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City changes industrial land sale contract

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council recently approved moving capital project funds to extend Progress Drive linked to a 2024 industrial land sale contract.

However, the original contract stated the new owners would pay the full price for the road, but now the city could be covering part of the cost for the project.

City staff admitted they mistakenly

pushed an amended contract through without any oversight from elected officials. The issue will now need to be brought back to the council during the Aug. 4 meeting for a full discussion on what happened.

“Clearly a ball got dropped here,” council member Paul Esslinger said. “Rest assured, I’ve got questions.”

Linde Inc. and the city entered into the initial land sale agreement in May 2024 to

sell 33 acres in the Northwest Industrial Park, 3000 Progress Drive. The city was set to sell the lot for \$561,000 at \$17,000 an acre. The lot is currently vacant former farmland.

The 2024 agreement states, “The purchase price is lower than the seller’s normal per acre selling price. The reason for this discount is to take into consideration

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Photo by David Hall

Patriotic salute

Crowds cheered as the pilots passed by the flight line during the July 22 EAA AirVenture afternoon air show. The event celebrated the country’s 250th anniversary during the air shows throughout the week at Wittman Regional Airport.

Oshkosh radio station continues at new home in library

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The third floor of the Oshkosh Public Library now houses a radio station that was moved from City Hall.

Library director Darryl Eschete gave the Herald a tour Friday of the space on the third floor of the library, which was previously occupied by the Winnebago County Literacy Council. He said the library doesn’t just have to be for viewing already created content; thwe library can now be a place where content is created.

“This can be used not just as a communication tool but also as an educational tool,” Eschete said. “And this stuff is fun; community media at the library is fun.”

The city announced in March it was shutting down Oshkosh Media, which includes LifeTV on channel 2, GovTV on channel 10 and Oshkosh FM 101.9, WOCT. This created a frenzy of outrage from some members of the community.

City officials have since changed strategies to look at other avenues for LifeTV, which may include shutting it down. But the city walked back shutting down GovTV, which will continue to show city meetings, school board meetings and Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meetings on channel 10 as well as on YouTube.

As the city council continues to grapple with what will become of LifeTV, city officials are moving forward with moving the radio station into the third floor of the library.

Eschete said his knowledge in the radio field can be a benefit as the move is made.

“I have knowledge in this field, and I know that we can make it work,” Eschete said. “We looked at the situation and knew there was a great opportunity.”

Eschete also noted that bringing the radio station into the library works into part of the library’s strategic plan, which is to leverage community part-



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The 101.9 WOCT broadcast room has moved to the third floor of the Oshkosh Public Library. The station will continue to operate as it did before the move.

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Flock cameras remain up after contract canceled

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police Department does not know when the Flock cameras throughout the city will be coming down. “The Flock cameras are the property of Flock, and they are responsible for taking them down,” OPD public affairs officer Kate Mann said. “We do not have access to them, and they are not collecting any data as we have bagged them.” Flock representatives did not respond to a request for comment about the timeline for taking the cameras down.

There are 26 Flock cameras in Oshkosh that the city had access to. However, since April those have been covered in plastic. The Oshkosh Common Council earlier this year heard from dozens of residents that did not want the city to renew its contract. Despite the public opposition, the council on April 21 moved forward to extend the contract for one year on a 5-2 vote. Council members Jacob Amos and Alec Lefeber voted to oppose the ALPRs. The next day Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith was informed that during that meeting Flock representatives misinformed the council about the Flock system’s capabilities to track vehicles to create a pattern of life and a heat map for where specific vehicles travel across the city. During the April 21 meeting, Flock’s chief information security officer, Chris Castaldo, was asked by council member Brad Spanbauer about the heat map. “No, it does not,” Castaldo said via a zoom call. “No, it does not create a pattern of life.” Then Christian MacLeod, Flock’s senior public affairs manager, repeated the misinformation.



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The Flock automatic license plate reader cameras in Oshkosh have been covered in plastic since April when the city canceled the contract with the tech company.

“No, that is not available,” MacLeod said when Spanbauer asked her directly about a heat map. When Smith found out about the misinformation, he contacted the city manager’s office and council members. Smith and city manager Rebecca Grill decided to ask the council to rescind their decision and reject renewing the contract. “I hold my conversations and recommendations to council as sacred,” Smith said. “I know that you trust me to give you my best recommendations that are in the best interest of the city with the information that I have available to me. I will not betray that trust because of this misrepresentation, specifically to a question asked by a council member. I can no longer recommend Flock.” During a special meeting on April 22, the council voted 7-0 to rescind the council’s previous decision. Smith made it clear that the ALPRs are another tool to not necessarily prevent crime but to solve crimes. The department has provided a number of examples where

the system was used to solve crimes. OPD has been tasked with setting up an ALPR commission to ensure any ALPR company or policy is the best practice for the police and residents. Smith’s first step in creating the commission is selecting an independent cyber security expert to head the group. Smith said he would be working with the city’s IT department to find this expert. Mann said last week that there were no updates and that Smith has yet to select a cyber security expert. Smith made it clear that the department

would be looking for a new ALPR company to keep that tool in the department’s toolbox. The council first approved a Flock contract in 2022 as part of the consent agenda. Mayor Matt Mugerauer was serving as deputy mayor on Nov. 9, 2022, when the issue came before the council. He asked Smith, “Why is this a good thing for the City of Oshkosh?” Smith said, “The ALPRs are force multipliers for us. They allow us to gather license plates of vehicles that are traveling on public (roads).”

City manager out of office for several weeks

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Oshkosh city manager Rebecca Grill will be out of the office for the next few weeks after having surgery. Grill made the announcement Thursday in a city newsletter. “On a personal note, I also want to share that I recently received an unexpected medical diagnosis that required me to act quickly and undergo surgery,” Grill wrote in the city’s newsletter. “I will be out of the office for the next few weeks as I recover and plan to return to work and to the office gradually as my recovery permits.” During Grill’s absence, which began July 21, director of transportation Jim Collins and director of community development Sara Rutkowski will oversee the city manager’s duties.



Grill

“My medical care may require additional treatments or surgeries in the future, and I appreciate everyone’s understanding and respect for my privacy,” Grill said. “I am sharing this simply to keep our community informed about my absence and what to expect in the weeks ahead. In many ways, this moment reinforces the message I started with: none of us does this work alone. Strong organizations and strong communities are built on people who support one another, step in when needed, and continue moving forward together.” The city does not have an assistant city manager despite having eight months to recruit for the position. The city only recently started looking for candidates. Former assistant city manager John Fitzpatrick had worked for the city since 1999 before retiring in December. The city has rebranded the position to director of administrative services and organizational effectiveness.

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Welcome home

Vietnam veterans were welcomed home Friday during a ceremony at Boeing Plaza. The veterans spent the day in Washington, DC touring war memorials and monuments before the Old Glory Honor Flight landed at EAA AirVenture for the ceremony.

Another private hangar project planned for airport

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

A second private hangar project is coming to Wittman Regional Airport. High Flying Hangars, which is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, signed a letter of intent with Wittman to develop a premier hangar community on 8.8 acres of land on the field's northeast side between the approach end of Runway 23 and the airport terminal building. According to High Flying Hangars CEO Kenny Hinkes, the project will include up to 35 premium aircraft hangars ranging in size from 50 feet by 40 feet to 80 feet by 80 feet. An exclusive 7,000-square-foot clubhouse for hangar owners will also be built. As part of the project — which was announced July 22 during EAA's AirVenture — a limited number of two-story 80-foot by 80-foot executive hangars will be available. These 6,400-square-foot hangars will include multiple crew rest suites, meeting space, a full kitchen, entertainment areas and a rooftop sky deck overlooking the airport. "Every pilot has a connection to Oshkosh," Hinkes said. "It's where the aviation community comes together each year to celebrate everything we love about flying. Our goal is to create a hangar community that reflects the prestige of this airport

while giving owners a first-class place to base their aircraft and enjoy the camaraderie that makes Oshkosh so special." More information about the project, including pricing details, will be shared as the project moves forward. "Our vision has always been to elevate the standard for private aircraft storage," said Lisa DeFrees, senior vice president sales and marketing. "This project reflects that commitment by combining premium construction, thoughtful design and an exceptional ownership experience in one of aviation's most sought-after locations." Last month, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a 50-year year lease with Volare Hangars at Oshkosh Aviation Park to develop 47 acres on county-owned land at the airport. Volare plans to build more than 100 hangars and other aeronautical use facilities, including aircraft parking aprons and vehicle parking spaces at the park, which is on the airport's southeast side. Volare earlier last week released preliminary site renderings for its planned development at the airport, providing details on the vision for the approximately 80-acre aviation-focused development. The City of Oshkosh also has approved a \$967,400 land sale to Volare for roughly 22 acres of property.

