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City agrees to purchase City Center

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

In a split decision, and with no plan for the site, the Oshkosh Common Council voted last week to enter an agreement to purchase City Center.

The council approved the \$12.5 million purchase without a plan for what the development will look like, how to handle the current tenants or saying how much the project will cost taxpayers.

City Center, which is 17 acres of downtown property, was formerly the Park Plaza Mall before being shifted to office space in the 1990s. It now has between 20 and 30 tenants. The property consists of 1,000 feet of riverfront and has direct access to downtown.

In a 4-3 vote at its May 26 meeting, after eight months of executive sessions, the council entered the due diligence phase of the purchase. The due diligence phase will

last until Sept. 30 with an option to extend that to Dec. 30.

The city can now do soil testing to gauge if the soil is contaminated beneath the site. The city will also be able to check out the building to ensure it is structurally sound.

The city will pay an initial \$225,000 in earnest money to the owners of 101 Commerce Street and 201 Pearl Avenue.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Community outreach

The free CARRnival for Kids community event Saturday at Father Carr's Place 2B featured carnival rides, obstacle courses, climbing walls, games, face painting and food as families filled the grounds throughout the day. Executive director Jim Boehm estimated attendance to be between 4,000 and 5,000 people in the fourth year of the event, which is fully sponsor-funded. Community outreach teams from the Oshkosh Police Department, Oshkosh Fire Department and the Wisconsin Army National Guard participated alongside local agencies and volunteers.

County, shelters worked to help unhoused last winter

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Open communication and putting action plans in place helped keep more homeless people off Oshkosh streets during freezing cold temperatures and major snow events this past winter.

When County Executive Gordon Hintz was elected in April 2025, one of his goals was to get the unhoused off the streets during major winter events. Last summer, he began bringing together county staff along with organizations that help the unhoused, including Day by Day Shelter and the Salvation Army.

"We didn't want to be scrambling the

first time the temperature went below zero," Hintz said. "It takes a community effort to address homelessness."

Communication was essential in getting the unhoused off the street during freezing cold temperatures and major snow events during this past winter. Keeping an eye on the forecast, Renee Soroko, deputy director of Health and Human Services for Winnebago County, would immediately look at any potential gaps.

If it's going to be a Sunday when cold weather hit and the county's State Street Center is usually closed, could she call in workers to open it? Will Day By Day Shelter open their emergency 15 beds because

temperatures will be below zero? If yes, that means the Salvation Army can open its emergency 10 beds for the night. That would mean the county would need to provide staff to help over there.

The county, Salvation Army and Day by Day communicated with their populations about what's open and where people can go to stay warm, said Shelley Brown-Giebel, emergency preparedness specialist for the Winnebago County Public Health Department. The Oshkosh Police Department was also notified in case they see any unhoused people, so they

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State Street Center, supported by the Winnebago County Department of Human Services, opened six times over the winter to offer shelter from the cold.

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Campaign helps local students start strong

The final bell of the school year hasn't rung yet, but preparations are already underway to help local students return to the classroom this fall with the confidence that comes from having the school supplies, clothing and shoes they need to start the year strong.

Today, the eighth annual Oshkosh Herald Kicks for Kids campaign officially launches in support of the Oshkosh Area Back to School Fair. Once again, we're asking our generous community to come together and help ensure more than 1,400 Oshkosh-area students begin the school year with the essentials many of us take for granted.

Nearly 40% of students in the Oshkosh Area School District qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, but the financial strain of back-to-school shopping extends well beyond those families. I remember what it was like as a single mother, wanting nothing more than to make sure my children could walk through those school doors feeling prepared, confident and like they belonged.

The cost of new shoes, clothing and



Karen Schneider
President/Publisher

school supplies adds up quickly. According to the National Retail Federation, families are expected to spend more than \$925 per household this year on back-to-school needs. For many households, that's the equivalent of an extra month's rent or money that would otherwise be set aside for emergencies.

The Back to School Fair helps bridge that gap by providing students with school supplies, shoes, clothing and other essentials needed for a successful start to the year. More importantly, it gives children the confidence that comes from showing up on the first day ready to learn alongside their peers.

This year, Oshkosh Area United Way is serving as the lead organization for the Back to School Fair and will also manage

donations for the Kicks for Kids campaign. To simplify the process for donors, contributions can be mailed to:

Oshkosh Area Back to School Fair
c/o Oshkosh Area United Way
16 Washington Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Donations can also be made online at secure.qgiv.com/for/oshkoshback2schoolfair.

At the conclusion of the campaign, Oshkosh Area United Way will provide donor information so the Oshkosh Herald can recognize the individuals, businesses and organizations that stepped forward to support local children.

Year after year, this community proves that when our kids need us, we show up. Thank you for helping ensure that every child, regardless of circumstance, has the opportunity to begin the school year with confidence, dignity and the tools they need to succeed.

Together, we can make a difference for more than 1,400 local students.

Thank you for caring about our kids and investing in their future.

Planning for Oshkosh Children's Day Parade is underway

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The 2026 Oshkosh Children's Day Parade will return Aug. 1 with a temporary parade route due to construction on Ohio Street. Hosted by the Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis, this year's parade will begin at 19th Avenue and Delaware Street and travel north along Delaware Street to South Park.

The fun begins at 11 a.m. as children bring their imagination and creativity to the parade route on foot, bicycles, wagons and other nonmotorized floats. Following

the parade, families can enjoy live music by The Stumble Brothers, food trucks, a petting zoo and children's activities hosted by local businesses and community organizations until 3 p.m. at South Park.

Parade prizes will be awarded in three categories based on the size of the entry. Business entries are welcome to participate but are not eligible for prize awards.

"Last year it was incredible hearing stories from families who participated in the parade generations ago," said Karen

Schneider, Oshkosh Children's Day Parade chair for Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis. "We're grateful for the strong community support that has helped bring this long-time family tradition back for Oshkosh families to enjoy together."

Proceeds from the event support local literacy and youth programs, including Kiwanis N' Cops N' Kids, Kid Scoop in the Oshkosh Herald, area Key Clubs and additional youth-focused initiatives.

For more information or to register, visit oshkoshnoonkiwanisclub.org/oshkosh-children-s-parade.

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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

June 2, 1975

Five Keglers Named as HOF Charter Members: The Oshkosh Bowling Association held their first annual Awards Banquet Saturday at Butch's Anchor Inn. During the induction ceremony, the first five members inducted into the Oshkosh Bowling Hall of Fame were Rudy Nigl, Clarence "Gabby" Wirtz, Harold "Doc" Russell, Arnie Zuelke and Augie Fiebig. Mike Putzer was named Bowler of the Year for 1975, while 61-year-old Geroge Binner was named Senior Bowler of the Year. Members of the All-City First Team bowling squad were Mike Putzer, Les Derr, Jim Paulick, Chuck Putzer and Terry Demler.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern June 2, 1975

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Mr. Reeves (left) was joined by Mr. Potter Friday as the black bears that can be seen at the Menominee Park Zoo.

Zoo adds second black bear to exhibit

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A resident of Oshkosh's Menominee Park Zoo now has a companion.

Mr. Potter, a 1 1/2-year-old black bear, arrived at the zoo on May 18. He joins fellow black bear Mr. Reeves, who arrived in November 2024. Mr. Potter and Mr. Reeves were successfully introduced in the exhibit Friday and immediately established a positive bond. Mr. Reeves also came to the Menominee Park Zoo from Alaska.

Mr. Potter was rescued as a cub by the

state of Alaska in fall 2025 after his mother passed away, and was transferred to the Alaska Zoo for treatment and care. The team at the Alaska Zoo gave him the name "Harry Potter."

An anonymous donor provided \$5,000 to aid with transportation for Mr. Potter, as well as the cost to return the crate to the zoo in Alaska.

Zoo visitors can now see Mr. Potter during regular zoo hours. The zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New train takes off at Menominee Park

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new era has begun at Menominee Park, and it's a train that doesn't need any tracks.

For park-goers that are used to seeing the small track glide through Menominee Park during the summer months there will be a drastic change this season as the tracks are gone and the new train has a different path.

Menominee Park was packed for Memorial Day weekend with warm weather while the zoo was open, and the city was unveiling its newest attraction – the trackless train that operates more like a tram, which was cruising around the park.

Oshkosh's parks, services and events manager Chad Dallman called the train a breath of fresh air for the park.

"The end result is to let people have fun and enjoy the experience and the recreational background and we're pleased to be a part of that and hopefully bring that to people here," Dallman said.

Rides were free May 23 during the opening day for the train. Just before 10 a.m. a line wrapped around the building at the zoo for passengers to get their ticket for the train.

The train engine is battery-operated and has four cars including the caboose.

The Parks department ran into numerous issues with the previous tracked-train that operated at the park for decades before this year. There were maintenance issues with the track, the train engine, staffing issues and the attraction was not making enough money for the city.

The city hopes by having a trackless train and adding the historical markers along the route there will be more train operators interested in the position, which could help with the staffing concerns.



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The new trackless train rolls through Menominee Park over Memorial Day weekend.

Also, officials hope having a newer train will mean less maintenance as the previous train engine was 68 years old.

The previous train was sold at auction along with the tracks.

So far, there have been a couple of issues with the new train. First, the city ordered a caboose for the train which is ADA compliant and allows for wheelchair access to the train. That caboose was not sent and Dallman said the city is working with the company to get the correct caboose sent.

Secondly, on the third day of operations, the new battery-operated train had a battery issue. The train was out of commission for a few hours on May 24 and on Memorial Day. The city continues to work on the battery issues.

The train will continue on a similar schedule as before, operating seven days a week until Labor Day.

The train will be operating from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. The train costs \$3 per person per trip and family punch passes are available to receive 10 rides for \$25.



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June 6
EAA Discovery Day
EAA Youth Education Center
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June 7
Kids Mud Run Ages 4-16
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New literary apothecary bookstore arrives on Main Street

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Felicia Clark always dreamed of owning a bookstore.

On Saturday, her dream becomes reality as Author Apothecary & Bookstore, 576 N. Main St., Oshkosh, opens. For the grand opening, the store will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dubbed a literary apothecary, Clark said the store brings a fresh, healing-centered approach to reading.

“It’s about finding the right book for your mood, along with holistic extras like literary essential oils or fun stickers,” she said.

With its dark green walls, wooden floors and well-planned displays, the store has a creative, welcoming vibe. A display wall featuring book pages, and donated to Clark from the Oshkosh Public Library, sits behind the front counter.

Author Apothecary & Bookstore carries both new and used books in a wide range of genres for readers of all ages. The store also carries a wide range of products including essential oils, candles, book-molded soaps, story-themed stickers, jewelry, crocheted animals, book accessories and more.

“I worked with a lot of local vendors and artists to bring their work into the store,” Clark said.

Clark also sells “blind dates with a book” where readers get a basic description of what type of book they’re buying (it’s wrapped in brown paper), such as World War II historical fiction, with some stickers or other accessories, but they don’t know the exact book title until they get home and unwrap the book.

“These are really popular,” she said.

Reader Remedy Book Bundles are a

unique offering to the store. The box includes a book accompanied and matched by cozy, comforting extras. For example, for someone who is grieving, there may be an appropriate book accompanied by lavender essential oil, a relaxing tea, a candle and some bath salts. Clark has a station set up in the front of her store where people can put their boxes together.

“You’re giving someone so much more than a book. You’re giving them an experience,” she said.

The Author Apothecary & Bookstore has a small room that can be used for writing classes, small groups and book clubs. There’s also a back area for author talks. The building also includes a back garden area that is still under development, but Clark would eventually like to offer poetry reads on the patio or yoga outside.

“I have a lot of plans and ideas,” she said. “I am just getting started.”

Opening a bookstore was always Clark’s dream, but she said she lacked the confidence to move toward her goal. She suffered from depression and began the healing process in 2018 before delving into a holistic healing process in 2020. She and her partner eventually decided to go off the grid and live in an RV.

“It was a nomadic lifestyle, but it helped me find myself,” Clark said.

She wrote her memoir, “AWAKE: Poetry for Healing,” and published it through her small press, Measure Life in Bookmarks.

“After writing my book and starting my press, it gave me so much confidence. I knew I could open my bookstore,” Clark said.

