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State grant supports recruitment initiative

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The City of Oshkosh has received state funding that could help bring in new talent for employers.

Governor Tony Evers, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), announced July 7 that 17 communities and community organizations will receive a total of \$5 million in Talent Recruitment Grants (TRG) to help strengthen the state's workforce by attracting new workers and

their families.

The 2025-27 biennial state budget Evers signed last year provides \$5 million in grants of up to \$500,000 each to Wisconsin cities, villages, towns, counties and American Indian Tribes or bands, as well as nonprofits with a mission of economic development, workforce and talent development, or community development to attract out-of-state workers to Wisconsin.

"The Talent Recruitment Grants represent an investment in our state's cur-

rent and long-term growth," Evers said. "These grants will help communities across our state to meet their workforce needs through innovative, targeted, community-specific approaches."

Oshkosh is slated to receive \$117,500 for the Onboard to Oshkosh program, which "represents a highly professionalized and strategically sound approach to municipal talent attraction."

The program will use data-informed,

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Browsing for art

The annual Faire on the Fox arts and crafts fair was held Sunday at the Leach Amphitheater after moving from its longtime home at the Paine Art Center and Gardens. Arts and crafts vendors along with food trucks could spread across the hillside, parking lots and surrounding streets, creating an open layout.

Community Living Room settles into space at Planet Perk

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

After showing up at a few different pop-up locations in Winnebago County, the Community Living Room has settled into Planet Perk coffee house in Oshkosh as its permanent home for the rest of the summer.

The Community Living Room provides community members with a place to connect in an open, non-judgmental, non-clinical space where everyone is welcome to talk, read or hang out with the cats at Plan-

et Perk, 100 Suite C City Center. The free event runs from 3 to 8 p.m. every Monday.

"People from all walks of life attend," said Lynn McLaughlin, co-owner of Ebb & Flow Connections Cooperation and co-creator of the Community Living Room. "You can see the connections formations and that sense of belonging form as they find someone to talk to, someone to listen to them. There are no papers for people to fill out. People come and we welcome them."

McLaughlin said there is no format as people come in and out.

"Everything happens organically," she said. "People have made friendships that extend beyond the living room, which is wonderful to see."

Planet Perk owner Kenneth Osmond keeps the coffee shop open until 8 p.m. — it usually closes at 5 p.m. — to accommodate the Community Living Room. He also offers free lemonade and iced tea to attendees.

McLaughlin and others launched a Community Living Room in Appleton a couple of years ago. Her organization, Ebb

& Flow Connections Cooperation, teamed up with Winnebago County Public Health on a grant to bring the Community Living Room concept to the area. The program is staffed with trained listeners who are trained in emotional CPR.

"People can come in and sit down and we can start up a conversation or they go back to the cat lounge and visit with the cats," McLaughlin said. "We want people to be comfortable."

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Corridor opening

Groups toured The Corridor as the ribbon was cut Thursday on the latest housing development in downtown Oshkosh. The 55-unit complex consists of two townhouse-style buildings on Jefferson Street and a third building that will house a two-shift daycare center and apartments on North Main Street. The Oshkosh Child Development Center is expected to officially open Aug. 1, while the housing units are currently 70% occupied.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

July 12, 1975

Local Hurler Faces Henry Aaron: On this date, Bill Gogolewski, a right-handed pitcher from Oshkosh, now playing for the Chicago White Sox, was called into action in a game with the Milwaukee Brewers. In relief, Gogo took the mound, went through his warmups, then proceeded to retire Robin Yount. The next batter would be George “Boomer” Scott, but the White

Sox manager opted to give the power hitting first baseman an automatic walk. Initially, Gogo was relieved to not have to face Scott. That sense of calm quickly dissipated however, as the next Milwaukee batter coming to the plate was none other than Henry Aaron, the all-time home run king! Gogolewski took his sign, toed the rubber and fired his pitch to the future Hall of Famer. Aaron connected and hit a line drive to the 3rd baseman who stepped on third base for an unassisted double play. Gogolewski had pitched out of the inning, retiring baseball’s all-time home run leader without allowing a run.

Source: Interview with Bill Gogolewski, Aug. 5, 2025

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Salvation Army eyes donations for Christmas in July

Oshkosh Herald

The spirit of giving is coming early to Oshkosh as The Salvation Army hosts its third annual Christmas in July bell ringing event.

The initiative will be from July 20 through July 25 to raise awareness and support for local programs that serve individuals and families throughout the year.

In addition to financial donations, The Salvation Army is currently seeking volunteer bell ringers to help make this event a success. Community members, businesses, church groups, service organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to sign up for bell-ringing shifts.

Volunteers can sign up to ring the bell to help residents throughout the community at volunteer.central.salvationarmyusa.org/?tags=Bell%2520Ringing.

Donations can be made through the virtual Red Kettle at donate.salvationarmy-wi.org/campaign/815413/donate. The Salvation Army said when the Christmas season comes to an end, the need goes on. Donations collected during Christmas in July help fund critical local services including emergency assistance, food programs, case management, and other support programs that provide hope and stability to community members in need.

“Christmas in July serves as an important reminder that the challenges facing many families don’t only happen during the holidays,” said Lt. Amy DeLonis, Oshkosh Corp Officer. “The generosity of our community throughout the year allows us to continue providing essential services and support when people need it most.”

As rising costs continue to impact many households, year-round community support is more important than ever. Funds raised during Christmas in July help bridge seasonal funding gaps and ensure local programs remain available to those facing unexpected hardships.

“We are grateful for every volunteer and donor who helps us serve the Oshkosh community,” added DeLonis. “Whether you’re ringing a bell, making a donation, or spreading the word, you’re helping provide hope and assistance to local families all year long.”

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Officer faces no criminal charges after deadly shooting

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh police officer's actions were deemed to have been justified, and he will not face criminal charges for killing a man with his department-issued firearm.

On May 10, Robert Lapp, 85, allegedly walked into Fleet Farm on South Washburn Street and took a handgun from the store, which was later pointed at the police officer. After Lapp left the store and went into the parking lot, the officer arriving on scene shot Lapp, who died later that day.

The incident was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, which turned the materials over to the Winnebago County District Attorney's office. District Attorney Eric Sparr last week released a legal opinion regarding the incident.

In the opinion Sparr outlines the facts of the incident, a legal analysis and a conclusion that states the use of force was "clearly justified in this case."

Sparr states that the facts of the case suggest Lapp "was attempting to get law enforcement to shoot him." Sparr continued that Lapp presented an extreme risk to the officer's life, which justified the use of deadly force.

On July 7, the DOJ released the body cam video of the incident along with other aspects of the investigation. The name of the officer has not been released to the public.

Sparr told the Herald that his office would not be releasing the name of the officer as the officer becomes a victim when someone points a gun at them.

The officer, identified as V1, is seen approaching Lapp in the video released by the DOJ last week. The interaction is less than 60 seconds.

"Sir, keep your hands where I can see them," the officer states as he walks toward Lapp near a wooden cart carousel in the parking lot.

Lapp is walking toward the officer and lifts up his shirt and reaches for something while the officer shouts, "Do not reach for that gun!"

Lapp appears to have an object in his hands and points it at the officer. At this point, the officer fires two shots at Lapp while taking multiple steps backward.

"Do not! Drop the gun! Drop the gun!" the officer shouts as he approaches Lapp's body on the parking lot ground.

The video is completely blurred as the

officer approaches Lapp but noises in the video sound like handcuffs.

The DOJ investigation states Lapp dropped the gun 24 seconds after being shot by the OPD officer.

Statements from Fleet Farm employees said that Lapp entered the store just after 8 a.m. May 10. Lapp asked to see a handgun and began loading it with ammunition from his pocket. An employee tried to stop Lapp but couldn't and then left that area of the store.

Lapp then appears to grab another gun from the store's weapon case and that is the gun that was pointed at the officer in the parking lot.

When the Herald reached out to OPD public affairs officer Kate Mann, she initially stated all questions regarding the incident should be directed toward the DOJ. Mann did later confirm via email that the officer was still employed by the department.

The department has used Marsy's Law to state that when an officer has a gun pointed at them they become a victim, which is why the names have not been released in the past.

This is similar to an officer-involved shooting incident in June 2023 when an officer's actions were considered justified in shooting Benson Thao on Mill Street near a boat launch on the Fox River. Thao's injuries weren't life threatening. He was found guilty of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and given a two-year prison sentence.

Then, in December 2024, Delveon W. Fairman was shot and killed inside a home by an Oshkosh police officer in the 400 block of West 10th Avenue. In both instances, the officer's actions were justified and no criminal charges were filed and in both instances, the officers' names have not been released to the public.

New equipment purchase program protects soil health

A new Soil Health Equipment Purchase Program will assist farmers across the Fox-Wolf Basin to invest in equipment that supports soil health and improved water quality.

The equipment needed to successfully implement and expand practices that protect water quality can represent a significant investment.

