last street car rumbled its way to the car barns that night, it carried many notable personages on board. Its bell clanged, whistles sounded and people cheered as it passed on its final trip to the car barns.

Source: "History of the City of Oshkosh" – Vol 1 by Clarence Jungwirth

Correction

June 3, Page 9. In the article "Towns have a month to make shorelands zoning decision," it should have said the Town of Winchester created its own general zoning rules in the shorelands but did not hold a public meeting or request approval from the county board. That leaves its rules invalid, and the town is without valid general zoning in the shorelands area. Meanwhile, the Town of Winneconne board will deliberate the final required resolution at its June 18 meeting.

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City, economic development group continue partnership

Oshkosh Herald

As the city moves forward with the potential acquisition of City Center, one partner will continue to provide support to Oshkosh. This partnership goes back 11 years with a goal to improve Oshkosh and the region.

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Inc. (GOEDC) partners with municipalities in the region to take a regional approach to economic development. This includes recruiting new businesses into the area and creating good jobs in the area.



Rathermel

GOEDC provides these services through contracts with municipalities, including Oshkosh and the Town of Algoma. For Algoma, GOEDC serves as the primary source for economic development. But for Oshkosh, which has an economic development department, GOEDC serves in a more complimentary role.

The organization recently was chosen by Winnebago County to handle the revolving loan fund in a move the county hopes accelerate housing development in the county.

GOEDC is currently contracted to provide services to the City of Oshkosh until 2030. The five-year contract was approved by the common council last year. The resolution states Oshkosh was a "founding investor" of GOEDC back in 2015.

The current GOEDC contract with the city of Oshkosh is for \$105,000 annually. GOEDC president and CEO Tricia

Rathermel sat down with the Herald last week to discuss what's next for the project for the organization, which continues to tackle workforce challenges across the region.

"Workforce is one of the biggest challenges," she said. "We need to be focusing on how we number one - retain workforce and number two - attract workforce."

City Center, 101 Commerce St. and 201 Pearl Ave., is 17 acres on the Fox River and connected to the city's downtown. It's the former Park Plaza Mall after the site was converted to mostly office space in the 1990s.

The city has entered a due diligence phase to study the site including soil testing to check for the extent of soil contamination and check the structural integrity of the buildings on the site.

If the council and city staff are satisfied with the findings during the due diligence period the potential \$12.5 million sale will likely move forward. City Manager Rebecca Grill has stated the full potential costs of a redevelopment could cost upwards of \$30 million.

If the project moves forward, GOEDC will start tapping into its ability to attract businesses to the site. This could mean businesses relocating, which is similar to what GOEDC does with finding new businesses for industrial parks in the region.

"This is not a standard site; it's high-profile and on the waterfront," Rathermel said. "We have to make sure we have the right developer coming in, especially if there's building re-use."

She said the basis of the contract with Oshkosh is to help with business attraction and promoting available sites



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At an open house in May GOEDC unveiled renderings of what the future of City Center could look like in the coming years as the city continues the acquisition process of the site.

throughout the city.

GOEDC will continue to support Oshkosh throughout the project which, by the city's timeline, could take between five and 10 years.

She called it a positive and aggressive goal to attempt to have a potential redevelopment of the site completed on that timeline.

A major part of the thought process for the city and GOEDC is the future look of the Jackson/Oregon Street bridge. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning a complete replacement of the bridge, which will see the moveable bridge get demolished and a high-level fixed bridge taking its place.

That project is set to begin in 2028 and WisDOT has estimated the bridge will last about 75 years.

A major reason GOEDC is excited for the project is the potential for additional tax dollars for the city. Rathermel has presented the potential for generating more tax dollars from dense downtown retail compared to large box stores.

For the big box stores on Oshkosh's northwest side the annual tax revenue is just over \$787,000 across 62.7 acres, which is about \$12,558 per acre. Compare that to the 400 block of North Main Street which generates approximately \$121,000 on 3.5 acres which is almost \$35,000 per acre.

Rathermel provided this information to the council on April 22 and has since reiterated the importance of new construction in Oshkosh.

The city cannot increase the tax levy unless there is net new construction. The city and state use a formula that allows municipalities to increase the tax levy based on the amount of net new construction.

It remains unknown how much of the 17 acres will be net new construction, but the numbers show that dense retail areas in Oshkosh, according to GOEDC, produce more tax dollars per acre than large box stores.

GOEDC played a part in the Oshkosh Avenue redevelopment, however, Rathermel was not with the organization at that time and could not speak to the redevelopment that took place during that project.

The project centered around building Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters on the site of the former city-owned Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course. The site also includes Lakeshore Park, which has been developed to include the riverwalk along the Fox River.

The Oshkosh Avenue corridor now has two hotels, two banks, national chains such as Starbucks and Popeyes, and local food options like Parm, Macs and The Taqueira.

The city's due diligence period concludes on Sept. 30 but there is an option to extend that deadline to Dec. 30.

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Mutual aid networks provide assistance in Oshkosh

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Free Store is just what it sounds like. Set up usually on the third Saturday of the month in Opera House Square, tables are filled with backpacks, self-care and personal care items, clothing and household products for people to take for free.

Run by the Oshkosh Vagabond Network, the pop-up store is designed to help the homeless and others seeking assistance. Items are collected for the store or funds can be donated to buy products for the store, which has grown in popularity as word has spread about its offerings.

The Oshkosh Free Store is one example of mutual aid — the recognition that people have needs and others have something to give without condition. Mutual aid has always been around but is gaining more traction due to federal program cuts and people seeing it as a direct way to help their neighbor, said Karen Iverson Riggers, founding member of Ebb & Flow Connections Cooperative.

“It’s all about neighbors helping neighbors,” she said. “It’s definitely a time of increased needs and some people, such as migrants and refugees, may have worries of applying for a program or showing up for an appointment so they turn to something like this.”

Mutual aid also plays a strong role in an individual’s mental health, said Sarah Bassing-Sutton, executive director of N.E.W. Mental Health Connection.

“If we can’t meet people’s basic needs, their mental health can get worse. With the state of affairs, things getting more

difficult and access to some services getting harder, mutual aid has played a greater role,” she said. “Mutual aid is people connecting with each other. People feel validated and cared for.”

The Hope Fridge, which has locations in Menasha and Oshkosh, is run by volunteers and provides food to those in need. The fridge contains a refrigerator, freezer and bins that can all be filled with food for anyone who needs it. In Oshkosh, the Hope Fridge is located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Boulevard.

Sponsored by area churches, Trinity was selected due to its location and where it could place the fridge, said Mary Janness, Hope Fridge Oshkosh co-coordinator of the fridge crew.

“The fridge is much appreciated and needed,” she said, adding that she and some members of her church, Congregational United Church of Christ in Neenah, made a bunch of sandwiches one day and as quickly as they were added to the fridge, they were taken out. “There is such a demand out there.”

Janness said local churches, service groups, Girl Scout troops, families and individuals cook or bake items for the Hope Fridge while others regularly buy fresh food or shelf stable items for the fridge.

“We have a good collaboration of many groups who help. It’s amazing how well it works,” she said.

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Oshkosh provides garbage bags for when the fridge needs cleaning while Solutions Recovery Inc. allows the use of its dumpster for garbage disposal. Oc-



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh Free Store is run by the Oshkosh Vagabond Network to help the homeless and others seeking assistance.

asionally, can openers are added to the bins and during the winter, hats, gloves and scarves are sometimes added to help people stay warm.

The Oshkosh Tool Library is another example of mutual aid. It works like a regular library except instead of checking out books, members can check out regular tools, camping equipment, sewing equipment, home repair tools, wood-working tools, vehicle tools and bike repair tools. Volunteer-run, the library is only for Winnebago County residents.

“People have to sign up for a membership and sign a waiver,” said library co-organizer Jacob Klaameyer. “If people can

make a donation, we ask them to do that.”

Klaameyer said someone may need a tool to complete a particular job, but it may be too expensive to purchase, but “she could come to the library, check it out and use it to finish the job.”

The library, which started at the end of 2024 and is located behind Takiza Mexican Cuisine on Koeller Street, also offers classes and programs to help people learn how to use specific tools or how to do specific tasks.

Many churches or community organizations have Little Free Libraries in front of their business that act as a mini food pantry, Iverson Riggers said. For example, last fall when SNAP benefits were suspended, many Little Free Libraries added food.

“I think people are becoming more aware of mutual aid available and using them especially if they are worried accessing a service they need,” Bassing-Sutton said.

Iverson Riggers created a monthly Mutual Aid Meet-Up so area organizations could share ideas and information about what they are seeing in the communities they serve.

“Mutual aid is different than a charity. With a charity, they decide what you get, but with mutual aid, the person decides what they get” whether that’s picking out certain food at the Hope Fridge or Little Free Library food pantry or choosing personnel care products off a table at the Oshkosh Free Store, she said. “There’s no forms to fill out.”

And for those that give, “they can do it on their own schedule without condition,” Riggers said.

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Waterfest celebrating 40 seasons of music, community

By Mike Dempsey
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Waterfest's 40th Season launches June 18 with nothing but hits.

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Waterfest 2026 boasts the return of Little River Band as well as Starship featuring Mickey Thomas in August. Hit makers Vertical Horizon and Uprooted, featuring Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root will be in mid-July. The rare treat of Al Jardine and The Pet Sounds Band bringing to life the music of Brian Wilson and The Beach Boys rounds out July.

Throughout the season, supporting acts adorn the stage, including Steely Dane, Copper Box, The Pocket Kings, Paul Sanchez, Alex McMurray Band and others.

Since its inception four decades ago in 1986, Waterfest has become a cornerstone of Oshkosh's cultural and social

landscape. Waterfest has evolved over those four decades, cementing its place as a cherished summer tradition. Waterfest was conceived as, and remains, a catalyst for public and private investment in Oshkosh's downtown and riverfront economy.

Waterfest has played a role in bringing together a shared vision of the potential that is Oshkosh. The Oshkosh Chamber, the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County and the Oshkosh business community leadership all played a part in creating this shared vision.

While Waterfest has evolved over the years from a weekend event as Wisconsin's largest free music festival to one of Wisconsin's best community concert series, its mission has been consistent in celebrating Oshkosh's remarkable quality of life.

Each season, Waterfest draws thousands of music enthusiasts from throughout Northeastern Wisconsin and beyond. The charm of Waterfest is found in its affordability, the consistency in the quality and the accessible nature of featured national acts.