A native of Kimberly, Clark attended the



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Felicia Clark, owner of Author Apothecary & Bookstore, stands in front of a book wall donated to her from the Oshkosh Public Library. Her new bookstore opens Saturday.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and she lived and worked here after graduation. The city always felt like home for her, so she decided this was where she was going to open her store.

“I have so many friends and supporters here, it was just the right fit,” Clark said. “I love everything about this store — it’s a hub for my creativity.”

The Author Apothecary & Bookstore’s hours to start are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Clark said the store will likely be closed Monday or Tuesday.

The store’s website is authorapothecarybookstore.com or find it on Facebook at facebook.com/authorapothecarybookstore.

Public library calendar

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

- June 3**
Fraud Prevention 101, 6 p.m., adults
- June 4**
Adult Animanga Club, 4 p.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
- June 5**
PreTeen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
- June 6**
Crafternoon, 10 a.m. to noon, all ages
Oshkosh Community Jam, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., teens
- June 8**
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

- Dance Camp, 11 a.m., ages 2-5
Dance Camp, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 6-12
Unplug and Play Games, 2 to 3:30 p.m., all ages
Read to a Dog, 4 p.m., ages 5-12
- June 9**
Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m., babies and toddlers
Craft in Company, noon and 5:30 p.m., adults
Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Adult DIY, 6 p.m.
- June 10**
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
- June 11**
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Adult AniManga, 4:30 p.m.

- Chess Club, 5 - 7 p.m.
Dungeon Crawler Carl Series: author Matt Dinniman virtual experience, 6 p.m., adults
- June 12**
Legends’ Table: Daggerheart, 3-5 p.m., teens and adults
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12
- June 13**
Read to a Dog, 10 a.m.
- June 15**
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Dance Camp, 11 a.m., ages 2-5
Dance Camp, 11:45 a.m., ages 6-12
- June 16**
Dig, Dino, Dig, 10 a.m., grades K-5
Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m.
- June 17**
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Backdrop Painting, 3 p.m., kids and families
TAB | Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m.
- June 18**
The Power of Fun Book Club, 10 a.m., adults
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
- June 19**
Librarian Learns: Camp Bragg - Watch on YouTube, 9 a.m.
PreTeen Create & Chill, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
- June 20**
Whale of a Program: Go Inside a 56-

- foot Whale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., all ages
The Story Behind the Wings: Karl L. Stewart on Charlie’s Wings, 10 a.m., adults
- June 22**
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Dance Camp, 11 a.m., ages 2-5
Dance Camp, 11:45 a.m., ages 6-12
Days for Girls | Help pack reusable menstrual supply kits, 4 p.m., teens
Learn American Sign Language together, 5 p.m., teens and adults
- June 23**
Tunes and Tots, 10 a.m.
Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m.
An Evening with Gaelic Harpist Jeff Pockat, 6 p.m., all ages
Banned Book Club: Being Jazz by Jazz Jennings, 6:30 p.m., adults
- June 24**
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Elementary Explorers: Worm Hotels, 4:30 p.m.
- June 25**
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
- June 26**
The Book Monster, 10 a.m., kids & families
- June 27**
Read to a Rabbit or Guinea Pig, 10 a.m., kids and families
Adult DIY, 11 a.m.
- June 29**
Learn American Sign Language together, 5 p.m., teens and adults
- June 30**
HiringEvent - Clarity Care, 1 p.m., adults
Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m.

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Oshkosh Area School District seeks to close budget deficit

By Jonathan Richie
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As the Oshkosh Area School District continues to deal with a forecasted deficit, the most recent estimate is that the district needs to cut as much as \$4.6 million for the upcoming school year.

The district has been dealing with a budget deficit since November when a \$5.5 million deficit was announced. Now the district needs to find over \$4 million more to balance the 2026-27 budget.

Consultants Todd Gray from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Todd Hajewski from BAIRD attended the OASD Board of Education meeting last week to review the district's budget forecasting.

No vote or decision was made at the May 27 meeting. The board was given a pair of recommendations, including a proposal for the district to go to an operational referendum in 2028.

The district's forecast was partially developed by OASD executive director of business services Drew Niehans and was the model provided by BAIRD Consulting.

Board member Tim Hess played a clip from a January meeting where Niehans stated he was forecasting a 40% special education reimbursement despite the legislature agreeing to 45%.

Davis admitted that even though Niehans said he was forecasting 40%, the model was never updated.

"That comment didn't get transferred into the model," Davis said. "Tonight is about making sure we have confidence in the model."

Gray and Hajewski made two recom-

mendations to the school board; one was a short-term solution and the other was a recurring recommendation.

The recurring recommendation is to increase the employee share of health care premiums, and the short-term recommendation is to cover the deficit by moving money from existing funds.

Hajewski told the board the possible annual savings is between \$978,000 and \$2 million by increasing the percentage of the health care premiums employees pay. Currently employees pay \$50 a month for a single plan and \$100 a month for a family plan.

The recommendation calls for increasing the employee premiums between 8% and 12%. If the district increases the premiums by 8%, the family plan would cost \$206 and the single plan premium would cost \$61. A 12% increase would mean a single plan monthly premium of \$91 and a family plan monthly premium of \$309.

The second recommendation for short-term or one-time recommendations calls for the district to move \$2 million from Fund 73, \$2 million from Fund 10 and \$1.3 million from Fund 46.

Fund 73 is the employee benefit trust fund, which currently has \$16 million in the fund. Fund 10 is the district general fund and Fund 27 is the special education fund.

Davis called the option a "one-year bridge."

Board member Jacob Wolf pointed out that he was uncomfortable making a decision at that time to increase the premiums due to the financial pressure it could put on staff. Hess agreed with Wolf on that point.

"Let's exhaust all other possibilities before we go to that route," Hess said.

Overstaffed

Hajewski brought data in that showed the ratio of students to staff in an effort to show the district is overstaffed. The data showed that OASD has 11.6 students for every teacher.

Board members Molly Smiltneek and Barb Herzog both said those numbers are not accurate. They said the issue with the data is that it includes all full-time teachers within the district and includes classroom teachers, behavioral interventionists, math coaches and literacy coaches.

Herzog stated she regularly is in classrooms and has never been in a classroom with just 11 students; most have about 20 kids.

Next steps

Davis explained the next step for the 2026-27 budget is to review enrollment

and staffing this summer. On July 1, the district expects to have a state aid estimate. Then on the third Friday in September, the official enrollment count will take place.

State aid allocation will occur in mid-October, after which the school board could approve a budget with the \$4.6 million in reductions.

Davis also outlined steps the district will be taking for forecasting future budgets. This includes refining the forecasts in the finance committee. The district will be bringing on a new executive director of business services, as Niehans is set to retire this summer, and Baird will be consulting.

At the Oct. 14 meeting, forecasts for 2027-28 and 2028-29 will be presented to the board. In January 2027, the district and school board would begin discussions on a potential operational referendum on Nov. 7, 2028.

Area unemployment rate decreases in April

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The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate decrease to 3.1% in April, down from 3.5% in March but up from 2.8% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows decreased rates in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in 12 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in one area: Appleton.

Preliminary April 2026 unemployment

rates decreased in 34 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Rates stayed the same in one city over the month: Fitchburg.

Unemployment rates increased in 28 cities over the year and stayed the same in the remaining seven cities.

Preliminary April 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 71 counties over the month. Rates stayed the same in one county over the month: Menominee. Unemployment rates increased in 48 counties over the year. Rates decreased in 15 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining nine counties.

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Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to recognize veterans

Event to be part of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

One of the most emotional and poignant moments each year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh returns in 2026 as 100 Vietnam War vets take a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on July 24 as part of AirVenture's annual salute to veterans.

The 73rd annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention is July 20-26 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

Veterans from the Vietnam War will be honored as they travel to the nation's capital to tour war memorials at no cost to them. The veterans will return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show and thousands of people will welcome them back home and give them recognition.

"The Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight is one of the most memorable events of AirVenture week and our Salute to Veterans activities each year," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programming. "This event that

honors what Vietnam veterans did for this country and provides them an experience of a lifetime, while giving AirVenture attendees an opportunity to say, "Thanks and welcome home."

This is the 12th year that the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh under the auspices of Missions of Honor (formerly Old Glory Honor Flight) of Appleton. That non-profit organization has organized dozens of Honor Flights since 2009 with a dedicated group of volunteers. Those flights have included special flights to Pearl Harbor and to Vietnam.

"Each Honor Flight mission is a special occasion, but the ability to be a part of EAA AirVenture always creates unforgettable moments," said Diane MacDonald, Missions of Honor executive director. "Honoring our local Vietnam veterans out of EAA AirVenture is such a highlight; being witness to the enthusiasm, respect, and appreciation from the world's aviation enthusiasts when the flight returns to Oshkosh is such an incredible sight to see and it means the world to the men and women who get to experience it."

American Airlines is again supplying an aircraft for the flight, which is flown by an all-volunteer crew of American Airlines pilots and cabin attendants.

Missions of Honor is inviting area veterans who are currently on their waitlist. In addition, other Vietnam veterans who are already attending AirVenture 2026 are invited to apply prior to Saturday for a drawing for one of approximately 15 seats available on the flight.

State senator sets office hours

State Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim is holding office hours next week to meet with constituents.

Dassler-Alfheim will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Elsewhere Market and Coffee House, 531 N. Main St.

Time slots are offered on a first come, first served basis by contacting Dassler-Alfheim's office at 608-266-7513 or email sen.dassler-alfheim@legis.wisconsin.gov.



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A nearly empty billboard on the side of the AtomicKatz building in downtown Oshkosh is promoting the "Backrooms" movie that opened over the weekend.

Recently released horror film Backrooms has Oshkosh origins

By Eric Endres
OSHKOSH HERALD

The strange, greenish-yellow and nearly empty billboard on the State Street side of the building that houses AtomicKatz downtown isn't a randomly placed advertisement.

Famed film production studio A24 put it there because the new movie it's promoting "Backrooms" has a significant Oshkosh connection.

"Backrooms," which opened Friday, is inspired by an internet meme that began in 2019 with a simple photo of an off-yellow, fluorescent lit, windowless, carpeted empty room in an unknown (at the time) location. The photo gave people an uneasy feeling of a vast liminal space that evoked a sense of taking a wrong turn into a secret interdimensional place that no one was supposed to see.

The photo's innate creepiness intrigued internet users, who started creating different lore with this photo and others like it, referring to this kind of space as "the Backrooms," a place where someone might accidentally wind up and find themselves unable to escape.

These stories spread and prompted the creation of anxiety-inducing YouTube videos and independent video games based on the idea of being trapped in those endless rooms feeling alone at first, then realizing someone else – or something else – might also be there in the labyrinth.

One of the creators of a fictional YouTube series depicting the horrors of the Backrooms is Kane Parsons, whose series gained tens of millions of views and grabbed A24's attention. Parsons was tapped to direct a feature film based on his series.

For several years, people wondered where the original Backrooms photo was taken, or if it was even real at all. As reported in a May 28 Wisconsin Public Radio article, the photo was eventually found to have originated on the HobbyTown Oshkosh website on a page from March 2003 documenting renovations there. That location on Oregon Street is now John's Hobbies, and the famous room is unrecognizable today as the home of a radio-controlled car racing track.

But the initial intrigue of the Backrooms hasn't been undermined by the ordinary origins of the photo that started it all. The idea of somehow winding up in an endless maze of rooms that just feel off continues to capture people's imaginations.

Now, Parsons' film adaptation of his videos and, essentially, the entire meme has gained buzz, including from the billboard in Oshkosh, which A24 posted on its official X account with geographic coordinates, as if encouraging people to search for it... if they dare.

"Backrooms" stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Renate Reinsve, Mark Duplass and more, and was written by Parsons and Will Soodik.

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Why my family chose Oshkosh public schools

Early in my career I worked to support the work of private and charter schools in Milwaukee. These schools enrolled primarily low-income minority students and were primarily funded by the state via either the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (i.e., vouchers) or the independent charter school program.

Those years imprinted the idea in me that families and children have a right to find schools that work for them. No two students are the same and no school or system has a right to any child.