To help address that challenge, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is offering incentives of up to \$30,000 for equipment that improves soil health and reduces sediment and nutrient runoff to support water quality.

Eligible equipment may include anything from no-till drills and interseeders

to drones used for cover crop seeding.

A total of \$250,000 is available for the 2026 season. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by Aug. 15. Applications submitted after that date will be considered as funding remains available.

By helping farmers invest in the right tools for the right job, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is supporting voluntary, producer-led conservation efforts that support healthier soils and more resilient fields for farmers, leading to reduced nutrient and sediment runoff and improve water quality across the Basin.

For more information or to apply, visit Fox-Wolf.org/shepp.

Sheriff's office adds Naloxone pickup site

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Public Health and Winnebago County Sheriff's Office have partnered to install a free Naloxone box at the Sheriff's Office.

It is the health department's first Naloxone pickup site in a county building. The Sheriff's Office is located at 4311 Jackson St.

Providing more locations for Naloxone to be available was a recommendation from

the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team. The Naloxone is grant-funded, and the boxes were donated by Voices of Recovery, helping to make these lifesaving tools more accessible to the community.

The county is expanding this effort and looking for additional organizations and locations interested in hosting a box. To reach the public health department, call 920-232-3000.



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Why simple education questions can have not so simple answers

In education policy, seemingly simple questions often have complicated answers.

I learned this at the start of my career when I attempted to calculate the cost per-pupil for education in the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), MPS, the Federal Department of Education and various advocacy groups all provided different cost per-pupil numbers. How could this be?

I recently attempted a similar exercise for the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD). According to DPI, the comparative cost per-member was \$18,575 in 2023-24. Federal data puts expenditures per-student north of \$20,000. The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, a conservative think tank, lists per-pupil revenues at \$18,584. The Wisconsin Policy Forum, another think tank, lists OASD's operations spending per-pupil at \$15,719.

If I ask a teacher how much money they feel is being spent on each student at their school, I am sure I would get a different number.

So what is the correct number? Well, the reality is that none of these numbers are wrong; they just reflect different methodologies. For example, a portion of school district budgets goes to support transportation costs for students attending private schools.

Should these costs be included in the per-pupil spending calculation? School districts also support recreation departments and adult learning programs through what is called a community service fund. Should these expenses be included in a per-pupil spending calculation



tion?

I could do the same exercise with other frequently debated data points, such as student teacher ratios. The Federal Department of Education reports that OASD has a pupil-teacher ratio of 12.32.

As a parent I might find that statistic surprising. My children's classrooms have a lot more than 12.32 students. As a teacher I might think that statistic is incorrect given the class sizes I stand in front of every day.

But the statistic is simply a ratio dividing the number of students in the district by the total number of teachers employed by the district. It includes support teachers and others who are teachers providing important services, just not in a traditional classroom situation. The problem occurs when the pupil-teacher ratio is presented or interpreted as average class size, which it is not.

It is good, in my opinion, that people have strong positions on per-pupil spending, teacher-pupil ratios and more. Public schools are subject to democratic governance and that requires engagement from the public regarding how schools are using public resources.

However, it is a challenge when people see a number that differs from the one they know and immediately assume that number is wrong, intentionally misleading, or something else. It drives discussion

toward unproductive debates about what is and is not true, and who is and is not transparent or honest.

A more productive approach would be to focus on data utility, i.e., are we measuring the right thing in the right way? Going back to the example of teacher-student ratios and average class sizes... though different, both statistics tell us something important.

Getting past the finger pointing of who is telling the truth or not (when everyone is) allows for a focused discussion on what statistic stakeholders actually want or need to know in any given situation. To put it another way, most of the debates we have over data in education governance can be sorted out, the questions that never seem to be resolved can be

answered if we get out of our own way.

Broadly, getting out of our own way requires making choices about what we as a community want to know and why. At a governing board level, this is creating alignment within a board, an organization, and a community. Plainly, it is the work of governance.

A school board is more impactful when it spends its time debating the proper level of per-pupil funding and the ideal class size rather than arguing over which stat is true. Getting to that point is difficult, but arriving there is transformative.

Michael Ford is a professor of Public Administration at UW-Oshkosh, director of the Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research and current president of the Oshkosh Area School District Board. This column solely reflects his personal views.

Rule would require committee approval for data request

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Board supervisors will need to take an extra step if they're seeking data or analysis from a county department beyond what is normally provided, according to a rule passed by the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee.

The rule needs approval from two-thirds of the County Board of Supervisors before going into effect. It could be voted on as soon as the next meeting on July 21.

Under the new rule, supervisors seeking data and analysis beyond what is normally presented would need approval from the committee of jurisdiction prior to submitting their request. For example, a request for a certain set of data from the sheriff's department would need the approval of the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee.

Supervisor George Bureau said it would be more efficient if requests are brought forward to the committee so more people could have input.

"I thought if one person has an idea for data that putting two, three or five heads together would be better and give us a better request. This will also increase transparency," he said.

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke disagreed with the rule.

"I'm worried about the delays it will cause if I have to wait for a committee to approve my request for information," she said. "Or what happens if the committee denies my request for information?"

Asking for information jointly as a committee is a sign of teamwork, Bureau said. "I think we'll get more complete data this way," he said.

Hancock-Cooke asked if any departments reported being overwhelmed by individual supervisor requests. Committee Chair Conley Hanson said he anticipated that question when he saw the rule on the agenda, so he checked with a few department heads. He said a department head commented that if a committee was behind a request for information, it might make getting that data together a bigger priority versus a request from a single supervisor.

Information and data already shared with committees would continue and not be affected by the rule.

Supervisor Tim Paterson said the county board's job is to set policy. He said departments can get bogged down spending valuable time searching and developing data, which takes away from their primary work.

"That's one reason I'm supportive of this rule," Paterson said.

Auditions to be held for upcoming theater show

Oshkosh Herald

Community members are invited to audition for "The Actuary" by Steven Peterson and presented by Oshkosh Community Players.

Auditions will take place from 6:30 to

8:30 pm. July 27 and July 28 at First Congregational Church in Oshkosh.

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Performances of "The Actuary" will be held in September at The Grand at UW-Oshkosh.

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Medal of Honor recipient to speak on faith journey

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Medal of Honor is known as the highest military decoration that a soldier can receive. A recipient of that award will be speaking in the area about his time in the Vietnam War and his dedication to Christ.

Allen Lynch was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1970 by President Richard Nixon. In 1967, his company was ambushed and Lynch was alone for two hours fighting off the enemy and keeping the wounded men around him safe. Lynch will be speaking Saturday at the WE Community Church's Faith, Family and Fun event at the Waukau Youth Center.

The free event is intended to bring families and the community together. There will be cornhole, a bounce house and live music. Lynch is one of the speakers who will be sharing his faith journey.

"It's going to be a great event," WE Community Church pastor Mike Hert said. "Allen's got a great story and will be talking about his faith."

Lynch said in a phone interview last week that his words will touch on his faith journey and what Christ means to him.

"I'm going to share my faith walk and why I'm a Christian," he said. "How the Lord influenced me throughout the years even when I didn't know it."

Lynch was born in the suburbs of Chicago and was raised in Indiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 and volunteered

to go to Vietnam in 1967. In December 1967 his company was airlifted into a fire-fight in the Binh Dinh Province.

While serving as his calvary division's radio telephone operator his company was ambushed. On that day, Lynch saved three wounded comrades from enemy fire and stayed with them for two hours alone as his company withdrew.

"His gallantry at the risk of his life is in the highest traditions of the military service, Sgt. Lynch has reflected great credit on himself, the 12th Cavalry, and the U.S. Army," Lynch's Medal of Honor citation states.

When Lynch got back to his unit he was told his name would be put forward for the Medal of Honor. However, somewhere the paperwork was misplaced. He was out of the Army for a year when he was followed home by a police officer one day.

Lynch thought he was about to get a ticket for speeding when the officer asked if he was Allen Lynch and had him call a phone number. That phone call led to Lynch learning he would receive the Medal of Honor from the president the next month in May.

Lynch then married his wife Susan and when the couple got back from their honeymoon they were flown out to the nation's capital. The couple is still together today after 56 years of marriage.

"I'm just this blue collar guy working in a factory and all of the sudden I'm being flown first-class to Washington D.C.," Lynch said. "They put me up in a really, really nice hotel. I was being treated like a king. I didn't know how to deal with it."

When Nixon put the medal around his

neck, Lynch understood what it meant for him and what it meant for all soldiers.

"It's a symbol of what is best in the armed forces," Lynch said. "It's about sacrifice, it's about service, it's about doing the right thing under the worst possible circumstances and so those of us that have the medal – we carry it not only for ourselves, but for those who never got recognized for it."

He continued, "There's a lot of people

that do things in combat and other situation and they're never recognized so it's a responsibility to carry it the proper way."

