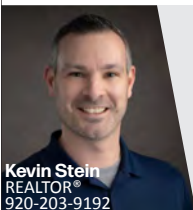


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LifeTV to continue under new model

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The City of Oshkosh is going to keep LifeTV under a new model after five months of uncertainty about its future.

In March, city officials announced plans to shut down all of Oshkosh Media, then later said just two parts would be discontinued. Then city staff said only LifeTV would be eliminated.

After a common council vote Aug. 4, LifeTV will remain under the new model.

Communications and engagement manager Drew Bailey announced during

a Friends of Oshkosh Community Media (FOCM) meeting on March 5 that the city was shutting down all three branches of Oshkosh Media. This was done under the direction of City Manager Rebecca Grill based on council direction..

Since then, Bailey has walked back shutting down GovTV and the radio station, 101.9 WOCT, which is owned by FOCM, has relocated to the Oshkosh Public Library. LifeTV was the last branch the city was attempting to shut down.

The council voted last week to keep LifeTV on the Spectrum lineup as Chan-

nel 2. There will be a number of changes for the producers, including needing to film and do all post-production work before submitting a final version of the show to be added to the TV lineup by a member of the communications and engagement team, formerly Oshkosh Media.

In a split vote, the council voted 4-3 to continue LifeTV under a new model where producers will not have a space to produce their shows at City Hall and will submit a ready-to-air product.

SEE **LifeTV staying** ON PAGE 9



Photo by Michael Cooney

Music fans

XRoads41 returned to Oshkosh this weekend for its third year featuring musical acts such as Jason Aldean, Lainey Wilson, Zac Brown Band, Treaty Oak Revival and Wiz Khalifa among nearly 30 artists performing for fans to see on three stages. A new one-day Rock Detour on Sunday featured Breaking Benjamin and Daughtry.

Council approves contract, questions linger on process

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Members of the Oshkosh Common Council recently approved a contract that they did not know had been amended by city staff.

Two years ago, the city entered into a land sale agreement with Linde Inc. The company is building an air separation plant in the northwest industrial park and the road and utilities needed to be extended for the plant to operate.

The land sale was finalized with Linde paying \$578,163.20. The land was sold

at \$17,000 an acre. Communications and engagement manager Drew Bailey said comparable land sales list for \$26,000 an acre.

The council in 2024 agreed to sell the land to Linde at a discount in exchange for Linde paying the full cost of extending the road and utilities. Two years later, due to city staff amending the contract with no oversight, taxpayers are covering part of the cost of extending the road.

Deputy mayor Karl Buelow said that he did not know the contract had been amended when he voted to approve a res-

olution that hired a company to extend the road and utilities on Progress Drive.

The resolution was part of the consent agenda on July 14 and therefore there was no discussion on the resolution and it passed without opposition along with other items like approving events like neighborhood block parties.

After the Herald reported that the amended contract had not been reviewed or approved by the council because of a staff mistake, director of community development Sara Rutkowski said it was her mistake at the Aug. 4 council meeting.

"Anytime we make a contractual change, after conferring with legal, I know they need to come to council," Rutkowski said. "This is entirely my fault."

City staff refused to answer the Herald's questions of how this happened and what steps are being taken to ensure it doesn't happen again.

It's unclear if any oversight process was in place because the resolution that was approved by council on Aug. 4 had the wrong date for when the council approved

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EAA raises \$2.85 million for aviation education

Oshkosh Herald

Aviation education and preservation programs are set to benefit from a record \$2.85 million raised on July 23 during The Gathering philanthropic event held as part of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh week. Approximately 1,000 people packed the EAA Aviation Museum for an evening of unified support for Experimental Aircraft Association programming. Among the special guests during the evening were the Royal Air Force Red Arrows demonstration team, which made its inaugural appearance at AirVenture in 2026; EAA Young Eagles program chairman Jimmy Graham, pilot and former NFL All-Pro tight end, and 10-year-old Hazel Schaefer, who earlier that week flew with Graham to commemorate 2.5 million Young Eagles flown in the program’s history; plus notable leaders from the aviation community. Among some of the highlights of the gala were the Red Arrows auctioning a signed team photo for \$25,000, with a second one donated for an equal amount; a Goodyear Blimp experience; bidding on a restored Piper PA-12 aircraft; three gifts of \$100,000 each, along with matching donation by one benefactor of all individual gifts of up to \$2,500; and an NFL experience in Paris, France, on Oct. 25, featuring the game between

A record \$2.85 million was raised during EAA AirVenture last month for aviation education and preservation programs.

Oshkosh Herald



the Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints.

EAA programs that will benefit from The Gathering proceeds include Young Eagles, which introduces flight to young people free of charge; EAA’s online Aero-Educate aviation education portal and the Pilot Proficiency Center that enables current and prospective pilots to build skills year-round at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

August 9, 1956

‘King and His Court’ Rule Over Oshkosh Champs in Exhibition: More than 1,500 fans turned up at the Municipal Athletic Field on Sawyer Ave. to watch “The King and His Court” battle Mueller Shell, Oshkosh softball champs the last six years. The “King and His Court,” a four-man professional softball team, can be compared to the Harlem Globetrotters of Basketball. Mueller Shell came up short in defeat, losing 3-1 to the unique four-man unit. The professional team consists only of a pitcher, catcher, first baseman and a shortstop. Featuring the team is the mound artistry of Eddie (King) Feigner, who is billed as the world’s greatest softball pitcher. “The King and His Court” took an early 1-0 lead in the third inning, but Mueller Shell came back and tied the score in its half of the inning. In the sixth, the winners took a one-run lead, then in the seventh capped the victory with a home run. Opposing Feigner were Mueller Shell’s three veteran pitchers, Rudy Meyer, Ken Robl and George Bonach. Feigner’s artillery includes 19 windups, 14 hand deliveries, five speeds and 12 curves which gives him 1,300 different pitching deliveries. He pitched from behind his back, under his legs, with his eyes covered and even hurled a few from second base. Following the exhibition, Feigner put on a pitching demonstration which included his numerous trick deliveries.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, August 9, 1956



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Community development updates City Center purchase

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh community development department shared few new details at an informal listening session last week about the city’s plans to purchase City Center.

The Oshkosh Common Council recently voted to spend \$12.5 million to purchase two properties in downtown Oshkosh, commonly referred to as City Center. The city is now in a due diligence phase, which ends Sept. 30, while structural and environmental analysis are being done.

The people that will make the decision on City Center are the seven elected council members, who were all unable to attend the Aug. 4 meeting because they

were holding a council orientation workshop at the same time.

A few residents attended the meeting, which took place right before the council meeting. Director of community development Sara Rutkowski was questioned about a lack of transparency in the project.