The sensational Leach Amphitheater

and its park-like setting along the river walk help to frame an exceptional experience. The vibrant activities along the riverwalk, the energy emitted from the indoor and outdoor bars and restaurants within walking distance, accentuate the festive anticipation for a great evening ahead.

Join Waterfest in celebrating its 40th season by recognizing the many sponsors, donors and volunteers that make this event possible. Waterfest's key partner-

ships lie with corporate sponsors, the Oshkosh Chamber, Discover Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the many city departments, which all play a pivotal role in maintaining the event's uniquely high standards and value.

Waterfest is more than a music festival; it's a celebration of community, culture and camaraderie. Join us this summer for unforgettable evenings of music, friendship and fun. For more information, visit Waterfest.org.

Three vie to replace Matz as sheriff

Oshkosh Herald

Three candidates will vie to replace Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz, who isn't seeking reelection after 16 years in office.

The sheriff's position is a four-year term. The election is Nov. 3.

Darin Rice, the Republican candidate, currently serves as the field services captain for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office where he oversees patrol and investigative operations across the agency. He has worked in law enforcement for 25 years.

Jason Rippl, the Democratic candidate, is a patrol officer with the Sheriff's Office. He has been with the department for 28 years and has served as a dive rescue operator since 2004.

Danielle Falesnik, a mental health counselor, is running on the Strong, Fair, Ready to Lead platform. She said she represents a shift towards a more compassionate, community-focused model of public safety.

The other county-wide election on the ballot this fall is county clerk. Current county clerk Desiree Bongers, a Democrat, is running unopposed.

Tradition returns to Morgan House

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Historical Society is bringing back a tradition this weekend to the Morgan House.

Pie on the Porch will be held Saturday for a day filled with pie, history, family fun and patriotic celebration.

Slices of pie will be available for \$5, with proceeds helping preserve and restore the historic museum. Free tours of the Historic Morgan House Museum will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with donations accepted to support the ongoing preservation of the museum and its programs.

Pie on the Porch festivities will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In celebration of America's 250th birth-

day, families can enjoy patriotic craft activities for a nominal fee and explore a selection of images included in The White House's Founders Museum exhibit, The Road to Liberty. Attendees are also invited to view We Stand on Their Shoulders, an exhibit highlighting the history of Wisconsin women and voting rights.

Guests can also step back into the Victorian era with classic outdoor games, including Hoop Rolling, the Game of Graces, stilts and more. Prizes will be awarded for participating in the games.

At 1 p.m., visitors will also have the opportunity to hear a special presentation on American flag etiquette from a speaker representing the VFW.

Event raises funding for dog health research

Oshkosh Herald

A 5K dog run/walk will raise money for cancer and epilepsy research for dogs.

The event will be at 8 a.m. June 13 at 4647 County Road S in Oshkosh. The event, whose organizer is a member of the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee, is being held in conjunction with the American Kennel Club-Canine Health Foundation, a 501(c)(3).

Organizer Mike Langkau said the event is being held within the confines of a former farm, so there will be no traffic to wor-

ry about, no paws getting burnt on blacktop and the entire course was planted in bluegrass.

Langkau explained the planning that has been going into the event.

"Although this is our inaugural dog run/walk, my small club has been fundraising for more than 30 years and is responsible for donating over \$150,000," he said.

Participants can sign up online at ISC-Mdgrace.rsvpify.com and the entry fee is \$40 and dogs run no charge.

Panel raises data center concerns

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

While no data centers have expressed interest in coming to Winnebago County, officials are looking to be proactive especially when it comes to its natural resources.

The Land Conservation Committee put data centers on the agenda June 1 with a focus on how they might impact the county's natural resources, especially water and energy usage.

"We need to be proactive as that affects the county's land and water," said Tim Macho, committee chair and county supervisor.

Data centers drive up energy costs when they draw electricity off the grid, said supervisor Kristl Laux.

"I'm not anti-data center, but they don't create a lot of jobs once they're open. They are basically data center warehouses," she said. "I think there needs to be rules in place if a data center comes in, such as being energy neutral."

Macho said he liked the idea of having data centers create their own clean energy rather than pulling electricity off the grid. He said it may delay construction a bit by

incorporating solar power, for example, "but it's better for the county and better for everyone overall."

Macho said he wants the county's municipalities to understand the pros and cons of data centers if one locates in their area.

Supervisor Doug Nelson said everything he hears about data centers is "bad, but everyone wants data, so I think we need to keep an open mind. Data centers definitely drive up the cost of electricity."

As for water health, Laux is concerned about data centers using water from Lake Winnebago to keep them cool. She is worried about microplastics from the PVC pipes returning the water to the lake showing up in Winnebago.

"I think the data centers should set up a trust before they open that would cover the cost of clean up," Laux said.

Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Director Chad Casper said he and County Executive Gordon Hintz have talked about possible data center regulations within the county but it's only in the discussion phase.

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Firm seeks to lease 47 acres at Wittman Airport site

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is looking to lease 47 acres in Wittman Regional Airport's Aviation Business Park to Volare Aviation, LLC.

Arizona-based Volare plans to build 102 hangars and other aeronautical use facilities, including aircraft parking aprons and vehicle parking spaces at the park, which is on the airport's southeast side. The lease would be for 50 years with rent starting at 35 cents per square footage of buildable facilities.

Once the full build out is complete, the land lease will generate an estimated \$614,849 in annual revenue for the airport with annual lease increases of 3% every year after the first year of the lease's primary term.

The county's Aviation Committee and Facilities Committee approved the lease at a joint meeting on June 3. The county board will vote on the lease on June 16. Volare would like to announce its project at EAA's AirVenture in late July where many of its targeted customers will be in attendance.

"This will be the largest development in the history of the airport if it's successful, which I believe it will be. Volare is a good firm and we're excited to have them here," said Airport Director Jim Schell, adding the revenue implications of the project are important and will help the airport get into the black.

Volare has developed large scale hangar developments at different air parks in the Phoenix, Arizona, metropolitan area. Owner John Panfil said he's looked at Os-

hosh as a potential place to develop hangars and other amenities for the past few years.

"We figure now is the right time for this project. It's not just the hangars, but the amenities as well," he said. "We plan to market the amenities in the community, too."

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz said the county has waited 12 years for a development like this for the Aviation Business Park. The county acquired the land for the Aviation Business Park in 2014. The city of Oshkosh owns 30 acres of land in the park; those acres are not part of the current deal.

"We want to do something that's in the county's best interest with this property and this project does that," Hintz said. "We have a waitlist for hangars here at the airport and we have people who already come here for two weeks a year who may want to come here longer than two weeks and enjoy our community."

The lease agreement discusses a build-out of more than 100 individual hangar spaces over a period of several years. Volare intends to build out all facilities under the land lease in approximately five years with improvements based on market demand.

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (GOEDC) began talking with Volare in 2024 about a possible project at the airport, but it wasn't until earlier this year that things began to get more serious. Momentum continued to pick up on the project throughout the spring with the final negotiations on the 55-page contract taking place last week.

Supervisor John Hinz, whose district includes the airport, said announcing the project at AirVenture will help Volare.

"This is the project we've been waiting for. I've looked at what Volare has done elsewhere and I'm very impressed. I look forward to what you can do here in Oshkosh," he said.

County board OKs airport culvert, road repairs

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a plan last week to repair a culvert and roadway at Wittman Airport prior to EAA AirVenture 2026.

Based on the current conditions, the culvert's continued deterioration could lead to partial or full roadway failure prior to or during AirVenture. The repair amount is not to exceed \$185,000.

In early May, airport staff identified significant deterioration of a corrugated metal culvert located beneath a section of the airport's paved perimeter road. A closer inspection showed the bottom of the culvert pipe rusted out along its entire length, resulting in voids forming beneath the roadway surface and causing

instability.

The perimeter road is vital for daily airport operations, enabling airport and emergency vehicles to go around the airfield without crossing active runways or taxiways, according to airport officials.

The roadway segment is also essential during AirVenture, supporting high traffic volumes from staff, contractors, volunteers, support vehicles, emergency responders and attendees.

Under the repair plan approved at the board's June 2 meeting, the existing culvert will be replaced and the affected roadway will be reconstructed.

EAA AirVenture takes place July 20 to July 26 at Wittman Airport and on the grounds of EAA. More than 700,000 people attended AirVenture in 2025.



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Bryan and Nicki Langfeldt are taking over as owners of NewView Technologies while founder Bruce Botterman remain actively involved during the transition.

New owners take over aviation business

Oshkosh Herald

A longtime Oshkosh aviation business is undergoing an ownership transition.

Bryan and Nicki Langfeldt earlier this month acquired ownership of NewView Technologies from founders Bruce and Rae Botterman. The transition closes a 30-year chapter under the Bottermans' leadership and begins a new era with owners committed to building on that foundation.

Bruce, who co-founded NewView Technologies with his wife Rae in 1995, will remain actively involved, ensuring continuity of leadership and customer relationships during the transition period.

"We are grateful beyond words for what Bruce and Rae built here," the Langfeldts said. "The trust they placed in us, and the trust customers have placed in this company for three decades, is something we take seriously. Our job now is to earn it

every day."

NewView Technologies is a provider of aircraft maintenance, avionics installation and window repair services. For 30 years, the company has served customers across the aviation community, with a focus on single-engine and light-twin piston general aviation aircraft.

"Rae and I are proud of what this company has become, and we couldn't be more confident in Bryan and Nicki as the people to carry it forward," Bruce said. "This is the right move for our customers, our team, and the future of NewView."

The Langfeldts bring over 15 years of experience in the aviation industry, including the past five years working with NewView Technologies in the Fox Valley.

NewView Technologies is one of only a few companies nationwide with a certified repair station for aircraft windows. The company has a long-standing relationship with Gulfstream Aerospace and has serviced windows on a wide range of aircraft, including business jets such as Dassault Falcon, Learjet, Bombardier and Cessna along with general aviation aircraft such as Piper, Cessna, Mooney, Beechcraft and others.

In addition, NewView Technologies specializes in avionics installation and troubleshooting, offering solutions from single radios to full panel retrofits. The company works with manufacturers, including PS Engineering, L3 and Electronics International, and maintains dealer agreements with Garmin International, Dynon and Appareo.