The WE Community Church's Faith, Family and Fun starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Lynch is scheduled to speak around 3:30 p.m. at the Waukau Youth Center, 2711 Wisconsin Highway 116 in Waukau.

"Hopefully it will encourage people that went through what I went through and gives them hope," Lynch said.



Lynch



Submitted photo

VFW scholarships

VFW Post 1908 of Oshkosh, along with sponsors from Verve, a Credit Union, ALRO Steel, and Celebration of Lights, recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to area high school seniors. Pictured from left to right are Evelyn Longsine, Wyldewood Christian School; Alex Slusarski, Verve, a Credit Union; Kendra Gaulke, Oshkosh North High School; Norm Reichenberger, Celebration of Lights; Allie Leib, Oshkosh North High School and Josh Preston, ALRO Steel.

Local college graduates

Isaac Kohls of Oshkosh graduated from Iowa State University in May with a bachelor of industrial design, industrial design, B.I.D., cum laude.

The following students from Oshkosh graduated in May from University of Wisconsin-Stout Polytechnic in Menomonie.

Jeremy Hughes, BS career technical education and training
Amanda Leake, MS training and talent development
Jackson Lor, BFA interior design

Amy Spader of Oshkosh received a bachelor of science degree from The University of Alabama.

The following students from Oshkosh graduated in May from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Nathan Laib, finance - BBA
James Levine, occupational safety – BS,

Summa Cum Laude
Alyssa Rates, psychology - BS
Dakota Senkbeil, marketing - BBA

The following students from Oshkosh graduated in May from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

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Isaac Geffers, Arts and Sciences, BS, mathematics
Elle Hawley, Business, BBA, marketing
Breana Johnson, Arts and Sciences, BA, public health
Sam Koepsell, Arts and Sciences, BA, theater arts

Jonah Macho, Business, BBA, operations and supply chain management
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Chamber celebrates success while investing in the future

By Grace Burdick
MARKETING AND EVENTS DIRECTOR

The Oshkosh Chamber continues to strengthen the region’s business community through advocacy, leadership development and strategic partnerships that foster long-term economic success.

The Oshkosh Chamber recently earned a 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — the highest recognition available for chambers nationwide. The Oshkosh Chamber has maintained this prestigious designation since 1992 and remains one of only two Wisconsin chambers to hold the honor and one of 151 nationally.

The accreditation reflects excellence in governance, advocacy, member services, communications and organizational leadership.

The Chamber’s Leadership Oshkosh program continues to shape the next generation of community leaders through an immersive nine-month experience. The Class of 2026 participated in hands-on learning focused on community planning, government, business, education, arts and culture, health and human services and criminal justice, while also serving on local nonprofit boards to gain firsthand



governance experience.

As part of the program, participants organized their annual Trivia Night fundraiser to benefit a local nonprofit, reinforcing the importance of civic engagement and collaborative leadership. This year’s class raised over \$39,000 for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

With over 1,300 graduates, Leadership Oshkosh remains a cornerstone of the Oshkosh Chamber’s commitment to developing informed, connected leaders who are prepared to make a lasting impact throughout the Oshkosh community.

The Oshkosh Chamber also continues to invest in the region’s emerging workforce through Propel Oshkosh Young Professionals, which recently celebrated its first Young Professionals Week.

The week brought together young leaders for professional development, networking, community engagement and social events, culminating with Propel’s annual golf outing at Westhaven Golf Club. Throughout the week, over 200

participants strengthened connections with fellow professionals, explored opportunities for civic involvement and built relationships that support both personal and professional growth.

Through signature events like Young Professionals Week, along with year-round networking, leadership development and volunteer opportunities, Propel continues to position Oshkosh as a destination where young talent can connect, grow, and make a lasting impact in the community.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is focused on initiatives that will continue to drive economic growth and business success.

The Amplify program is launching a new series based on the basics of AI. The free, in-person sessions are designed to help entrepreneurs apply AI to real business challenges, such as improving marketing and customer engagement, streamlining operations and improving

workflow efficiency, enhancing productivity and decision-making.

Oshkosh Chamber is also working with SBDC to host monthly small business consulting sessions. These sessions will be held at the Chamber office on the last Tuesday of each month and are free to all Oshkosh businesses. Ongoing advocacy efforts, business networking opportunities and talent development programs will remain central to the Chamber’s mission of creating a vibrant business climate.

As Oshkosh continues to grow, the Oshkosh Chamber remains committed to being a trusted voice for business, fostering collaboration among employers, educators, community leaders and public officials. By combining a strong tradition of excellence with forward-looking programs, the Oshkosh Chamber is helping ensure the region remains an exceptional place to live, work and do business for generations to come.

State grant

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professional marketing to reach mid-career professionals and young families in high-demand fields like IT, education, and skilled trades. Onboard to Oshkosh is set to incorporate existing civic assets like Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. (GO-HNI) to ensure new residents move beyond simple relocation to active civic participation and long-term residency.

Eligible applicants will apply through the City of Oshkosh Community Development Department. To be eligible, applicants must live outside Wisconsin at the time of application, move to Oshkosh, and have a job with an annual individual income of at least \$55,000.

Approved applicants may receive reimbursement of relocation expenses and other community-based incentives. More information about the application process and participating employers will be announced once the program fully launches in 2027.

Communications and engagement manager Drew Bailey said the city plans to provide more details about the program such as which employers the city is

working with and how the money will be spent.

“We are continuing to move through the process thoughtfully and will share more detailed information as it becomes available,” Bailey said. “Our goal is to provide clear and accurate updates at the appropriate time as planning continues.”

“This investment gives Oshkosh an important opportunity to strengthen our workforce and support long-term economic growth,” City Manager Rebecca Grill said. “Onboard to Oshkosh is about more than recruitment — it is about helping new residents successfully join our community, build local connections, and see Oshkosh as a place where they can thrive.”

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The U.S. Surgeon General in 2023 reported an epidemic of isolation and loneliness, warning that nearly half of American adults experience measurable levels of loneliness. McLaughlin said the Community Living Room is seen as a solution to people who feel lonely.

“We have trained listeners who are here and work with people through the different conversations, whether it’s a student who is feeling overwhelmed or lonely or someone in crisis to let them know that we see them

and hear them — that’s when you need a space like the Community Living Room the most,” she said.

At Appleton’s Community Living Room, she said attendees have really made the space their own and help with cleaning up.

“It’s my deep, deep hope we can continue to meet here at Planet Perk and have it be our space in Oshkosh,” McLaughlin said. “Ken has done so many wonderful things at Planet Perk and the Community Living Room feels like just the right fit.”

For updates on the Community Living Room in Oshkosh, follow Planet Perk on social media or visit communityliving-room.org.

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Tipler choir performs at legendary concert venue

By Evan Olson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A group of Tipler Middle School choir members were invited to New York City to join a performance at the esteemed Carnegie Hall last month.

A total of 34 performing students from Tipler took the stage alongside 159 fellow singers to perform six songs, including one world premiere.

Since opening in 1891, Carnegie Hall has welcomed some of history’s most significant musical performers, world figures and orators. Renowned for its rich history, architecture and excellent acoustics, the venue has become a globally recognized musical landmark that has hosted performances by the likes of the Beatles, Judy Garland and now members of Oshkosh’s youth choir scene.

Tipler Middle School’s choral music teacher, Ryan Lindley, explained that the opportunity to take the New York trip arose through his connection with director Alex Gartner. Manhattan Concert Productions, an organization that facilitates musical performances around the world, reached out to Lindley with news that Gartner wanted the Tipler choir to participate in the performance. After auditioning and ultimately being accepted to join the experience, the Tipler choir began practicing and preparing to take the stage for the June 15 performance.

Lindley recalled the reaction to the opportunity as being overwhelmingly positive for different reasons. Some students, those familiar with Carnegie Hall and its significance, were exhilarated at the prospect of taking on such a renowned stage.

Others were simply excited to travel to



Submitted photo

A group of Tipler Middle School choir members gathered outside Carnegie Hall, where they performed on stage last month.

New York City. As the magnitude of the opportunity became clear, Lindley said all of the performers acted with discipline, determination and a desire to succeed.

“When I was informed that our choir would get to go to New York, I could scarcely believe it,” said student Greg Gale.

Leading up to the trip, participating students attended special Sunday practices. With six songs being performed, the students had a lot of work ahead of them to ensure they were ready for the performance. Lindley said he believes that they absolutely rose to the occasion, noting that even the students who typically expressed a more casual outlook toward choir pushed themselves to reach greater heights, demonstrating how much the opportunity meant.

Rising to the occasion seemed to be the theme of the trip. One of the six songs the choir sang was the piece’s debut performance. Gartner wrote “The Heart’s Remedy” specifically for the performance, allowing the students to be a special part of the song’s introduction.

Additionally, student Lylah Buttles was one of four performers selected to perform a special solo section during the song “Joy.” Selected from among 80 auditions, Buttles earned a standout role in the performance. Lindley expressed how proud

he was of the students, not only in how they performed but also in how they carried themselves with kindness and built strong relationships.