Now, I could talk about the politics of school choice for days, and certainly I have much to say about funding and regulation, but my point is simply to highlight the individual nature of a family's schooling decision. When my family moved to Oshkosh 13 years ago our oldest was about to start 4k and we had a choice to make. We chose the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD). Why?

The decision began by listening to our neighbors. So many of them had older children who had a positive experience in OASD. We also had friends and neighbors who were working or had worked for the school district saying positive things about their experiences. Simply knowing that the people around us believed in OASD made it easy for us to believe in OASD. A school system needs partners in the community, and seeing those partners mattered.

Even more important was our confidence that our children could get a good education that set them up for college or a career. I remember digging through report card data and being confident in the quality of education that was available.

As our kids grew, I became particularly focused on student growth data. Oshkosh North High School (where our children go/are going next year) is an example of a school that does very well in regards to growth.

Though I occasionally hear rumblings that focusing on student test score growth data is akin to setting low expectations, the opposite is true. Judging student, teacher and school success through the impact a school actually has on student performance rather than judging success by where students are at when they walk in the door is focusing expectations where schools can and do make an impact.

As important as academic outcomes and community buy-in are, it is the various things that OASD does better than



Michael Ford
Contributor

our neighbors that really drew us in. Foremost was the array of extracurriculars for all types of students. For our oldest that is music and theater.

Recently we saw that on display at the Appleton Performing Arts Center where West and North were honored for their performances of Oklahoma and Haddestown. The level of talent in OASD's fine arts programs is amazing, but as a parent the truly special part is seeing the culture of inclusion and positivity among the kids. These students are a part of something larger than themselves.

For my younger son the core extracurriculars are athletics. His sports are tennis, cross-country and basketball, but there is no shortage of options from which students can choose. I was equally impressed when I attended my first robotics event. I honestly cannot even describe the level of passion and expertise in that group.

I could go on, but despite fiscal realities, OASD offers so many high-quality opportunities for students to belong, and that matters greatly to this parent.

Finally, we were impressed with the diversity of OASD. Sending our kids to schools that reflect the world they live in was important to us, and Oshkosh offers more diversity than I ever realized prior to living here. That diversity manifests informally through the friendships and connections we have experienced over the years, but also formally through district events, programming and offerings.

None of this is to suggest OASD, or my family's experience with OASD, has been perfect. A career of working in education (both public and private) has taught me no district or school is perfect, and certainly not perfect for everyone. But the schools and systems that do best are able to answer the why question: Why should families come here?

Those of us invested in OASD need to keep asking, and answering, that question.

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Submitted photo

Chong Moua from UWO HMoob Studies facilitated a discussion with WIN participants on cultural responsive teaching.

Initiative builds capacity for language teachers

Oshkosh Herald

Funded by a Community Impact Grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the program is the first of its kind in the Fox Valley region. It was designed to strengthen professional capacity while fostering dialogue among educators and language professionals.

The two-week intensive program brought together 22 participants from a range of local organizations and institutions. Attendees included WALC instructors, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers from the Oshkosh Area School District, volunteer tutors, education coordinators and literacy council staff from surrounding communities.

Sessions were held at the WALC Learning Center in downtown Oshkosh and focused on both theoretical and practical approaches to language teaching and access.

Six facilitators representing the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Wisconsin Literacy, Kaleidoscope Academy and WALC led the program. Topics ranged from critical pedagogies and linguistic discrimination to strategies for integrating digital resilience and arts-based practices into English language instruction.

To address common barriers to continuing education, WALC provided stipends and honoraria to both participants and facilitators. The initiative aligns with the organization's mission to build capacity, strengthen systems, and promote language access and equity throughout Osh-

kosh and surrounding area.

According to the WALC, language access — defined by the Wisconsin-based policy organization Kids Forward as ensuring that non-English speakers can fully access services, information and opportunities — remains central to the program's goals.

Organizers emphasized that educators, tutors, and language professionals all play a critical role in expanding access. While interpreters and translators help make services available in multiple languages, English language instructors build the skills learners need to navigate English-speaking environments, contributing collectively to more inclusive communities.

The need for such efforts is growing. According to a 2024 report by Kids Forward, more than 100,000 multilingual residents in Wisconsin may require language access services, including interpretation and translation support. Despite this demand, access to training and coordinated language services remains limited across the state, highlighting gaps that programs like WIN aim to address.

WALC envisions WIN as the first of many language advocacy projects aimed at strengthening support for multilingual communities in Oshkosh and across the Fox Valley. Community members, educators and organizations interested in partnership, support or collaboration — or those with questions about the program — are encouraged to contact WALC at info@winlit.org.

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Helping unhoused

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know where to take them to get them out of the cold.

When a winter storm or frigid temperatures approach, Molly Yatso-Butz, executive director of Day by Day Shelter, watches the weather.

If the temperature looks to be dropping below zero, she makes the decision to open their 15 emergency beds.

For Day by Day, that means calling in extra staff and moving aside the dining room tables to put down mattresses on the floor. Yatso-Butz said their volunteer teams make extra food if they can and there are also freezer meals available for them to heat up.

“We had 15 nights where we had extra beds and served 112 extra people this past winter,” she said. “It was a brutal winter where it got colder earlier than what we usually expect.”

For the past few winters, Brown-Giebel said those working with the unhoused knew there were gaps in the system. “We had a lot of Band-Aid fixes, but we had a lot of people step up this past winter,” she said.

The county, for example, worked with the Salvation Army to provide them with cots and other resources so they could host 10 men overnight. If women and children came, the Salvation Army worked with them to find other solutions, said Lieutenant Amy DeLonis with the Salvation Army in Oshkosh.

“For dinner, I would sometimes have my kitchen manager come in to make something although we had some donations. One time, Red Robin sent over dinner and the guys were in heaven,” she said.

It’s not only about finding the unhoused



Oshkosh Herald

County staff worked with organizations such as Day by Day Shelter to help the unhoused during the winter.

a place to stay overnight. While many have jobs, some still need a place to go during the day. The Salvation Army is open during the day for breakfast and lunch and has a lounge area where people can rest, relax and use the building’s Wi-Fi, DeLonis said.

Others go to the library, but when it closes those people often have no place to go, which is why the county opened its State Street Center six special times over the winter. The center is usually open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The State Street Center is normally a drop-in center for people who need support for substance abuse or their mental health. When opened for the unhoused, the county provides additional employees to staff the facility, said Heather Foust, behavioral health division manager for Health and Human Services.

“It was good to know we had the sup-

port of the county executive behind us so we could do this work,” she said. “By keeping the Oshkosh Police Department informed with what we were doing and having them involved, we were able to build a lot of trust.”

The State Street Center did not just open for the cold. The mid-March snowstorm kept the library closed for two days, which led to the center opening. Soroko said the center served 143 people over six days but added some of the 143 could have been the same people on different days.

Salvation Army and Day by Day flexed their hours a bit on cold days to help ensure people had a warm place to go to throughout the day.

“We would stay open a little longer in the morning or open a little earlier in the afternoon,” Yatso-Butz said.

Brown-Giebel said the objective is to

Waterfest set to kickoff 40th season

By Cassidy Johnson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Waterfest will kick off its 40th season June 18 with big hair, pyrotechnics and high-energy ‘70s and ‘80s rock n’ roll from Hairball at the Leach Amphitheater. American English, a Beatles tribute band, will open the show.

Waterfest shows are from 5:45 to 11 p.m.

“[It’s been] 40 seasons of pushing the positive here,” said Mike Dempsey, president and entertainment director of Waterfest.

The next concert July 9 will have some roots-rock with Uprooted Band with Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root headlining, with the Steely Dan cover band, Steely Dane opening the concert.

Alternative rock band Vertical Horizon

cut down on the number of places people need to visit every day to stay warm.

“Our goal is to not have people to have to go three different places every day when the weather is so cold or super snowy,” she said.

While progress was made this past winter, Hintz said there are more improvements that can be made.

“We don’t want anyone to slip through the cracks. There’s more we can do,” he said. “We want to bring the stakeholders together to maximize what we’re doing and improve the resources we have to offer.”

Another way to combat homelessness is keeping people in their homes.

Helping people stay in their homes is the goal of Homeless Eviction Loss Prevention (HELP), another county-run project.

People who reach out to HELP face struggles staying in their homes, whether they are having problems paying their current or back rent. HELP then matches them with funding from private organizations, such as Advocap, the J. J. Keller Foundation or the United Way, to help them pay their bills.

Originally started as a fully grant funded program, the program was created to help people who are at risk of becoming homeless, Soroko said. After the grant funds ran out for HELP, Hintz put funding in the county budget to keep it in place, understanding the vital role it played in keeping people in their homes.

The HELP program is in demand. In February, there were 318 encounters and in March there were 247 encounters. Each encounter is a contact by phone, e-mail or walk-in of someone looking for service.

“It’s a lot easier keeping people in homes than finding them new ones,” Brown-Giebel said.

will headline the July 16 concert. Beach Boys and Brian Wilson cover band Al Jardine & The Pet Sounds Band will headline July 30, with Copper Box as the opener.

Rock band Starship featuring Mickey Thomas will be the headliner Aug. 13 and the eclectic Alex McMurray Band with special guest singer-songwriter Paul Sanchez will be the opener.

The music series will close out Aug. 20 with Australian rock band Little River Band headlining the show, and The Pocket Kings opening with R&B and soul.

“The charm of Waterfest is that you’re seeing national and internationally recognized bands at a very affordable price,” Dempsey said.

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Towns have a month to make shorelands zoning decision

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County townships have until July 1 to pass their own general zoning ordinances in their shoreland areas or ask the county to establish general zoning in those areas.

If a town does neither, there will be no general zoning in place.

Adding to the confusion is that through state law, the county controls shoreland area zoning, which is a state mandated environmental protected program. General zoning determines if a property is going to be used as residential, commercial or industrial, and what can be built on the site.

Last October, the Winnebago County

Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance allowing towns to set their own general zoning rules in the shorelands. Prior to that, the county oversaw general zoning rules in those areas.

An example of how the two types of zoning work together is general zoning may allow the construction of a residential home while shoreland zoning decides how close that home can be to the water.

County Executive Gordon Hintz expressed his unease over having the county and a town controlling zoning on the same piece of property.

“Our concern is about the unintended consequences and added costs, such as needing to get two permits in towns with

their own zoning,” Hintz said. “Someone building in the shorelands will need to a general permit from the town and a shorelands building permit from the county.”

The towns need the county’s approval to create their own general zoning rules in the shorelands. Towns begin by creating a zoning ordinance and holding a public meeting. They then need to get approval from the county board and hold another local meeting to officially adopt the ordinance.

So far, five towns have made their decisions. Clayton, Poygan and Rushford opted to create their own general zoning rules in the shoreland areas while Utica and Winneconne have asked the county board to adopt the county’s general zoning rules in the shoreland.

As for the other towns, Black Wolf, Wolf River and Nepeuskun appear to be leaning to adopt their own general zoning rules.

The Town of Winneconne 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, Hintz said.

The original deadline for towns to decide between putting their own general zoning in place or adopting the county’s general zoning in the shorelands was April 1, but under advice from Hintz, the deadline was pushed back to July 1.

Planning Director Jerry Bougie said the shoreland zoning rules are not changing — just who controls the general zoning in those areas. Shoreland zoning rules cover properties within 1,000 feet from rivers and lakes and 300 feet from streams.

“All the rules that are in place to protect the watershed are still in place,” he said.

Without general zoning rules in place, if an amendment is sought in the future, such as changing a residential parcel to commercial parcel, Bougie said “we could end up with some conflicting land uses on these properties.”

Hintz said the goal now is to ensure the towns know their options, decide which zoning option they want and take the necessary steps to reach that end result.

“It’s like the county board deleted the general zoning in the shorelands in these towns and we have to start over,” he said.

Father, son charged in weapons case

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh father and his teenage son were arrested during the early morning hours of Memorial Day after police received a call that a man handed a gun to a child with other children in the area.

Adam L. Davis and Malikai W.B. Davis are both facing criminal charges related to the incident. Court documents allege police found three stolen firearms inside an Oshkosh apartment.