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Boutique spreads awareness for Williams Syndrome

By Jill Trotter
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Brinkley's Boutique in downtown Oshkosh does more than sell women's clothes and accessories.

Its mission is to spread awareness and raise money for Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. The owner, Barb Nelson, along with her husband Mike, opened the store in 2016 after their granddaughter Brinkley was diagnosed with Williams Syndrome.

Since then, Nelson has raised thousands of dollars for Williams Syndrome through several promotional events at the store.

Williams Syndrome is caused by a missing piece of chromosome seven and affects one in 10,000 births in the United States. Symptoms of Williams Syndrome include developmental delays, unique physical characteristics and cardiovascular problems. People with Williams Syndrome tend to be social and outgoing.



Nelson

Brinkley was diagnosed when she was 11 months old. At the time of her diagnosis, there was limited information available.

"The research just wasn't really available because the disability is so rare to begin with, so a lot of doctors don't even know about it," Nelson said.

Nelson wanted to change that. She went to school for fashion merchandising and describes opening the store, coincidentally on her 55th birthday, as "a lifelong dream come true."

She realized she could use the store to spread awareness of and earn funds for Williams Syndrome research, educational materials and outreach programs.

"I don't know honestly if we would've taken the plunge if we didn't have such an amazing story with Brinkley," Nelson said.

Brinkley resides in West Lafayette, Ind. and visits Oshkosh annually to spend time with Nelson and help at the store. She is now 15 years old and attends special education classes at a public high school. She enjoys attending events at her church, shopping, playing basketball and spending time with her cat.

Brinkley credits her strong faith in helping her through hard times. The message she would like to spread is for others to be kind and respectful toward children who have special needs.

"There are a lot of people that don't understand kids that have special needs . . . you should be more kind . . . and respectful," Brinkley said.

May was Williams Syndrome Awareness Month, and Nelson hosted several events at the boutique throughout the month to spread awareness and raise money for Williams Syndrome.

Each year, her motto "always be kind" is

memorialized on a unique piece of jewelry released in the month of May. All proceeds from sales of the jewelry go to the Williams Syndrome Association.

This year, she also hosted a fashion show, a raffle basket party and offered prizes for Brinkley's Bingo through the store's Facebook page. In addition, she offered a donated discount to patrons, where the dollar amount the customer donated at the time of purchase was then matched to the percentage off their purchase; if a customer donated \$20, they would receive 20% off their purchase.

All proceeds from these events are donated to Williams Syndrome Association, which offers educational materials and hosts a bi-annual convention for Williams Syndrome.

"All of the funds that we're raising . . . goes to better education, better resources, better materials, better websites," Nelson said.

Through these promotions, the store raised over \$3,500 this year. Next year, Nelson hopes to secure a donor that would match the dollar amount the store raises.

Nelson's store, and Brinkley's story, have also become a resource for others diagnosed with the disorder. The store is decorated with several pictures of a smiling Brinkley enjoying everyday activities. Families who have a child diagnosed with Williams Syndrome have visited the store and found hope in seeing the pictures and in speaking with Nelson.

"We've helped lots of people see the sunshine in a dark place," Nelson said.

She finds her outreach work to be personally rewarding and wants others to know that "diagnosis doesn't have to be the end of the world." Rather, "we look at Brinkley's disability as an ability," Nelson said.

To further spread awareness, Nelson has extended her outreach beyond the store. At Nelson's request, the City of Oshkosh changed the bridge lights for the month of May to the colors of Williams Syndrome awareness, which are red, blue and green. In addition, four years ago Mayor Mugerauer proclaimed the month of May as Williams Syndrome month in the city of Oshkosh.

Brinkley's Boutique is located at 419 N. Main St. For information on Williams Syndrome, visit williams-syndrome.org.



Photo by Jill Trotter

Owner Barb Nelson opened Brinkley's Boutique at 419 N. Main St. in part to spread awareness and raise money for Williams Syndrome through items sold at the store.

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Seniors Center prepares to celebrate milestone

By Matthew Hoyman
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center (FOSC), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Oshkosh Seniors Center through fundraising, donations and volunteer programs, is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Plans are in the works for the 40th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place Sept. 17 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center North Building. There will be five food trucks, including Mr. & Mrs. Egg Roll, Taqueria Jalisco, On the Fritz Concessions, Mile High Barbecue and Brewing Future, along with other entertainment such as the J+ Band performing.

The FOSC started in 1986 when City Manager Bill Fruech requested a nonprofit or auxiliary be formed for all the donations. The original center started in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church before moving to Marian Manor. They generated enough buzz and attention to warrant a larger location.

Sue Kriebick, the director of the Oshkosh Seniors Center at the time, recognized the need for a new facility due to the growing popularity.

"We realized when we moved in here, it was too small," said Judy Brewer, the current president of the board.

The FOSC did two major projects. It generated \$1.2 million within the Oshkosh community to build the South building under Kriebick, which opened in 1987 (the North building opened in 2000). The FOSC and the Oshkosh Committee on Aging raised \$750,000 to purchase and renovate the North building, adding 30,000 square feet to help better senior

citizens' fitness needs.

Brewer believes growing was the group's biggest accomplishment, especially with the rising number of senior citizens living in Oshkosh. The center serves people aged 50 and up.

"Expansion," Brewer said. "Building this building (South), and having the North building, because we could accommodate more seniors."

The Oshkosh Senior Center has two buildings. The North building is for fitness and woodwork, while the South building is for arts, crafts, games and the opportunity to do stained glass or knitting and crochet.

The FOSC has a vision for the next task that could be on the horizon, Brewer said.

"Now, our ultimate goal, if we're looking at the future, it would be nice to have a building under one roof," Brewer said.

The distance between both buildings makes it hard for seniors to walk to and from each building. Also, volunteers don't get to make connections from each building, Brewer said.

"Some of these volunteers who are at this desk don't know the volunteers who work at the other desk," Brewer said. "Until they get together for a meeting, but sometimes somebody can't come."

Brewer emphasizes the importance of seniors leaving their homes and being around people.

One of the senior citizens' favorite activities is playing the ukulele.

"One gentleman came in one day and said, 'I have no place to practice my ukulele,' Brewer said. "So the ukulele group began. The Friends purchased five ukuleles, and it just grew from buying five ukuleles

to now a ukulele group."

"Socialization is so important for seniors," Brewer said. "Just coming and playing cards, coming and playing mahjong, coming and playing Sheepshead, cribbage and canasta. They're getting out of their homes and socializing. Exercise and socialization are the keys to growing old."

The monthly newsletter highlights the center's focus on enrichment, fitness and wellness, technology, support services, social and educational opportunities, and Winnebago senior tours.

Food Truck Fridays were a huge success that raised money for the center since it started in 2015; however, there will be a break this year due to the board being reorganized.

"It was an event held at South Park," Brewer said. "We brought in food trucks and entertainment. The whole community was invited, and there were generally between 3,000 to 5,000 people there."

Brewer said food trucks will be at the 40-year anniversary celebration and brought back next year after starting as a small idea.

"I was the one who kind of brought Food Truck Friday to the Oshkosh Seniors Center or to the Friends," Brewer said. "The Center needed a new fund raiser. Together with the board and program coordinator Jane Wells brought Food Trucks to the community. It just grew from there.

We started out with five food trucks. We grew to 20 food trucks. The first night it happened, I had hoped that we would get 500 people. From there, people just kept coming and coming and coming."

For this year, the City of Oshkosh is instead organizing Food Truck Friday, with one scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. June 12 at South Park. Attendees can buy food and beverages from over 20 food trucks while listening to Rat River Boys.

The center has five full-time employees, two regular part-time employees, two personal trainers, four part-time fitness staff members, one part-time tech employee, three building attendants, and around 100 volunteer workers who help out.

The current board is made up of nine individuals, including Brewer as president, Jeff Schetti as vice president, Emily Miller as secretary, Judy Herbert as treasurer, and other board members including Jean Wollerman, Andrea Bowers, Patti Houston, Tayler King and Robin Liepert. The board works very closely with senior service manager Dan Braun.

The FOSC will continue to do its part in supporting the seniors center and adapting to the community's wants and needs.

"It's important to give back, see the center grow and watch other seniors enjoy what the community has to offer," Brewer said. "My goal is that the center is here for the next 100 years."

Calendar of events

Wednesday, June 17

Music on Main featuring Ants Marching, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
EAA Hiring Event, 4 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Thursday, June 18

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

EAA Speaker Series: Black Sheep Squadron featuring Stephen Chapis, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, June 19

Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Preliminary Round 2, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, June 20

Battle on Bago Summer Edition, Otter Street Fishing Club

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

June Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Meet Oshkosh Writer Julian Greystoke, 11 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Shrek, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, June 21

Battle on Bago Summer Edition, Otter Street Fishing Club

Monday, June 22

EAA Hiring Open House, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Wednesday, June 10

Family/Kid Concert featuring Kid Boogie Down, noon, Opera House Square
Oshkosh Area Community Band Summer Series, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 13

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

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

Lil' Bloodies III, June 13, Time Community Theater

Sunday, June 14

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

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Two facing felony charges in relation to fatal overdose

Oshkosh Herald

In February, first responders were dispatched for a middle-aged man that was not breathing and not conscious. The man later died and now two people are facing criminal charges linked to the incident.

Jennifer M. O'Connor, 41, and Casey A. Radetski, 36, are both facing felony charges linked to the overdose death.

Court documents allege numerous crack pipes and other drug paraphernalia were found in a South Sawyer Street house following the execution of a search warrant.

O'Connor is facing one count of first-degree reckless homicide and posses-

sion of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. She faces a maximum of 51 years in prison followed by up to 27 years of extended supervision.

Radetski is charged with possession of cocaine with intent, between one and five grams. If convicted on all counts, he faces nine years in prison followed by up to seven years of extended supervision.

They're both charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place.

Online court records show Radetski is out of custody on a \$1,000 cash bond while O'Connor remains in Winnebago County Jail on a \$20,000 cash bond.

According to the criminal complaint,

911 received a call from Radetski on Feb. 17 regarding an unconscious man in the bathroom in a house in the 800 block of South Sawyer Street.

Radetski told officers he found the victim in an upstairs bathroom slumped over on the ground. He immediately called 911 and dispatchers helped him administer CPR to the victim.