The trip itself did not come without challenges. With a total of 73 travelers, the group was split across three flights, two of which experienced significant delays. To facilitate travel for such a large group, Lindley put great care into overseeing the logistics of the experience.

“There were lots of spreadsheets,” Lindley said.

Prioritizing organization was essential to making the experience run as smoothly as possible, and this dedication did not go unnoticed. Employees at Manhattan Concert Productions were so impressed by Lindley’s spreadsheets and preparations that they requested permission to offer the templates to future travelers to help them prepare for their trips.

Lindley explained that he does not think middle school students are given enough credit and that this performance shows what they can achieve. Even at their young age, the students performed with a level of motivation and professionalism that rivaled adult performers. Lindley said he believes that giving these students such opportunities shows them what they are capable of and inspires them to go forward.

“The choir experience was robust — the kids were treated like young professionals who needed to learn not only the pieces, but the appropriate body language and stage presence as well,” said parent Carrie Gale. “When the performance started, every person in the family section perked

up. It was an incredible sound and production.”

Lindley said that he hopes this experience will serve as a point of pride for Tipler Middle School and open up future opportunities. Lindley explained that the members of the music team throughout Oshkosh schools have made noteworthy contributions to the district’s musical programs and successes, and he sees this trip as a way he has been able to positively influence the future of music in the district.

Lindley said that the opportunity was made possible with the help of the community’s support. The travelers expressed their appreciation for the 60 sponsors who helped raise more than \$14,000 in scholarships for the students. Each student received a \$400 scholarship toward their trip.

Lindley recalled a defining moment of the trip as the feeling of walking out onto the stage at Carnegie Hall with the students for the first time and being told to take it all in. He expressed that the Tipler performers embraced the moment and delivered a performance that brought pride to Oshkosh, their school and most importantly, to themselves.

“Performing with the Manhattan Concert Productions Youth Choir Series at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Alex Gartner was a life-changing experience that strengthened my love for music and inspired me to grow as both a singer and a person,” said student Anya Coleman. “I am incredibly grateful to my choir director, Mr. Lindley, for giving me this unforgettable opportunity.”

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County files PFAS civil lawsuit against 19 companies

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County has filed a civil lawsuit against 19 companies, including 3M and Tyco, for the companies’ use of PFAS, specifically in firefighting products used at Wittman Regional Airport.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in January authorizing Texas law firm Baron & Budd to handle the litigation. The product liability lawsuit, which was filed in Winnebago County, alleges 19 companies and one John Doe defendant knew the products were linked to PFAS and pose risks to the environment and people using the products.

The resolution states, “Subject companies knowingly placed Fluorosurfactant Products like AFFF (Aqueous Film-Foaming Foam) into the United States stream of commerce for decades, while concealing their knowledge of the toxic nature and harmful effects associated with these products.”

According to the resolution, these companies, “manufactured, formulated, marketed, promoted, distributed Fluorosurfactant Products.”

The county used these fluorosurfactant products at the airport and in doing so allowed PFAS compounds to migrate into the environment, contaminating soil, groundwater and surface water.

AFFF is a water-based compound that was first developed in the 1960s to extinguish flammable liquid fuel fires at airports. AFFF contains forever chemicals known as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

Companies like 3M, Dupont, BASF

and Tyco Fire have used AFFF in their products since the 1960s. All three of these companies are named as defendants in the case along with Buckeye Fire Equipment Company, DuPont and The Chemours Company.

The lawsuit alleges the defendants knew about the PFAS hazards linked to using AFFF.

The county is not part of the large class action lawsuit filed against 3M, Tyco, DuPont and BASF for PFAS in the public drinking water system.

The county is not requesting a specific dollar amount in the filing. The lawsuit states, “Plaintiff seeks punitive damages due to the wanton and willful acts/or omissions of defendants as set forth and alleged throughout this complaint.”

The county is seeking compensatory damages related to past, present and future investigation including sampling and testing to identify the extent of the PFAS contamination and costs related to treatment and remediation of PFAS contamination.

The lawsuit also requests compensatory damages for diminished property value, consequential damages and “any other and further relief as the Court deems just, proper, and equitable.

Online court records show the case has been assigned to Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 6 Judge Daniel Bissett.

The 39-page summons and complaint in the case which was filed on June 19 alleges these companies knew AFFF was dangerous. The lawsuit alleges in 1980 3M published data in a peer reviewed

article showing PFOA, a synthetic fluorosurfactant belonging to the PFAS group of chemicals, stay in the human body for years – possibly 18 months to clear half the PFOA in their body.

In 1981, DuPont allegedly tested for PFOA in female plant workers in Parkensburg, West Virginia. The company “observed and documented pregnancy outcomes in exposed workers” and found that two of seven children born to female plant workers between 1979 and 1981 had birth defects.

A 1983 internal memo from a 3M medical officer warned of a trend where 3M workers had increasing levels of PFOA in their bodies. “[W]e must view this present trend with serious concern. It is certainly possible that [...] exposure opportunities are providing a potential uptake of fluorochemicals that exceeds excretion capabilities of the body.”

When the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started

pressuring these companies to phase out PFOA. 3M phased out the U.S. production of PFOA-based AFFF production in 2002.

In 2005, the EPA “uncovered evidence that DuPont concealed the environmental and health effects of PFOA and the EPA announced the ‘Largest Environmental Administrative Penalty in Agency History.’”

The EPA fined DuPont \$16.5 million for violating the Toxic Substances Control Act.

The resolution passed by the county states that Baron & Budd will receive a contingency fee of 25% of any money won in the lawsuit after costs and expenses are calculated. This leaves the remaining 75% of potential funding for the county to address the PFAS.

The lawsuit was filed on June 19 and the defendants have 45 days, which will be around the end of July, to respond to the lawsuit. There are no scheduled hearings in the case.

Dog killed in wrong way crash on interstate

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department reported that a wrong way driver in the middle of the night caused a multiple vehicle crash, which led to a dog’s death.

Just after 11:30 p.m. July 8, officers were dispatched to Interstate 41 for reports of a vehicle driving north in the southbound lanes of the roadway. Officers were on the way to intercept the vehicle when they were advised the wrong way vehicle had crashed into a semi-truck.

The crash blocked all three southbound lanes.

Police said a 60-year-old Reedsburg woman was the wrong way driver. She received minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital. However, her dog was in the car and died during the crash.

The 53-year-old driving the semi-truck received no injuries from the crash.

Highway cleanup lasted several hours with all southbound lanes opening just before 4:30 a.m. July 9.

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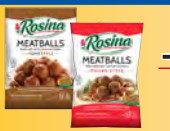
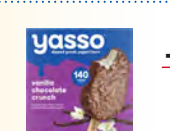


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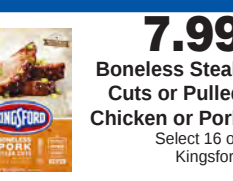
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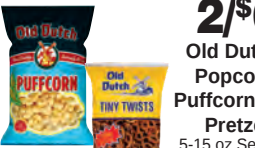
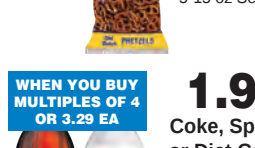
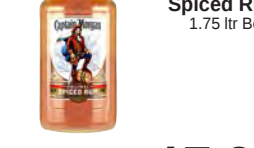
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From Oshkosh to Equality: Wisconsin Women and the Fight for the Vote, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
- Thursday, July 16**
Waterfest featuring Vertical Horizon, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
- Friday, July 17**
Outdoor Family Movie Night featuring Daddy Day Camp, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Preliminary Round 3, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
Spaceballs, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater
- Saturday, July 18**
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Art in the Alley, 8 a.m., Algoma Art Alley
Oshkosh Rugby Pigfest, 8 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Stained No Longer Book Signing with Author Tracey Robertson, 11 a.m., Author Apothecary and Bookstore
The Iron Giant, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater
- Monday, July 20**
EAA AirVenture starts, runs daily through July 26

- Wednesday, July 22**
Music on Main featuring Janet Planet, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
Oshkosh Area Community Band Summer Series, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
- Thursday, July 23**
Fly-In Quilt Show, 8 a.m., Lourdes Academy
Meet John Armbruster, Author of Tailspin, 4 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore
- Saturday, July 25**
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
- Tuesday, July 28**
Brews by the Waterside featuring Jet Pack Stereo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park
- Wednesday, July 29**
Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Center
Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh Afternoon Tea, noon, The Gibson Social Club
Music on Main featuring Pocket Kings, 5:30 p.m., Pocket Kings
From Oshkosh to Equality: Wisconsin Women and the Fight for the Vote, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
- Thursday, July 30**
Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Center
Waterfest featuring Al Jardine & The Pet Sounds Band, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
- Friday, July 31**
Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Center
The Satanic Rites of Dracula at Friday Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Annual Fly-In Quilt show displays friendships around the world

Oshkosh Herald

More than 100 quilts will be displayed at this year's Fly-In Quilt Show.