“Don’t you think you should be more transparent here?” resident Sue Tatum asked.

Rutkowski responded that by bringing the project to the public earlier than usual was being transparent. Tatum questioned how the city can go forward with the purchase without a plan or pro forma, which is financial projections.

Rutkowski said they do have financial projections that could not be shared.

Tatum said those types of answers are why public approval of the project seems to have continued to drop in recent weeks.

Peter Jungbacker said he supports the plan to redevelop City Center but asked why city staff and council are handling the project and they’re not seeking outside help.

“My fear is that this doesn’t work out well, and it sets back downtown development for a generation,” Jungbacker said. “I applaud the initiative. I think it’s a great idea.”

Jungbacker suggested the city partner with a large real estate group that handles commercial property. The city is currently using Ehlers Inc. as a financial advisor for the project.

Many of those who attended the meeting said they noticed that public support for the project has begun to wane as the project has become more murky.

Rutkowski also repeated a number of

times she couldn’t answer a majority of questions asked at the meeting due to the fact that it was discussed during executive session.

“So what’s the point of this meeting if you can’t share anything?” one attendee asked.

Rutkowski continued and added that ongoing executive sessions are mostly city officials meeting with potential developers.

The council has already designated \$12.5 million for the purchase, but city staff and City Manager Rebecca Grill said it will likely cost closer to \$30 million to redevelop the site.

The council is expected to make a decision on purchasing City Center at the end of the due diligence phase, which could be extended to Dec. 30.

The most recent information from the city on the project can be found at oshkoshwi.gov/citycenterproject.

City hires new assistant city manager

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Benjamin Krumenauer will serve as the director of administrative services and organizational effectiveness for the City of Oshkosh.

Krumenauer has almost 20 years of experience in local government. He currently serves as the village administrator for Bellevue and prior to that he worked in similar positions in Osceola and Algoma.

“Ben brings a strong and well-rounded background in local government administration, financial management, planning, operations and organizational development,” City Manager Rebecca Grill said



Krumenauer

Friday in making the announcement of the hiring. Grill has been away from the office on medical leave since July 21.

“His experience leading municipal organizations, improving internal systems and building collaborative relationships will serve the City of Oshkosh well in this important role,” Grill said.

This is the same position as assistant city manager but with a new title. John Fitzpatrick served as assistant city manager for over 20 years before retiring in December.

“The City of Oshkosh has always held a special place in my heart as it is where I first discovered my passion for public service,” Krumenauer said. “I look forward to returning and partnering with city leadership and employees to strengthen organizational effectiveness, foster innovation and continue delivering outstanding services for the residents of Oshkosh.”

Supervisor District 33 applicants sought

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Board Chairman Frank Frassetto is accepting applications for Supervisor District 33.

Supervisor Tom Egan, who previously held that position, died July 31 at age 71.

To be eligible for the position, applicants must be a qualified elector and reside in District 33, which includes all of the towns of Nepeuskun, Poygan and Rush-



Egan

ford and Wards 1 of the Town of Omro and the Town of Utica. For a map of the district, contact the Winnebago County Clerk’s Office at 920-232-3430 or CountyClerk@winnebagocountywi.gov.

Eligible applicants interested in applying can submit their resume by Aug. 19 to Chairman Frank Frassetto, Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, 112 Otter Avenue, PO Box 2806, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2806.

Applicants will be interviewed by a group led by Frassetto and Vice Chair Conley Hanson before their selection is voted on by the full board.



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AUG 15	Historical Walking Tour Downtown Oshkosh 4pm A 1.3-mile tour exploring saloons to storefronts.



Photo from Winnebago County Historical Society

Historic walking tour

A group went on the Winnebago County Historical Society's Historic Walking Tour through downtown Oshkosh Aug. 5. The theme for the walk was "From Saloons to Storefronts," focusing on stories about some of the history of the community.

Sheriff's office provides fraud prevention information

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office will host a meeting with information about fraud prevention.

The new and updated Fraud School will be an opportunity for community members to learn about what types of fraud and scams are currently being used. Information will be provided about how to

proactively be protected from these scams and what someone needs to do if they fall victim to a scam.

The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at 4311 Jackson St. in Oshkosh.

Time will be available to ask questions. The event is free. No registration is required.

Local gas stations continue efforts to serve beer

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Gas stations in Oshkosh continue to apply for liquor licenses to expand their offerings.

One recent applicant believes they can make more money serving beer than selling it in a convenience store.

The Liberty Square gas station at 2167 Wisconsin Highway 44 recently attempted to surrender their liquor license for off-premise consumption drinks and wanted a new license to sell beer inside a restaurant that may or may not have video gambling machines.

Part of the reason this type of request continues to be made is when the topic came before the Oshkosh Common Council earlier this year, the council approved an application. Some council members stated they wouldn't do anything about the issue because they see it as a state issue.

Lakhhbir Singh attended the Aug. 4 council meeting to answer any questions council members had regarding the license. However, Singh is not the agent and therefore was unable to answer the specific questions Mayor Matt Mugerauer had for the agent.

Mugerauer could have laid it over or voted against the resolution. The council voted to lay it over to the next meeting, which will be Sept. 8. The council only meets once in July and August due to a scheduling change instituted last year.

The property is split into a gas station and convenience store, a lube shop and a restaurant. Singh, who runs the gas station portion of the property, told the council that he believes the business will make more money from selling beer in the restaurant than they would earn by selling beer in the gas station for off-premise consumption.

Singh did not answer whether or not the bar will have video gambling machines.

"I don't know; I haven't been in there," Singh said.

Deputy mayor Karl Buelow said he has no issue with the business, which could mean people getting their car worked on,

having a beer and then getting back into their car.

"I really have no problem with that," Buelow said.

During the meeting, a map was discussed that city staff had reviewed. However, that map was not available to the public in the meeting materials. The meeting materials also did not include a copy of the liquor license application. Instead, city clerk Darla Salinas put a "application summary" in the meeting materials.

Under the direction of City Manager Rebecca Grill, city staff is no longer scanning the liquor license applications online and including them as part of the meeting materials. This was done, in part, to save staff time by not having to redact information from the licenses.

There are liquor licenses going back decades on file with the city that can be viewed online that have email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers.

Ahlana Saray, communications coordinator, said this information is no longer available to the public so as to not release "sensitive information, including items such as dates of birth, EIN numbers, Driver's License numbers/images, and possible (criminal) conviction history information."

Saray did not respond to questions regarding why the public is not allowed to know if a liquor license agent has a criminal history.

The combination micro-casino and micro-bar trend started earlier this year in Oshkosh. A number of gas station and convenience store owners have taken advantage of a loophole in the legal system where if they have a Class B liquor license and have gambling machines, that's a misdemeanor. But if they do not have a liquor license, the penalty is a felony charge.