When EMS personnel arrived on the scene, they were able to get a pulse from the victim using Narcan and transported him to Ascension North-east Wisconsin Mercy Hospital. Officers asked Radetski about the man, and Radetski said he didn't know him as the man only moved in about a month ago.

The man was pronounced dead on March 8. The autopsy was conducted by the Fond du Lac County Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Adam Covach. Covach reported the cause of death was cocaine and methamphetamine toxicity.

A month after the overdose, police returned to the South Sawyer Street residence and executed a search warrant.

Officers noted suspected drug paraphernalia in the house and eventually got a search warrant to search the house. Drug paraphernalia was allegedly found all over the house including over a dozen suspected crack pipes, a digital scale in O'Connor's purse, THC and THC paraphernalia.

In a bathroom, officers allegedly found a syringe full of suspected methamphetamine in the same bathroom where a rub-

ber tourniquet-style tie, commonly associated with injecting illicit drugs, was found.

The complaint alleges that every adult living in the building was using cocaine or methamphetamine.

One person, who is not facing criminal charges linked to the incident, that lived in the house stated she cooks her cocaine into crack in her bedroom inside an ice cream

scooper.

When officers searched the phones of Radetski and O'Connor they found evidence that shows they were both selling drugs. Radetski told officers during an interview he hasn't sold any drugs recently.

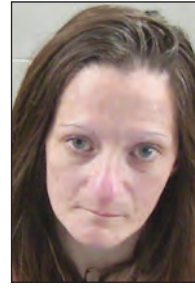
However, the complaint alleges it was apparent when reviewing his phone, "Radetski was purchasing and selling illegal drugs on numerous occasions with multiple different people."

Text messages allegedly show Radetski was telling people to come to his house after they had asked about obtaining illegal drugs.

O'Connor's phone allegedly tells a similar story. Her records allegedly shows "extensive evidence of drug distribution activities."

The complaint alleges O'Connor was selling methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, Xanax, Suboxone and marijuana.

Radetski is scheduled to be back in court June 18, and O'Connor will be back in court on Thursday for a preliminary hearing.



O'Connor



Radetski

Plate reader

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community members showed up to council meetings to oppose Flock citing personal privacy and liberty concerns. A group of concerned residents held a town hall at the Oshkosh Public Library to further the discussion regarding the cameras.

There have recently been a plethora of news stories regarding the misuse of Flock. Police officers with the Milwaukee Police Department and Menasha Police Department are facing criminal charges after allegations the officers were using the Flock system to track romantic partners.

The City of Oshkosh brought in Flock representatives to meetings earlier this year when the council was looking at a new two-year contract with Flock for the over 20 ALPRs across the city.

After lengthy meetings with hours of public comment, city officials decided to go forward with a one-year contract. Many of the comments were that the public supports and trusts OPD, but it does not trust or support a private company that's only allegiance is to its stockholders.

One of the questions asked by the pub-

lic and council member Brad Spanbauer was if the Flock system can track a vehicle and create a heat map of an individual car.

Flock's chief information security officer, Chris Castaldo, told the council on April 21 that the system does not create a pattern of life.

Smith went into work the next day and was told by staff that the Flock system does create a heat map and a pattern of life for vehicles. Smith called Grill and they decided the contract should be rejected.

"I hold my conversations and recommendations to council as sacred," Smith said. "I know that you trust me to give you my best recommendations that are in the best interest of the city with the information that I have available to me. I will not betray that trust because of this misrepresentation, specifically to a question asked by a council member. I can no longer recommend Flock."

Oshkosh started using Flock cameras in 2023 and is one of dozens of municipalities that have canceled Flock contracts in the last year.

At this time it is unclear if this will be an informational presentation from Smith on June 16 or if the council will be voting on a new contract.



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VCS Administrator Brad Dunn called the groundbreaking a historic occasion.

Valley Christian

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will be more space for students in the new high school as well as space in the current school building.

Board member Tom Appell told the crowd last week that VCS was seeing the enrollment for grade school growing.

Dunn told the school board a couple years ago, "We're going to have a space issue."

Head principal Sean Freund told the crowd June 2 that, over the years in the main building, classrooms were rearranged, temporary walls were put up and

taken down, and the weight room operated in a hallway, just to create space for learning to take place.

The board put a team together and worked with Miron Construction and Excel Engineering to put together the plan for the new high school, which has the potential for add-ons in the future.

Valley Christian participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which awards vouchers to students who qualify. Those students' tuition is then covered by taxpayers. Over the last five years, \$33 million of Oshkosh taxpayer money has been contributed to the voucher program.

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Nelson caps career with third straight state title

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Sydnee Nelson ended her career as a champion.

The Oshkosh West senior won her third straight WIAA Division 1 100-meter hurdle title at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet held in La Crosse last weekend.

Nelson posted a school-record setting time of 13.94 seconds in the finals to claim the back-to-back-to-back title and add another gold medal to her collection.

"It sucks that my high school career is over but I couldn't have asked to finish my season in a better way," Nelson said in a phone interview on Sunday. "I'm really happy it ended the way it did."

Since 1991, when the WIAA officially switched to divisions instead of classes, Nelson is just the fourth athlete in any division to win three straight 100-meter hurdle state titles and the first to do it in Division 1.

She was one of five Division 1 athletes to win two straight state 100-meter hurdle titles.

"Sydnee has been putting her head down and doing the work each season and she has improved each season," West head coach Nicole Fischer said. "She works really closely on what she is doing and fixes the little things to improve her race overall. She had a lot of pressure coming in and she handled it really, really well."

Nelson said that she felt more pressure during the regular season, knowing she had a target on her back as the two-time state champion.

But when her preliminary race rolled around on Friday and when she climbed into the starting blocks for Saturday's final, that was not the case.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Oshkosh West's Sydnee Nelson goes over a hurdle during her preliminary race in the Division 1 100-meter hurdles at the state track meet on Friday in La Crosse. Nelson would win her third straight state title in the event on Saturday.

"I wasn't really nervous at state. I was more excited," Nelson said. "I was probably the most calm I have been at any state meet or regionals or sectionals."

She credited her previous state meet experience for the calm.

"I knew what it would take to get to the finals," Nelson said. "I knew how I was going to feel, what the crowd was going to

look like, how I was going to warm up. Everything was already kind of planned for me so I had a lot less nerves."

Nelson won her preliminary race in a time of 14.36 seconds, which was four-tenths of a second ahead of the field.

In the finals, she beat the runner-up by nearly a half-second and was less than three-tenths away from the state meet record in Division 1.

"Over my first couple of hurdles I can see everybody but then I kind of zone out when I run. I'm just more focused what is happening in my lane and on my hurdles," Nelson said. "(At the finish line) I was pretty confident I finished first. I was more focused on my time."

Nelson, who competed at state as a freshman in the 800-meter relay, said that at the conclusion of her race, she jogged well past the finish line and took her time getting back to the rest of the group.

She wanted to be sure to take in the atmosphere where she has had so much success before taking off the Oshkosh West uniform for the final time.

"It's very special. Everyone that runs (for West) is very close and it's nice to know that you have that support system no matter what happens," Nelson said. "Knowing everyone coming in will have that is nice. I hope they just have fun running next year and are able to continue that legacy that I worked towards leaving."



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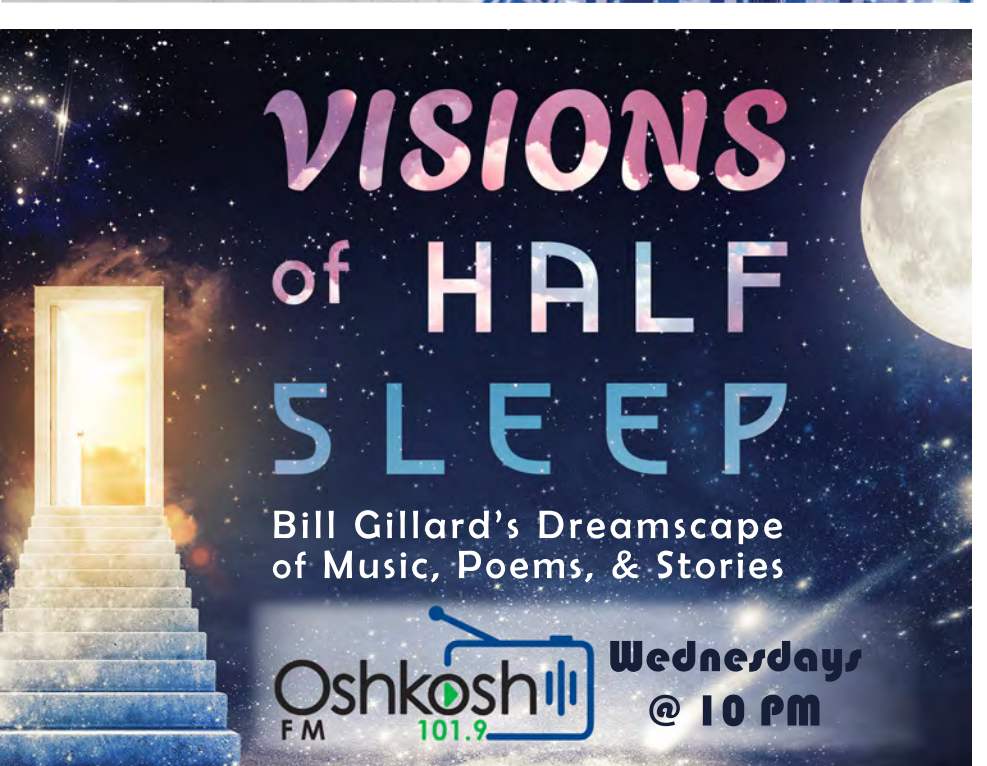


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Wildcats collects handful of hardware from state meet

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh West girls track and field team had an impressive showing at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships this past weekend in La Crosse.

The Wildcats had five girls make the trip and four of them returned home with state medals following the annual two-day event.

In addition to Sydnee Nelson winning the Division 1 100-meter hurdle title, Kylie Triebold, Kayana Turner and Emma Liebergen all earned hardware at the meet.

Triebold, who finished fourth at the state meet last year, placed third in the 400 meters at this year's meet hitting a personal best time of 55.99 seconds in the finals. She ran a time of 57.10 to take second in her preliminary race.

Triebold finished just less than three-tenths of a second out of second place in the finals.

Turner and Liebergen each placed in the top five of the triple jump, with Turner taking third with a leap of 37-feet, 3-inches, while Liebergen was fourth with a mark of 36-11.