For over 36 years Lakeside Quilters Guild has been welcoming visitors from all over the world to Oshkosh to share their love of quilting.

This year's event, "Friendships Around the World," will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 23 at Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh. Parking is available on Josslyn Street, in the lot on Josslyn Street and on the north side of the building. Visitors are asked to enter Door 12 on Josslyn Street.

Admission and parking are free.

A highlight of the show will be bed turning at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when Guild members and guests share stories

of quilts not hung in the show. A quilters' marketplace will take place along with displays of bed-sized quilts, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings and challenge quilts. Guests will choose the winning quilts in each category.

Nine local vendors will have items for sale, and the Guild will sponsor a lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets will also be available for a raffle quilt.

Lakeside Quilters is a nonprofit quilt guild with about 100 members that serves the greater Oshkosh area. The Guild's mission is to provide educational opportunities that promote the art of quilting along with giving back to the community. More information can be found at OshkoshQuilters.org.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Signature music

Milwaukee-based Steely Dane opened last week at Waterfest with its tribute to the music of Steely Dan. The longtime Midwest favorite delivered the band's signature blend of jazz, rock and pop classics to an enthusiastic crowd. There were 15 members of the band on stage, with three singers who also played instruments. The group was followed on stage by Michael Glabicki, founding member and lead singer of Rusted Root, who performed with The Uprooted Band. Waterfest continues at 5:45 p.m. Thursday with Dylan Chamber and Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce opening for Vertical Horizon at the Leach Amphitheater.

Winnebago Audubon hosts special program

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago Audubon is holding a special presentation about music inspired by bird songs.

The presentation will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh.

Their guest will be Micky Torpedo, a multi-instrumentalist composer, producer, performer and music educator from Rockford, Illinois, who collaborated with Sinnissippi Audubon to produce three instrumental albums inspired by elements of specific bird calls of various species, including the American Bittern and Sandhill Crane.

Torpedo's songs combine a variety of genres, including ambient, classical and folk. The project aims to raise awareness and to educate the public about the birds featured and conservation of their beloved habitats.

Jennifer Kuroda, Board President of Sinnissippi Audubon, will join Torpedo to share about the mission and the meaning of the project. The event will round out with a live performance of a few select songs by Torpedo and a guest violinist.

Following the music, guests are invited to stay for an ice cream social and bird-friendly chocolate and coffee. The program is free and open to the public.



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Local bowling alley owner receives national recognition

By Hope Hahn
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Erik Gialdella, owner of Revs Bowl Bar & Grill in Oshkosh, was recently honored as the Bowling Proprietor Association of Americas Bowling Proprietor of the Year.

Gialdella received the honor at the BPAA's 2026 Bowl Expo, which took place last month at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville.

He was honored during the June 30 Industry Awards Luncheon, which was sponsored by Storm Bowling Products. There were five other award recipients of different categories, and everyone had the opportunity to be individually recognized on stage to the post COVID record setting attendance of over 800 attendees.

Gialdella said being able to give an acceptance speech was the highlight of his experience. Being able to thank everyone, give a positive message about what bowling means to him, and what he feels it can do for others was an incredible honor for him. Some of his team members from the centers were there as well, and this award is as much for them as it is for him, so he was thrilled some of them could make the trip.

"I've been incredibly blessed with being able to meet and be surrounded by some amazing people in my life through bowling," Gialdella said. "I have been able to travel to all parts of the country for bowling tournaments and proprietor conventions. I am so thankful for the friendships that have formed over all the years and all the places I've been. I look forward to continuing to build upon those relationships in our industry and in our communities for years to come."

In order to receive the award, someone has to send in a nomination for the honoree to receive it. The nominations then get presented to the national awards committee for review and ultimately voting. This took place in January at the BPAA's Bowling Summit in San Antonio.

Before Gialdella took ownership of Revs Bowl Bar & Grill and Rolling Thunder Lanes in Neenah, the Mustain family, including Keith and his son Matt, was instrumental in the purchase of Revs (what was then Oshkosh Lanes) at the conclusion of 2014.

The Mustain's offered Gialdella an opportunity at ownership after several years of being the general manager of the Super Bowl Family Entertainment Center in Appleton. He is thankful to the Mustain family for taking a chance on him, and helping him get to the next stage of his career.

On May 1, 2024, Gialdella took ownership of the 300 Club of Green Lake through a friendship that developed during his time as the president of the Bowling Centers As-

sociation of Wisconsin. The center recently underwent major remodeling that won industry awards for best small center redesign in the country, and the owners primarily lived in Arizona.

They were looking to get out of the business as their primary focus was on their main business that operated in several different states and took a lot of their time up. Together, they worked out an agreement and Gialdella took ownership of that center two years ago.

"It is as much tied to all my wonderful team members, who have jumped on board with my beliefs, in what makes us successful and relevant in our communities, and truly shine as a reflection of those ideas to our guests and fellow team members," Gialdella said.

Gialdella took ownership of Rolling Thunder Lanes in November 2024. In 2022, what was then Classic Lanes Fox Valley was close to being sold for other purposes other than a bowling center. That's when it was purchased by Jack Zellmer, who changed the name to Rolling Thunder Lanes.

Zellmer was already in retirement and did not work in the bowling industry; however, he loves the game of bowling. The two began talking about the possibility of having Gialdella take over ownership, and in November 2024, Gialdella purchased Rolling Thunder Lanes from Zellmer.

Gialdella said his favorite part about being an owner of bowling centers is always going to be two fold.

"One, I love working with a team and bringing them together," Gialdella said. "Trying to align goals and strategies to produce positive outcomes and allow individual freedom and creativity in doing so is something I enjoy immensely.

"The second part is the ability to serve our communities," he continued. "I have a servant heart and want my team members to be a reflection of that to our guests and community. I get tremendous joy out of serving, especially through our offerings at the bowling center, as the bowling center was such an instrumental part of my life through some challenging middle and high school times."

As far as his approach to customer service, Gialdella said, "We never know the struggles our guests may be going through when they walk through our door: the hurt, the loneliness, health issues, loss, work issues and the list goes on. We get to form relationships with them and provide them with an experience of joy, fun, happiness, excitement, smiling faces, warm greetings and show compassion and care for them. Bowling can do that. We bring them into our family and make sure they feel like they belong; that the stresses of life can take a time out and that they came have to the right place."



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Theater group president ordered to pay restitution

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The former president of the Oshkosh Community Players has been found guilty of business theft and was ordered to pay over \$5,000 in restitution to the organization.

Justin J. Drabek avoided prison time with the deal that was struck between his attorney and the prosecutors for the sole count of theft in a business setting, between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Court documents state

Drabek stole thousands of dollars from the organization before disappearing in 2024.

In court last week, Drabek was found guilty of the sole charge in the case by Judge Michael Rust after Drabek pled no contest.

Drabek did not make any statement during the hearing. The current OCP president did make a statement during the hearing.

Madysen Schmidt stated there were signs the organization wasn't headed in the right direction when auditions and shows started getting canceled in 2023.



Drabek

"The next year Justin disappeared," Schmidt said.

Schmidt stated at that point the financial situation became apparent. OCP members started helping financially and the "community rallied" around the group.

Drabek has entered a deferred adjudication agreement (DAA) stating prosecution will be delayed 18 months. He has been ordered to pay \$5,044.58 in restitution and \$4,585.98 to the OCP with a county victim witness surcharge.

As part of the agreement Drabek was ordered to pay \$3,000 of the restitution before entering the DAA. If Drabek makes the remaining payments on time and doesn't violate the terms of the DAA, the charges will be dismissed after 18 months.

The terms of the agreement state Drabek is not to engage in any criminal conduct and he must undergo a psycho-social assessment and follow through with any of the recommended treatments.

Drabek is to have no contact with OCP and cannot hold any position in a non-profit organization.

According to the criminal complaint, members of the OCP, a nonprofit organization, told police Drabek had access to both accounts. Drabek was authorized

to make purchases for the group, but bills were not being paid.

Drabek was believed to have stolen approximately \$16,000 based on the belief that there was \$6,000 in the checking account and \$10,000 in the savings account. The accounts were then left with \$56 in the checking account and \$6 in the savings account.

Bank statements show in February 2024 the organization's savings and checking account had a total of \$8,949.22 and on Feb. 23, 2025, there was a combined \$62 in the accounts.

Drabek allegedly set up a GoFundMe page for the organization that raised \$2,000, but OCP says they never received the money.

An official at the organization's credit union said Drabek was the only person with a debit card for the accounts. He was removed from the bank accounts on Feb. 26, 2025, after being voted out as president of OCP.

Police reviewed all transactions not related to OCP, like U-Haul, Menards and True Value purchases, and compiled them on a spreadsheet. These non-OCP charges are believed to have been made by Drabek between January 2024 and February

2025, totaling \$29,841.98.