Adam Davis, 42, is charged with felony counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, receiving stolen property between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and intentionally selling a dangerous weapon to a child. He is also facing misdemeanor counts of operating a firearm while intoxicated and disorderly conduct.

He was convicted in 2002 and again in 2003 for manufacture/deliver cocaine in Winnebago County.

Adam Davis remains in custody after his cash bond was set at \$5,000. If convicted, he faces 10.5 years in state prison followed by up to 10 years of extended supervision.

Malikai Davis, 17, is facing misdemeanor charges of possession of a dangerous weapon by someone under 18 years old, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct related to the incident. Online records show his cash bond was set at \$500, and he is no longer in custody.

If convicted, Malikai Davis could face up to 21 months in jail.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police responded to an apartment building in the 800 block of Wisconsin Street for a report of a disturbance with a group of people and children. The caller stated they saw an adult with a handgun and handed it to a child.

That was allegedly Adam Davis handing a handgun to Malikai Davis.

When police arrived around 12:15 a.m. May 25, a large group of kids were outside the apartment building. A witness showed doorbell camera video to police.

The recordings allegedly show the father and son talking about fighting other people. Malikai Davis allegedly said “give me a gun” and Adam Davis then tells his son to “stop grabbing” for his gun.

One video, police allege, shows Adam Davis handing a handgun to Malikai Davis.

Police spoke with witnesses who said there was a verbal dispute between the Davis’s and a group of kids. One of the kids allegedly threatened to kill Adam Davis.

Malikai Davis denied seeing a gun or anyone referencing a gun during the incident. Officers said this was the time to tell the truth, as the officers had seen the video of Malikai Davis holding a gun.

Malikai Davis continued to deny touching the gun. He was then taken into custody. Adam Davis already spoke to police and had denied officers’ request to enter his apartment. At that point, Adam Davis was detained and police got a search warrant for the apartment.

When the search warrant was executed, a female was located in the apartment who was visiting Malikai that evening and told police she was sleeping during the incident.

The woman told police she woke up and the gun was next to her and she did not want to touch it.

Police allegedly found three stolen firearms inside the apartment and linked them to thefts from serial numbers. One was stolen from an apartment in Oshkosh, another was stolen from Fond du Lac and the third was stolen from Outagamie County.

Structure fire damages Washington Avenue home

Oshkosh Herald

A structure fire last week caused an estimated \$150,000 in damage to a house at 533 Washington Ave.

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded to the fire at the two-story wood-frame home at approximately 8:49 a.m. May 25.

According to the fire department, first-arriving firefighters encountered heavy smoke and flames visible from first and second story windows upon arrival.

Crews quickly initiated an aggressive fire attack and conducted searches of the residence to ensure all occupants were safely evacuated.

Firefighters brought the fire under control and prevented further extension of the blaze.

No injuries were reported among firefighters or occupants.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Mayor Matt Mugerauer said the project is a legacy project, calling it a really big risk and that it was a “feather in their cap” of council members and city staff looking to advance their careers.

“I don’t think we’ve talked nearly enough, nor have a solid financial plan to tell the taxpayers how they’re going to be impacted by this,” he said. “We have no long-term plan. Are we going to own this thing in perpetuity? We shouldn’t.”

He added the city should not be a long-term landowner of the property. He also noted that the vacant lot where the new ThedaCare Medical Center was built was sold for just \$2.75 million for 27 acres on the other side of the Fox River.

“We’re going to acquire 17 (acres) for \$12.5 million, with a whole lot on top of that,” Mugerauer said.

At an earlier meeting last month, Mugerauer suggested a cost of up to \$30 million to develop the site. City Manager Rebecca Grill said last week that was a good estimate for how much the city will need to pay.

Mugerauer was joined by council members Paul Esslinger and Alec Lefebber in opposing the purchase.

Council member Joe Stephenson disagreed with the mayor and stated this isn’t a legacy project.

“I feel like this is the best decision for Oshkosh,” Stephenson said.

Stephenson said that every group the council has talked to has said this would be a good idea. When asked about this after the meeting, Stephenson said he was referring to Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) and the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the city move forward with the acquisition but some members of the commission were confused as to why the group was looking at the acquisition. The Plan Commission looks at plans, and there is no plan for the site, Plan Commission member Ed Bowen said.

GOEDC supports the plan and has been pushing for the council to move forward. GOEDC staff, unlike residents, have been participating in the executive sessions for the last eight months. The private organization will be a partner for the project.

Oshkosh communications and engagement staff confirmed that there were no developers or private organizations, except GOEDC, involved in the executive sessions, “to the knowledge of current staff.”

Stephenson added the due diligence period is important for knowing more about the property.

“There is still additional work that needs to be done, personally, I need a Phase II environmental assessment and additional structural analysis for my own due diligence,” he said.

Esslinger had a number of questions for Grill and director of community development Sara Rutkowski. Esslinger has opposed the acquisition since he was elected in April.

Most of Esslinger’s questions to Grill and Rutkowski were about the numerous unknowns he has highlighted over the last few meetings. It was revealed the city has an estimate for the cost of demolishing the building of possibly \$4 million, which Esslinger said is maybe half the total cost.

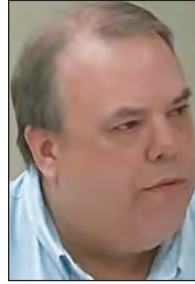


Stephenson

Esslinger boiled down the city’s pitch for the purchase “Give us the \$12.5 million and trust us. It’s all going to work out; we’re all going to be happy in the end.”

Esslinger lamented that the process needed to be more open with more community input and fewer executive sessions.

Lefebber changed his vote from the May 12 meeting, voting last week to oppose the acquisition.



Esslinger

“I have significant doubts about moving forward tonight. I believe the public deserves better answers to their questions than what’s been given so far,” Lefebber said. “I don’t have enough confidence in what I’ve seen to justify that the situation will improve.”

Lefebber and Esslinger both stated the public facing side of the project has been rushed. Lefebber noted the city has no plan for what to do with the current tenants of City Center and taxpayers have not been shown estimates for demolition, soil remediation or any financials besides the initial \$12.5 million.

“To me these are not details that can wait,” Lefebber said. “Before anyone else says ‘we still have time to have conversations like these I would push back (and say) the time for those conversations was before we asked the public to trust us with \$12.5 million of their money, not after.’”

Council member Brad Spanbauer said this was simply another step in the process and added there are other points when “we can still step away” and back out of the purchase.

“I’m going to vote to take the next step,” Spanbauer said.

Council member Jacob Amos stated he understood the issues Mugerauer, Esslinger and Lefebber noted, but added that the city has put a lot of time into this decision and that it was the right thing to keep moving forward with the project.

“I do think that this is a huge opportunity for economic growth,” Amos said. “I feel as though we’ve already invested a lot

of time, which is a very valuable resource, and I wouldn’t want to see this whole acquisition die tonight.”

Amos also mentioned there are other groups in the area that have already committed to contributing to the project. The Herald reached out to Amos for clarification on these outside groups and their contributions but did not receive a response.

Deputy Mayor Karl Buelow also spoke in favor of moving forward with the project and paraphrased much of what Stephenson previously said.

Two public comments were made at the May 26 meeting. Former council member Tony Palmeri and former County Board Supervisor Tom Swan both oppose the city purchasing the property.

The city has stated it has done reviews of the building in the past. In 2024, the city looked at the building for a potential space for city hall.

The 2024 downtown visualization plan cost a total of around \$60,000. The city spent \$19,824 with Discover Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation both contributing \$15,000 for the plan. GOEDC and the Oshkosh Chamber both contributed \$5,000.

GOEDC paid for the 2024 site development study of the property and the phase 1 structural review. A 2025 appraisal of the site cost the city \$5,000.

The \$225,000 earnest money payment will come from the community development capital improvement budget passed by the council last year.

It remains unclear where the \$12.5 million will come from. An email from city communications coordinator Andy Radig states city staff are evaluating available funding options.

“Until that work is complete, it would be premature to identify any single funding source at this time,” Radig said.

During a presentation for the acquisition early last month Rutkowski stated the city would do everything it could to not use tax dollars to pay for the project.

Stephenson walked that back last week as well. He said the \$12.5 million price tag will come from the tax levy as the city doesn’t have a “money tree.”



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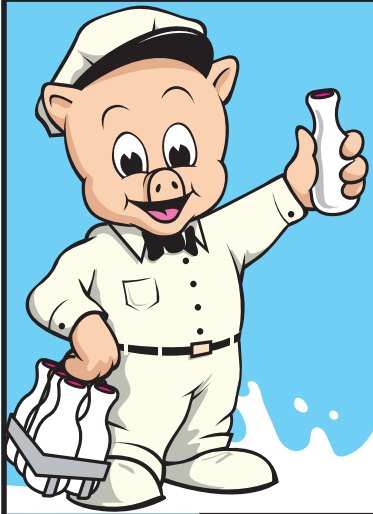
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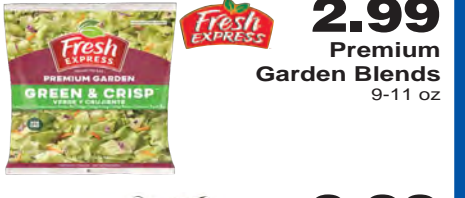
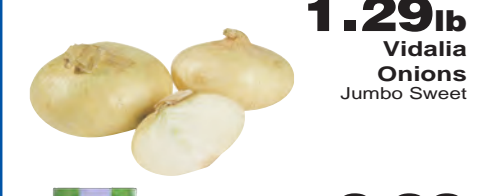



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Music on Main featuring Copper Box, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Friday, June 5

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

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

Saturday, June 6

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

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

EAA Discovery Day, 8 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Cub Scout Fishoree, 9 a.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park

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

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

Opening Day, 11 a.m., Pollock Community Water Park

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

Stand By Me, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, June 7

Oshkosh YMCA Kids Mud Run, 12:30 p.m., 20th Avenue YMCA

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

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

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

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.

Sunday, June 14

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

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

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

Thursday, June 18

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

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



Photo by Michael Cooney

Memorial Day ceremonies

Ceremonies and a procession were held May 25 in Oshkosh to honor the country's fallen soldiers. The ceremonies started with a "Reading of the Names" at South Park, followed by a waterfront service at the Fox River near the Oshkosh Convention Center before a procession down Algoma Boulevard to Riverside Cemetery, where a program took place.

The Night Gallery returns to Algoma Art Alley

Oshkosh Herald

As part of Oshkosh's monthly Gallery Walk, The Night Gallery returns to the Algoma Art Alley on Saturday, offering an immersive evening of art, music and atmosphere in one of the city's most creative spaces.

This one-night-only event will feature five artists, each presenting a distinct style and perspective. Guests will have the opportunity not only to view their work, but also to hear the stories behind it and connect with the artists throughout the evening.

Featured artists for June include Bryan-na Cavanaugh – photography, archival pig-

ment prints; Evermore – cosplay armor; Amy Johnson – watercolor and mixed media; David Layne – acrylic paintings and art prints and Deja Tay – stained glass and mixed media.

In addition to the visual art, the evening includes live acoustic music from Brandon Van Dalen and craft beer offerings from Emprize Brew Mill.

Set against the unique backdrop of the Algoma Art Alley, The Night Gallery continues to highlight the diversity and creativity of Oshkosh's artistic community during the Gallery Walk. Other Night Gallery dates are Aug. 1 and Sept. 5.

The event is free and open to the public.

Madison handbell choir performs in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

The Ringing Badgers handbell choir from Madison will perform a concert in Oshkosh.

The concert expressing the beauty and versatility of handbells will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Ninth Ave.

Program highlights will include "Canticle of Hope," a new arrangement of Bach's

"My Heart Ever Faithful," "Exultate" by Josh Bauder, and Pachelbel's "Canon in D." Featured will be the iconic, "What a Wonderful World."

The group is directed by Oshkosh native Mark Bloedow, DMA, the founding executive director of Maestro Productions, a Madison-based non-profit community music organization.

The concert and reception are free.

Celebrity bartender fundraiser supports scholarships

Oshkosh Herald

Proceeds from the Oshkosh Area Women's Association Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser will support high school scholarships.

The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. June 11 at Dublin's Irish Pub.