Liebergen also made the podium in the long jump where she placed seventh, while Turner placed 14th overall in the 100 meters, but did not advance to the finals.

The remaining West qualifier was hurdler Camille Phillips, but she clipped the first hurdle in her preliminary race and did not make the finals.

Outside of Nelson, the rest of this year's state qualifiers were making their second trip to the state meet and will have the opportunity to return next season.

"They did phenomenal," said West head coach Nicole Fischer, whose team fin-



Left: Oshkosh West's Emma Liebergen soars through the air on a long jump attempt during the WIAA state track and field meet on Friday.



Photos by Doug Sasse

Top right: Lourdes Academy's Mat Yaggie clears the final hurdle in his Division 3 300-meter hurdle race on Friday.

Bottom right: Oshkosh North's Jamare Scott speeds to a win in his Division 1 100 meter preliminary race on Friday.

ished eighth overall in the team standings. "They all had great seasons and improved on everything they did this season. Last year, it was about going to state and then this year it was, OK, how can I compete and set the standard a little higher."

The Oshkosh West boys team notched a podium finish with its 1,600-meter relay

team of Alex Dedecker, Carson Choinski, Noah Cardinal, and Cameron Crowe.

The foursome was seeded seventh coming out of the preliminaries but shaved two seconds off of its time in the finals to post a mark of 3:19.29. The time was less than two-tenths of a second out of second place and about eighth-tenths off the win-

ning time.

Crowe added a pair of top-15 finishes in his final prep competition. He finished 10th in the 400 meters and 15th in the 800 meters after participating in the state cross country and swim meets earlier this season.

The Wildcats' 800-meter relay team of Dylan McDonald, Choinski, Carter Schmidt and Joey Ware finished 15th and did not advance to the finals.

Colden Searles also competed in the pole vault but did not clear a height.

The Oshkosh North boys scored in a pair of events at the state meet as Jamare Scott took seventh in the 100 meters and then anchored the 400-meter relay team, which included Dalton Clark, Brendyn Sawall and Evan Auler, to an eighth-place finish in the finals.

The same foursome also placed 18th in the 800-meter preliminaries but did not advance to the final.

In Division 3, Lourdes Academy's Mat Yaggie was the area's lone state competitor and he placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Yaggie was seeded eighth in the event going into the state meet, but sliced nearly a full second off of his qualifying time in the preliminaries to advance to the final.

The Lourdes Academy girls team was led by a ninth-place finish from the 3,200-meter relay team of Allison Stromske, Ana Schneidewend, Annie Moore and Khloe Bunton.

The Knights' 800-meter relay team of Leah Ridenour, Allie Feuerhelm, Kylie Rietz and Adriana Saucedo placed 12th in the preliminaries but did not make the finals.

The lone Lourdes Academy girl individual to qualify was Lucy Schade, who placed 14th in the high jump.

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Koch's goal, strong defense fuel Knights' regional title

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

With a roster loaded with freshmen and sophomores, competing for a WIAA regional title would have seemed like it might be in the future plans for the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian girls soccer team.

The future arrived on Saturday night. Playing with a makeshift backline, the Knights turned in a stifling defensive effort and got a pair of goals from one of its veterans in Ellie Koch as Lourdes/Valley topped Sturgeon Bay, 2-1, at Titan Stadium to capture a WIAA Division 3 regional title.



Koch

“We had the skill and we knew that coming into the season. We just had to build with each other and work as one,” said Koch, who was a freshman when the Knights won the second of back-to-back regional titles in 2024. “It feels really good. We have a lot of freshmen this year so it feels great to be back at it and see the same success.”

The Knights may be young – they have only three seniors on the roster – but there is definitely talent there and a lot of passion for the sport. That’s what helped the Lourdes/Valley squad excel this year.

“They are at the point where they always want (to do) more and I just let them go,” Knights’ head coach Abrajuan Gutierrez said. “Even when the old coach doesn’t want to come to practice because it’s too hot, they always want to be there. So that’s a good energy. We have more hunger on



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhaupt boots a ball forward during a WIAA Division 4 regional final at Titan Stadium on Saturday.

the team with the (young roster).”

The game was scoreless well into the second half when the Knights earned a free kick from the left midfield area about 40 yards away from goal.

Koch tried to loft a ball into the mix of players in the penalty area, but the ball sailed toward Clippers goalkeeper Prudence Goettelman. The netminder, though, had the ball squirt through her hands and then was unable to grab it until after it bounced into the goal to give the Knights a 1-0 lead.

“I was just trying to center it to everybody else and it happened to go in. I couldn’t do it again if I tried,” Koch said. “That was important for our team and it kind of knocked the wind out of their sails.

It made us realize what we could do and from then on, we really just stepped it up.”

Gutierrez said he empathized with Clippers’ goalkeeper but knew it certainly helped the Knights.

“You never plan that but that’s soccer,” Gutierrez said. “They were trying for 80 minutes not to make a mistake and I told our girls if they made a mistake, it would be crucial.”

Koch added a second goal about six minutes later when she picked the ball off the foot of a Sturgeon Bay defender and slid a low shot past a charging Goettelman.

The junior nearly made it a hat trick a minute later but a diving save robbed Koch of a third goal and kept the Clippers’ hopes alive.

And Sturgeon Bay made things interesting.

With three minutes left to go, the Clippers took advantage of a free kick from about 25 yards out and scored off a scramble in front of the goal to cut the Knights’ advantage in half.

Sturgeon Bay kept the pressure on over the final minutes, but the Lourdes/Valley defense stood strong as the Knights held on for the win.

“It was on our half most of the time so we just had to try to keep going,” said Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhaupt. “It was really stressful. It took a lot of communication from Evelyn (Heinzen) and I. We had to step up and we were the communicators back there.”

Gutierrez Kuhaupt was moved to a center defender position next to Heinzen because the Knights were playing without one of the starters on the backline.

That changed some of the strategy of

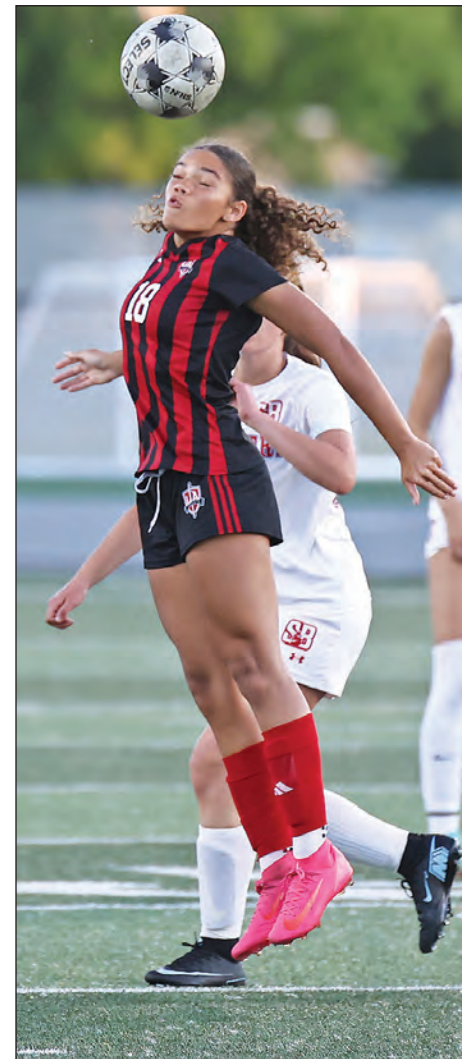


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The Knights’ Aviana Wihlm leaps in the air to head a ball forward during Saturday’s win over Sturgeon Bay.

the Knights’ defense but the team executed the plan well.

“We moved the back line closer to the goal which is dangerous but they responded,” said coach Gutierrez, who got nine saves from goalie Raya Fisher in the match. “They put pressure on us but we would not do different things (to get the ball forward) even if we were under pressure.”

The Knights will now head into a sectional semifinal matchup against Howards Grove on Thursday at Lakeland University.

The Tigers have lost only once this season – a 2-1 defeat to Kiel in the second game of the season – and have won their first two tournament games by a combined 16-0 margin.

“We are going to face a beast on Thursday, but we have this time,” coach Gutierrez said. “We will enjoy this now.”

And they can enjoy because the team deserved the win.

“Everyone wanted this,” Gutierrez Kuhaupt said. “We earned this. We weren’t lucky. We really had to put in the hard work to get here.”

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Prep sports roundup

TENNIS

Area athletes compete at state meet

Two of the three Oshkosh West flights to qualify for the state meet won a match last week at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

Kole Stauffacher and the doubles pairing of Gavin Steiner and Reid Potter each recorded a victory before getting ousted.

Stauffacher earned a straight set win over Vijayaraj Saravana Selvam of Oak Creek in his opening-round match, collecting a 6-2, 6-0 win. He fell to 10th-seeded David Klaas of Madison Memorial in straight sets in the second round.

Steiner and Potter were seeded sixth in the state field and received a first-round bye before earning a 2-6, 7-6, 10-6 win over Stevens Point's Tully Smith and Will Matthews.

The West duo would fall in their next match to Brookfield Academy's Eddie Schroyer and Cole Wurtzbach, 2-6, 6-0, 10-3.

The Wildcats' No. 2 doubles team of Isaiah Wilson and Jacob Lemke lost a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4 match in the first round to Pewaukee's Jacob Mano and Zach Murphy.

In Division 2, Valley Christian/Lourdes Academy's Danny Kunde lost 6-1, 6-2 to fifth-seeded Tommy Heinrich of New Berlin Eisenhower in the first round, while the Warriors' pairing of Dawson Miller and Hudson Lang fell 6-1, 7-5 to Regis' Jack Schroeder and Will Berschback.

GOLF

North's Weber qualifies for state meet

Oshkosh North senior Owen Weber earned a trip to the WIAA Division 1 State Meet by tying for second place at last week's sectional meet at Rolling Meadows.

The WIAA State Golf Meet was held Monday and Tuesday at University Ridge in Madison. Results of the meet were not available for this edition.

Weber shot a 77 at the sectional meet to finish in a three-way tie for second place and earn one of the three individual qualifying spots for the state meet. It is his first trip to state for golf, although he did play on the Spartans basketball team that advanced to state last year.