Mugerauer has noted for months that these people are purposely obfuscating the law to avoid a felony charge.

Several of these micro-bar and micro casinos have already been approved by the council earlier this year. This includes The Quick Pantry Pub at 403 N. Sawyer St. and Roast and Toast at 305 N. Sawyer St.

Local hospitals recognized for heart disease care

Oshkosh Herald

Two hospitals in Oshkosh are among the 84 hospitals across the state being recognized by the American Heart Association.

The recognition is for the hospitals' commitment to improving care for patients with heart disease and stroke through Get With The Guidelines quality improvement programs.

More than 3,000 hospitals nationwide take part in these efforts, helping ensure patients receive care aligned with the most up-to-date, research-based treatment guidelines.

Among those being recognized are Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh and Ascension NE Wisconsin – Mercy Campus.

Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh received a Gold Plus honor in the GWTG – Stroke category and a Silver Plus honor in the GWTC – Heart Failure category.

Ascension NE Wisconsin – NE campus received a Silver Plus honor in the GWTG – Stroke category.

Through Get With The Guidelines, hospitals use realtime data, clinical best practices and performance feedback to improve adherence to evidence based care for conditions such as stroke, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, cardiac arrest and coronary artery disease.

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National Night Out

Scott Sopata, a Behavioral Health Officer for the Oshkosh Police Department, and therapy dog K9 Gema visited with various groups of residents Aug. 4 during National Night Out. Gatherings were held in neighborhoods throughout the city to promote positive interaction between the police and residents.

Data center moratorium in four townships goes to County Board of Supervisors

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

A 12-month moratorium on the approval of any data center zoning applications in the four townships where Winnebago County controls zoning is headed to the County Board of Supervisors.

At its Aug. 6 meeting, the Winnebago Planning & Zoning Committee approved an ordinance to enact the 12-month moratorium in the towns of Algoma, Omro, Neenah and Nekimi. During the moratorium, the county will not receive, process or approve any zoning applications for new data centers. The ordinance also established a definition of a data center.

The county board will vote on the ordinance at its Aug. 18 meeting.

During the 12 months of the moratorium, county staff will evaluate the potential

impacts of a data center on utility infrastructure, transportation systems, emergency services, land use patterns, agricultural resources, environmental resources and neighboring property owners.

They will also work on developing recommendations for definitions, zoning classifications, siting criteria, performance standards, buffering requirements, infrastructure requirements, environmental

County Parks Commission approves naming rights rule

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is one step closer to allowing individuals, organizations and businesses to purchase advertising or sponsorship recognition spaces at Winnebago County Community Park and the Sunnyview Expo Center.

The Winnebago County Parks Commission approved an amendment to a county ordinance at its Aug. 4 meeting allowing the change.

The Facilities and Properties Management Committee and the County Board of Supervisors also need to approve the change prior to it becoming official.

Adam Breest, director of parks and expo, said the rule change would allow naming rights for the projects at the soccer, rugby and pickleball complexes taking place at Community Park.

The local soccer clubs have brought in a potential large donor for the soccer complex, but there were no rules on how to handle it so new ones needed to be created.

In addition to the naming rights sponsorship, the parks department is looking to create a program for smaller annual sponsorships for banners and signs at Sunnyview Expo Center.

For the projects at Community Park, the county is paying for a portion of the costs while the clubs also pay for a part. For the soccer project, the plans call for the fields to be tilled, graded and crowned, more topsoil will be added, and irrigation will be adjusted.

An additional soccer field will be added west to the quad. Phase 1 will address the east side of the complex and Phase 2 will address the complex's west side.

For phase 1 of the project, the county will pay \$672,294 from the Spirit Fund and the local soccer clubs will pay \$168,074. For phase 2, the Spirit Fund will pay \$372,212 and the soccer clubs will pay \$140,234.

Poygan Boat Ramp replacement: Radtke Construction has been hired to replace the concrete ramp at the Poygan Boat Ramp located off County Highway B. Depending on scheduling, the project will take place in either September or October.

protections and operational standards applicable to future data center development.

A report and recommended ordinance amendments for the Planning and Zoning Committee and County Board will also be prepared.

While the moratorium does not cover the entire county, leaders have said it will help other municipalities develop their own moratoriums against data centers.

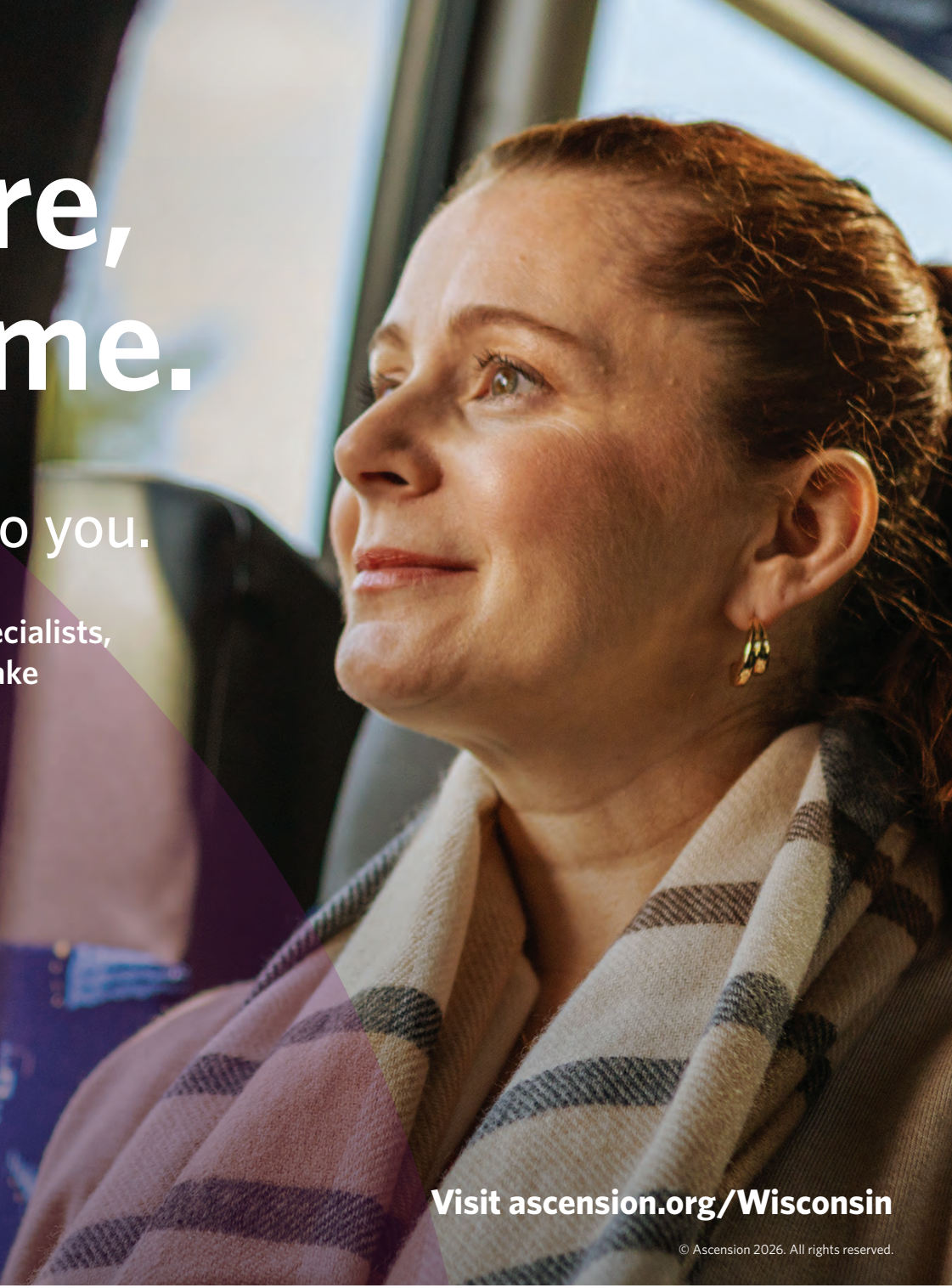
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County focusing on debris clean up during storm recovery