The celebrity bartenders will include Desiree Nerenhausen, Oshkosh Con-

vention Bureau and former Miss Oshkosh; Gillian Pakula, Oshkosh West assistant principal and Will Brydon, Oshkosh West Global English teacher and volleyball coach.

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Local shelter's facility dog benefits from fashion show

By Emme Hornung
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It's often said dogs are man's best friend — the unconditional love they give can make even the hardest days feel better. That's exactly what the Day By Day Shelter's facility dog, Phoenix, provides both guests and staff when he comes to work.

Day By Day in downtown Oshkosh provides temporary shelter year-round with 50 available beds each night for community members experiencing homelessness. The shelter also offers individualized programs to empower their guests and promote self-sufficiency, like help finding housing or employment, financial literacy courses, group therapies and more.

Another offering, albeit a four-legged one, is Phoenix the facility dog, a 5-year-old Boxer.

"In the beginning, he was set up to provide a calming environment, but it's so important for our guests here to have that happiness and excitement, and I think he provides that more so than anything," said Denise Holz, assistant director and Phoenix's handler. "He's definitely a highlight of people's day."

Phoenix was trained to be a facility dog through Journey Together Service Dog, a prison dog program out of Oshkosh Correctional Institute where inmates volunteer their time to care for and train the dogs. The program also invites professionals to instruct the inmates on training, and community volunteers take the dogs on outings for further socialization.

Phoenix came to Day By Day in 2023 thanks to a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and donors Charles and Judith Gorham.

"They wanted to provide a facility dog for Day By Day," Holz said. "They had some sons that experienced homelessness and addiction within the Fox Valley, and they knew the importance of what a dog could provide, the calmness but also the excitement and joy."

One thing about having a facility dog

that was unexpected to Holz is the impact he's had on staff, as well.

"When we were first looking into the facility dog, my mind was so geared on what he'd be providing for the guests, so it was on my back burner in my mind of what he'd be providing for staff," she explained. "I think the staff have grown to rely on him. He brightens everything. A hard incident, he's brightening it."

"I don't like to think about when he retires, but I would hope Day By Day would always have a dog," Holz added. "I think it adds so much, and for sure for the staff, too."

Ongoing care needs for Phoenix are supported by the annual Pups on the Runway event, which hosted its third-annual event in late April. This year generated the most yet, with \$10,000 raised for food, vet and dental bills, and any other canine needs — freeing up essential funds for Day By Day's other programs.

At the event, dogs and area boutiques were showcased on the runway, raffle baskets and silent auctions were won, more than 20 pet-centric small businesses exhibited, free food was catered by local restaurants, and more for guests to enjoy at Becket's, the gracious hosts of the "pet parent-doggy" fashion show, as event organizer Carmen Leal describes it.

Leal's inspiration to start this event was close to home — literally. She lives just across the street from Day By Day.



Photo by Tara Rudy Photography

The dog-friendly Pups on the Runway event was filled with many fashionable looks and entertainment coming down the runway to help raise funds for Phoenix's care.

"I'm with the River East Neighborhood Association," she said. "We are very, very invested in our neighborhood, and we consider anybody who goes to Day By Day as our neighbor."

Holz said the event not just helps with financial support but also spreads the word about the importance of Phoenix's work.

"A lot of folks come to the event, for

many reasons, but also because there's not a lot of dog-friendly stuff in Oshkosh, so I think that's a huge draw," she said. "And then I'm talking to them about [Phoenix's] work and how he was acquired, so it is a huge education piece."

To learn more about Phoenix and Day By Day's programs, go to daybydayshelter.org.



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Explosive scorers like Ava Pamer don't just drift into the background on the pitch.

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Pamer is one of the area's best soccer players and has a knack for finding the back of the net. The speedy forward joined the Oshkosh West varsity midway through her freshman year and has developed into a major scoring threat and an elite performer. She was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior and may repeat that honor again this season.

Pamer has scored 14 goals over the past two seasons: eight last season and six (and counting) in the Wildcats' first 17 games.

Pamer is high-energy, full-effort player who doesn't save her hustle and enthusiasm for the matches. She brings it during routine practices.

"Ava has been a great player the past three years with her intensity and attitude in practice and games," said West coach Abe Nelson.

Pamer matches her speed with an aggressive, fearless style. She is a year-round soccer player who competes on the Wisconsin United FC club team during the non-prep season.

"Ava isn't afraid to make mistakes or lose the ball as she attacks," Nelson said. "That is a valuable trait to have in a forward. They have to take on the responsibility of

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wanting the ball."

Pamer has a history of generating goals, but doesn't see scoring as an individual accomplishment.

"It always feels awesome to put one in the back of the net, especially if it's a close game," Pamer said. "A lot of it (scoring) is just anticipating what's going to happen on a play and beating your opponent to it. That's where all my experience pays off."

"Whenever you score a goal, it's a team thing. It was the whole team that got you there and it's so much fun running up to your team and celebrating with them. It's a great feeling, but personally I feel my biggest role is creating opportunities for my teammates."

Pamer dabbled in multiple sports as a kid, but only one of them stuck and she devoted much of her free time to the fast-paced game with the white and black ball. She started playing soccer at the age of six and hails from a soccer family. Ava's father, Brian, played soccer for Lourdes Academy during his high school days and Ava's older brother, Hayden, also played the game.

"I tried a lot of different sports when I was younger like basketball and dance, but it always came back to soccer," Pamer said. "Nothing could beat the excitement of a game. My dad had played soccer his entire life and my older brother played it, so that's what got me into it."

"We had one of those pop-up goals in the back yard and my brother and I would go at it. He was bigger than me and would kind of push me over. That's where my competitive side comes from."

Brian also coached Ava at various youth levels.

"My dad coached me up until I was 14 and I didn't always take coaching well from him," Pamer said. "Eventually he had to make a decision whether he wanted to be my coach or my parent. He opted to support me and be a cheerleader for me."

In addition to being a scoring leader, Pamer is a team captain and takes the role seriously.

"She's been a great leader," Nelson said. "She has earned the respect of her teammates and has supported and led them. She will be missed tremendously next year."

Pamer is nearing the end of her competitive soccer career. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the fall and doesn't plan to play soccer.

"I hope to play club or intramural (soccer) just to continue playing the sport, but



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Oshkosh West's Ava Pamer earned first team all-FVA honors last season and is once again one of the top scorers for the Wildcats.

anything more competitive than that just doesn't make a lot of sense to me right now," Pamer said. "I really want to zone in on academics."

A high-honors student with a 3.6 grade point average, Pamer plans to major in occupational therapy. She works part-time for Focus on Freedom, an organization that helps individuals with disabilities gain freedom and independence.

"I've been working with individuals who have special needs since I was in the seventh grade," she said. "One of my former teachers got me into Focus on Freedom. Helping individuals do stuff on their own that we take for granted every single day is something that has always interested me and made me happy. To see them get excited gets me excited."

Pamer is amazed that her high school soccer career is winding down and feels

like it has gone far too fast. She is a huge part of a strong West team that has the potential to do some major damage in the postseason.

"It seems like it was just yesterday when I was brought up to the varsity as a freshman she said. "It was very intimidating. I had always played up with older girls, but I just didn't have the confidence back then that I have now."

"The only thing that helped me was just going out on the field and proving to myself that I had the skills to execute out there. That's why I always try and help the younger girls find their confidence. It took me until my junior year until I really had my confidence and kind of figured things out. If they can figure it out by their freshman or sophomore years, they're going to be amazing by their junior and senior years."

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Prep sports roundup

GOLF

Oshkosh West qualifies team for sectionals

Oshkosh West turned in a third-place finish at the WIAA Division 1 regional last week to earn a spot in this week's sectional tournament.

It is the first time the Wildcats have qualified for the sectional tournament as a team since 2018.

West finished with a team score of 341 at Old Hickory Country Club in Beaver Dam, to finished six strokes ahead of host Beaver Dam. Slinger won the sectional title with a 304, followed by Hartford with a 325.

Lincoln Houle and Eli Gelhar finished in a three-way tie for eighth place with rounds of 82 to lead the Wildcats, while Billy Berg added an 87 for West. Tyler Mellgren rounded out the scoring golfers for West with a 90.

Oshkosh North will also be represented at the sectional meet as Harrison Loewe and Owen Weber each qualified for sectionals.

Loewe finished just outside of the top-10 with a round of 85, while Owen Weber also advanced with an 87.

Also scoring for North were Luke Davis with an 89 and Wesley Loewe with a 92.

North finished fifth with a 353.

The sectional meet is scheduled to be played on Wednesday at Rolling Meadows.

Knights finish second at regional meet

Jackson Buttke led Lourdes Academy with a 79 at Autumn Ridge Golf Course as the Knights moved on to sectionals by taking second at the WIAA Division 3 Valders Regional last week.

Lourdes Academy was slated to play its sectional tournament on Tuesday at Rolling Meadows in Fond du Lac.

Buttke finished in a tie for third place among the individuals at the tournament, three shots behind medalist David Van Dixhorn of Kohler. He was one of just four golfers to finish under 80 on the day.

Henry Achterberg was the next lowest scorer for Lourdes Academy with an 86, one shot ahead of teammates Liam Buttke and Lucas Neuens.

The Knights finished with a team score of 339, which was behind only Kohler's team total of 328. Howards Grove and Valders were a distant third at 353 each.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Aubrey Schettle makes contact with a pitch during last week's WIAA Division 5 regional contest against Catholic Central.

SOFTBALL

Wildcats fall to Warriors in regional final

Oshkosh West dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to Waupun in a WIAA Division 1 regional final last Thursday in Waupun.

The Warriors scored in the bottom of the first inning and then held the lead the rest of the way to squeak out the win.

West's best chance to score came in the second inning when Lia Lipinski opened the frame with a single and Sam Frank was hit by a pitch with one out. After both runners were advanced into scoring position by a Peyton Dorn bunt, Waupun was able to get the final out of the inning.

The only other hit for the Wildcats was an Alexia Monroe one-out single in the sixth inning, but she was stranded after stealing second. West did get a runner into scoring position in the seventh inning, too, but failed to score.

Izzy Kramer struck out six and allowed only one hit in the game. She did not walk a batter and retired the final 17 batters she faced in order. Waupun scored on a triple and a fielder's choice in the first inning.

The Wildcats opened the tournament with a 16-1, three-inning win over Sheboygan North.

Colleen Fitzpatrick had two hits and two walks and scored three runs in the game for the Wildcats, while Avarie Tritt finished with two hits and three RBIs. Lia Lipinski also added two hits for West, which also benefitted from nine walks and three Golden Raider errors.

Knights can't get past Cambria-Friesland

Lourdes Academy's season came to an end with a 4-0 loss to Cambria-Friesland in a WIAA Division 5 regional final last week.

The Knights collected only one hit in the game – a single by Elliana Reichenberger – and had just one baserunner in the game.

The Hilltoppers scored a run in the first inning and two in the second before adding their final run in the fourth frame.

Zella Tidemanson struck out nine and scattered six hits without walking a batter, but took the loss for the Knights.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes Academy scored five runs in the first inning to fuel a 7-2 win over Catholic Central in a regional opener.

Tidemanson finished with a pair of hits in the game and Reichenberger drove in three runs as the Knights collected the win. Brynn McKone also scored a pair of runs in the game for the Knights.

Tidemanson got the win in the circle, allowing just four hits while striking out 13. Both runs she allowed were unearned.

SOCCER

Wildcats blank Patriots in regular-season finale

Three different players scored goals as Oshkosh West stifled Appleton East, 3-0, in a Fox Valley Association soccer match last week.

Ava Pamer, Rilyn Polakowski and Kaycee Williams found the back of the net for the Wildcats. Kamryn Stauffacher finished with two assists in the match, while Bella Trinrud picked up one.

Sophie Kalka made three saves in goal to earn the shutout for the Wildcats.

West will play at Manitowoc Lincoln in a WIAA Division 1 regional match on Thursday.

Knights' offense erupts for six goals

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian posted a 6-0 win over Campbellsport last week.

Abby Mroczkowski and Evelyn Heinzen each finished with two goals and an assist in the match, while Hadassah Gutierrez Kuhaupt also scored twice in the game for the Knights.