Oshkosh West's Eli Gelhar fell one shot short of making a playoff for the final individual qualifying spot, shooting an 80 on the day to lead the Wildcats.

West qualified as a team and finished

seventh among the eight schools with a score of 343.

Lincoln Houle added an 83 for the Wildcats, followed by Billy Berg with an 88 and Tyler Mellgren with a 92.

Harrison Loewe also qualified for sectionals from Oshkosh North and shot an 88.

Knights take third at sectional meet

Lourdes Academy finished third behind powerhouses Kohler and St. Mary Springs at the WIAA Division 3 sectional meet played last week at Blackwolf Run.

The Knights turned in a team score of 363 to win a close battle for third as University Lake School had a 364, Lomira had a 368 and Howards Grove finished with a 370.

Liam Buttke led the Knights with a round of 86, while Henry Achterberg and Ian Simmons each shot 92s. Lucas Neuens rounded out the scoring golfers for Lourdes Academy with a 93.

BASEBALL

Knights fall to Tigersharks

Lourdes Academy never got the lead against Princeton/Green Lake and fell to the Tigersharks, 11-4, in a WIAA Division 4 regional final at Tiedemann Field last Wednesday.

The game was tied at 1 after three innings when the Tigersharks rallied for four runs to take the lead. Lourdes Academy answered with a run in the bottom of the inning but Princeton/Green Lake responded with two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth and held on from there.

The Knights scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Tigershark balk and a sacrifice fly by Eli Halla but could get no closer. Parker Sluslarski smacked a one-out single in the seventh but the Knights were unable to generate a rally.

Nolan Gibson and Brady Bauer each had two hits in the game for the Knights, with Bauer driving in the first run with a two-out single in the first inning. Halla added his first sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Sluslarski struck out nine in 4 2/3 innings but took the loss. Lourdes Academy committed six errors that led to six unearned runs in the game.

The Knights advanced to the regional final with a 12-2 win over Tri-County the day before, ending the game with an eight-run bottom of the fifth inning.

Michael Santiago was 3-for-4 and drove in four runs to spark the Knights, while Sluslarski and Bauer each chipped in two



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy second baseman Ryder Mullen prepares to take a throw on a close play during last Wednesday's WIAA Division 4 regional final against Princeton/Green Lake.

hits.

Halla allowed just two hits and did not surrender an earned run in five innings to secure the win on the mound. He struck out six without walking a batter.

Wildcats, Spartans fall in tourney openers

Both Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North lost their WIAA Division 1 regional openers last week.

The Wildcats fell to Homestead, 5-1, while the Spartans dropped a 15-0 decision to Fond du Lac.

SOCCER

Oshkosh West posts regional win

The Wildcats edged Manitowoc Lincoln, 1-0, in a WIAA Division 1 regional match last week and earned a spot in Saturday's regional final.

West held top-seeded Arrowhead scoreless in the first half but succumbed to the Warhawks in the second half and lost 6-0.

Balanced effort leads Knights

Six different players scored as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian notched a 6-0 win over Omro in a first-round regional game last week.

Rachel Kowalske, Hadassah Gutierrez, Kuhaupt, Avianna Wihlm, Katelyn Potratz, Ellie Koch and Amy Willis all scored in the game for the Knights, while Koch also finished with a pair of assists.

Spartans knocked out of tournament

Oshkosh North tallied a goal against second-seeded Divine Savior Holy Angels but dropped its WIAA Division 1 regional tournament match, 9-1, last week.

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Obituaries

Ervin Schmude

Ervin "Erv" Schmude, 90, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully at Aurora Hospital on June 2, 2026, surrounded by his wife and children. Erv was born in Oshkosh on March 9, 1936, to Roy and June (Eckstein) Schmude.



He met the love of his life, Janet "Jan" Ochsner in Lincoln, NE and they eloped to Council Bluffs, IA on November 22, 1958. Together they raised two daughters and one son, first in Oshkosh and then in Winneconne, WI. Erv was a long-term member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne.

Erv was a glazier with PPG Industries, TC Esser Co., and Jackson Glass Inc. His employment with Jackson Glass covered 30 years until his retirement in 1971. Erv's employers at Jackson Glass were like a second family to him.

Erv raced stock cars for many years beginning in Lincoln, NE, and then at tracks in the Fox Valley area. He ended his racing career in 1975 after winning the mid-season championship the year before at the Oshkosh racetrack. In 2011, Erv was inducted into the "Walk of Fame" at the Oshkosh SpeedZone Raceway.

In retirement, Erv and Jan enjoyed attending local races, displaying their 1947 Mercury Coupe at car shows and parades, selling at flea markets and toy shows, polka dancing, lunching with friends and supporting their grandchildren at many sporting events. Erv was a gifted wood-

worker and spent many hours building bird, butterfly and doll houses. He also never missed watching a NASCAR race, especially when his favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt was racing.

Erv was a devoted fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks, along with the Wisconsin Badgers. His passion for sports led him to coach pee-wee baseball and start a junior softball league, both in Winneconne. He enjoyed coaching and the times spent with his son.

He is survived by his loving family, Wife, Jan; daughters, Candy (Warren) Luce and Cheri Reese; son, AJ (Deanna) Schmude; grandchildren, Becky Mueller, Jenny (Jeremy) Case, Chrissy Reese, Colby and Grayson Schmude; and great-grandchildren, Gibson, Frehley, Marshall Mueller and John Case. As well as other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Erv was preceded in death by his infant brother, Allan Schmude; sister, Betty (Schmude) Loos; and his in-laws.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, on June 11, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (8 S 4th St, Winneconne, WI 54986). The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial for Erv has been established with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Bella Vista for the kindness and compassion shown to Erv during the last year of his life.



cared for.

He is survived by: Children - Mark (Lori) Simpson, Margaret (Kurt) Thiel, Susan King, Ellen (Frank) Novotny. Grandchildren-Rebecca (Sterling) Seizert, Nathaniel Simpson, Zeke (Raquel) Thiel, Kyle (Amie) Thiel, Joshua Thiel, Taylor Simpson, Alissa (Phill) Blair, Emily Novotny, Andrew Novotny, Jared Thiel, Samantha Thiel, Ashley King. Along with 11 great-grandchildren. John is further survived by siblings- Mary (Dan), Ellen (-Galen), Charles (Anita), Paul (Louella), Dave, Nancy (Steve), Patricia, Kathleen, and Colleen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Agnes Simpson, His son William John and brothers Micheal and Donald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude Parish, St. Vincent Catholic Church, located at 1225 Oregon St in Oshkosh, on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. There will be no visitation the family will greet those in attendance immediately following the mass. John's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the family who will cherish his memory always.

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Jeffrey T. LeRoy

Jeff was born in Oshkosh, WI to Joseph and Shirley (Stannard) LeRoy on September 12, 1951. He passed away on June 6, 2026, surrounded by loved ones, who shared memories and prayed over him.



Jeff grew up in a joyful, close-knit family with his sister, Cheryl, and brothers, Joe and Jim. Their mother encouraged creativity, laughter, and dancing, often joining right in. Their father instilled a strong work ethic and taught the boys to hunt. Sundays were spent at their grandparents' home, swimming in Lake Winnebago, hiking to the "Pretty Place," and sharing meals with cousins who became lifelong friends. That Sunday tradition continued for decades at their parents' home, weaving a family bond that remained unbreakable.

Jeff attended Oshkosh High School and UW-Oshkosh before enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he proudly served as a Drill Sergeant. He later moved to Arizona, where he met and married Audrie Heires in 1982.

Together they raised three children, Joseph, Hadley, and Riley. Jeff's career in Sales and Marketing with Tenneco Inc. took the family to several states, including Arizona, California, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

No matter where they lived, Jeff brought joy with him. When visiting Oshkosh, his nieces and nephews were only too delighted to join his playful "parades," dancing through the living room to songs like "The Lollipop Brigade." Jeff was known for his quick wit, warm humor, and the deep love

James Hamilton Wilson

James Hamilton Wilson left his loving family and friends to join his heavenly family on June 7, 2026. He was born in Oshkosh, WI on November 23, 1953, to Elizabeth "Betty" and Neil Wilson.



Jim's journey on this earth was marked by his fatherly love, sense of humor, trust and skills as an educator to hundreds of children.

Jim is survived by his sister; Margo Wilson; children, Alex (Alicha) Wilson and Samantha (Tyler) Clark; daughter-in-law, Robin Wilson; grandchildren, Destiny, Noah, Katie, Anthony, Nathan, Eloise and Turner; four great-grandchildren; cousins, Jorene Ziebell, Brad Lehnigk and Renee Jacobsen. Lifelong friends, Michelle Kirby, George Scheuermann, the "Whole Gang", those from the Courtyard of Oshkosh, and many more.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Elizabeth "Betty" and Neil Wilson; daughter, Sarah; son, Nathan Wilson.

After graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1971, Jim received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1976. In 1992, he studied at Marian College, where he received his master's degree in education. He was a longtime member of the Oshkosh Education Association.

he had for his family and friends. He enjoyed watercolor painting, hunting, playing cards, cooking, and sharing meals with others. A talented and adventurous chef, he was always trying new recipes and thoroughly enjoyed sharing with the people he cared about.

Despite facing significant health challenges over many years, Jeff remained a source of strength and encouragement to others navigating cancer and heart disease. He fought courageously until the early morning of June 6, when cancer and cardiac arrest took his earthly life; but Jesus gave him eternal life.

He is survived by his children, Joseph (Lindsay), Hadley (Titus) Wilson, and Riley (Megan, fiancé); grandchildren: Jameson, Julian, and Jackson LeRoy; and Lilly and Wyatt Wilson; sister, Cheryl Michler and brothers, Joe (Joan) LeRoy, and Jim (Donna) LeRoy. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, Paul Michler. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the teams at Aurora Hospital in Oshkosh and St. Luke's in Milwaukee for their compassionate care during Jeff's final days.

Visitation will be held at Fiss & Bills Poklasny Funeral Home on Westhaven Street on Saturday, June 20 from 9:00-11:00 a.m., with a service to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Oshkosh Community Foundation in Jeff's memory.

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Jim was a dedicated teacher, having worked at Sugarbush Elementary School, New London, and Oshkosh Area School District. He loved teaching drivers' education at the Oshkosh High Schools, he mostly taught intermediate grades teaching meaningful lessons with humor, but more importantly, respect and responsibility.