These include ATM cash withdrawals and transactions at Oshkosh bars, restaurants and online retailers like Amazon.

Drabek moved to Michigan in November 2024 and police were unable to set up an in-person interview, which led them to do a phone interview. Drabek told police in that call he was responsible for about \$4,000 in transactions.

During the phone call police listed off a number of transactions that Drabek admitted to making. This included purchases at Lion's Den adult shop, Only Fans, Airbnb and Allegiant Air.

Drabek told police he made the purchases when he was going through a difficult time in his life – mentally, emotionally and financially. He said he planned on paying the money back but was not able to do so.

"He was going through a bad relationship, strapped for cash, and he wanted to maintain an illusion that he was doing okay with everybody," the complaint states.

Drabek went on to say he did collect the \$2,000 from the GoFundMe page and added it to the OCP bank accounts - the same accounts he was using for unauthorized transactions.

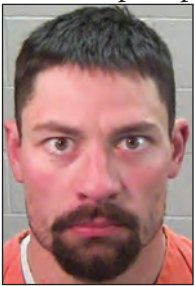
Oshkosh hit and run case headed to trial later this year

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man could be headed to trial for his suspected role in a hit-and-run crash in December when a pickup truck struck a young woman and fled the scene.

Victor C. Langemak informed his court-appointed public defender that he is pursuing hiring a private attorney as the case has not yet been resolved. Langemak is facing one felony count of hit and run involving great bodily harm in Winnebago County.

If convicted, Langemak, 32, faces a maximum prison sentence of 10 years followed by up to five years of extended supervision. A three-day jury trial in the case is scheduled for the first week of No-



Langemak

vember.

Public Defender Morgan Rae announced to Judge Michael Rust in court last week that she and the district attorney's office did not reach a resolution in the case. At a previous hearing Rust said the case should be put on the trial calendar.

Rae has represented Langemak in this case since January. They were both in Rust's courtroom July 6 for a potential plea and sentencing hearing when Rae announced there was no plea deal yet.

A status conference in the case is scheduled for Sept. 14 for Langemak to update the court that he has or hasn't found an attorney. A potential plea and sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 26, a week before the jury trial is set to begin.

Court documents allege Langemak allegedly struck 18-year-old Kaylee Jackson in December with his pickup truck near the intersection of Bowen Street and Merritt Avenue. The Oshkosh Police Department has highlighted this case as an

example of how automatic license plate reader cameras help solve crimes in Oshkosh.

Medical staff informed authorities the woman suffered a broken femur, five broken ribs, a lacerated spleen and a lung contusion following the crash.

According to the criminal complaint, OPD officers investigated a hit and run crash that happened around 3:25 p.m. Dec. 12 at Bowen Street and Merritt Avenue. Witness statements allege a woman was struck in the crosswalk at the intersection by a white truck.

The pickup truck allegedly was making a left turn onto Bowen from Merritt. When the light turned green "a big jacked up white Chevrolet truck" and "completely ran over (the victim) and continued north on Bowen Street," one witness remarked.

Other witnesses stated the victim was struck by a big white truck. Police used camera footage from the area to identify the registered owner of the pickup truck as Langemak.

OPD detectives spoke with Langemak at his workplace for a construction company in Hobart four days after the crash. Langemak said on the day of the crash he was working at a farm in Green Lake or

Berlin.

Detectives noted Langemak "spaced out" during the interview when asked about the timeline of the day of the crash and would often have a blank stare.

He told detectives that he fell asleep driving on his drive home from work and ended up in a field between Green Lake and Omro on Wisconsin Highway 91. OPD was able to confirm the Green Lake Sheriff's Office got a call for Langemak in a farm field.

The white pickup truck was located in Adams County on County Road M outside Coloma. A search warrant was executed on the property and detectives noted "some metal damage to the front driver's side fender area" of the truck.

One of Langemak's co-workers told police he spoke with Langemak the night of the crash. Langemak told his co-worker he needed a place to store his truck.

Police reviewed surveillance camera footage across the city to track Langemak's movements leading up to the crash.

Officers went to speak with Langemak on Dec. 19. Langemak stated he would rather speak to the police with legal counsel present.

That is when Langemak was arrested and taken into custody.



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Oshkosh Legion rattles off string of four straight wins

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The Oshkosh Legion baseball team strung together four wins late last week, capped by a 7-2 victory over Appleton on Sunday night at EJ Schneider Field.

Oshkosh managed only two hits in the game – both by Connor Palmquist – but took advantage of 11 walks, three Appleton errors and a hit batter to score its runs. The Legion also stole seven bases in the game.

Oshkosh built a 3-0 lead after two innings and then answered an Appleton run in the top of the fourth with two in the bottom of the inning. The Legion tacked on two more runs in the fifth to take a 7-1 lead before closing out the win.

Oliver Yenter allowed four hits over 5 2/3 innings while striking out two to get the win.

Oshkosh started the win streak in exciting fashion as Avery Mosloski tossed a no-hitter in a 6-0 win over the Appleton Doubledays. Mosloski walked only one batter and also hit a batter, while striking out 14 and needed just 92 pitches to hurl the complete game.

The offense provided plenty of backing for Mosloski and got on the scoreboard early, plating three runs in the bottom of the first inning. After singles by Nolan Cheever and Noah Muehrer, Palmquist delivered a double to center field to score both base runners. Palmquist then scored when Walker Fuetz reached on an error.

Muehrer picked up an RBI-double in the fourth inning and the Legion tacked on two more runs in the sixth.

Mosloski struck out the first two batters of the seventh inning before getting a fly out to center field to complete the no-hit-

ter.

Cheever finished 3-for-3 to lead the offense, while Muehrer added a pair of hits in the game. All seven hits from Oshkosh came from the top four hitters in the lineup – Cheever, Muehrer, Evan Johnson and Palmquist.

Oshkosh added a pair of shutout wins on Friday, beating Kimberly 10-0 in six innings in the first game before blanking Kaukauna, 9-0.

Caleb Lee finished 3-for-3, while Johnson and Palmquist each added two hits in the game for Oshkosh, which scored three runs in both the first and third innings before ending the game with a four-run sixth frame.

Nate McWilliams pitched five shutout innings to get the win on the mound,

scattering four hits and five walks, while striking out one. Yenter pitched a scoreless sixth frame to close out the win.

Against Kaukauna, Madden Mercado struck out six and allowed just three hits over six innings to get the win, with Elliott Schmidt pitching a scoreless seventh to close out the win.

Oshkosh pounded out 11 hits in the game, including two each by Cheever, Johnson and Palmquist. Johnson, Palmquist and Muehrer each drove in two runs in the game for Oshkosh.

The Legion will be back in action on Thursday with a doubleheader at De Pere. Oshkosh will then close out the regular season next Tuesday at home with games against Sheboygan (2:30 p.m.) and Fond du Lac (5 p.m.).

Area golfers garner academic all-state recognition from GCAW

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy’s sectional qualifying boys golf team garnered recognition from the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin for its achievements in the classroom.

The Knights achieved Silver Level Status on the Team Academic All-State Award list for compiling an average cumulative grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74. The award uses the grade point averages of the five golfers in the lineup for the team for their 2026 WIAA regional tournament or conference championship.

The five members of the team that went into earning the award for Lourdes Academy were Jackson Buttke, Henry Achterberg, Liam Buttke, Lucas Neuens and Ian Simmons.

A total of 65 boys teams across all three WIAA Divisions garnered Team Academic All-State mention, with Lourdes Academy being one of 25 teams that earned Silver Level Status.

In addition to the team being honored, three members of the Lourdes Academy team were recognized on the individual Academic All-State list along with two members from Oshkosh North.

The Knights’ Jackson Buttke, Achterberg and Simmons and the Spartan’s Jack Anderson and Owen Weber were among the 498 golfers from around the state to earn a spot on the list.

To be a member of the Academic All-State list, the golfers must have a cumulative grade point average above 3.25, participate in at least 75 percent of the program’s varsity competitions during the season and be in good standing regarding athletic and school codes. The individual Academic All-State list is available for sophomores, juniors and seniors.



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Obituaries

Tom Klabunde

Tom Klabunde was born on June 3, 1943, to Lester and Violet (Pofahl) Klabunde and died on June 30, 2026. Tom was born the 3rd of 7 children and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1961.

He proudly served in the Airforce mostly at Offutt Airforce Base in Nebraska and was their top mechanic. He was chosen to repair President Kennedy's Airforce One, which he was very proud of. Tom worked for 39 years as a clerk at the Oshkosh Post Office and served as the postmaster at the downtown station toward the end of his career. He used to laugh that they went downhill after he retired. Tom traveled to many tropical places including his favorite, Cozumel MX, and happily completed a bucket list item of visiting all 50 states just recently. Tom is survived by his wife, Carol; his son, Kyle and his partner, Nathan Norton



in TX; his daughter, Robyn (Brandon) Floyd in WA and their twin sons Benjamin and Alexander and their daughter Violet. He is also survived by his stepson Kurt Flack (Lisa Spears) and their daughter Paulina Spears. He is further survived by his brother, Steven (Donna) Klabunde; his sisters, Judith Nelson and Karen Thompson; as well as a sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Violet; his sister, Linda Shellnutt; and his brothers, Rev. Richard Klabunde and Charles Klabunde; and his brother-in-law, Ron Nelson.