Amy Wills chipped in an assist in the win.

Three different goalkeepers combined on the shutout for the Knights, who finished the regular-season 9-4-2 and will host Omro in a WIAA Division 4 regional match on Thursday.

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Area athletes punch tickets to state track and field meet

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Two-time defending state champion Sydnee Nelson will have a chance to make it three straight titles at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships at UW-La Crosse this weekend.

Nelson won the 100-meter hurdles at the Beaver Dam Sectional meet on Friday in convincing fashion and will be making her fourth trip to Memorial Stadium. Nelson ran a time of 14.26 seconds to win the race, nearly four-tenths of a second ahead of the field.

She will be joined at state in the event as teammate Camille Phillips placed third in the race, about a second behind.

Emma Liebergen and Kayana Turner both qualified for state in two events for the Wildcats.

Liebergen was second in both the long jump and triple jump, while Turner advanced in the 100 meters where she took second and in the triple jump where she finished third behind Liebergen.

Rounding out the West girls state qualifiers was Kylie Triebold, who returns to state in the 400 meters after taking second at sectionals. She nearly qualified in a second event, finishing fourth – by less than two-tenths of a second – in the 200 meters.

Oshkosh West will also be well represented on the boys side at the state meet, headlined by senior Carter Crowe who qualified in three different events.

Crowe finished second in the 400 meters and third in the 800 meters to advance in both events, while joining Noah Cardinal, Carson Choinski and Alex De-

decker in winning the sectional title in the 1,600-meter relay.

West will also be sending its 800-meter relay team of Dylan McDonald, Carter Schmidt, Choinski and Joey Ware to state after the foursome took second at the sectional meet.

Colden Searles captured a victory in the pole vault, clearing 13-feet, and will be in the field at La Crosse this weekend.

Oshkosh North will also be sending two individuals and two relays to the state meet, led by Jamare Scott. Scott, who placed third at state in the 100 meters last year, will return in the event after winning the sectional title at the Beaver Dam sectional on Friday.

Scott also anchored both of the Spartans' state-qualifying relay events. North finished third in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with Dalton Clark, Brendyn Sawall and Evan Auler joining Scott in the quartets.

North will also be represented in the discus where Andrew Oehler finished third at sectionals.

West finished third in the boys standings and fourth in the girls standings at the sectional meet. The North boys finished 11th overall.

Division 3

Mat Yaggie became the first Lourdes

Academy boys athlete since 2021 to qualify for the state meet at the Hilbert sectional on Friday.

Yaggie finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles to punch his ticket in La Crosse to end the drought for the Knights. The last Lourdes Academy boys athletes to compete in the state meet were Will Pollack (100 meters), Peyton Kane (3,200 meters) and Gavin Gresser (long jump).

The Lourdes Academy girls qualified three events to the state meet, including a pair of leaders.

Lucy Schade was the lone individual qualifier on the girls side for the Knights, placing second in the high jump. She cleared 5-feet, 1-inch to advance.

The 800-meter relay team of Leah Ride-nour, Adriana Saucedo, Kylie Rietz and Allie Feuerhelm took third at the sectional meet to move on along with the 3,200-meter relay team of Annie Moore, Ana Schneidewend, Khloe Bunto and Allison Stromske, which also took third.

Valley Christian also competed at the sectional meet but did not advance any athletes.

Isaiah Hyvonen was the best finisher for the boys, taking sixth in the 100 meters, while Anna Giannopoulos was the best finisher among the girls, placing seventh in the discus.

Oshkosh West, Valley/Lourdes qualify flights for state tourney

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Both the Oshkosh West and Valley Christian/Lourdes Academy tennis teams will be represented at the WIAA State Meet this week in Madison.

The Wildcats will have a pair of doubles teams in the Division 1 bracket, including seniors Gavin Steiner and Reid Potter, who are seeded sixth in the field. Senior Jacob Lemke and sophomore Isaiah Wilson also earned a berth at the state meet, while senior Kole Stauffacher will represent West in the singles competition.

Valley/Lourdes will have senior Danny Kunde competing in singles, while senior Dawson Miller and freshman Hudson Lang earned an at-large bid in doubles.

The Wildcats finished fourth at the Oshkosh North sectional led by its state-qualifying doubles teams.

Steiner and Potter breezed to a first-round win and then outlasted Hartford's Alex Hoffman and Jake Otto, bouncing back from a first-set loss for a 3-6, 6-4, 10-7 win. In the title match, Steiner and Potter dropped the first set to Neenah's Brady Lawatsch and Luke Grassl but couldn't complete the comeback this time, falling 6-4, 4-6, 10-7.

Steiner and Potter are 29-5 on the season and earned a bye in the first round of the state tournament with their seeding. They will take the court for their first match on Friday morning.

Wilson and Lemke claimed the sectional title at No. 2 doubles without dropping a set. The duo beat West Bend East's Chase White and Miller Happel 6-2, 6-3 in semifinals and then topped Sheboygan North's Griffin Pond and Frankie Quasius, 6-3, 6-4.

Wilson and Lemke, who have won nine of the 10 matches they have played together this season, will face Pewaukee's Jacob Mano and Zach Murphy in the first round of the state tournament on Thursday at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

Stauffacher was the only West singles player to advance to sectionals and finished third at No. 1 singles to punch his ticket to state.

Stauffacher did not drop a game in beating West Bend West's Riley Haddorff in the first round at sectionals before falling to eventual sectional champion Hunter Brown of Neenah in the semifinals. Stauffacher bounced back to beat Sawyer Brault, 7-6, 6-1 to take third.

Stauffacher (21-14), who played at state last year in doubles, will face Oak Creek's Vijayaraj Saravana Selvam in his first match at state.

In Division 2, Kunde advances to state after narrowly missing earning a trip last season.

The senior finished fourth at No. 1 singles at the Kohler sectional last week, cruising past Plymouth's Sebastian Ver-vaeck, 6-0, 6-0, in the first round to earn his trip to state. Kunde, who is 19-3 on the season, dropped his next two matches to finish fourth.


Kunde drew a tough draw at state and will face New Berlin Eisenhower's Tommy Heinrich (23-5), who is seeded fifth overall in the Division 2 singles field.

Miller and Lang have played just eight matches together this season and lost in the first round at sectionals to the eventual sectional champions. The duo will face another at-large qualifier in Jack Schroeder and Will Berschback of Regis in the first round at the state tournament.

Valley/Lourdes finished third overall behind Kohler and Xavier. Valley/Lourdes edged St. Mary Catholic by one point to take third.

Brady Day finished second at No. 2 singles winning his first match without dropping a game before falling to Kohler's Preston Chen, 4-6, 6-4, 10-7 for the sectional title.

Nolan Pletcher also advanced to sectionals at No. 4 singles but came up short in both of his matches to take fourth.




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Lourdes Academy's Parker Sluslarski fires a pitch to the plate in the seventh inning against Princeton/Green Lake.

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Lourdes/Valley also played to a scoreless tie against Waupun last week with Julia Miller making two saves in the win and Raya Fisher finishing with one,

BASEBALL

Wildcats' late rally tips Spartans

Oshkosh West plated three runs in the top of the sixth inning to take the lead and held on to beat rival Oshkosh North, 6-5, in a Fox Valley Association baseball game at EJ Schneider Field last week.

The Wildcats, who swept the season series from the Spartans, opened the game with three runs in the top of the first before Oshkosh North took the lead with four runs in the third inning. The Spartans then added a run in the fifth inning for a 5-3 advantage.

Caleb Lee and Noah Meuhrer each finished with two hits in the game, with Muehrer also driving in a pair of runs. Easton Haase had a triple and drove in three runs for the Wildcats.

Keegan Kinzfohl had a three-run triple for North, while Brayden Frank picked up the only other hit for the Spartans.

Madden Mercado pitched two scoreless innings of relief to get the win.

Oshkosh West also picked up a 14-4 win over Appleton East last week, while the Spartans fell to Kaukauna, 4-1. North also dropped a 10-6 nonconference contest at Germantown last week.

Knights pull out win over Tigersharks

Michael Santiago drove in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning as Lourdes Academy edged Princeton/Green Lake, 9-8, last week.

The Knights pounded out 13 hits in the game and took the lead with a six-run fourth inning that earned them a 7-3 advantage. The Tigersharks scored three runs in the fifth and one in the sixth to tie the score.

Nolan Gibson finished 2-for-3 and smacked a three-run double during the six-run outburst for the Knights. Santiago, Eli Halla, Ryder Mullen and Reagan Needham each added two hits in the game for the Knights.

Parker Sluslarski picked up the win with an inning of relief work for the Knights.

Lourdes Academy was handed a 15-1 loss by Laconia later in the week with Mullen picking up the only hit in the game for the Knights.

Titans tab Schweer as men's basketball coach

UW Oshkosh Sports Information

UW-Oshkosh Assistant Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Darryl Sims announced Steve Schweer as the 16th head coach in the 127-year history of the men's basketball program last Friday.

Schweer will head the Titans' men's basketball program following Matt Lewis' eight-year tenure leading the team.

"It is a tremendous honor to be named the next head men's basketball coach at UW-Oshkosh," Schweer said. "My family and I are ecstatic about the opportunity, and we are looking forward to becoming part of the Oshkosh community. I want to thank Darryl Sims, Abby Gildernick, the search committee



Schweer

and the rest of the staff that I met with throughout this process. It became very clear to me why there has been such a high level of competitive excellence across the board at UWO. I am looking forward to the challenge of bringing championships back to Oshkosh!"

Schweer comes to Oshkosh after leading the men's basketball program at Illinois College to the most successful eight-season stretch in program history from 2019-26 and serving as the associate director of athletics for the last three academic years.

During his tenure leading Illinois College, the Blue Boys went 114-79 (.591) under Schweer, including 20-win seasons in 2023 (25-3) and 2024 (24-5). The Blue Boys won the first two Midwest Conference regular season championships in program history in 2023 and 2024 before

securing the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship with tournament titles in both seasons. Illinois College set program records in wins (25; 2024) and consecutive wins (16; Nov. 15, 2023-Jan. 21, 2024) during that stretch.

The Blue Boys won the first NCAA tournament game in program history with a 59-57 victory over University of Dubuque in St. Louis, Mo. on March 1, 2024, before falling to host Washington University in St. Louis in a tight 68-67 decision the following night.

The Midwest Conference and D3hoops.com Region 9 Coach of the Year in 2023, Schweer has served as a member of the NCAA Men's Basketball National Rules Committee.

Before joining the Blue Boys, Schweer was the head assistant men's basketball coach at North Central College (Ill.) in the 2017 and 2018 seasons, helping the Cardinals to the 2017 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Tournament title and the third round of the Division III Championship. In 2018, North Central earned an at-large bid to the national tournament. While in Naperville Schweer was also the men's basketball recruiting and strength and conditioning coordinator as well as the JV coach.

Schweer spent five years at Monmouth College (Ill.) and held a variety of roles while in Monmouth.

Schweer played collegiate basketball at Illinois Wesleyan University from 2003-06. During his time with the Titans, he was a four-year letterwinner and was twice voted as the team's defensive player of the year. Schweer played in 93 games and started in 12, totaling 317 points and 276 rebounds.



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Joshua E. Fisher

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Josh Fisher, 42, beloved husband, father, son, brother, family member, and friend.



Josh was the kind of person who could always make a room laugh with his sarcastic sense of humor and quick wit. Whether he was joking around with friends and family, taking on another home project without hesitation, or celebrating another hard-earned win during family game night, he brought energy, humor, and personality everywhere he went.

He especially loved spending time with his kids — playing sports, video games, going to the races, and creating memories they will carry forever. Cars were one of his passions, and some of his happiest moments were spent around the track with his family. Tennis was his favorite sport, and he loved any chance to get out on the court. He also found peace and joy spending time out on the boat, enjoying the water with the people he loved most.

Josh was always the primary driver on

family trips, happily taking the wheel for every vacation, road trip, and adventure together. Competitive to the core, he loved winning games and had a laugh after every victory that you couldn't help but love... even when you wanted to hate it.