County Sheriff's office donates boat to Oshkosh Fire Department

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is donating a retired boat, motor and trailer to the City of Oshkosh Fire Department. After the sheriff's office purchased a new boat earlier this year, Sheriff John Matz said the old Marine 3 is a 22-foot 2010 ProLine 2200-Dual Console, powered by a single Mercury Optimax 225 HP outboard motor, conveyed on a Proline Loadmaster trailer. The sheriff's office owns three boats — Marine 1, which is housed at a boat house on Broad Street in Oshkosh, another boat that is on a trailer at the sheriff's department and one at the Neenah-Menasha Fire Department. The Oshkosh Fire Department currently rents a boat for help with rescue and recovery operations. The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the donation at its July 21 meeting. Winnebago County has about 143 square miles of water that the sheriff's office is responsible for, Matz said. The most common



Matz

calls the department receives for help on the water include boats with mechanical issues or have run out of gas, lost boaters or those who get caught in bad weather. The county and fire departments work together when calls come in depending on the location. "We're pleased and blessed that we have fire departments who help," Matz said. "The fire departments respond to calls until we can get there. It's good we can keep this boat in the county." The donated boat had become increasingly unreliable due to its age and had more than 3,700 hours of use. Matz said the boat had growing maintenance needs, including replacing the outboard motor at an estimated cost of \$18,000 and cumulative hull repairs already totaling \$3,500, with further hull work projected to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Oshkosh is willing to invest in the improvements. Oshkosh Fire Department Chief Tim Heiman said the donation strengthens an important capacity for the department. "Water rescue incidents often require a coordinated response from multiple jurisdictions public safety agencies, including fire, law enforcement and EMS," Heiman said. "This donation helps ensure we can respond quickly, safely and effectively alongside our county partners within the region when time matters most. This intergovernmental cooperation allows us to repurpose equipment that still has value for public safety and improve regional emergency response capabilities while being responsible stewards of city and county taxpayer resources." Matz said the sheriff's office has specially trained deputies that work on the boats and get to know the local waterways. "It takes time to become an experienced deputy who takes time to become a primary boat rider and many of our operators have grown up here, so they know our waterways very well," he said.



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The fun begins at 11 a.m. as children bring their imagination and creativity to the parade route on foot, bicycles, wagons and other nonmotorized floats. Following the parade, families can enjoy live music by The Stumble Brothers, food trucks, a petting zoo and children's activities hosted

Zeckser said locating the Early Learning Center on the main campus will strengthen collaboration across the Lourdes Academy system and create a more convenient and connected experience for families. Benefits will include a centralized family drop-off location, increased opportunities

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

The project comes as Lourdes Academy continues to experience significant growth, Zeckser said. Enrollment has increased by 21% over the past five years, with the preschool program serving as a key entry point for many families. Approximately 91% of students who enroll in Lourdes Academy's preschool continue

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Kelliher comes to Lourdes Academy from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where he held the position of director of major giving for the College of Science, Engineering & Technology and Continuing Education. In this capacity, he spearheaded major gift fundraising, nurtured donor relationships, developed stewardship initiatives and forged partnerships



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The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at 735 Pearl Ave. with the movie Zootopia 2 starting at 8 p.m. The event will include

Lourdes Academy recently received a major boost for the project when the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay awarded a \$100,000 one by One Catholic Schools Facility grant to support the Early Learning Center.

Lourdes Academy's previous director of advancement, Karen Boehm, provided 16 years of service to the school. Throughout her tenure, Boehm lived out the Lourdes Academy mission on a daily basis and cultivated lasting relationships with alumni and benefactors.

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Clairville Road residents' lawsuit dismissal appealed

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A group of residents are appealing a circuit court decision to throw out their civil case against the City of Oshkosh over special assessments after their properties were annexed into the city.

Nine Oshkosh residents living on Clairville Road filed a civil lawsuit against the city in 2024 over the expensive special assessments.

This portion of Clairville Road was annexed from the Town of Algoma two years ago based on an agreement between Algoma and the City of Oshkosh.

Attorney Jeremy Vanderloop is representing the residents, while Municipal

Law and Litigation based in Waukesha is representing the city. The case was initially dismissed without prejudice by Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge Michael Rust on May 1, 2025.

“The Court determines there has been no valid objection to the motion and is therefore deemed admitted,” Rust wrote. “The persistent and egregious pattern of non-responsiveness in this matter by the Plaintiffs is grounds for this matter to be dismissed.”

The case revolves around the annexation, which forced the residents to have utilities installed. Those assessments ranged from \$18,000 to \$57,000 per property. One resident claimed during a coun-

cil meeting they received an assessment for \$170,000.

Vanderloop claims in a May 20 filing that the assessments did not include the amount for the water laterals, which take water from the main line under the road into the residence.

“Including the water area amounts, the assessments ranged from \$17,242.20 to a whopping \$112,078.19,” Vanderloop said.

Vanderloop argues the case was improperly dismissed and that the city did not provide accurate assessment information when the assessments were approved by the Oshkosh Common Council in late 2023.

The annexation agreement suggests

that the land on Clairville Road between Wisconsin Highway 91 and West 20th Avenue would be further developed between 2004 and 2024 since it was previously “mostly vacant farmland.” City officials at the time stated they had expected the lots to be created and smaller lots would have been on Clairville Road.

Vanderloop has filed multiple briefs in the appeal. Attorney Remzy Bitar wrote in the sole response from Municipal Law the circuit court made the right decision by dismissing the case.

Rust’s dismissal without prejudice means the plaintiffs are able to refile the lawsuit. No upcoming hearings are scheduled in the case.

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The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has been using bottles of sunscreen donated by community members to protect kids during outdoor activities this summer.

Group finds sunscreen collection successful

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The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh (BGCO) said that its community-wide sunscreen donation drive, Operation: Sunscreen, is officially a success.

The group said Oshkosh-area residents, families and businesses answered the call over the last month by donating more than 200 bottles of sunscreen and additional gifts to help keep club kids safe during summer outdoor activities.

Operation: Sunscreen launched earlier this year to ensure that every child at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh could safely enjoy an active, healthy and memorable summer outdoors without the worry of sunburn or long-term skin damage. Between field games, playground time, sports, Camp Radford nature walks and other summer day trips around the region, the club goes through approximately 20 to 30 bottles of sunscreen every week.

Thanks to the community’s generosity, and the support of campaign partners

Discover Oshkosh and Westhaven Golf Club, BGCO now has a fresh supply that will last more than 10 weeks — enough to keep club kids protected through a full, rich summer of activities, both at the club and out in the community.

“We are so grateful to this community for answering the call,” said Alex Hummel, director of advancement at Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. “Thank you to every family, neighbor, service group and local business who donated — you’re helping our kids build friendships and make memories safely, all summer long.”

The club welcomes ongoing donations to keep the supply stocked. Community members can drop off new, unused bottles of SPF 30 or higher spray sunscreen (broad spectrum preferred) during normal hours at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E. Parkway Ave. — Door 8 at the Verve Administrative Center.

For more information on how to give, visit bgcosh.org/operation-sunscreen.

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Small businesses offered free AI training

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The Oshkosh Chamber is partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to bring Small Business B(AI)sics to the Oshkosh area.

Small Business B(AI)sics is a national initiative from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, with support from Google, that aims to equip small businesses (500 employees or less) with practical AI skills.

AI adoption among small businesses has more than doubled since 2023. Entrepreneurs using AI report saving time, improving customer service and unlocking new growth opportunities. Small Business B(AI)sics aims to train 40,000 U.S. entrepreneurs over the next three years through a mix of in-person workshops and digital learning resources.

Construction begins on new car wash business

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Car wash franchise Tommy’s Express has begun construction on its second location in Oshkosh. The new site, at 1700 S. Koeller St., the former Applebee’s property, is scheduled to open in 2027.

The facility will feature the Tommy’s Express building design and the brand’s most advanced proprietary car wash technology. Large bay windows will give guests a view of the wash process as vehicles move through the system on a dual-belt conveyor designed

County organizing free wheelchair washing event

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Aging and Disability Resource Center is organizing its annual wheelchair and scooter wash.