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Clean up continues more than two weeks after a tornado struck northern Winnebago County.

Municipal and contracted crews continue to remove debris in Fox Crossing, Menasha, Neenah and the Town of Neenah.

“That remains the No. 1 priority,” said Eric Rasmussen, Winnebago County’s emergency management director.

The county continues to gather data from the July 27 tornado damage and analyze it to determine if the event will qualify for FEMA funds, Rasmussen said. Once the county is done collecting information, it will pass it on to the state, which then sends the information to the president, who makes the final decision on whether the area will receive FEMA dollars.

The April flood in Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago received a major disaster declaration and became eligible for

FEMA aid on July 2 — three months after the initial disaster, Rasmussen said.

“This is something that can take several months,” he said.

Rasmussen said Winnebago County is looking now to help people navigate the long road to recovery. The Multi-Agency Resource Center, which brings together representatives from a variety of nonprofits, is one way to do just that. The center is being held at the Winnebago County Fox Cities Campus-Engineering Building, 1655 University Dr., Menasha.

Nonprofit organizations with information about housing, finances, mental health, food and essential needs are available to meet with victims and have their questions answered about their different needs.

Rasmussen said residents with questions should contact United Way’s 211 information line to find the information they are looking for.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Residents on Doty Island continue to encounter large amounts of debris as they go about daily activities such as walking their dog.

Debris removal

Winnebago County’s Solid Waste Department is helping guide where storm debris is going in cooperation with Outagamie County. Most of the storm debris related to damaged buildings and personal property have been taken to the Outagamie County Landfill in Little Chute with some coming to the Winnebago County Landfill, said Kathy Hutter, director of solid waste for Winnebago County.

Vegetative and brush storm damage is being handled by local municipalities and residents are encouraged to keep them separate from storm damaged building materials and personal property, so they do not end up in the landfill. Municipalities have their own yard waste collection sites in place and Hutter said the county has limited space to handle brush and vegetative matter.

Since so many garages were destroyed, Hutter said there’s a large need for people to properly dispose of any hazardous materials they may have, such as oil-based paints, stains, pesticides, automotive fluids and cleaners. The county is communicating with municipalities to organize a special collection for those materials with more information to come. Until those events are scheduled, residents are asked to leave the materials in their original containers, place them in a tote or a leak-proof box lined with a plastic bag and store it on their property.

If the materials can be transported to Oshkosh, an appointment can be made for a dropoff at the county’s hazardous waste facility. Appointments can be made

at winnebagocountywi.gov/465/Hazardous-Materials.

Volunteer response

More than 6,000 people volunteered to help through Volunteer Fox Cities’ Volunteer Reception Center at the Winnebago Fox campus during the week following the tornado. As needs change with the recovery, Volunteer Fox Cities is no longer organizing large groups of the public to go out and help.

Emergency management, municipalities and community partners are currently coordinating responses, said Carolyn Desrosiers, chief executive officer for Volunteer Fox Cities.

Nonprofits will identify and share tornado-related volunteer needs through the Get Connected link at myconnectionnew.org.

Economic disruption declared

Gov. Tony Evers declared a period of abnormal economic disruption in Winnebago County, along with Outagamie, Forest and Vilas counties, due to the tornado.

As communities continue to rebuild and recover, Evers is directing the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to enforce prohibitions against price gouging on everyday essentials and lodging.

“For the communities that are struggling, this declaration ensures that our state agencies can use whatever tools at their disposal, including cracking down on price gouging on everyday necessities, to help folks get back on their feet,” Evers said in a statement.

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“The village remains committed to supporting our community, our public safety professionals and all those affected as the investigation moves forward,” Fuller said.

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Chamber expands technology, workforce development initiatives

Oshkosh Chamber

The Oshkosh Chamber is strengthening its commitment to preparing businesses and the future workforce through innovative education initiatives that support both today's employers and tomorrow's talent.

As artificial intelligence continues to transform the way organizations operate, the Chamber has partnered with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to bring Small Business B(AI)sics to the region. This free training program is designed to help entrepreneurs and small business leaders understand, evaluate and implement AI tools within their organizations.

The initiative also serves as the foundation for the Chamber's emerging Amplify



AI Academy, which will provide ongoing technology education, resources and practical guidance for businesses across the region.

"Many business leaders understand that AI is important, but they're still asking how it applies to their specific business and where to start," said Shannon Seaman, education, talent and technology development director for the Oshkosh Chamber. "Our goal is to make AI practical and approachable while building long-term resources that help businesses embrace innovation and improve productivity."

Hospital system names new leader for region

Oshkosh Herald

Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh will have a new leader as Jeff Bard prepares for retirement.

Bard, senior vice president of the Northern Wisconsin Area and president of Aurora Medical Center - Oshkosh and Aurora Medical Center - Fond du Lac, is concluding nearly 33 years in healthcare, including 19 years with the organization.

Bard's career has been defined by service, integrity and a deep commitment to patients, teammates and the communities across northern Wisconsin.

Among his contributions, Bard collaborated with leadership at Bay Area Medical Center to carefully structure a partnership that resulted in Bay Area Medical Center becoming part of the Aurora Health Care system. He also championed the concept and

approval of a new hospital in Fond du Lac.

He served seven years on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Hospital Association and helped steward Aurora Health Care's partnership with BayCare Clinic to bring medical advances in Green Bay and Kaukauna.