Jim enjoyed watching history documentaries and listening to Polka music. He played numerous instruments including his favorite, the trombone. He found entertaining together in the band, he and his father created, "Uncle Earl's Hotsy Totsy Boys", the VFW Band, and as a member of the Oshkosh Area Community Band.

Being a history enthusiast, Jim spent many hours as a docent at the EAA Museum. He also drove guests on a tram throughout the EAA grounds each summer.

Most of all, Jim treasured the time he spent working in the yard with his son, Nathan, and dancing with his daughter Samantha, and son Alex, at Richard's School of the Dance.

Although Jim is no longer with us to spread humor, love, and music, his spirit will forever remind us of the joy he brought to all of us.

Thank you to the staff at Aurora Medical Center and the Courtyard assisted living

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John Simpson Jr.

John Simpson Jr., beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend passed away April 24, 2026 after a life marked by dedication integrity and love for family.



He was born December 31, 1941 in Durand WI to John Simpson Sr and Agnes Mae (Flick) Simpson. Oldest of twelve siblings, a role that shaped his lifelong sense of responsibility and leadership.

John graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a degree in Education and began his career in teaching Industrial Arts at Webster Stanley Junior High in Oshkosh, where he impacted many with his hands-on instruction and steady encouragement. He later transitioned into a Purchasing Agent for Pluswood Oshkosh, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and attention to detail.

John had a love for fastpitch softball, fishing, golf, and being a member of the chain gang for UW-Oshkosh Titan Football. John was loved by many and will be remembered for his strength, knowledge, and commitment to those he loved and

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Rev. Ronald Wesley Meier

For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9



May 30, 2026, just 27 days after his 95th birthday, Reverend Ronald Wesley Meier was granted his wish and entered his heavenly home.

A son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, pastor and friend, Ronald was born May 3, 1931 in

Arlington Heights, Illinois to Raymond and Elta Meier. He married his love and help-mate for life, JoAnn Hildegard Schulze on December 6, 1952 in Bensenville, Illinois. They were blessed with 73 years of loving support and devotion.

Before he was called to enter the ministry, Ronald farmed in Northern Illinois (1952-61). He also managed Elburn, Illinois Feedmill (1957-61). 1955-56 he served in the army in Colorado Springs. In 1961 he attended Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois and completed his education in 1965.

It's hard to imagine how many lives "Pastor Meier" touched...how many baptisms,

confirmations, weddings and funerals he performed in his 60 years of service in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, first in Monticello, Indiana (1965-69) and then in Oshkosh at Trinity Lutheran (1969-96).

Vacation time was usually spent traveling with his wife and five children exploring the US and camping. He was an avid reader and treasured time with JoAnn on their pontoon boat in retirement. Many canoe trips to the boundary waters, several trips to the Holy Land and a genealogy trip to Germany with his grandson, Mark, among other places were highlights of his life.

Ronald is survived by his wife, JoAnn; sister Jeanette Marti; children Kurt (Cindy) Meier, Melodie (special friend Bob Gustison) Hoenecke, Mark (Karla) Meier, Laura (Monty) Giffin, Todd (Kris) Meier; 15 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren

and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Raymond and Elta Meier; brother Lynwood Meier; and his grandson, Zachary Giffin.

Visitations was held on Sunday, June 7 from 4-6pm and June 8 from 9-11am before the service at 11am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Ninth Street, Oshkosh.

A memorial has been established in Ronald's honor.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff in Manor View at Evergreen. They showed him great compassion and love in the months he was there.

We look forward to joining him with Jesus in the Resurrection.

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Beverly Ann Schuster

Beverly (Bev) Ann Schuster, age 78, passed away on May 27, 2026, after an unforgiving battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Bev was born on January 17, 1948, to her beloved parents, Herbert and Agnes Thomae, in Antigo, Wisconsin.



She married the love of her life, Dr. William (Bill) Schuster, on August 8, 1970, after attending school with him since fifth grade. Bev attended St. Peter's Catholic grade school and graduated from Lourdes Academy High School with Bill in 1966. She graduated from University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Bev then went on to teach first grade in Milwaukee, supporting Bill during dental school and then his orthodontic residency. She was, in Bill's words, "the best thing that ever happened to me."

Bev and Bill had four wonderful children together. Raising and guiding them was her greatest skill and joy. Bev loved being a mother and grandma. As busy as she was raising four children, she still found time to substitute teach and help Bill with his orthodontic practice. She made sure all their staff members felt part of a family and loved entertaining them. Bev served as president of the St. Mary's School Board, Chairperson of the Lourdes Auction, volunteered at the Christine Ann Center, and served on the Mercy Medical Foundation board of directors.

After Bill retired, they enjoyed traveling and snorkeling all over the world. They also enjoyed their time together, kayaking, boating, biking and especially walking. Another favorite pastime was cheering on the Green Bay Packers, attending countless games with Tom and Peggy Schuster, as season ticket holders. Beyond all else, Bev's years at their cottage on Long Lake were among her favorite and will be remembered by all who visited that special place. Bev's motto at the lake was "the more the merrier" and "what happens at grandma's stays at grandma's."

Bev is survived by and her memory will be cherished her husband, Dr. William

Schuster, four children, Dr. Laurie Muller (Dr. Jay Muller), Julie Maslowski (Dr. Michael Maslowski), Dr. Susan Klobucarich (Steven Klobucarich), and John Schuster (Annie Schuster); and beloved grandchildren, Gabrielle Muller-Goksal (Can), Andrew Muller (Tera), Mia Maslowski, Max Maslowski, Zachary Klobucarich, Cade Klobucarich, Mason Schuster, Colton Schuster. Bev is further survived by siblings, Lois Talebi, La Jolla, California, Mary Lumpkin (Tony), Gadsden, Alabama, Janet Smith, Gleason, Wisconsin, ret. Col. Carl Thomae (ret. SMSgt. Nicole), Dr. Keith Thomae (Mimi), and Paul Thomae; and siblings-in-law, Mary Cunningham, Waukon, Iowa, Kathy Payne, Jacksonville, Florida, Susan Reichenberger (Fred), of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Charles Schuster (Angie), of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Thomas Schuster (Margaret) of Ave Maria, Florida, and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Agnes Thomae and brother Dr. Daniel Thomae.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Sharehaven Memory Care at Evergreen Retirement Community for their excellent care over the past year. Thank you also to Generations Hospice. A very special thank you to Bev's devoted friend, Paula Qualley, who supported Bev and assisted with her care during the past two years. Paula, your love and support is truly appreciated.

Fiss & Bills Poklasny Funeral Home is assisting the family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026 at 11 am in St. Raphael Catholic Church in Oshkosh and will be celebrated by Bev's nephew, Fr. Daniel Schuster. A time of visitation will be held at the church from 9am until the time of mass. Burial will be in Riverside Catholic Cemetery in Oshkosh. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fox Valley Memory Project, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, to support its mission of assisting individuals living with dementia, maintain their dignity, purpose and joy, as well as provide support for their loved ones and care partners.

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the work themselves. They enjoyed many years there, and also wintered in Port Aransas, Texas from 2001 through 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; son, John Laper; daughter, Megan (Art) Sullivan; and seven wonderful grandchildren.

Don wishes to thank his Lord Jesus and all of his loving family for their support and comfort during this difficult time. At Don's request, a family memorial gathering will take place at a later date.

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Joseph C. Roloff

Joseph "Joe" C. Roloff, age 78, of Oshkosh, WI, was called home to be with the Lord on June 2, 2026, at Ascension Mercy Hospital with his wife by his side.



Joe was born on April 6, 1948, son of the late John and Jean Roloff, in Shawano, WI. After graduating from Bonduel High

School, he joined the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He was deployed from 1968 to 1970. For his bravery and dedicated service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

After returning home, Joe took some college courses at UW Oshkosh, utilized his outgoing personality and people skills in various sales positions before founding and operating Skil-Tech, Inc.

On January 2, 1982, Joe married the love of his life, Jane, with whom he shared 44 years of marriage. He was the loving father to three daughters, Jessica (Joshua) Glass, Jennifer (Nicholas) Hanford and Jacquelyn (Benjamin) Sincoular. "Papa Joe" was blessed with 11 grandchildren; Colton, Eva, Gavin and Owen Glass, Nevaeh, Maxwell and Maverick Hanford, Sawyer, Grant, Clark and Isla Sincoular.

Joe will be remembered for his sense of humor and his ability to strike up a con-

versation with everyone. He was a great storyteller and could tell story after story with no end. He was a real-life thesaurus, and fondly held the nickname, Jeopardy Joe. He was a selfless provider for his family, and the futures of his daughters and grandchildren were always his priority.

His cabin in Laona was his favorite retreat, and he would visit there as often as he could. He enjoyed his solitude time watching the birds and deer, but also enjoyed his cabin packed with family for the traditional Memorial and Labor Day weekends.

In addition to his wife, daughters and grandchildren, Joe is survived by his brother John (Vicki) Roloff Jr; sister Jerilyn (Randy) Vande Corput; brother-in-law Dennis Allen; sister in-law Susan (Robert) Komarinetz; nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John Fredrick Roloff Sr. and Jean Jeanette (Tinsman) Roloff and his sister, Judith Eileen Allen.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Martin Luther Church (1526 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh) followed by a funeral service with military honors at 11:00 a.m.

In honor of Joe, his family will be making a donation to support local Veterans which was near and dear to Joe's heart.

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Barbara Jean Blick

Honoring the life of Barbara ("Bobbi") Jean Blick



Barbara (Bobbi) J. Blick, age 79, of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. She was born in Cook County, Illinois, on February 4, 1947.

Throughout her lifetime she worked numerous jobs, but her most impactful was providing childcare to many children. She was an animal lover, and her home was never without at least one pet.

She was previously married to Robert Olkiewicz Sr., and together they were blessed with four children.

Surviving Barbara are her four children: Dawn Sippl, Tamara (David) Hunt, Robert Olkiewicz Jr., and Carri (Bill) Schettle; her nine grandchildren: Callan (Joshua) Nelson, Austyn (Evan) Whitehead, Jonah (Alyssa) Sippl, Caleb (Lauren) Hunt, Erin (Noah) Hunt, Haley (Seth) Olkiewicz, Hannah (Taylor) Olkiewicz, Lucas Schettle, and Aubrey Schettle; her

twelve great-grandchildren: Rhylee, Beau, and Baylie Danke; Aleah, Landon, and Benson Hunt; Noel, Collin, and Ivy Nelson; Jettson and Traeger Sippl; and Joey Whitehead; her brother, Norman (Lili) Jouppi; and her nephews Mark, Matt, and Luke Jouppi.