Guests will be able to get their wheelchair

The AI training initiative is being supported through the Oshkosh Chamber’s Amplify program, which is dedicated to helping businesses embrace emerging technologies, foster innovation and prepare for the future of work. By connecting local employers with practical, real-world AI education, Amplify continues its mission of equipping organizations with the knowledge and tools needed to thrive in an increasingly digital economy.

The first training will be held in-person from 9 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 27 at The Culver Family Welcome Center. Small businesses and entrepreneurs can sign up through the Oshkosh Chamber website. This training is free to all who wish to attend.

For questions or additional information, contact Shannon Seaman at shannon@oshkoshchamber.com.



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A waterfront coworking space is located in the renovated Candlestick factory and former Oshkosh trolley station on Bayshore Drive.

Waterfront coworking space opens

Entrepreneurs, freelancers, remote and small business workers have a new place to work, connect and grow with the opening of a shared office workspace on the Oshkosh waterfront.

Situated on the mouth of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago, the renovated Candlestick factory and former Oshkosh trolley station at 627 Bayshore Drive is the new address for HQ Office Space and Workplace solutions.



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The renovated building offers space for entrepreneurs, freelancers, remote and small business workers to work, connect and grow.

Designed to meet the needs of today’s workforce, HQ provides flexible workplace solutions, offering varying memberships, dedicated workstations, private offices, conference rooms, high-speed internet and modern amenities in a professional setting overlooking the water.

The facility is intended to provide an inspiring environment where individuals and organizations can thrive while enjoying the convenience and energy of downtown Oshkosh.

The waterfront location offers convenient access to downtown restaurants, retail shops, river walking trails, the convention center and community events,

making it an attractive destination for both local professionals and visitors seeking a productive workspace.

Flexible daily, monthly, and private office memberships are now available. Community members looking for a downtown presence are invited to schedule a tour and experience the new workspace firsthand.

To schedule a tour, contact Nicci Rosenow at 920-815-5822 or nicci.rosenow@iwgplc.com.

Area unemployment rate increase in June

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate increase to 3.3% in June, up from 2.7% in May and 3.2% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in 10 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in three: Fond du Lac, Milwaukee-Waukesha and Sheboygan.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment

rates increased in all of Wisconsin’s 35 largest cities over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in six cities over the year, increased in 23 cities and stayed the same in the remaining six cities.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in 10 counties over the year, increased in 44 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining 18 counties.

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Local author publishes book about holiday traditions

By Eleanor Sell
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The holidays are a time for joy and festivities, where family and friends can come together to celebrate their values and traditions. It is a time filled with great importance for each person and their experience, and one that author and Oshkosh Area School District media specialist Teri Rose believes must be treated with more importance.

“I started working in the Oshkosh Area School District about four years ago,” Rose said. “While doing so in the holiday season, the principals would tell you, ‘You can read Christmas books, but please read Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, and like, three or four more traditions or holidays.’”

This effort allowed children of various backgrounds and traditions to feel represented but became increasingly difficult as teachers struggled to fit such large amounts of content into the short holiday season.

As Rose stated, “You would literally have to start in October to do all that.”

She said it was nearly impossible to fit all of the holidays or traditions into such a small time frame, let alone make sure the content was understandable for such young audiences.

After researching other options to no avail, Rose decided to create the solution herself: a multi-cultural children’s book highlighting each major holiday tradition in a fun and accessible way.

“I wanted to create this book so that every child feels seen, heard and understood,” Rose said.

“Adventures with Sam & Saint - Holiday Celebrations” is a story following Santa’s two children, Sam and Saint, as they enter Miss Bird’s inclusive classroom to learn more about each holiday tradition directly from the students who celebrate.

“I came from a very small town,” explained Rose. “I love the town. But not everybody celebrated Christmas (like I did). I remember the first time that I heard of a difference; I think I was in middle school. There was somebody in a grade below me who celebrated Hanukkah. I was eavesdropping like, ‘what is it? What are these candles?’ I was so interested in it.”

Rose sees this childlike curiosity she experienced in so many young people as a huge reason why she knew this book was

important.

“Until somebody actually talks about it, like ‘what’s Chinese New Year; what are these little red envelopes,’ it’s kind of one of those things you don’t know until you know,” Rose said.

Rose sees her children’s book as one great step toward trying to create more access to that knowledge. It strives to create a fun way to give questions and curiosity a direction to flow and bring more normalcy to otherwise unknown experiences.

“This book isn’t meant to dive too deep,” Rose said. “It’s meant to just scratch a little layer off and then go check out books. I’m hoping when I go to libraries, they have those books out. So then if this child is like, ‘Oh my goodness, Chinese New Year is so cool, I want to learn more,’ they check out books on that.”

By allowing curiosity to drive the learning process, Rose said the book emphasizes more out-of-class learning. Instead of being a cover all, it is a jumping off point that inspires young people to ask questions and respect one another’s differences. One unique way Rose decided to flesh this out was in the main character’s visual design.

“When we were kind of going through this process of like, ‘what are the characters gonna look like,’ and I just didn’t know,” Rose said. “I was thinking, ‘who’s to say your hair can be blonde? It can be black; it can be brown. Your skin tone; what is your skin?’”

This led to Rose to make her book one of the first and few stories with blank or “colorable” characters.

“That way any child can feel like they are Sam or Saint,” Rose said. “Santa is also color-able because who’s to say what color Santa is?”

This style choice, and many other interactive additions in her book, are pieces Rose hopes will help children and adults alike to learn more about their neighbors and classmates’ celebrations and traditions.

“It’s just one of those fun things where you’re reading this book to children, but teachers and librarians are telling me that they’re also learning,” Rose said. “When parents are reading to their children, they’re learning stuff. Everybody’s learning things.”

Throughout all her work on this project



Submitted photo
Author Teri Rose reads her book “Adventure with Sam and Saint – Holiday Celebrations” to a group of children earlier this year at Oshkosh Public Library.

and continued efforts, her core vision has always been to foster curiosity and give every child a chance to feel seen and understood. She hopes her book is able to reach children not only in the local area, but all across the world.

“Representation truly matters and as long as we understand, not everybody celebrates Christmas, not everybody celebrates Dia de Muertos, not everybody celebrates what you celebrate,” Rose said.

“But we understand that we may go to school together, and we can appreciate each other’s cultures and traditions and can still stand next to each other and be grateful that we’re here and we’re alive, and we’re all well.”

“Adventures with Sam & Saint - Holiday Celebrations” by Teri Rose can be found at the library and is available for purchase at Caramel Crisp, TBR Anonymous, Author Apothecary and Amazon.

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Oshkosh man charged with attempted arson after car fire

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man wishing to be deported to Gambia allegedly set his car on fire, which spread and caused damage to two nearby homes, is facing felony criminal charges, including attempted arson.

Sailou Mballow, 28, is facing one count of attempted arson of a building, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, criminal damage to property linked to domestic abuse and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct linked to domestic abuse.

Court documents allege Mballow set his car on fire July 21 in the 600 block of



Mballow

Frederick Street. The fire then damaged his home and another home in the area. Mballow allegedly tried to set the house on fire in an attempt to get himself deported to his home country of Gambia.

During Mballow's initial court appearance, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set his cash bond at \$50,000. Mballow was ordered to have no contact with the victims in the case and no contact with Frederick Street. He is not allowed to possess any dangerous weapons, cannot leave Wisconsin and cannot possess any lighters, matches, gasoline or other accelerants.

If convicted on all counts, Mballow faces 30 years in state prison followed by up to 20 years of extended supervision for the felony counts of attempted arson and endangering safety.

According to the criminal complaint,

Oshkosh police were dispatched to a home in the 600 block of Frederick Street for the report of a car on fire with the fire spreading to nearby homes.

The fire caused Mballow's house to catch fire and melted siding to a neighboring home. Mballow was allegedly using a tree branch to smash the windows of his home.

Before Mballow allegedly started the fire he visited his wife, identified as V1 in the complaint, to say goodbye to his son. Witnesses told police they saw that the vehicle was on fire and Mballow smashing windows of the house he lived in.

A neighbor, identified as V2, heard several thuds while watching TV. He looked out his window and saw Mballow using a rock to hit the windshield of a vehicle. The man started to make dinner and when he looked out the window, he saw heavy black smoke coming from the vehicle.

The victim took some essential items from inside his home and put them in his car and moved his car down the road to make sure he was safe as Mballow's vehicle had become fully engulfed in flames.