As Bard prepares for retirement, Aurora Health Care has named Chris Soska senior vice president and president of the Northern Wisconsin Service Area. Soska is a seasoned healthcare executive with more than 30 years of experience.

Most recently, he served as president of the East Market for Marshfield Clinic Health System. Prior to that, he spent more than 27 years at Cleveland Clinic, culminating in his role as chief operating officer for Cleveland Clinic Martin Health in Florida.

Soska will begin Monday.

The first Small Business B(AI)sics training will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at The Culver Family Welcome Center. Additional sessions will be offered through October 2027 throughout the Oshkosh, Appleton and Fond du Lac regions, giving businesses continued opportunities to build AI knowledge and confidently adopt emerging technologies.

While helping businesses prepare for the future of work, the Oshkosh Chamber is also calling on local employers to help shape it.

Businesses looking to inspire the next generation are encouraged to participate in the Chamber's annual FutureYOU Career Expo on Nov. 10, where nearly 800 eighth grade students, along with high school participants, will explore career opportunities through hands-on experiences and direct interaction with local employers. The event provides a unique opportunity for businesses to showcase career pathways, spark student interest and demonstrate the skills and opportu-

nities available right here in our region.

Employers are also invited to be part of the conversation around the future of education through Link2Learn, the Chamber's workforce and education engagement initiative. The next Link2Learn event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Oshkosh West High School, bringing together business leaders and educators to discuss workforce needs, classroom connections, and opportunities to better align education with the skills required in today's workforce.

Through initiatives like FutureYOU and Link2Learn, local businesses have an opportunity not only to inspire future talent, but to help drive meaningful change within the Oshkosh Area School District and strengthen the workforce pipeline that will support our region's long-term success.

For more information about Small Business B(AI)sics, Amplify, FutureYOU or Link2Learn contact Shannon Seaman at shannon@oshkoshchamber.com.

Land sale

FROM PAGE 1

The resolution and background information in the meeting materials falsely identified Aug. 21 as the date the contract was approved.

The Oshkosh Common Council did not meet on that date.

Rutkowski confirmed this mistake after the meeting, saying the contract was approved on May 28.

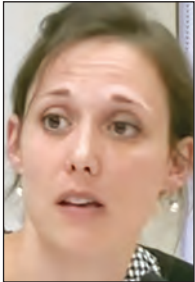
City staff also explained why the city is now paying for a portion of the road near the Linde property. Linde had previously agreed to pay for the cost of building the road.

"In the interest in providing a longer-lasting public street we thought it was, in our best interest from an infrastructure standpoint, to repave the entire street," said James Rabe, director of engineering and utilities. "Since that portion of the street was not associated with the development, we felt it was reasonable that it be taken on by us because we were asking for that better infrastructure to be installed."

It remains unclear if there will be hazardous materials used at the planned air separation plant. Since the plant appears to fit into city zoning code, Bailey said the plans for the plant will not be reviewed by any city committee or board, including the Oshkosh Common Council.

"On the staff side, we do not have concerns with this facility," Rutkowski said.

Multiple requests have been made for detailed plans for the Linde plant, 3000 Progress Drive, since March with only basic plans being released that include no measurements of how tall cooling tanks



Rutkowski

will be or what will be stored in storage tanks.

The resolution to ratify the first and second amended contracts for the Linde sale was approved by the council 6-1 with council member Esslinger being the lone opposing vote. Esslinger was on the council in May 2024 for the initial vote.

"I don't know if this is a good deal, now. We've changed, and now we're paying for things," Esslinger said. "This has morphed into something that I didn't vote on."

Buelow asked Rutkowski why there was no Plan Commission workshop on the Linde plan. Rutkowski said that city staff picks and chooses which topics receive a workshop based on whether they're controversial.

"We usually try to reserve Plan Commission workshops for truly controversial items that we know people are going to want to share their thoughts on before we move it forward in the development process," Rutkowski said.

The council approved the initial contract on May 28, 2024. The contract was amended by staff without council approval first on Feb. 11, 2025, and signed by former city clerk Diane Bartlett and interim City Manager John Fitzpatrick.

The second amended contract was signed Sept. 4, 2025. This contract was signed by City Manager Rebecca Grill and interim city clerk Cheryl Poinke. This is the contract that negates the initial contract stating the city would sell the land at a discount and Linde would pay for the road and utilities extension.

Since 2024 the city has had extensive executive staff turnover, including a new city manager, city attorney, director of community development, finance director and a new city clerk.

The city has allocated \$310,000 for this project that is estimated to cost around \$1 million.

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LifeTV staying

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“The city will continue LifeTV, channel 2, as a content distribution platform only,” council member Paul Esslinger’s amendment stated. “That content creation responsibilities will be transferred to outside producers and that the city’s role will be limited to maintaining the channel and scheduling approved programming without providing production, recording, editing or post-production support.”

The communications and engagement division will be contacting all LifeTV producers.

“Now that we have direction from council, we are working through the details for moving forward. We will be connecting with each producer individually as we prepare to implement council’s decision,” Bailey said. “There is no additional information to share at this time.”

It remains unclear what will happen with the audio/visual equipment, such as cameras and microphones, during this transition.

“The status of the AV equipment will depend, in part, on council’s direction at the Aug. 4 meeting,” Bailey said before the meeting. “We will be able to form a more concrete plan once we receive that direction.”

John Nieman, who has produced shows for LifeTV for 24 years, said this experience has been a fiasco since March 5. Nieman said the last five months have been focused on keeping LifeTV alive – not for his show but for the community.

Nieman said his mother-in-law passed when she was 99, and LifeTV was everything to her.

“LifeTV was her lifeline to the community,” Nieman said.

Nieman said he has no faith in Bailey leading the communications and engagement division. He noted over the last five months he learned more from the Herald’s reporting on Oshkosh Media than the city’s communication with producers.

When asked if he would continue to produce his show, he said he plans to keep doing the show from a space inside the library.

“It’s going to be difficult, but I’m willing to learn the technical stuff,” Nieman said.

The Oshkosh Public Library is currently exploring a potential partnership with LifeTV. No final decision has been made but library director Darryl Eschete said producers were welcome to use library meeting rooms, which are available at no cost to individuals, businesses and organizations.

Over 24 years Nieman paid the city \$150 per show to help him with editing, lighting and post-production. That is not the norm for producers with other shows often utilizing volunteers to help with pro-

duction roles.

Council member Joe Stephenson said he supports the move to keep LifeTV around because it is a strong asset for the community.

“We free up a little bit of staff time, but then also continue to have this amenity that our community has said that they love so much,” Stephenson said. “I think we can get another generation of producers in there to learn from the producers right now.”