Above all, Josh was a man of strong Catholic faith. His faith guided the way he lived his life with love for his family, generosity toward others, and gratitude for the blessings around him. He found strength in God, valued time spent with his church community, and carried his beliefs with quiet confidence and devotion throughout his life.

Josh was deeply loved and will be remembered for his humor, loyalty, generosity, faith, and the way he made everyday moments unforgettable.

A visitation will be held at St. Raphael's on Wednesday, June 3rd from 4:00-6:00 pm with a prayer service to follow. A funeral service celebrating Josh's life will take place on Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 am, with a luncheon to follow.

He will be missed beyond words and remembered always.

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In 2007, Jim and Renee moved to Show Low, Arizona, where they purchased and operated Octopus Car Wash until retiring in 2022 and relocating to Tucson to be closer to family.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Nina Jean Farrell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Renee; his sisters, Pam Farrell and Kathy Oakson (Paul); his brothers, Bill Farrell and Chris Farrell (Carin); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Jim will be remembered for his strong work ethic, generous spirit, and the warmth he shared with everyone who knew him.

James Farrell

James "Jim" Farrell, age 65, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2026, in Tucson, Arizona, following a hemorrhagic stroke.



Born on March 19, 1961, Jim was a devoted husband, hardworking businessman, and loyal friend whose kindness touched many throughout his life.

Jim married the love of his life, Renee Marx, in October 1987, and together they shared 38 years of marriage filled with love, travel, and devotion. Before moving to Arizona, Jim worked at Fenestra Door

Robert "Bob" Probst

October 26, 1951 – May 28th, 2026 (75 years old)



With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life well lived, we share that Bob's life gracefully concluded on Thursday, May 28 after losing his 15+ year battle with Parkinsons.

Bob was, above all else, a man of joy, laughter, and heart. A fun-loving, silly jokester of a father and grandpa, he found his greatest happiness in making others smile—especially his family. He was never happier than when he was out on the water in one of his classic Glastron jet boats, fishing with his son and grandkids off the dock, or turning the backyard into a wiffle ball stadium filled with laughter, friendly competition and a little dance while he's pitching.

Bob enjoyed life fully. He loved playing tennis, working in his shop on his boats or GTO, traveling the world for decades through his work to wonderful places like Malaysia, Mongolia, UAE, Singapore, Taiwan, Australia and China to visit friends, and sharing countless dinners out with his grandchildren—always making sure there was room for dessert (preferably cheesecake) and a story or two. One of his favorite running jokes to his grandchildren was to "Stop eating the Jays," and his favorite advice for living was delivered with a grin: "Drive fast, take chances."

Generosity defined Grandpa Bob. Whether it was leaving an unforgettable tip for a waitress or quietly helping someone who was down on their luck, Bob gave without needing recognition. His

Philip John Grundy

Philip, lovingly known as "Ip" to family and friends, passed away peacefully in his home on May 27th, 2026.



He was born on May 31, 1960, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Guy Philip and Mary Ann (Jodarski) Grundy.

A 1978 graduate of Oshkosh North High School, he continued his education at Fox Valley Technical College and earned an associate's degree in Agricultural Business. This knowledge helped him become a respected fifth-generation farmer, which was one of his life's passions and pride, carrying on his family's legacy at Grundy Farms Incorporated. His protective nature was showcased for more than 45 years as a dedicated volunteer firefighter, where he served as Chief for 13 years, Assistant Chief for two years, and for numerous years as a Captain, faithfully devoted to the Town of Oshkosh community.

Philip met the love of his life, Tuesday, in 1989 and were later married on November 7, 1998. Together, they became a family with his step-daughter, Marissa, followed soon after by two sons, Brandyn and Jamisen. For the past 27 years, Philip and Tuesday were wholly devoted to each other. As their favorite song says, "I'll meet you when my chores are through, I don't know how long I'll be... Until I see you again, I'll be loving you."

Philip had the work ethic of an ox, steadfast, patient, and persistent, never

kindness was steady, sincere, and often delightfully anonymous.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved infant son, Jeffery; his sister, Mary Ellen Dennis; his parents, Bob & Joyce; and two very special furry boating and fishing companions, Boss and Tug, who were surely waiting dockside to welcome him home.

Bob leaves behind a family who adored him, his sons, Jeremy (Jennifer) and Eric (Kati); and grandchildren, Kenlyn & Kaiden, who will forever carry his joy and humor in their hearts, two

brothers, Jim (Nancy) and Dave (Laure); many nieces, nephews and countless friends who were lucky enough to share in his stories, adventures, laughter, and loyalty.

Bob's legacy is one of love, adventure, generosity, and laughter that will echo for generations. His family finds peace in knowing that, for him, the water is calm, the jetboat is loud, he's listening to some "Belinda baby!", Boss (his favorite black lab boat dog) is at his side once again—and that somewhere, Bob is smiling.... and probably shooting a rooster tail out of the back of his boat.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the incredible caregivers who walked alongside Bob in recent years. You became more than caregivers — you became trusted friends to him and true support to our family. Your patience, kindness, laughter, and genuine love for us all was a blessing. We will forever be grateful for the care, dignity and friendship you gave to our family and Bob.

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Obituaries

James G. Dobish

James G. Dobish ("Jim"), 80, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at Evergreen Retirement Community on May 9, 2026 in the presence of his family. He was born on April 26, 1946, in Oshkosh to Carl and Lydia (Daubert) Dobish.



Jim proudly served in the military during the Vietnam War, where he was assigned to Company B of the 124th Signal Battalion of the 4th Division of the United States Army. He developed lasting friendships with the members of his unit. Jim was a devoted father and grandfather who adored his sons, Aaron (Crystal) Dobish and Jeremy (Emily) Dobish, and his grandchildren, Eleanor, Henry, Marcus, and Quincy.

A lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jim found joy in ushering, playing darts, and being part of the community. His passion for the outdoors shone through in his love for hunting and conservation. As a talented woodworker, he created beautiful muzzleloaders, turkey calls, rocking horses,

and intricate clocks that will be cherished by his friends and family. Jim enjoyed playing and watching sports, especially baseball. He loved sharing the stories of his life's adventures and Oshkosh history.

Jim is also survived by his sister, Gail (Maris Veidmanis) Dobish, along with numerous nieces and nephews who will hold his memory close to their hearts. He joins his parents and siblings, Joan, Nancy, Patsy, and Robert in eternal resting.

Jim's sons would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Evergreen Retirement Community for the care he received. They also wish to thank Gail Dobish and Jim's niece, Barbara Rothenbach, for all the support, compassion, and patience they shared with Dad.

A memorial service celebrating Jim's life will be held on June 13th, 2026 at 11 am at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home at 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh, WI. Visiting hours are from 10 am to 11 am. Burial and luncheon will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Robert F. Roe

Robert F. "Bob" Roe, age 86 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Bethel Home in Oshkosh. He was born on January 5, 1940 a son of the late Floyd and Edna (Pfeiffer) Roe.



Bob proudly served his country in the US Navy and was a long time member of Wesley United Methodist Church having been in the church choir and serving on various committees. Bob married the former Jean Ann Futta on May 15, 1965. Bob was self employed and worked as a refrigerator repair man with

his father. He greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons at the cabin in Florence county.

He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife of 61 years, Jean; a son, Jeff (Tracy); a sister, Sally J. Roe; four grandchildren, Hannah E. Roe, Holly C. Roe, both of Oshkosh, Bethany (Jack) Roe of Georgia and Ronald J. Roe, of Oklahoma. Bob was preceded in death by a son, Steven Charles Roe.

Per family request private family services with full military honors will be held for Bob. Entombment will be in Lake View Memorial Park Mausoleum.

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Christopher Paul O'Connor

Christopher Paul O'Connor, age 55, passed away on May 24, 2026. He was born to Pamela and the late Paul O'Connor, M.D. on August 1, 1970.



Chris was a proud graduate of Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh and St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota. An avid golfer

and golf pro, Chris was happiest when he had a golf club in his hand and a fairway in sight. He was known for his kindness,

empathetic nature, and genuine laugh. He was a lifelong fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and Green Bay Packers.

Beloved son of Pamela and Paul, dear brother to Margaret (Joseph) Zwick, Patrick (Debra) O'Connor and Catherine (Kevin) Klinger; special uncle to many nieces and nephews and one grandniece. Special thanks to devoted friend, Tim Pomroy.

Services for Chris will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Lourdes Academy (110 N. Sawyer St., Oshkosh, WI, 54901).

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Joan Carol Krasny

Joan Carol Krasny, age 86, of Cable, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on May 24, 2026, at the home of her daughter in Oshkosh. She was comforted by being able to see and talk to all of her children prior to her passing.



Joan was born on March 8, 1940, in Byron, Nebraska, to Lois and Raymond Fintel. At the age of 12, she tragically lost her father in a car accident. Following his passing, Joan moved with her mother and brothers to her grandparents' home in Deshler, Nebraska. Her family then relocated to Wisconsin Rapids, where she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1959. In March of 1961, while out with some friends in Wisconsin Rapids, Joan met the love of her life, Donald Krasny.

Joan and Don were married on January 13, 1962 in Wisconsin Rapids at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Joan dedicated her life to raising her six children in Port Edwards. Upon retirement, they made the "cabin" on Lake Namakagon near Cable, Wisconsin their permanent home. Joan was important in creating the family atmosphere that we all enjoyed at the "cabin" and led to the "cabin" that is still to this day, the kids/grandchildren's favorite vacation spot where her homemade coffee cake, ice cream and lasagna were always in high demand.

Joan is survived by her husband - Don

- and six children: Paula Rogers (Mark), Brenda Wales (Rich), Donna Schroeder (Kyle), Marsha Skibba (Al), Karla Blenker (Greg Strosin) and Phillip Krasny (Kathy), 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Our mom was the kind and gentle heart of our family, always wearing a bright smile and ready to support, listen and love. She loved her glass of wine, playing cards, traveling south for the winter, painting and making quilts for her grandchildren. Her quiet strength comforted everyone around her, always making us feel that everything would be okay. She also had a playful spirit and loved being silly, telling jokes and filling the room with laughter. We will forever remember her genuine heart and cherish the memories and love that helped shape who we are today. Her legacy will continue to live on through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom, you are forever loved, forever in our hearts and will be deeply missed.

The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice for their exceptional care, compassion and quick support during this time.

A funeral service will be held June 12th at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Cable, WI at 1:30 pm with a visitation starting one hour prior. There will also be a celebration of Joan's life for family at a later date in Oshkosh, WI.

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Art Youngwirth

04/08/59-05/23/26

He fought a courageous battle with cancer for 2 years. Art was born on April 8, 1959, to parents, Francis Youngwirth and Lucille (Johnson) Youngwirth, in Oshkosh, WI.



Art was a welder throughout his life, at various places. His most recent jobs were at Leach Company (Federal Signal)- 1988 through 2006, and Oshkosh Truck- 2007-2017, until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of over 35 years, Brenda (Schraa) Youngwirth; son, Jacob (Paige) Youngwirth; grandchildren, Grace Youngwirth and Waylan Youngwirth. He is further survived by his brothers-in-law, Bruce Berndt and Brian Schraa; sister-in-law, Jennifer Dutko; many nieces, nephews; best friends, Chris Kabke and Brian Kimball; and his dog, Lucy.

Preceding him in death were his par-

ents, Francis Youngwirth and Lucille (Johnson) Youngwirth; In-laws, Gerald and Correen Schraa; his sister, Margaret (Keith) Curtis; brother, Steve Youngwirth; infant sister, Mary Ann; brother-in-law, Scott Dutko; and sister-in-law, Kathryn (Schraa) Berndt.

Art had a love for his rescue animals, especially his dogs, Star, Buffy, Tramp, Rusty, Rebel, Vinnie and Moose; and cat, Freeway. He loved going up North to the cottage with his wife, in Amberg to hunt, fish and have a couple of beers by the camp site.

A huge shout out to the Michael Wachtel Cancer Center nurses, especially Laura, Cheryl and Morgan and Dr. Bradly Hurley.