At one point, three men were able to tackle Mballow and keep him on the ground until police officers arrived on the scene.

Oshkosh police had two recent interactions with Mballow and his wife before

the alleged arson incident took place. On July 11, Mballow's wife called OPD about a domestic disturbance and reported Mballow "was not OK and needed help. And if cops came, he (Mballow) would kill someone."

Then earlier on July 21, Mballow went to the OPD station and was "requesting to be deported back to Gambia due to recent issues with his wife."

He told police his wife was his reason for moving to this country, and he wanted to go back to Gambia but could not afford a ticket. An OPD officer told Mballow at the time that "he was a local law enforcement officer and had no power to deport him."

The complaint does not state what time of the day this was, but at 8:16 p.m. OPD received the call regarding the fires on Frederick Street.

Mballow allegedly told police he was taking the necessary steps as a husband and that he ran out of options.

"He just wanted to kill himself," the complaint alleges. "Sailou said he wanted to burn himself, his clothes, his car, the house and everything to the ground so that (his family) can leave that place and go somewhere in peace."

Mballow is set to be back in court Aug. 3 in front of Heywood for his preliminary hearing.

Oshkosh woman facing drug-related charges

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh woman is facing a potential almost four-decade prison sentence after allegedly selling cocaine to a confidential informant this spring.

Nakisha D. Buckner is facing three counts of manufacture/deliver cocaine, distribute designer drugs, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver THC and maintaining a drug trafficking place.

Court documents allege Buckner sold illicit substances, including ecstasy pills and cocaine, to a confidential informant numerous times between March and April.

If convicted on all counts, Buckner could face up to 39.5 years in state prison followed by up to 30 years of extended supervision.

At Buckner's initial appearance, Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set Buckner's signature bond at \$1,000. He ordered her to maintain absolute sobriety, and she must complete the Drug Free 24/7 program.

According to the criminal complaint, in March and April the Oshkosh Police

Department conducted three drug transactions using a (CI) confidential informant. The first purchase was for a gram of cocaine and the transaction occurred in a gas station parking lot on Jackson Street.

The CI allegedly entered Buckner's vehicle at the gas station and then returned to officers with 0.8 grams of cocaine.

About two weeks later another cocaine transaction was set up for another purchase of one gram of cocaine, but this time the transaction was inside a gas station. Buckner allegedly put the cocaine inside a piece of paper that contained the drugs. That paper was left on a counter inside the gas station.

The CI retrieved it and returned to officers with 0.6 grams of cocaine. Officers reviewed video footage from inside the gas station. However, the cameras inside the station did not capture the transaction on video.

The third transaction involved the CI purchasing one gram of cocaine and 10 ecstasy pills. This transaction took place in a parking lot in the 1900 block of Jackson Street.

The CI went back to the officers with 1.6 grams of cocaine and 10 ecstasy pills weighing 5.2 grams. Then on April 10, a search warrant was executed at Buckner's home.

Officers allegedly found 10 ounces of marijuana inside the home along with 3.9 grams of cocaine and various pills. Three suspected pills contained methamphetamine, according to officers.

When officers spoke to Buckner, she was cooperative and said there would be marijuana, ecstasy pills and cocaine inside the home. She allegedly told police all the drugs belonged to her.

She is due back in court this week for another hearing in front of Heywood.

Man caught selling drugs to undercover officer

Oshkosh Herald

A Combined Locks man is now facing charges in Outagamie and Winnebago counties after allegedly selling marijuana and cocaine to an undercover police officer multiple times over a two-month span in 2025.

An arrest warrant was issued last week for Matthew B. Moyer after he failed to appear for his initial appearance in Winnebago County. He is facing four felony drug-related charges in Winnebago County following a two-month investigation involving multiple undercover controlled buys.

Court documents allege Moyer, 20, sold marijuana and cocaine to an undercover police officer seven times between July 2025 and October 2025.

In Winnebago County, Moyer faces two counts of manufacture/deliver THC, manufacture/deliver cocaine and maintaining a drug trafficking place. If found guilty of these charges, he faces 12 years in prison followed by 11 years of extended supervision.

The investigation was led by the Lake Winnebago MEG Drug Unit with some of the controlled buys taking place in Outagamie County and some in Winnebago County.

Moyer is also facing four counts of manufacture/deliver cocaine, between one and five grams in Outagamie County. If convicted, he faces a maximum prison sentence of 30 years followed by up to 20 years of extended supervision.

The Winnebago County charges were

filed in June and the Outagamie County charges were filed in November. Moyer is currently out on bond with a \$10,000 signature bond in Outagamie County.

According to the criminal complaint, the Oshkosh Police Department was informed of a phone that was located in a garbage dumpster. An individual allegedly found the phone and noted it had conversations about drugs and guns and turned the phone over to the police.

Police believe the phone belonged to Moyer.

This was in July 2025. Later that month an investigator with OPD began communicating with Moyer in an undercover capacity. The undercover officer set up a controlled buy with Moyer for an ounce of marijuana.

This first sale allegedly occurred near Moyer's home in the 700 block of Baldwin Avenue in Oshkosh. The complaint alleges another transaction occurred in August 2025 with Moyer selling marijuana to an undercover officer. This transaction allegedly occurred in a parking lot in the 1900 block of Jackson Street.

In September 2025, Moyer allegedly told the undercover officer that he could sell cocaine. The complaint alleges that one of the five transactions where Moyer sold cocaine to an undercover officer occurred in Oshkosh in the Jackson Street parking lot and the remaining four transactions occurred in a Walmart parking lot in Appleton.

A preliminary hearing in Moyer's Outagamie County case is scheduled for Friday in front of Judge Yadira Rein.

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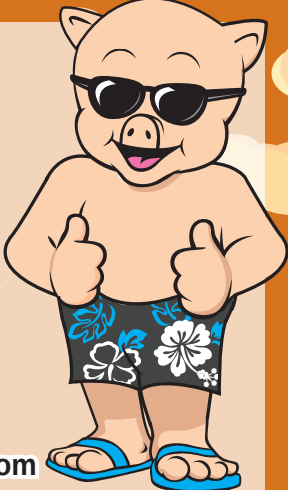
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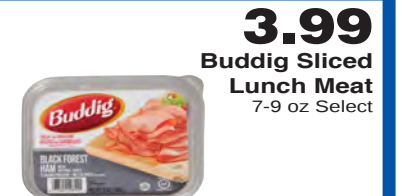
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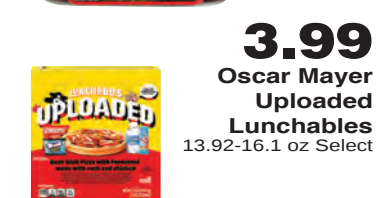
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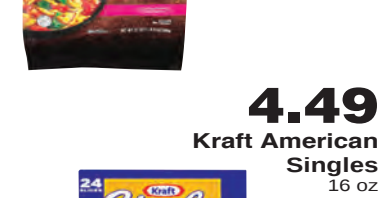
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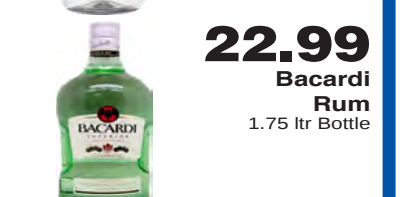
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Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh Afternoon Tea, noon, The Gibson Social Club
Music on Main featuring Pocket Kings, 5:30 p.m., Pocket Kings
From Oshkosh to Equality: Wisconsin Women and the Fight for the Vote, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
- Thursday, 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
- Saturday, Aug. 1**
Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Titan 5K, 8:45 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 9 a.m., Opera House Square
Children's Day Parade and Community Celebration, 11 a.m., South Park
Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Death Race 2000 (1975), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Golf outing benefits mental health support organization

Oshkosh Herald

Collaborative Wellness is organizing the third annual Breaking Barriers golf outing. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 with a shotgun start at the Oshkosh Country Club.

The event includes games, swag bags and merchandise, trick shot pro and hole-in-one vehicle shot along with raffles and silent auction.

Collaborative Wellness is an outpatient mental health and substance use disorders clinic located in Oshkosh and Ripon. The group offers services in-office, in community organizations such as homeless shelters, nursing homes, and in-school for 11 area districts.

Breaking Barriers is a nonprofit arm of Collaborative Wellness launched last year aimed at raising funds to provide services free of charge for uninsured and underinsured individuals, families and groups.