Numerous family members preceded her in death, including her great-grandparents; her mother Jean Jouppi; her stepfather Norman

Jouppi; her sister, Elizabeth Blick; and her grandchildren Evan Schettle, Taylor Danke, and Liam Nelson.

The family sends sincere thanks to the caring staff at both Fresenius Kidney Care of Oshkosh/Appleton and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton. Also, a special thank you to Carol Willison for being such a good and helpful friend to our mother.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main Street, Winneconne, Wisconsin. Visitation will take place from 3:00 PM until the time of the service at 5:00 PM. A private burial will be held for the family.

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Donald C. Laper

Donald C. Laper passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Don was born in Markesan, WI on July 6, 1937, to Maurice and Margaret Laper. He attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and graduated with a degree in Economics. Don worked in the Madison area as an investment broker for many years, a job at which he truly excelled.

He married his lovely wife, Carolyn, a teacher, on November 4, 1961, in Crivitz, WI. He and Carol built a cabin in Black River Falls, WI in 1987, doing the majority of

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Ann G. Yana

Ann Gordon Yana passed away on May 22, 2026 at Silverstone Memory Care in Appleton.

She was born on May 20, 1947 in Oshkosh, to Van Irving and Lucile M. Yana. She attended St. Mary's Grade School in Oshkosh, and graduated from Oshkosh

High School in 1965. She attended the College of St. Theresa in Winona, Minnesota, and finished her education at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, earning a B.S. in English and French in 1969.

She was employed for many years by Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh as a medical transcriber. She was gifted in for-

eign languages and was fluent in French, Russian and German. She was an avid gardener, and cherished the many plants she painstakingly nurtured and grew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by her brother Joe, and sister-in-law Patti, of Oshkosh, and cousins.

No plans have been established for a

service or memorial.

Many thanks go to Ann's neighbor and friend Gwen, and Jodi at By Your Side Care for their support.

A big fan of existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, Ann shared his view that: "Man is nothing else but what he makes of himself."

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Obituaries

David B. Behrend

David B. Behrend, 70 of Oshkosh, passed on June 1, 2026. Son of William and Josephine (Yanko) Behrend, born August 15, 1955.



He attended Oshkosh West High School. He worked in manufacturing and had a tree trimming business.

He loved and was passionate about his family and enjoyed

spending time together. He was always willing to help whenever he could. He made it a point to try to stay positive. Showing all the positivity, love and friendship everyone deserves. While also showing that humor and stubbornness we all know he had. He especially loved and took pride in all his grandkids.

Dave was an avid fisherman and hunter. If not at home or visiting family, you could find him catching another fish. He had the best fish fries. He loved playing the piano, learning every song by ear. Most of his life he always had a dog by his side.

Dave is survived by his children, Jennifer (James Mall) Behrend, Justin Antonakis, David Behrend, Cassie (Kelley) Koch, Katelyn (Randy Howie) Kleveno, Ariel (James) Correll; Sister, Susan Schmidt and Patty (Gary) Schneider. 15 Grandchildren, one great-grandchild, along with many other family members and friends.

He is preceded by his parents; wife, Marilee; brother, Steven; brother-in-law, Richard Schmidt; son, Bobby.

A special thank you to all the amazing and loving people at the Centennial Inn for everything all these years, he loved you

all. Thank you to Moments Hospice and Lakeland Care.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 400 N. Sawyer St, Oshkosh, WI. The service will begin at 11:00am with a visitation starting at 10:00am. Luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for Dave.

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HUGE SALE: 300 Wyldeewood Drive. June 12 9:00 AM - ? Table & tile saws, gun safe, white Victorian bed frame, antiques, hand pump, lawn chairs, cuckoo clocks, toboggan, Longaberger, Hummel plates, puzzles, MORE!

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ADMENDED SUMMONS Case No. 26 CV 490 Case Codes: 30301 Case Types: Money Judgment The amount in controversy is in excess of \$10,000.00

MO CHARA PROPERTIES LLC 525 Meadow Lane Winneconne, WI 54986, Plaintiff,

vs. JOSEPH SAUTER 820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 SIMON GLAVIN 820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 BLAISE GLAVIN 820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901

LYNDESE SAUNDERS

820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 TOBIAS GLAVIN 820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 CHRISTOPHER GLAVIN 820 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To the person named above as a Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within Forty (40) days of May 20, 2026, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:

Clerk of Circuit Court Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901 and to Nathan P. Olson of Olson Legal Group LLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: 21 W. New York Avenue Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone (920) 230-7020 Facsimile (920) 230-7021

You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgement against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2026.

Electronically signed Clerk of Circuit Court, Winnebago County, WI 2026CV000490, Honorable John A. Jorgensen, Branch 5

Form completed by: OLSON LEGAL GROUP, LLC /s/ Nathan P. Olson

Nathan P. Olson, WSB#1059348 Attorney for Plaintiff 21 W. New York Avenue Oshkosh, WI 54901 Telephone (920) 230-7020 Facsimile (920) 2310-7021 www.olsonlegalgroup.com

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASE NO. 2026CV000402

LEXUS C. STOKES; and MAURICE J. COOK Plaintiffs, VS. ALLSTATE NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, LIBERTY SURPLUS INSURANCE CORPORATION, DARRELL J. DESCHLER, and NATHAN L. FLETCHER, Defendants,

PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY Involuntary Plaintiff

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: DARRELL J. DESCHLER 822 Evans Street Oshkosh, WI 54901

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 45 days of receiving this summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, P.O. Box 2808, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 54903-2808, and to Apex Accident Attorneys, LLC, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 3475 Omro Road, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 2845, Oshkosh, WI 54904-2845. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no complaint accompanies this summons you must respond within the 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mail-

ing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiffs attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026

APEX ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS, LLC Electronically signed by George W. Curtis George W. Curtis Attorney for Plaintiff 3475 Omro Road, Ste. 200 P.O. Box 2845, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2845 (920) 233-1010 State Bar No: 1008548

Runs June 10, 17, 24, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Jack Michael Burns By (Petitioner) Korynne Grace Burns By (Co-Petitioner) Zachary Paul Moran Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV479

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: First - Jack Middle - Michael Last - Burns To: First - Jack Middle - Moran Birth Certificate: First - Jack Middle - Michael Last - Burns

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Michael Gibbs Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: July 2, 2026 Time: 1:30 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled

court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:

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

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: May 12, 2026 Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4

Runs: June 10, 2026, June 17, 2026 and June 24, 2026

WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Korynne Grace Burns By (Petitioner) Korynne Grace Burns Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV480

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: First - Korynne Middle - Grace Last - Burns To: First - Korynne Middle - Moran Birth Certificate: First - Korynne Middle - Grace Last - Burns

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JUNE DAYS TO CELEBRATE!

JUNE 5

Donut Day

They're round and sweet! And June 5 is a day to celebrate with a bite of a donut!

Put this donut in the box.



JUNE 1

Say Something Nice Day

This special day was started in 2006 by the then mayor of North Charleston, South Carolina. Imagine if everyone in the world said nothing but nice things for a day—and everyday.

Replace the missing vowels to reveal nice things to say:

TH_NK_Y_! Y_ ARE A YOU M_KE A
 TH_T WAS V_RY S_P_ER CR_TIVE L_T OF P_PL_
 K_ND OF Y_! PERS_N! H_PPY!



JUNE 14

National Children's Day

This is a day to celebrate the joy and importance of being a kid! It is dedicated to celebrating, protecting and listening to kids everywhere. It reminds people around the world that every child has the right to be safe, happy, healthy and educated.

Longest Day of the Year

The longest day of the year, bringing the most sunlight, usually happens around June 20 or 21 in the Northern Hemisphere. It occurs because the Earth is tilted toward the sun, making it the official first day of summer.

Circle every other letter to see what this day is called.

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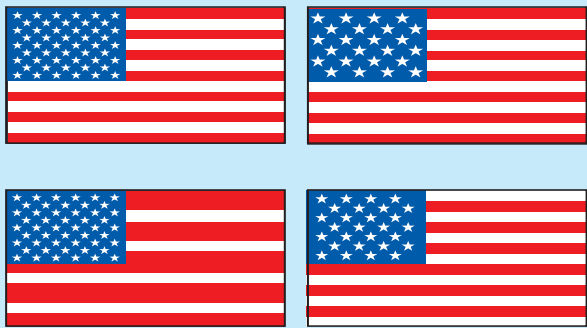
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JUNE 14

Flag Day

Flag Day is a special American holiday celebrated every year on June 14. It's like a giant birthday party for the United States flag. And this year, America will celebrate its 250th birthday on the Fourth of July!

Only one of these flags is the real American flag. Circle it. Then, have a family member check your answer.



ANSWER: Only the first flag is correct.

JUNE 19

A Holiday with Many Names

The Juneteenth holiday combines the word "June" and the word "nineteenth." It's sometimes called "Emancipation Day." But it has other names, too.

Use the code to discover Juneteenth's other names.

A=16	F=12	L=8	R=4
B=15	I=11	M=7	S=3
D=14	J=10	N=6	U=2
E=13	K=9	O=5	Y=1

F
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E
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Standards Link: Reading: follow simple written steps in sequence.

Extra! Extra!

World Caring Day

June 7 is World Caring Day. Look through the newspaper and find five or more ways people are caring for each other in your community. Send a letter to the editor thanking these people for caring for others.

Standards Link: Reading: follow simple written steps in sequence.

Kid Scoop Together

June is Cucumber Month

Cucumber Month takes place throughout June! Cucumbers taste good and keep people cool. They are great treats for the hot summer months.

In a Pickle

What's a pickle? It's a cucumber soaked in vinegar and spices.

Circle the numbers inside each pickle jar whose sum, when added together in a line down or across, is the same as the number at the top of the jar.



Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

JUNE 21

Father's Day

Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. It was started in 1910 by a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd. She wanted to thank her single father for raising her and her siblings. The first celebration was in Spokane, Washington, and it became a permanent U.S. national holiday in 1972.

Color this Father's Day award. Cut it out and give it to a special dad to wear.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Create projects using multiple mediums.



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