A small remembrance gathering for immediate family will be held in the future.

If you would like to make a donation in Tom's name we recommend donating to any local Veterans group.

Please remember that depression is a terrible disease and if you or anyone you love is suffering from it reach out to find help!



Jeffrey A. Hoehne

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our beloved son, brother, and uncle, Jeffrey A. Hoehne, age 67, of Oshkosh, who passed away on July 9, 2026.

Jeff graduated from Winneconne High School, Class of 1978. Following high school, Jeff worked at the Lone Elm cheese factory in Van Dyne. He later enrolled in the FVTC Culinary Arts program and was employed in food service at UWO for many years.

Jeff was very talented in ceramics and woodworking. He enjoyed creating pieces to give as gifts to his mother, who loved receiving them as much as he loved making them. He also sold his "pole people" to coworkers and gifted them to family members and friends. An avid fisherman in his younger days, Jeff loved fishing the Rat River with his



step-brother Alan, and later purchased a boat to fish the local rivers. Jeff also enjoyed gardening, canning, pickling, and baking, and loved sharing his treats with family during the holidays.

Jeff is survived by his loving mother, Marilyn Immel; sister, Amy Weigand (Phillip Koepke); step-sister, Laurie Schuh (Dave Heinrich); step-brother, Alan (Shannon) Immel; step-brother, Jim Immel; special niece, Brianna (Jerred) Friday; brother-in-law, Jim Angell; niece, Kasi (Ryan) Wautlet; nephew, Daniel (Maddy) Angell; nephew, Luke Immel; great-nephew, Jace Friday; great-niece, Lainey Friday; great-nephew, Kade Friday; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his step-father, Kenneth Immel; grandparents, Merle and Alvin Hoehne; step-grandmother, Grace Immel; step-brother, Paul Immel; step-sister, Gail Angell; step-nephew, Nicky Plummer; and step-niece, Kellie Plummer.

A service for family and friends will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home- Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will take place at Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Winchester.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Katie at Oshkosh Family for her kindness and support, which truly made a difference. We would also like to express our gratitude to the caring staff of Edenbrook of Omro and Moments Hospice for their compassionate care.



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Ardyce Mary Zillges

Ardyce Mary Zillges, age 97, of Oshkosh, will be lovingly remembered and celebrated after her passing on July 11, 2026. Born on December 22, 1928, in Omro, WI, to the late Ralph and Avis (Hackney) King. On June 12, 1948, Ardyce united in marriage to Eugene Zillges, and together, they created a nurturing home for their five beloved children. As a dedicated librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Ardyce ignited a love for learning in many, sharing her pas-



sion for literature and knowledge with everyone around her. Ardyce was an extraordinary cook and baker, famous for her delicious rolls, bread, and desserts that brought smiles to the faces of family and friends alike. Her meticulous gardening reflected her love for nature, and her adventurous spirit led her to explore the world. She was a faithful member of Bethany United Church of Christ, an avid reader, a devoted walker, and generously gave her time as a volunteer at the Paine Art Center and the Salvation Army. Ardyce's legacy continues to thrive in the hearts of her children: Linda (Steven) Harris, Larry (Diane) Zillges, David (Kathleen) Zillges, and Laureen (Peter)

Mueller; as well as her grandchildren: Scott, Brett (Shannon) and Lane (Mei Chun) Harris, Dawn (Jeremy) Hamson, Jodi (Ryan) Pressgrove, Karisa (Brian) O'Rourke, Ericka (Will Broderick) Zillges, and Benjamin (Jaime), Jonathan, and Mark (Sierra) Mueller. She will also be fondly remembered by her many great-grandchildren and her sister, Phyllis Williams, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Ardyce was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Zillges; daughter, Kathleen; many siblings; son-in-law, Peter Mueller; daughter-in-law, Sara Mueller. A memorial service for Ardyce will be held at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E.

Main St. Winneconne on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Salvation Army in memory of Ardyce, a cause she held dear. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Heartland Hospice, Chaplain Leslie and the wonderful staff of Oakwood Manor for the loving care provided to Ardyce throughout her time there. Your kindness and compassion will always be cherished.



Gloria Ann Hughes

Gloria Ann (Scheller) Hughes, 93 died at Prairie Place, Ripon, WI on July 10, 2026. Gloria, a loving wife, mother and grandmother was born June 16, 1933 to Walter and Esther (Matulle) Scheller in VanDyne, WI. Gloria attended VanDyne Schools. Gloria married William (Bill) G. Hughes on September 15, 1950 at the New Bethel E&R Church in Black Wolf. They met in the summer of 1948 at the VanDyne Free Shows. In 1950 they purchased a farm in the Town of Nekimi. Gloria was active with her homemakers group, church activities at the late Bethany UCC in Oshkosh where she was a charter member. Gloria then joined Our Saviour's UCC in Ripon, WI. She loved their yearly vacationing in Eagle River with their friends. Later they enjoyed visiting family in Texas and attending WI State Holstein Conventions. Gloria especially loved attending Christian Women's yearly meetings. Along with being a busy hardworking farm wife who would lend a helping hand to anyone, Gloria worked as a waitress for many years and later as a nanny. Mom and Dad were foster parents for 15 children. Our mom was a loving, involved mother. She loved to garden, cook, bake, play cards and to have coffee with friends. Survived by children: Linda Friddell, Tomball, TX; Joe (Kathy) Hughes, Oshkosh, WI; Ben (Jane) Hughes, Pickett, WI; Tina (Mark Adamski) Hughes, Oshkosh, WI; son-in-law Bruce Blechl, Waukau, WI. Grandchildren: Jeremiah (Jennifer) Friddell, Carencro, LA; Josh (Melanie) Friddell, Magnolia, TX; Leah



(Devin) Dipprey, College Station, TX; Laurie Hughes, Oshkosh, WI; Joseph (Julie) Hughes, Nanticoke, PA; Jonathan Hughes, Oshkosh, WI; Michael (Kimberly) Hughes, Pickett, WI; Courtney (Michael) Halsey, Oshkosh, WI; Oz Hughes, Oshkosh, WI; Zach Lemmon, Minneapolis, MN; 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter. Other survivors include sisters Janice Gerlach, Sparks, NV and Mary Lou (Norman) Wilkins, Madera, CA; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Rocky Lee Hughes, daughter Tammy Blechl, son-in-law Roland Friddell, sisters and brothers-in-law Bernie and Chully Hackbarth and Betty and Ray Schommer, brother and sister-in-law Jake and Pearl Scheller, brother-in-law Gerald Gerlach, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Dick and Elaine Hughes, and many close friends. The family would like to thank the Prairie Place staff for their years of care; the care and support of the Hospice staff and special thanks to Laurie Zwicker and Jenna Pauly. It gives our family comfort knowing that our Mother and Grandmother is now painfree and in Our Lord's loving care. Funeral service will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 11:30 am at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 1306 Michigan Street, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will be held at the church starting at 9:30 am until the time of service. Rev. Kevin Mundell will officiate. Private burial will be in Scheller Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.



Scott Daryl Nikolaus

Scott Daryl Nikolaus, age 56, passed away at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, WI, from a sudden traumatic brain injury on Thursday, July 2, 2026. He left peacefully, with his sister Missy by his side. He was born in Oshkosh, WI, on July 21, 1969, to Daryl B Nikolaus and the late Christine A (Newell) Misterek and lived his entire life in Oshkosh. Scott aka Scotty aka Nick attended Sunset Elementary, Merrill Middle, and Oshkosh North High Schools and worked a variety of jobs throughout his life. He was married to the darling Vicki L (Fuller) from June 3, 1995, until her death on August 28, 2010. He loved fishing at the family cottage on Post Lake (and anywhere else he could), building and riding electric bikes, collecting and playing guitars and banjos, thrift shopping for the weirdest things he could find, collecting antiques, building model cars, drawing, hanging out with friends, listening to music on the Fox River, his dog Arnie, his cat Pixie, his late cat Bam Bam, The Grateful Dead, B.B. King, the color blue, ice cream, cherry sour balls, pizza, candy fruit slices, and his holiday and family gathering favorite: giant plates of ham. Scott is survived by his father Daryl B Nikolaus; sister Melissa K "Missy" (Robert Anderson) Jolin; brother Steven J (Berlyn) Nikolunauer; half-sister Nicole S Hoelzel; nephew Cody S (Tess) Jolin; nephew and niece Hank N and Hadley N Hoelzel; stepfather David L Misterek and



family; Uncle Joe and Aunt Kathy Molinski and family; over one hundred Nikolaus, Newell, and Misterek extended family members; and many close and treasured friends. In addition to his mother "Ma" and wife Vicki, Scott was preceded in death by his grandparents John and Margaret Nikolaus, grandparents Edgar and Rosemary Newell, step-grandma Marie Misterek, step-great-uncle Elmer and step-great-aunt Ruth Esther Stryzewski (who, until her death in 2024, was the oldest person in Wisconsin at 112 years old), uncles Stephen and Richard "Dick" Nikolaus, uncle Lynn Newell, aunt Nancy Newell, uncle Bernie Behlman, and brother-in-law Nathan "Nate" Hoelzel. There will be no formal funeral as Scott would absolutely prefer that loved ones honor and remember him in their own ways and through small, private gatherings. Scott gave the gift of sight and healing through cornea and tissue donation, with the potential to improve the lives of over 75 people. A portion of his cremated remains will be scattered at the family cottage on Post Lake where he loved to fish and where he lovingly spread of portion of his "Ma's" ashes three years ago. Scott's family would like to thank his friends for seeking help immediately after his fall, the ICU staff at ThedaCare Regional for their tremendous care and compassion during his final hours, Matt Thomas at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home for his great help and comfort, and everyone who reached out with condolences and hilariously eye-rolling, charming, and interesting stories about Scott's endless antics. He will be forever remembered and greatly missed.