- Sunday, Aug. 2**
Winnebago County Fair, Sunnyview Expo Center
- Tuesday, Aug. 4**
Live at the Leach featuring Wheel-House, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater
- Wednesday, Aug. 5**
XRoads41 Camping Kickoff Concert, 5:15 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park
Music on Main featuring Brewster Street Brass Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
- Thursday, Aug. 6**
XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park
Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Oshkosh, 4 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
- Friday, Aug. 7**
XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park
Morgan House Tour, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.
UWO Community Night featuring Zootopia 2, 6 p.m., 735 Pearl Ave.
ACW Wrestling, 7 p.m., The Historic Masonic Temple of Oshkosh, 204 Washington Ave.
- Saturday, Aug. 8**
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh
Otter Street Fishing Club Fisheree, 10 a.m., Menominee Park
Pie on the Porch, 9 a.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.
Bill's Big-B Movie Bash, 1 p.m., Time Community Theater
XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park
Summer Reading Grand Finale Party, Oshkosh Public Library
- Sunday, Aug. 9**
XRoads41 Rock Detour, 12:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park



Photo by Art Eichmann

Scenic run

Runners and walkers alike could get a taste of the EAA AirVenture grounds Saturday, as the annual Runway 5k took athletes on a journey through the grounds. The race was open to everyone, including walkers, first-time runners and seasoned athletes. Proceeds from this year's run benefitted the Oshkosh Firefighters Charitable Trust.

National Night Out activities planned

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department will be taking part next week in National Night Out activities.

Some neighborhood associations in the city are organizing block parties from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The citywide event features police, fire and specialty unit (SWAT, K9) visits, neighborhood cookouts and various block parties designed to strengthen community-police partnerships.

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E. Parkway Ave. will be hosting activities featuring a DJ, bounce houses and a cook-out.

National Night Out is an annual event that involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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Southwest Airlines participated in EAA AirVenture with its tribute to America's semiquincentennial celebration, Independence One. The newly launched, freedom-flying Boeing 737 MAX 8 visited the event to showcase the airline's support of those who have provided the freedom to fly.



The crowd along the flight line cheers Saturday as the Red Arrows near the end of their performance during the afternoon air show at EAA AirVenture. The team's visit to Oshkosh was part of an extended North American tour honoring America's 250th anniversary.

EAA AirVenture continues setting attendance records

Oshkosh Herald

With dry and unseasonably cool weather for most of the week, this year's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026 set a preliminary attendance record.

EAA CEO/Chairman Jack Pelton said the estimated attendance this year was 734,000, up from 704,000 a year ago. He said attendance records have been set on an annual basis for almost a decade.

"While it's gratifying to see a record attendance total again this year – which is a credit to our dedicated volunteers, staff, and partners – our goal each year is not to chase numbers but to showcase EAA's community and share our mission of growing participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation," Pelton said.

This year's event focused on celebrating America's 250th anniversary, with the largest attendance Wednesday and Saturday. Night air shows with fireworks, lasers, drones, lighted planes and more celebrated the patriotic theme on those days.

"The celebration of America 250 also became an amazing week at The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration at Oshkosh," Pelton said. "So many highlights and memories emerged from the grounds over the seven days that made this year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh unforgettable."

International guests from 98 countries registered at the International Visitors Pavilion.

As the focus turns to next year's EAA AirVenture scheduled for July 26-Aug. 1, 2027, part of the focus will be on celebrating the 100th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's solo trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Paris.

EAA AirVenture has been held in Oshkosh since 1970.



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Fox Menagerie brings together local musical talent

By George Halas
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Fox Menagerie highlights and celebrates music and musicians of the Fox Cities.

In its fourth year, the on-going project produces two new music videos per week for viewing on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and on the foxmenagerie.com website.

The project is co-produced by Joe Slyzelia, aka Joe Sly, and Dave Jerabek. WAMI Award winner Joe Sly is one of the Fox Cities’ most recognizable and highly regarded musicians.

He has led Sly Joe and The Smooth Operators for 20 years, releasing five albums of original material along the way. A singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, he also regularly plays piano at Cannova’s in Neenah, will be appearing Aug. 6 at Batley’s Grill & Bar in Neenah and plays keyboards in the band Yacht Sea.

He has also put together groups of local musicians to play the entire “Abbey Road” album by The Beatles live at Becket’s in Oshkosh and other venues.

Primarily wielding a bass guitar, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Jerabek is one of the Smooth Operators and plays in the band Copper Box with Dan and Michelle Jerabek. Formerly the band director at Winneconne High School for 16 years, he has served as the school’s Director of Education Technology for the last five years.

Fox Menagerie was inspired by the work of Scary Pockets, whose similar efforts highlight the music scene in the Los Angeles area by combining different combinations of singers and “supertalented” musicians performing cover versions of famous songs.

“We really enjoyed Scary Pockets when they played at the Oshkosh Jazz Festival,” Slyzelia said. “We realized that we could do something to highlight the Fox Valley music scene. We have the same caliber and quality as any music scene anywhere and the well (of talent) is deep.”

“It’s an idea that we were kickin’ around for about three years before we started,” Jerabek said. “There are so many amazing musicians in the area and we try to record as many different styles of music as possible.”

One major difference of Fox Menagerie is original music.

“Joe is such a good songwriter,” Jerabek said. “I said to him that ‘we should do some of your songs.’”

Slyzelia, who spent three years in Nashville as a songwriter, said, “I have a deep catalog of original songs and it’s great that they are seeing the light of day.”



Submitted photo

Fox Menagerie produces two new music videos each week, usually recorded in Winneconne for viewing on various internet platforms.

Each recording session, filmed by Winneconne School District Librarian Dana Jerabek in the Winneconne High School library, is “split right down the middle,” Slyzelia said. “We always record two songs, one original and one cover. We try to reimagine the covers in fresh and surprising ways.”

The process begins with the singer.

“I think about the singer and I put together a playlist of 10-20 originals that I think they might have a connection to and they help with the selection,” Slyzelia said. “I have no way to predict what songs they’ll select and every time, I’m surprised. It’s a pleasant surprise. While I always like my songs, I wonder if they have value and are going to connect with anyone else.”

If a particular singer is also a songwriter or aspires to be one, Slyzelia will often collaborate to write new songs.

“I keep my songwriting muscles in shape by collaborating with the singers,” he added. “For the covers, I usually ask the singers what was on their playlist in high school.”

Once the songs have been selected, Jerabek and Slyzelia reach out to musicians they know, have heard about, have seen perform and/or have reached out to them interested in playing. One rule: no bands.

“We try to bring people together who haven’t played together before,” Slyzelia said. “It not just highlights and celebrates the amazing quality of the musicians in the Fox Valley, the collaboration strengthens the performances.”

“We’ve been doing this for four years and it’s been a blast,” Jerabek said. “I get to play with great musicians and make music that I’m proud of. If nothing else, it will be

a time capsule and a legacy.”

Fox Menagerie will play live from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 3 at Winneconne Fall Fest. Sly Joe and The Smooth Operators will play from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 22 at the Oshkosh Farmers Market. Joe Sly will host “Songs and Stories” with Portland’s Karyn Ann, Carey Ott of Milwaukee and Green Bay’s Charlie Urick at 8 p.m. Sept. 11 at Becket’s in Oshkosh.

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Land sale

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the cost of extending streets and utilities into buyer’s property, all costs of which will be buyer’s responsibility.”

Drew Bailey, the city’s communication and engagement manager, did not say whether the land was offered at a discounted price in exchange for Linde paying for the road and utilities extension in a statement to the Herald last week.

However, Bailey said comparable property sites in the city list for approximately \$26,000 per acre. Linde made an initial offer of \$10,000 per acre and the city settled for \$17,000 an acre.

Progress Drive is just off of West Fernau Avenue, which is currently being extended to connect to East Fernau Avenue, which will connect the northwest and northeast industrial parks. It’s a change the city has stated “serves the broader development in this area.”

City documents state a neighborhood meeting was supposed to be held about the proposed use of the site and that was to be followed by a Plan Commission workshop. The neighborhood meeting, according to Bailey, was supposed to be held in August 2024. However, the Plan Commission workshop never happened because of a decision by city staff.

“At that time staff determined that a Plan Commission workshop was not needed,” Bailey said.

Linde’s global headquarters are located in London, but it was started in Germany in the 1870s. The company said on its website it is “a leading global industrial gases and engineering company, serving a variety of end markets such as chemicals and energy, food and beverages, electronics, healthcare, manufacturing, metal and mining.”