Mayor Matt Mugerauer, deputy mayor Karl Buelow and council member Jacob Amos were the opposing votes. Buelow said he didn’t think local government should provide the opportunity and resources for people to create in 2026.

“It boils down to one simple question – it’s not about quality or popularity of any show – it’s about what should be a government entity’s role to distribute, promote, platform or amplify any individual producer’s content,” Buelow said. “The answer for that to me is they shouldn’t have any role.”

He added it creates dangerous precedents. Public access television has been around since the 1970s.

Bailey said in March the city planned to eliminate all three branches of Oshkosh Media because it was cancelling third party contracts and that staff time needed to be devoted to other tasks. One of those third-party vendors was a marketing firm out of Milwaukee that would post information on social media for the public works department like reminders about holidays and garbage collection.

Initially the city stated it was a budget issue, then walked that back. Over the last five months the city has provided several reasons why LifeTV needs to shut down, such as it costs too much to put closed captions on every video.

Since March, the proposed shutdown has been discussed during council workshops, but those workshops haven’t allowed for public input.

At the March 10 council meeting, the topic was discussed. It started with Bailey, who was hired in January, admitting he did not follow the direction that he was given by Grill going into the FOCM meeting.

“All those who know me, know I’m a bit of a go-getter,” Bailey said.

“I recognize that I could have done a much better job engaging this group earlier and communicating more clearly about the changes being considered and the plan moving forward,” Bailey stated in an email to LifeTV producers before the March 10 meeting.

“This has shown me you can fight City Hall and win,” Nieman said. “This is possible when council members listen to the community and don’t think just about themselves.”



Photo from Town of Algoma Volunteer Fire Department

The Town of Algoma Volunteer Fire Department worked to extinguish a fire in a garage Aug. 4 after responding during the middle of its Touch-A-Truck event.

Event cut short as crews respond to house fire

Oshkosh Herald

The Town of Algoma Volunteer Fire Department’s recent Touch-A-Truck event was cut short as firefighters responded to a real call for help.

The firefighters were dispatched Aug. 4 to a reported structure fire in the 1500 block of North Oakwood Road at the same time the event was taking place in Smith Park. Through a coordinated and efficient fire attack, fire chief Kevin Sawicki said firefighters achieved a rapid knock-down, contained the fire to the area of origin and prevented significant extension into the remainder of the home.

All occupants safely evacuated the residence prior to the fire department’s arrival. No injuries were reported.

“Incidents like this serve as a reminder of the dedication of our volunteer firefighters, who are always prepared to leave com-

munity events, family gatherings or their workplaces to respond when emergencies occur,” Sawicki said. “We appreciate everyone’s understanding as our crew left the Touch-A-Truck event to fulfill that responsibility. Our thoughts are with the homeowners as they begin the recovery process.”

The fire department has another community event planned. Its Car Show and Community Picnic is scheduled for Saturday at the Town of Algoma Fire Station, 2622 Omro Road. The event will include a lineup of vehicles, pig and corn roast, other food and refreshments, raffles and live music.

Activities are planned from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with Absolut Zero performing from 6 to 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event help support the fire department and the services it provides to the community.

Chicken BBQ event features Road Trip performance

Oshkosh Herald

The Utica Volunteer Fire Department’s 61st annual Chicken BBQ will feature food and music.

Chicken BBQ will be served from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 or until gone. Music will start at 3 p.m. with the Maintenance Men followed by Road Trip starting at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at 1730 County

Road FF. The event supports the fire department and first responders.

The meal will consist of half-chicken, all you can eat roasted sweet corn, potato salad, bun, pickle spear, chocolate milk, pie and ice cream. Hot dogs and burgers will also be served under the pavilion throughout the day. A bounce house obstacle course will be set up for kids.

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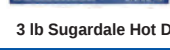
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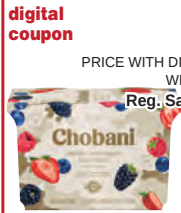
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Thursday, Aug. 13 Greater Valley Mini Golf Open, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Mills, 3025 S. Washburn St. Waterfest featuring Starship, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents Shrek, the Musical, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium	Sunday, Aug. 16 Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents Shrek, the Musical, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
Friday, Aug. 14 Outdoor Family Movie Night featuring Daddy Day Camp, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents Shrek, the Musical, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium Holes, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater Electric Eden, 7:30 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh	Tuesday, Aug. 18 Brews by the Waterside featuring D. Willy & The Souvenirs, 5 p.m., Menominee Park
Saturday, Aug. 15 Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show, Community Picnic and Pig/Corn Roast, 10 a.m., 2622 Omro Road Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents Shrek, the Musical, 2 and 7 p.m.,	Wednesday, Aug. 19 Park View Car Show, 1 p.m., Park View Health Center, 725 Butler Ave. Music on Main featuring Grand Union, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
	Thursday, Aug. 20 Waterfest featuring Little River Band, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater EAA Speaker Series: Buster: The Re-Creation of a Racing Icon, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
	Friday, Aug. 21 WI Waterfowl Hunters Expo, noon, Sunnyview Expo Center Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian Preliminary Round 4, 7 p.m, Oshkosh Arena
	Saturday, Aug. 22 WI Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Downtown Oshkosh American Legion Family Car Show, 10 a.m., American Legion of Oshkosh, 1332 Spruce St. Utica Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders Chicken BBQ with performance by Road Trip, noon, 1730 County Road FF The Princess Bride (1987), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Event focuses on labor, human trafficking

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago Area Literacy Council (WALC) invites community members to attend its upcoming Immigration Learning Circle, “Human & Labor Trafficking 101.”

The event will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Winnebago Area Literacy Council Learning Center, 111 N. Main St., Suite 202.

The session will be presented in collaboration with REACH Counseling and will feature MaryCarmen Fabian, advocacy director and Latino programming coordinator, and Nora Gonzalez, anti-human and labor trafficking specialist. Together, they will lead a discussion exploring the realities of human and labor trafficking, the vulnerabilities traffickers exploit and the resources available to support survivors and prevent exploitation.

Human and labor trafficking occur in communities across Wisconsin and the United States, often remaining hidden in plain sight. This Learning Circle will examine the realities of trafficking, the vulnerabilities traffickers exploit, common misconceptions surrounding the issue and how individuals, businesses, educators and community members can help identify and prevent exploitation.

The event is part of WALC’s Immigration Learning Circle series, which brings together educators, advocates and community members to explore immigration and related issues through open dialogue and shared learning. The series is supported in part by Wisconsin Humanities.

For event details and registration, visit winlit.org/immigration-learning-circles.



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Artists lined the sidewalk of Opera House Square on Saturday morning during the Oshkosh Farmers Market for the Annual Chalk Walk. Dozens of artists use chalk to create artwork on the sidewalk that culminates in a number of prizes being handed out.