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Bruce B. Krueger

On June 29, 2026, a truly kind and humble gentleman went home to reside with his Lord and Savior in heaven. Bruce B. Krueger was born on September 7, 1939, on his mother's birthday. He was a gift indeed to all who knew and loved him. He was a used car salesman in Oshkosh (Krueger Auto Mart) for many years with his dear friend David Kuhn. His great interest besides checking out the new car models every year was any music, but his very favorite was classical. He also loved a good meal, especially mashed potatoes and gravy and homemade potato salad. The family often had to plan menus around those two items! His laughter will be missed, especially when playing games. We have so



many fond memories of our family times with Bruce. He was always concerned that everyone was ok. One comical talent was his breaking into song about the conversation being held!

He is survived by his siblings Barbara (Bob) Leichtfuss and Paul (Jennifer) Northam, his nieces and nephews Denise Jarvela, Amber (Greg), Quinn and Rory Cunningham; Chase Holst; David, Rayn and Riley Hartman; Tim (Bret) Gustafson; Ryan, (Tamara) Lynnea and Levi Stenson; Sarah, Hannah, Abigail, Zoe, Zachary, Noah, Amelia and Anya Northam; cousins Paul (Pat) Kussman, and Alinda (Robert) Nelson and their family, and his 3 cat companions Smokey, Suzie and Sassy.

He was preceded in death by his father Burton Krueger, mother and stepfather Regina (Jean) and Clarence (Bud) Northam, sister Julia Hartman and niece Jessica Leichtfuss.

VISITATION: There will be a visitation

from 9:00-11:00 AM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 435 High Ave., Oshkosh WI on Thursday, July 16, 2026. A funeral mass will be held following the visitation. Officiant: Fr. Ryan Starks. He will be laid to rest in the Omro Cemetery.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family. An on-line guestbook can be found at www.kurkifuneralchapel.com. 920-921-4420

Daniel M. Conger

Daniel M Conger passed away Friday June 26th, 2026, at his home surrounded by the person and pet he loved the most.

Dan was born on Tuesday, May 1st, 1945 to Shirley and Les Conger, who both preceded him in death. Dan was one of 9 siblings, but he had a special bond with his brother Mike. He became his best friend and confidant, a truly special bond. Dan also had one son of his own, John Conger who proceeded him in death on October 20, 2013.



Dan was known as "Booney" (after frontiersman Daniel Boone) to his very close family and friends. Dan was a true outdoorsman and loved to hunt, fish, and mostly just be surrounded by nature. He enjoyed many fishing trips, especially his last fishing adventure with his youngest brother Mike in Northern Wisconsin. Dan also loved gardening and was very proud of his crops that he would weep, not every gardener could group 5-foot tomato plants.

Just before passing, he wanted to ensure everyone else close to him was going to be okay. That's the kind of man Dan was. He was a mentor and friend to many and will be greatly missed.

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Obituaries

Norbert James Kuenzi

Norbert James Kuenzi passed away at Aurora Medical Center on July 6, 2026,



less than a year after the death of his beloved wife, Barbara. He was 90 years old.

Norbert was born in Beaver Dam Wisconsin on August 5, 1935 to Nicholas and Louella (Muhle)

Kuenzi. He met his wife, Barbara Mitchell, in 1959 after being set up on a blind date. The two quickly fell in love and were married on February 27, 1960, when Norbert was working as a high school math teacher and Barbara as a medical technician. They were happily married for sixty-five years and together raised five children.

Norbert served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He earned a PhD in statistics at the University of Iowa in 1969 and worked for many years as a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, eventually retiring as the chair of the math department.

Norbert was always there for his children and grandchildren, attending countless extracurricular events to support them. He recently even created a Facebook account to keep up with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's lives and was always "liking" their posts, offering words of encouragement, and staying in touch.

Active his entire life, Norbert played tennis and also enjoyed hiking, running half marathons, swimming in the lake (even when the water was much too

cold!), and bicycling with Barbara on their "bicycle built for two." He loved cheering on the Brewers, Timber Rattlers, and Iowa Hawkeyes. He enjoyed cribbage, Jeopardy, solving math problems, chatting with Alexa, tackling morning crossword puzzles, and unwinding with the nightly news. He was an active member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

Norbert is survived by his children, Mike Kuenzi, Dan Kuenzi, Amy (Kevin Ball) Kuenzi, Peter (Scott Mueller) Kuenzi, and Angie (Dan) Sullivan; grandchildren, Cassandra (Jared) Terfehr, Daniel and Brett (Sarah) Kuenzi, Caleigh Lowther, Cooper Juedes, Tara Kuenzi-Gilboy, Garrett and Brent (Melissa) Kuenzi, Hannah (Brian) Beaudou, Calvin Ball, Brian, Owen and Bridget Sullivan; great-grandchildren, Braxton, Barrett, Millie, Jo, Bennett, Lano-

ra, Samantha, Cora, Cameron, and Logan; brother-and-sisters-in-law, Greg (Marlys) Mitchell, Sandra (Charles) Grohman, and Danielle Babbitt.

In addition to his parents, Norbert is now reunited with his beloved wife, Barbara, his brother Orland (Donalee), sister Shirley Dearth, and his father-and-mother-in-law, Daniel and Margaret Mitchell.

A memorial Mass for Norbert will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 620 Division St, Neenah, WI 54956 on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 11:30 am officiated by Fr. Tom Long. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 am until the time of the Mass. Private inurnment will be held at Calvarv Catholic Cemetery.

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Legal Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Abigail Rose Mingus Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000659

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: First – Abigail Middle – Rose Last – Mingus To: First – Rowen Middle – Quinn Last – Mingus Birth Certificate: First – Abigail Middle – Rose Last – Mingus

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael D. Rust Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 410, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 6, 2026 Time: 9:15 p.m.

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

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER: Notice of this hearing shall

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

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: July 2, 2026 Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1 Runs: July 8, 2026, July 15, 2026 and July 22, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Makiyah Kaelyn Kellar By (Petitioner) Kari Lynn Kellar Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV655

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: First – Makiyah Middle – Kaelyn Last – Kellar To: First – Marceleine Middle – Makiyah Kaelyn Last – Schmitz Birth Certificate: First – Makiyah Middle – Kaelyn Last – Kellar

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Daniel J. Bissett Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 5, 2026 Time: 11:15 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4912 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Oshkosh Herald. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: June 30, 2026 Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6

Runs: July 8, 2026, July 15, 2026 and July 22, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0035513-07-0

Permittee: Poygan Poy Sippi Sanitary District No. 1, 7901 County Road B, Winneconne, WI 54986

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Poygan Poy Sippi SD No. 1 WWTF, 7901 County Road B, Winneconne, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Lake Poygan, in the Pine and Willow Rivers Watershed in the Wolf River Drainage Basin, in Winnebago County

Brief Facility Description: Poygan Poy Sippi Sanitary District No. 1 serves a developed area on the south shore of Lake Poygan several miles west of Winneconne. Wastewater enters the plant through a comminutor and a backup bar screen. From there, it enters three aerated concrete lined lagoons. After receiving treatment in the lagoons, it passes through UV disinfection and is discharged to Lake Poygan.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Mark Stanek, DNR, 625 E County Rd Y, Ste 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 808-0670, Mark.Stanek@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 366-6076 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/>

wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

Runs: July 15, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Michael Eric Taylor Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV660

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: First – Michael Middle – Eric Last – Taylor To: First – Michael Middle – Buzz Last – Taylor Birth Certificate: First – Michael Middle – Eric Last – Taylor

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Daniel J. Bissett Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 531, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 12, 2026 Time: 9:00 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4912 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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