The land sale was completed in January 2026. In March, Linde announced it had acquired the land and was planning to build an air separation facility. The facility will produce liquid oxygen, nitrogen and argon to serve companies in Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and upper Michigan.

“Wisconsin is experiencing incredible growth across multiple end markets,” Patrick McKenna, Linde’s vice president of the north region, said in a March press release. “This investment will allow us to produce product closer to our customer base and add to our robust production and supply network.”

This was happening while city staff members refused to answer questions about the proposed facility.

“We will not be taking interviews at this time regarding this project,” Bailey said in an email to the Herald in March and since then the Herald has been unable to discuss the project with city officials.

Bailey told the Herald in July, “I’ll see if (Linde) will want to take questions on that.”

Linde has not responded since March to requests for comment about its operations or plans for the site in Oshkosh.

The project will also not need to be approved by the Plan Commission or the Oshkosh Common Council. That is because city staff believes the company’s plan meets all city requirements and DNR requirements.

“In this case, the applicant has been able to meet the required standards,” Bailey said in March. “In addition to City requirements, the site includes wetland considerations, so the applicant has also worked closely with the Wisconsin DNR regarding wetlands and setback requirements. They have met the necessary re-



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A piece of land on Progress Drive was sold by the City of Oshkosh to Linde Inc. in 2024. However, the contract approved by the Oshkosh Common Council in May 2024 is different to the one later approved by city staff.

quirements to move forward.”

Amended contract

The initial contract with Linde was approved by the council in May 2024. Since then, it has been amended twice.

The amended contract, which did not receive any approval from council, states the city will be splitting the cost to extend Progress Drive with Linde. However, a paragraph stating Linde will pay for the full price of extending the road and utilities was not removed in the amended contract.

“The (city), at (Linde Inc.) sole cost, will extend Progress Drive to the property; said extension of Progress Drive will include the extension of water and sewer to the property boundary,” states the contract that was approved 6-0 by the Oshkosh Common Council on May 28, 2024.

Bailey said that the amended contract needed to be approved by council before the resolution was brought to approve the road work and moving funds from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Recent resolution

The resolution passed on July 14 would use taxpayer funds to benefit Linde. The contract was listed as part of the consent agenda for the meeting.

Bailey said executive staff turnover is the reason for the lack of oversight. Since May 2024, Oshkosh has hired a new city manager, new community development director and new city attorney. Its finance director had been on the job for two months when the contract was first approved in May 2024.

“Significant staff transitions during this period contributed to the oversight,” Bailey said.

The amended contract outlines that the city will be paying for one-third of the costs to extend Progress Drive and the associated utilities. This is why the council recently moved \$310,000 from the CIP to pay for extending the road and installing storm sewer service.

According to city documents, \$160,000 of those funds will go to extending the street and \$150,000 will be used to extend storm sewer service.

City documents show that money was initially meant for three upcoming road

projects in the Oshkosh CIP. Those funds were initially designated for reconstruction street projects of Central Street, West 15th Avenue and Michigan Street/West 11th Avenue.

The amended contract also states that “improvement work” for the extension of Progress Drive and the utilities must be completed by Sept. 30. As of Monday, there was no work being done at the site.

The recently-amended contract also adjusts the purchase price from \$561,000 to \$578,163.20. That money would go back into the Industrial Park Fund.

This appears to be because the initial contract had the wrong acreage amount. The initial contract in 2024 stated the land was 33 acres. The certified survey map used in the amended contract states the city is selling just over 34 acres.

The resolution that passed on July 14 states that the almost \$1 million cost of the project will be split between the city and Linde Inc. The total estimated cost of

extending Progress Drive and adding utilities is \$964,483.07. This resolution transferred the \$310,000 from other projects to cover this project.

City documents show Linde’s portion is estimated to cost \$818,000 which includes part of the costs to extend Progress Drive and storm sewer lines. Linde will cover the total costs of the water main and sanitary sewer lines.

Deputy mayor Karl Buelow and Mayor Matt Mugerauer did not respond to requests for comment on this topic. Council member Joe Stephenson said all the answers the Herald asked in an email were addressed in Bailey’s statement. All three were on the council when the initial contract was approved and when the new resolution was passed.

Company profile

“Linde is a leading global industrial gases and engineering company with 2025 sales of \$34 billion,” the March press release from Linde states.

The company reported on its website a \$1 billion increase in sales from \$33 billion in 2024.

Linde looked at various other properties in Oshkosh, including on Clairville Road, but those sites were ultimately not chosen.

The company says it operates over 4,000 air separation plants around the world in more than 90 countries, including customizable air separation plants, modular air separation plants, process plants and small on-site cryogenic nitrogen plants. An air separation plant, according to Linde’s website, produces liquid oxygen and nitrogen gases. The gas is then transported in tanker trucks to businesses.

It remains unclear which of these facilities the company is planning to build in Oshkosh.

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Oshkosh Legion ousted from tourney

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The Oshkosh Legion had its season end with back-to-back losses at the Class AAA Regional Tournament at EJ Schneider Field last week.

Oshkosh dropped a 12-2 decision to Sheboygan in its first game before losing a slugfest to Fond du Lac, 23-10.

The Legion committed five errors which led to nine unearned runs in the loss to Sheboygan, while the offense tallied just two hits in the game.

Connor Palmquist and Walker Fuetz had the lone hits for Oshkosh, while Caleb Lee notched the only RBI for Oshkosh on a sacrifice fly.

Oshkosh's offense cranked things up in the second game but couldn't keep pace

Three Oshkosh West golfers honored by GCAW

Oshkosh Herald

Three members of the Oshkosh West golf team were recognized by the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin for their work in the classroom.

Billy Berg, Tyler Mellgren and Lincoln Houle were each named on the Academic All-State list. The trio helped lead the team to a WIAA Division 1 sectional tour-

with Fond du Lac, which finished with 17 hits and 11 walks in the game.

Palmquist paced the Legion offense by going 4-for-5 with three runs scored.

Nolan Cheever added a pair of hits in the contest, while AJ Averbach drove in four runs for Oshkosh.

Fond du Lac led 3-2 after the first inning but didn't score again until the fourth inning when it extended the lead to 5-2. After that the floodgates opened as Fond du Lac scored 18 runs over the final three innings to break the game open.

Sheboygan claimed the regional by sweeping a pair of games from Fond du Lac by scores of 4-0 and 5-2.

The Class AAA state tournament began on Tuesday in Marshfield.

nament this season.

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.

Local college graduates

The following students from Oshkosh earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May.

Olu Akinleye, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, neurobiology

Jayne Barr, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business: real estate and urban land economics, graduated with Distinction

Reilly Bartow, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Physical Therapy, physical therapy

Kennedy Benesh, School of Business, Master of Science-Business, business: accounting and business analysis

Reagan Beyer, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Medicine, medicine

Lauren Braun, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biology, Spanish

Rachelle Braun, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Medicine, medicine

Camille Clark, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies, consumer behavior and marketplace studies

Emily Cole, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science, global health

Avery Doemel, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biology, Spanish, graduated with distinction

Allyssa Dotson, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Chinese

Sarah Eierman, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Education, elementary education

Taylor Emery, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Master of Science-Bacteriology, bacteriology

Lauren Fine, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Physical Therapy, physical therapy

Elijah Geffers, College of Engineering,

Bachelor of Science-Electrical Engineering, electrical engineering

Taylor Guido, School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science-Nursing with Honors, nursing

Alexis Hekrdle, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business: marketing, business: operations and technology management

Megan Kaminski, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Physical Therapy, physical therapy

Sarah Kasper, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biochemistry

Joseph Kerrigan, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science, biology

Max Kuerschner, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biology

Anders Larson, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Astronomy - Physics, physics

Pierson Leske, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business: finance, investment and banking, business: real estate and urban land economics, business: risk management and insurance, business: real estate and urban land economics, graduated with distinction

Kai McClellan, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Biomedical Engineering, biomedical engineering

Matthew Messing, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science, biology

Alaina Palomaki, School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science-Nursing, nursing

Brant Paulick, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science, biochemistry

Adalyn Reichenberger, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts-Journalism, journalism

Allyson Robl, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, psychology

Shaye Robl, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biology

Alexis Ryan, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Education, elementary education

Talia Sheehan, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, history, international studies, graduated with distinction

Ethan Shefchik, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business: finance, investment and banking

Alainee Smith, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, anthropology, biology

Ruthanne Smith, College of Letters and Science, Master of Arts-Library and Information Studies, library and information studies

Jackson Sprenger, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, computer sciences

Klara Stelzer, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science, genetics and genomics

Michael Thao, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Industrial Engineering, industrial engineering

Hanna Tran, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, biology

Will Vu, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business: finance, investment and banking, business: real estate and urban land economics, business: risk management and insurance

Cam Wermes, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, psychology

Abe Weston, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Art, art

Colin Zeimet, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology, kinesiology

Melana Zeinert, School of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science-Pharmaceutical Sciences, pharmaceutical sciences

Abbie Zeller, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Electrical Engineering, electrical engineering



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Obituaries

Richard E. Schallert

Richard E. Schallert, age 90, passed away at Ascension Mercy Medical Center on Monday, July 20, 2026. He was born to Ernest and Harriet (Anderson) Schallert on March 4, 1936, in Racine, Wisconsin.