Winners announced for Chalk Walk prizes

Oshkosh Herald

The 13th annual Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk was held Saturday at Opera House Square.

The event had been postponed a week due to rain Aug. 1.

Organizers said everyone who created, volunteered, attended, voted and supported made the event possible.

The adult prize winners first place, Lauren Chriske, Woman b&w; second place, Danielle Schmunk, Lion and third place, Laila Smith, Wall-e. Melissa Blade Quick earned the Artists Choice for Owl.

The youth prize winners were first place, Ashlynn Anderson, Otter; second place, Thalia Schwartz, Toucan and third place, Olivia Schroeder, Dinos.

Shrek the Musical performers ready to take stage

Oshkosh Herald

Jolly Jester Theatre’s show “Shrek the Musical” will be performed for families starting today and includes many families appearing on stage together.

More than 20 family groups of all ages are starring in the musical along with the Schlaak family of directors from Oshkosh’s Jolly Jester Theatre.

Over 100 cast members in two casts shine in this hilarious, high energy musical. Audiences attending “Shrek the Musical” will be treated to the story based on the original animated film of an ogre who finds friendship with a donkey, love with a princess and a whole cast of wild fairytale characters along the way.

Performances are at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School at 7 p.m. today through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Oshkosh Corporation invests in robotics company

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Oshkosh Corporation is making a strategic equity investment in Nextera Robotics, an artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics company developing autonomous technologies for construction project management and job site intelligence. The investment announced Thursday reflects Oshkosh Corporation’s approach to

innovation, combining internal engineering expertise with strategic investments and partnerships to accelerate the development and commercialization of breakthrough technologies. It also strengthens the company’s leadership in autonomy, AI and connectivity while advancing its vision for the job site of the future. “The future of construction isn’t de-

fined by connected equipment alone; it’s defined by connected job sites, where intelligent machines, autonomous robotics and AI-powered insights work together to improve safety, productivity and project execution,” said Jay Iyengar, executive vice president and chief technology and strategic sourcing officer, Oshkosh Corporation.

Nextera was selected for its expertise in autonomous robotics, AI-enabled job site intelligence and scalable software that complements the connected equipment ecosystem of JLG, a global manufacturer of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) and telehandlers. For more information on Oshkosh innovation, visit oshkoshcorp.com.

Company seeks to protect homeowners

Oshkosh Herald

A newly-rebranded company based in Oshkosh is looking to share a message to help homeowners. Equity Fighters serves Oshkosh, Appleton, Neenah, Menasha, Fond du Lac and surrounding communities, owner Mark Showers said. “Equity Fighters was created because I believe real estate needed a stronger, clearer message for homeowners,” Showers said. “After over 22 years operating as Real Marketing Real Estate, I felt the time had come to build a company that better represents what we stand for today: protecting sellers’ equity, offering full-service

real estate at 2.9% and putting homeowners first. “That is where the name Equity Fighters comes from,” Showers added. “We are not just standard real estate agents — we are Equity Fighters.” Razor Sharpe and Equity are also being introduced as the faces of Equity Fighters, helping bring its seller-first message to life in a creative and memorable way, Showers said. Razor Sharpe wears the 2.9% Badge of Honor on his chest as a symbol of transparency and a commitment to protecting the seller’s equity. For more information, go to Equity-Fighters.com.

New counseling services office opening in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

A local organization that provides counseling services in the Fox Valley is opening a new office in Oshkosh. Samaritan plans to open an office at 600 S. Main St., Suite 201 beginning Aug. 31. Since 1980, Samaritan has provided counseling services in Oshkosh through a partnership with First Presbyterian Church, serving thousands of children, adults, couples and families. “We are deeply grateful to First Presbyterian Church for opening its doors to Samaritan for more than four decades,” said Rosangela Berbert, executive director of Samaritan. “Their generosity and partnership have allowed us to walk alongside countless individuals and families during some of life’s most difficult moments. We will always be thankful for the role they have played in helping us fulfill our mis-

sion.” The new office represents Samaritan’s continued investment in making mental health care accessible throughout the Fox Valley. While the location is changing, Samaritan’s mission remains the same: providing compassionate, professional counseling that helps individuals, families, organizations and communities thrive. Samaritan’s Oshkosh office offers counseling for children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. The organization accepts most major insurance plans and provides financial assistance through the Samaritan Fund for qualifying clients to ensure that cost is not a barrier to receiving care. Individuals can learn more about the work of Samaritan by visiting samaritan-foxvalley.com and can schedule an appointment by calling 920-886-9319.

Business news roundup

Fox World Travel based in Oshkosh has hired Sandra Miller as its new global sales director for its business travel team. Miller has worked in the travel industry for more than 20 years. At Fox World Travel, Miller will partner with travel managers, human resources (HR) teams and executives to build strategies that improve the traveler experience and support each company’s overall business goals.

Fox World Travel has hired Tracy Murgas as vice president of business travel operations and client solutions. Murgas brings more than 30 years of business travel experience to the role. In her role at Fox World Travel, Murgas will work closely with clients, suppliers and internal teams to develop innovative travel solutions that enhance program performance and support long-term business objectives.

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New head coaches take reins of Wildcats, Spartans

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Nate Wara and Alec Gulan have seen plenty of high school football from the sidelines.

This year won't be that much different, except for the fact that this season, each will be serving as the leader of their respective teams.

Wara will be head football coach at Oshkosh West this season, while Gulan steps in to lead Oshkosh North with programs officially kicking off the 2026 season last Tuesday.

"Things went well," Wara said. "Getting to know the kids during the summer and having them get to know me and learn the system made it an easy transition. The kids are hungry and ready to go."

Since his playing days as a stand-out quarterback at Oshkosh North and UW-Oshkosh ended, Wara has been transitioning into coaching, starting with being an assistant with the Titans.

He then spent six seasons as an assistant coach in the Fox Valley Association at Fond du Lac High School before returning to coach at UW-Oshkosh.

"I felt I was ready (to be a head coach)," said Wara, who was named as the head coach last spring after Joey Ray resigned. "I've been under different coaches and different styles and helped to shape me as a coach and how I view things."

Gulan was also named to the head coaching position last spring, following



First-year head coach at Oshkosh North Alec Gulan talks to his team following a practice last Friday.

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the departure of Luke Ott.

Originally tabbed as a co-head coach with Chris Kujawa, Gulan was later named the sole head coach of the program – but he had a stipulation.

"Initially I said I would do with him and then when we talked and I said I would do it myself, I said but you are on the staff. I couldn't do it without the guy," said Gulan, who oversaw the offense under Ott. "We talked and felt what was best for the team

going forward to just have one voice. He's a phenomenal coach. So much knowledge and the kids love him. I couldn't picture the team without him."