A celebration of life is being planned for Summer 2026. Once available, details can be requested at ArtYoungwirth@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Joan Carol Hinde

Joan Carol Hinde passed away peacefully on Monday, May 25, 2026, surrounded by family; she was 91. Joan was born in Oshkosh on March 11, 1935, the daughter of Leonard and Margaret (Neubauer) Youngwirth. She graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1953; and at the age of 19, she joined the United States Marine Corps where she met the love of her life George Edward Hinde. Joan and George were married on July 10, 1954 at Sacred Heart Church and were blessed

with 5 children. George preceded her in death in 1985, after only 31 short years together; a heartbreak Joan carried with her until she was finally able to join him in Heaven.

Joan was a devoted wife, a cherished mother and grandmother, and highly committed to her faith. She was always willing to help anyone, anytime, including volunteering at church, charitable organization, and her local hospital. She was creative, meticulous, industrious, and extremely driven. She was an exceptional

homemaker; a phenomenal baker; and had a "magic touch" when it came to babies. She made a memorable impact on the lives she touched.

Joan is survived by her daughters: Linda Hert Boree of Riviera Beach, FL; Loree (Steve) Olson of Appleton, WI; LaRee (Finn) Selander of Phoenix, AZ; and Leilani Hillis of Byron, IL; 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; as well as her sisters Kathy Nigl and Sr. Florence Youngwirth. She is preceded in death by her husband George, her son Lawrence (Lar-

ry) Hinde, and her sisters Pat Kelihier and Germaine Youngwith.

A Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Family and friends may call at the church prior to the service at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial donations will be forwarded to Joan's favorite charities.

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David Wayne Bradley

David Wayne Bradley, 72, passed away surrounded by loved ones on the farm that he grew up on and loved Sunday May 24th, 2026. David was a selfless provider, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend to many people and animals. He touched many hearts throughout his lifetime and made an impact on this world more than he could have ever imagined.

David was born in Oshkosh, WI on March 26, 1954, to the late Wayne and Elaine Bradley. David graduated from Oshkosh High School with the class of 1972. After graduation, he went on to UW-Platteville where he spent a semester until he was brought back to the family farm to begin his life as a dairy farmer with his father on Bradbo Farms in Pickett, WI.

On August 2, 1975, David married the love of his life, Lucy Bloechl, at First English Lutheran Church. David and Lucy shared four beautiful strong-willed daughters; Lisa (Travis Bos), Sara Bradley, Kelly (Jordan) Lloyd and Katie (Brock) Baker. And their pride and joy, their grandchildren; James Bradley (22), Owen (12) & Lilly (9) Lloyd and Cashtin Baker (4).

David is also further survived by his loving sister Susan (Steve) Sorenson.

In David's "free time" from the farm he enjoyed playing sheephead with friends,



beating his son in laws at tractor pulls, bowling and softball leagues. As his grandkids got older nothing would stop him from going to as many of James' football or basketball games or Owen and Lilly's soccer games. Or watching them show their animals at the County Fair and other shows. Dad never said no to giving one of them a tractor ride (especially Cashtin). He also could be found cheering on his team, the Green Bay Packers, each weekend during the season. "Go Pack Go!"

In addition to his beloved parents, David was preceded in death by his in-laws Cyril and Lucille Bloechl, his grandson Bronson Baker, beloved aunts, uncles and other loved family members. He was also preceded in death by his favorite farm dog Zeke.

David's visitation will be held at Fiss & Bills - Poklasny Funeral Homes 865 S. Westhaven Dr. Oshkosh, WI on Friday June 12th, 2026, from 1pm-4pm with a short service to follow. Afterwards you are welcome to gather with us as we celebrate Dad at Jasper's in Pickett, from 6pm - 10pm. Family and friend gatherings are what Dad enjoyed most. Please feel welcome to wear your best farm attire or Green Bay Packer gear.

Those who knew Dad will remember his strong will and stubborn streak (Bradley Bullhead). He could be found in his shop, wearing his shorts with knee-high white socks, with his trademark barn hat, ready to fix, tinker, or offer his opinion on just about anything. Beneath that tough exte-

rior, though, was a man deeply devoted to his family. Dad loved nothing more than having a house full of kids, and grandkids, during the holidays and family gatherings. He equally enjoyed spending as much time as possible at sporting events for each of his grandkids. His strong work ethic and generous heart will be remembered by all who knew him. Livin' The Dream.

The Family would like to thank the wonderful men and women of the Vince

Lombardi Cancer Center and Aurora Hospice care teams for their loving care and compassion that they gave to Dad and his family. We also want to thank all the family and friends who came to visit Dad through his fight with cancer. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in his name.

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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

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Runs: May 27, 2026, June 3, 2026 and June 10, 2026.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, DANE

Suzanne Ross
Petitioner: -VS-
Karriem Dixon
Respondent:
DANE COUNTY
Amended
Publication Notice
Harassment
Injunction Hearing
Case No.
26CV1452

A harassment temporary restraining order was issued on 05/05/2026 against Karriem Dixon.

A hearing on the petition to grant a harassment injunction will be held on 06/03/2026 at 830AM at the DANE County Courthouse, Madison, Wisconsin, in room 4B, before Judge Stephanie Hilton, Court Official.

TO THE RESPONDENT:

If you fail to appear at the hearing, the relief requested will be granted.
CV-505, 05/14 Publication Notice Harassment Injunction Hearing

§§813.125(2)(a) and 813.125(2)(d), Wisconsin Statutes

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

Runs: June 3, 2026

WNAJLP

Paula May Wing

Paula May Wing, born Paula May Gauger, age 70, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her children, on the morning of May 19th, 2026. She was born on May 15, 1956, to parents, Lawrence Gauger Jr. and Pauline (Nielsen) Gauger. One of five children.

As a lifelong resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Paula enjoyed the things we all love: Friday night fish fry's, Leon's hot fudge nut sundaes, Roxy tenderloins, days at Menominee Park, the Bucks, Packers and Brewer games. She worked and retired as a dietary aid at Winnebago Mental Health Institute, where she was proud to serve many in need of special help. Her life of hard work and conscientiousness allowed her to provide a warm, caring home for her children, partner, and family, where the door was always open to loved ones.

Above all, Paula loved family. As a kind Mother, Sister, and Aunt, she always made sure everyone who visited her home was well fed and cared for. She was known for her lasagna, meatloaf and chili, and cooked with love using her home grown vegetables and herbs. An avid green thumb, a passion she inherited from her Mother, she boasted

the most beautiful gardens in the neighborhood, and her home was always filled with plants and flowers. She never felt more alive than when her hands were in the soil, and was always happy to share fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, kohlrabi, and her fragrant roses with family, friends, and neighbors.

Paula May was preceded in death by her Father, Lawrence and Mother, Pauline Gauger; as well as her Aunt, Carol Gauger. She is survived by four siblings, Laura, Patty, Lynn and Gary; her life partner, Dennis Gollither; son, Jason Wing; daughter, Amanda Wing; and the father of her children, Gary Wing.

Laura Sue, thank you for always being there. Thanks to Barb Wing for your help along the way; the care and food you gifted were treasured. Lyndsey, we are forever grateful for your generosity. And a very special Thank You to Compassus, most notably Chris and Morgan (or as Mom called you, "Red").

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in Paula's name.

Mom, the deep love and affection you provided to us all throughout your lifetime will stay with us for the remainder of our days. Your infectious laughter and your watchful, solicitous nature will be deeply missed.



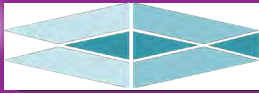
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STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



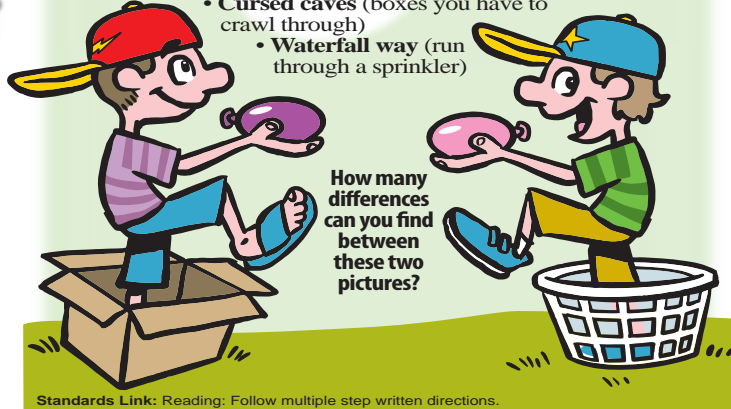
- Step 1: Crumple It!**
Crumple the paper into a ball, smooth it out, then do it again and again until the paper looks very old.
- Step 2: Tea Time!**
Place a couple of tea bags in the warm water and let them sit for about 5 minutes. The darker the water, the better.
- Step 3: Stain It!**
Use the brush or crumpled paper towel to dab the tea water onto your paper. Blotchy looks better! Let it dry completely in the sun.
- Step 4: Map It!**
Hide treasures (a ball, a small toy, lemons, etc.) outside. Draw a map to show where each treasure is located. Be sure to add details like sharks, sea monsters, and skulls!
- Step 5: Find It!**
Set a timer. Have one person see how quickly they can find all the treasures using your map. Have another person try next. Who is the fastest finder?

Standards Link: Physical Education: Follow instructions to play a variety of games.

DRAGON EGG RELAY

Two teams must carry a dragon egg (water balloon) to the castle. Create an obstacle course and see who can deliver the most dragon eggs without popping them!

- Some possible obstacles:
- **Magic well** (a laundry basket you must step into and out of)
 - **Raging rivers** (twisty garden hose you have to jump over)
 - **Cursed caves** (boxes you have to crawl through)
 - **Waterfall way** (run through a sprinkler)



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

Standards Link: Reading: Follow multiple step written directions.

SEEK AND HIDE

A new twist on a favorite game!

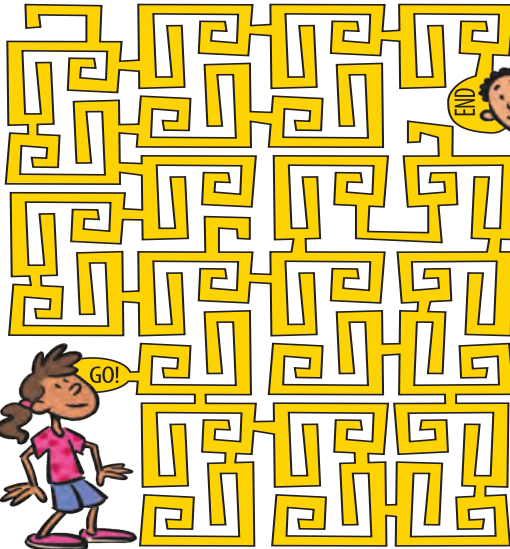


1. One player hides while everyone else closes their eyes and counts to 50. Then the search begins!

2. When you find the hider, don't say a word. Quietly hide with them!

3. Keep going until only one seeker is left searching.

Help Jada find her little brother!



Secret Message Maker

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- white paper
- white crayon
- watercolors

Write words you find in newspaper headlines on white paper with a white crayon. Have a friend paint paper with watercolor. The headlines will appear. See how quickly they can find these words in the newspaper.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to see which summer treat belongs to each person. Draw a line from each treat to that person's name. Hurry! They melt quickly on a warm day!

13 - 9 = <u> </u>	17 - 16 = <u>1</u>	3 + 5 = <u> </u>	12 - 6 = <u> </u>
18 - 15 = <u> </u>	14 - 9 = <u> </u>	2 + 0 = <u> </u>	11 - 4 = <u> </u>

1. Noah
2. Jada
3. Vanessa
4. Rohan
5. Lucy
6. Owen
7. Katie
8. Amelia

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

ADD BALL CRAYONS CRUMPLE DRAGON DRY GAME HIDE LEMONS TEA TREASURE SEEK STAIN SUN WARM WELL

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

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

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

Kid Scoop Together

Desert Island Drama

A game soaked in silliness for two or more players!



1. Use jump ropes or garden hoses to create two island shapes a small distance apart from each other.
2. Each team has a bucket of water and a supply of sponges (or old dishcloths) on their island.
3. Start tossing sponges at the other islanders.
4. If your opponent catches the sponge you throw, you have to switch islands and be on their team.
5. Keep playing until everyone is soaked and on the same island!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Follow rules to play games with others.

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