Richard was a veteran, US Army & Army Reserves (E S7 SFC) and a Military Police and MI Analyst 450th S.I.D. USAR, Special Intelligence Detachment.

Richard earned a Master's Degree of Teaching at Drake University and a Master's Degree of Science at the University of Oregon. He also was director of educational services at the Des Moines Register & Tribune and worked for the State of Iowa Dept. of Public Instruction as well as the associate professor of business and finance for 20 years at Black Hawk Community College in Moline, Illinois.

Richard was a lifelong learner, teacher, global traveller and avid reader, at one point subscribing to several daily newspapers and various other publications. He read easily more than 1,000+ books and was always willing to discuss the news of the day. He was active in numerous service organizations, a charter member of Lord of the



Lakes church, politically involved in local issues and spent many years volunteering at the Winneconne Thrift & Gift Shop.

Richard is survived by his wife, Mary Brefeld; his brother, R. Dale Schallert; children, Alice (Greg) Baldwin, Beth (Jerry) Webb, and Eric (Chanin) Schallert. Grandchildren are Steven (Jane) Baldwin; Josie (Deivid) Mariano; Lindze (Michael) Webb-Vieregge; Becca Webb and Alex (Madison) Webb; Matthew Schallert; Nathan Schallert and Emily Schallert; great-grandchildren Travis, Christopher and Miriam.

He also is survived by his devoted stepchildren Ann (Robert) Iosca; John Brefeld and step-grandchildren Anthony Iosca and Hayden Iosca.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service for Richard (Dick) will be held at Mueller Funeral Home (904 E Main St) on Thursday, July 30 at 11 a.m. A time of visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Winneconne Thrift and Gift Scholarship Fund (https://oac.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=3970&sorg_id=1000)



Carol J. Yearwood

Carol J. Yearwood, age 86 of Oshkosh passed away peacefully at Aurora Medical Center on July 26, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born in Waushara County on January 19, 1940, to the late George and Evelyn (Kulibert) McBriar. She was united in marriage to Milo Moran on July 16, 1960, and had one son, Steve. Milo preceded her in death on May 28, 2012. She found love again, and married Ray Yearwood on June 14, 2014.

For over 35 years, Carol dedicated her time and talents as the church secretary at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Outside of her work, she was an enthusiastic square dancer, bringing joy and rhythm to the Timber Toppers Square Dance Club and the Square Dance Campers. Carol had a passion for camping and traveling, always seeking adventures and creating lasting memories with friends and family. Her greatest joy was devoting her life to being the best mother and grandmother she could be. She was also a



talented homemaker, proud of her beautiful garden; often sharing her garden harvest with others.

Carol is survived by her husband, Ray Yearwood; son, Steven (Michele) Moran; stepson, Chris Yearwood; grandchildren, Brady (Chelsea) Moran and Mikayla (Sam) Mosher; great-grandchildren, Amelia, Sophie, and Hazel Grace who is on the way; brother, Robert (Dianna) McBriar; sister, Mary Ellen (Jerry) Braasch.

In addition to her parents, George and Evelyn McBriar, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Milo Moran.

A funeral service for Carol will be held at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd. on July 30 at 10:30. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 until the time of the service. A private burial will be held at Ellenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Martin Luther Church in Carols memory.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aurora Hospice, especially the nurses: Brit, Cameron, and Dr. Alramini as well as Kim and the rest of the staff with Evergreen at Home for the wonderful and loving care they gave to Carol.



Margaret M. Schmude

Margaret M. Schmude, age 99 of Oshkosh, passed away on July 24, 2026. She



was born on March 28, 1927 in Oshkosh to the late Roy and Edna (Wagner) Wickman. She married the love of her life, William Schmude, on September 27, 1946, at First English Lutheran Church.

Their love story began on New Year's Eve in 1944 at the Eagles Ballroom, and they soon moved to the Town of Poygan, where they lived on the Schmude family farm for 40 wonderful years before returning to Oshkosh in 1990.

Margaret was a talented seamstress who poured her heart into everything she made. She was deeply devoted to her family, her home, and her three cherished yorkies, who brought boundless joy into her life. Among her many hobbies, she assembled an impressive fourteen-room Victoria's Choice dollhouse, complete with working lights, as a tribute to her beloved daughter, Rita. This treasure is displayed at the Omro Historical Society Museum.

Margaret was an active member of First English Lutheran Church, contributing her time to the Mary-Martha Circle Women's Bible Study, and Cross Connections Bible Study. She was also Past Worth High Priest-

ess of Bethel Shrine #2 and a member of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Omro Historical Society, and the 20th Century Club. Professionally, she worked as a secretary and bookkeeper at various local businesses, including Hendrickson Chiropractic, Tiddens Management Company and 7-UP Bottling Company.

Margaret leaves behind a loving family, including cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many dear friends. She will also be sorely missed by her sweet yorkie, Kim, who filled her final years with love and companionship.

She joined her husband William (gone 30 years), daughter Rita (gone 20 years), brothers Kenneth (1921-2010), Lawrence (1922-2003), and Robert (1924-2013), and her beloved yorkies, Kayti and Kaelei, in peace.

A funeral service for Margaret will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A private burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

Memorials in Margaret's name directed to First English Lutheran Church and to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society would be deeply appreciated.



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Obituaries

June Wiechman
June (Spanbauer) Wiechman, age 79, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2026, at her home. She was born on June 1, 1947, to Lawrence “Barney” and Marge Spanbauer. A lifelong resident of Oshkosh, she attended Sacred Heart Grade School and was in the 1965 graduating class of Lourdes High School. June attended the Fond du Lac School of Practical Nursing, graduating in 1966. For over 35 years she was employed at Mercy Medical Center, retiring in 2008.
June was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church for over 45 years teaching Sunday School and Jesus Cares, belonging to various church groups, and attending many Bible classes. She spent over 40 years checking out books and reading to the children in the school library.



Her greatest blessing was being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. June is survived by her children, Jeff (Beth) Wiechman, Holly (Randy) Flunker, Dan (Angela) Wiechman, Julie (Doug) Rieger; grandchildren, Claire (Daniel), Seth, Sam, Luke (Kealie), Kyle, Brooke (Phil), Kyra (Nick), Kalli, Karina, Emily (Dylan), Leah, Olivia, Charlotte; great-grandchildren, Theo and Natalie. She is also survived by a sister, Faye Gospodarek; sisters-in-law, JoAnn Wiechman, Eunice Gibson; the father of her children, Phil Wiechman; a special aunt, Bev Fretchel; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.
Preceding June in death were her parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Carol Spanbauer; in-laws, Tom Gospodarek, Ken Wiechman, Bill and Lois Polzin, John Gibson; and a niece, Nancy Gibson.
A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Grace Lutheran Church 913 Nebraska St. Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 12:00 noon at the church with Pastor Chadwick Graham and Pastor Colin Rieke officiating. A private interment will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Oshkosh.
In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for Grace Lutheran Church and School.

A special thank you to the staff of Compassus Hospice, and the many friends at The Rivers, especially Jean Weddig, for all of their care and assistance.
Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.



Melvin T. Ayers
Melvin T. Ayers, age 89, passed away on July 22, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Marian, of 64 years and 5 children: Karen (Scott) of Menasha, Gail (Gerry) of Moses Lake WA, Connie (Steve) of New Holstein, Carolyn (Garrett) of Lake Stevens WA, Jeff (Margie) of Oshkosh; 11 grandkids and 12 great grandkids; 3 siblings: sisters Joan of Loyal and Char of Beaufort SC, brother Wendell (Ruthe) of Gresham OR, and several nieces and

nephews. His brother Don preceded him in death.
There will be no services other than a private family celebration of life.

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Obituaries

Phillip E. Hergert

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Philip E. Hergert, whose generous spirit touched countless lives. The cherished husband of Melodi McGuire, Phil left us on July 22, 2026, after a brief and courageous battle with melanoma cancer.

Born September 6, 1951 to Marvin & Margaret Hergert, part owners of the Hergert's Sports Center. Phil attended Roosevelt Elementary & Middle School, graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1969. Phil attended UW-Oshkosh, majored in accounting and graduated in 1973. That same year he married the "first love of his life", Mary Jo Mueller. Together they had two beloved daughters: Jesse (Hergert), Karpowitz & Jenny Hergert. Phil was a devoted and loving husband, father, beloved "Papa", brother, brother-in-law, "Bonus" Dad and Grandpa, and a dear friend to all who knew him.

Phil's professional career started at a CPA firm in Appleton, and he received his CPA designation in June 1976. In May 2026, he was honored for 50 years of service by The Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Phil came back to Oshkosh in 1984 to work in the family business, Hergert's Sports Center, until 1987 when he formed his own CPA firm called, Malkowsky & Hergert. Phil worked primarily in taxes and was known to ask, "too many questions!" Ha!

Philip sold his firm to KerberRose in 2013 and has been a devoted & valued part of that firm ever since.

In 2017, his beloved wife of 44 years, Mary Jo, unexpectedly passed away. Never expecting to find love again, he met Melodi McGuire, who also lost her husband, Bob McGuire, earlier that same year. This match of Phil & Melodi was truly "divinely arranged" and Phil found the "second love of his life"! Phil and Melodi got married on August 27, 2022. Phil and Melodi loved traveling together to Florida in winter, family cruises, visiting family in Nashville, Atlanta, Seattle, attending live concerts seeing Paul McCartney, James Taylor, Cody Johnson, and most recently in March 2026 seeing The Eagles at The Sphere in Las Vegas. Plus, many local adventures and enjoying their summer "happy place" at Little Silver Lake Resort.

Phil was a member of the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Oshkosh Yacht Club, Treasurer of Edgewood Village Condo Association, former

member of Winnebago Home Builders Association, once served as Senior Warden and member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He currently attends Community Church in Oshkosh. A true Wisconsin fan, Phil enjoyed cheering on his Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Wisconsin Badgers, he enjoyed golfing too... plus a Captain & Coke with a twist 'o lemon and an Old Fashioned now and then!

Phil left a legacy of helping people whenever he could, a most generous person. A quiet gentle spirit, the best listener ever! He always used your name in every conversation, making you feel important and seen. Everyone whoever met Phil knew they met someone special.

Survivors include: his loving wife, Melodi McGuire; Daughters: Jesse (Phil Jr) Karpowitz-Oshkosh, Jenny Hergert-Milwaukee; Grandchildren: Olivia Karpowitz-Netherlands, Phil Karpowitz, III-Oshkosh; "Bonus Children": Melissa (Justin) Hintz-Atlanta; Matthew (DezaRae) McGuire-Oshkosh; "Bonus Grandson": Finley McGuire-Oshkosh. Brother: Bruce (Kathy) Hergert-Butte des Morts; Brother-in-Laws: David (Nettie) Barney-Winneconne; Steve Mueller and Mary Ellen Wonders-Oshkosh; Sister-in-Laws: Barb (Steve) Stahl-Green Lake; Janet Kaye-Hudson; "Bonus Sisters & Brother-in Laws": Nancy (John) Black-Nashville; Judy (Jim) Ryder-Charlotte, NC.; Uncle Bob (Judy) Hergert-Oshkosh; his best friend Dale (Jane) Fischer-Marshfield; Friday Lunch Boys: Ralph Hergert and Rick Hergert-Oshkosh. Special friends Julie Jones and Tom Rigden-Greenville. Many other cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, beloved friends and colleagues who supported us on this journey. Also, his beloved Shiba dog, Suzu.

Preceding Phil in death: his first wife, Mary Jo (Mueller) Hergert. Sister: Patricia (Hergert) Barney. Parents: Marvin and Margaret Hergert. And many other beloved dogs and cats, especially Dawnee.

Visitation Thursday, July 30th from 10 am - 12 Noon at Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road, Oshkosh. Funeral Service begins at 12 Noon with a luncheon following the service. Family friend and Pastor, Rev. Alan Cleveland will be officiating. Private family Internment at Lake View Cemetery at later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Phil's name to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (<https://www.oahs.org>) or the Fox Valley Humane Association (<https://www.foxvalleypets.org>) would be deeply appreciated, he was a huge animal lover. Special thank you to Dr. Bradley Heraly,

and all the angels who work at the Michael Wachtel Cancer Center and Ascension Mercy Hospital Second Floor-Oshkosh for their care and kindness to our family. Many thanks to Pastor Jason Rahn-Community Church for his tender care and our "Village People" at Edgewood Village-your generosity to our family was so

appreciated. Phil will be missed beyond words... our hearts are broken. "The Lord giveth... the Lord taketh away" Job 1:21

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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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Dated: July 13, 2026 Pat & Peggy Belongia 920-246-6782

Run Dates: July 22, 2026 and July 29, 2026

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The Oshkosh and Winnebago County Housing Authority hereby announces that the waiting lists for the following housing programs and properties will close **effective August 6, 2026 @ 4:00pm.**

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Can you figure out who invented s'mores? I've included clues to help you.

Love, Grandma



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S'mores are a favorite campsite treat. National S'mores Day celebrates this tasty, sticky, gooey summer treat. Did you know you can eat s'mores at other places than a campfire? They can be baked in the oven or microwave—or even made with the heat from the sun!

WHO INVENTED S'MORES?

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A Gift from the Marsh

Have you ever wondered where the name **marshmallow** comes from? To find the answer, you go to the wetlands or the **marsh**!

For centuries, people boiled the roots of the **mallow** plant to make a sweet, white, sticky goo.

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The original marshmallow confections were created by mixing this goo with sugar or honey.

Today, marshmallows are no longer made from the mallow plant. But the name has stuck!

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Understand word origins.

Get a Clue

S = The number of times the word **goo** appears in this article multiplied by 3.

S =

Get a Clue

E = The number of ingredients mentioned in the Girl Scout's recipe for s'mores.

E =

Get a Clue

N = Add the first two digits of the year that the first s'mores recipe was published. Subtract the number you get by adding the last two digits of that same year.

N =

The first published recipe for s'mores can be found in the 1927 Girl Scout Handbook, Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts. The recipe here is from that book. Notice that it has not changed in many years!

How did the s'more get its name?

The s'more got its name by the campfire. After eating them, kids shouted out "gimme some more!"

Get a Clue

K = The number of words in the explanation of how s'more got its name.

K =

Get a Clue

W = The number of chocolate bars in the Girl Scout Handbook recipe for s'mores plus 3.

W =

Extra! Extra!

Word Sorter

Look through the newspaper and find ten words that start with the letter **M**. Cut out the words and glue them onto a piece of paper in A-B-C order.

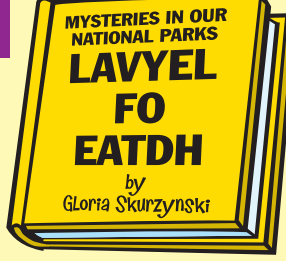
Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Get a Clue at Your Library

The Landon family makes a trip to Death Valley National Park accompanied by a mysterious new foster child, fourteen-year-old Leesa Sherman.

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

CAMPFIRE
BAKED
RECIPE
SCOUTS
CHOCOLATE
CRACKERS
MELT
BARS
GIRL
MARSH
PLANT
SUGAR
HONEY
ROOTS
DIGITS

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

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O	H	A	E	K	D	B	E	O	S
H	N	C	A	M	P	F	I	R	E
T	C	B	L	A	R	A	G	U	S

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

Kid Scoop Together: Campfire Story

A campfire, s'mores and a good story add up to a great summer night.

Ask a pal for words to complete this silly story, then read it aloud.

It was a _____ and _____ night. The sky was full of _____ and you couldn't see the _____.

_____ I was _____ through the woods. Suddenly, a _____ out of the _____.

_____. I stopped and closed my _____ and started to _____.

_____. I heard the most _____ I had ever heard. I didn't wait any longer.

I _____ like a _____ and quickly _____ back to my _____ as fast as I could.

Standards Link: Reading: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words; Grammar: Recognize and use adjectives, verbs and nouns.

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