Gulan inherits a team that returns only six starters from last year's squad that finished second in the Fox River Classic Conference South – to eventual state champion Green Bay Notre Dame – and made it to the quarterfinals in the Division 2 playoffs last season.

Despite the roster overhaul, Gulan was impressed with what he saw from the group the first week.

"After four days, I don't think there is a coach that's not impressed with what we put out there," Gulan said. "The kids have come to work and focused in and had attention to detail and they are ready to learn. It's been a really good week."

Both first-time head coaches have enjoyed leading their respective programs through the summer contact days, strength and conditioning workouts and into the first week of practice.

Yet, there have been some unexpected hurdles that they have already dealt with – as all head coaches have to experience – early in their tenures.

"All of the prep and all of the behind-the-scenes stuff. From the equipment handout to the practice planning, to the scripts," Gulan said. "That's the stuff you are not expecting because in past years,

you were just out here coaching."

Wara has also experienced the education to being a head coach and is prepared for what else he might have to handle in his first season.

"It's a learning process and everything is just new. There's something new every single day – and that's not a bad thing. You just learn how to handle it," Wara said. "There's a lot of little things. There's a lot of appreciation to the coaches that you were under and how they dealt with the administrative role part of it."

Both coaches appreciate the support of their staffs in helping them get through any issues.

"I have a lot of guys around me who have been around the game a long time. I think that part has made it easier," Gulan said. "Those guys giving me their input on what we need to work on and what we can improve."

Even with being around their players throughout the summer, it was a special feeling when their first seasons officially started last week.

Wara and Gulan both said it was a special feeling taking the field for the first official practices.

"Everyone is excited about the first day. It's like Christmas morning and everybody is ready to go," Wara said. "There is just the excitement for the game. It's that time of the year and it's awesome."



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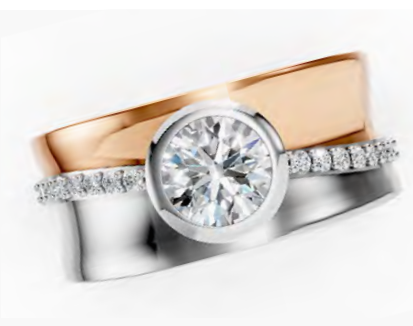
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Well-known Packers fan, volunteer passes away

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Green Wagner, who created the “Gang Green” Packers fan persona, died July 30 at the age of 75.

Born Robert Wagner, he grew up in Omro before joining the U.S. Navy, serving in Vietnam.

Wagner was never shy about expressing himself in a colorful, flamboyant manner.

He became Gang Green as the unofficial mascot for the 1980 Packers. He would create his own costumes, dying clothes and wigs to become as green as he could.

In 1993 he changed his name to Green G. Wagner completing his transformation to the identity he created. During this time, he gained fame and used that fame for good by going to many charity events, meeting and becoming friends with many leaders, and players and the community in which he would volunteer.

He was in a Coca-Cola commercial with other football fans during the height of the Packers winning season in 1996, when he walked his daughter Kristin down the aisle in October.

“I’m a Packers fanatic – my wife and family will tell you that,” Wagner said in 2018. “I wear Packers clothes every day. I have the Packer tattoos. I even have Packers teeth. I’ve seen the good times and the bad times, the bad times and the good times.”

Wagner became well-known in Os-

hosh when he started a business as a “walking billboard” on city sidewalks. In 2016, he turned his message from “Go Pack Go” to “Slow down” as he focused on school zone safety.

He showed up for his self-appointed duties decked out in a color that can be seen for miles: blaze orange.

“Once you see me, you won’t forget me,” Wagner said. “I’m very recognizable and have a recognizable sign. If you can’t see me or read my sign, then you shouldn’t be driving.”

Area law enforcement officials appreciated Wagner’s efforts. He was presented a citizen award from the Oshkosh Police Department in 2017 for his work in slowing traffic in the city’s school zones.

Wagner also volunteered his time and energy for other worthy causes. He twice walked the 52 miles from Oshkosh to Green Bay to raise money for the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and Christine Ann Center.

Wagner is survived by his wife Julie and other family members.



Wagner



Photo by Michael Cooney

Learning to fish

Families spread out along the Point and Miller’s Bay shoreline Saturday for the Otter Street Fishing Club’s annual Kids Fisheree, a free event introducing children ages 3 to 12 to fishing. There was plenty of patient instruction as parents and grandparents showed youngsters how to bait a hook, make a cast and deal with the inevitable snags, tangled lines and casts that ended up in nearby bushes. The 300 registered children for the event received lunch, bait, a door prize and fishing-related gear provided through sponsors, volunteers and club supporters.



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Obituaries

Bruce Michael Sawicki

Bruce Michael Sawicki, age 75, of Oshkosh, passed away at home surrounded by family on August 4, 2026.



Bruce was born on January 17, 1951, in Oshkosh, the son of Roman and Donna (Koeck) Sawicki and the third of four boys. He grew up in a close-knit family and developed many of the interests that stayed with him throughout his life. Cars were inevitably among them. His father and family operated Sawicki Pontiac in Oshkosh, sparking a lifelong appreciation for Pontiacs and old cars that Bruce later shared with his own son.

Bruce had an adventurous side, particularly in his younger years, and was rarely opposed to traveling somewhere new. Some trips were carefully planned; others

decidedly less so. His travels took him on a family road trip to Alaska, an excursion through California, Mexico, Australia and Hawaii, and on many other adventures.

Bruce's greatest adventure, however, was the family he built with his wife of nearly 40 years. Bruce met Mary Jane Tobisch after she moved to Oshkosh in the early 1980s, and they married on September 13, 1986. Together they raised their son, Kevin, and built a life centered around family, home and some of the simpler joys in life. After Mary Jane's death, Bruce would often say there was no greater blessing than the years they shared together as a family.

For someone who traveled so widely, Bruce was equally content at home watching an old Western or finding something to work on around the house or garage. He was mechanically inclined and meticulously maintained his home and vehicles, passing many of those skills along to Kevin.

Bruce enjoyed car shows and meeting

friends or family for a couple of hot dogs at Bob's Trails End. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting trap, and camping. The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage in particular held a special place in the Sawicki family, with trips to the Flowage becoming a tradition shared across generations.

Bruce was independent, practical, and famously particular. He could be stubborn and set in his ways, but also had a dry sense of humor and a mischievous streak that left behind plenty of stories, some more suitable for publication than others. Most importantly, though, Bruce was dependable. Family and friends knew they could call when they needed another set of hands, help solving a problem or simply someone to go along for a ride.

Bruce is survived by his son, Kevin (Erin) Sawicki; his brothers, Randy (Patti) Sawicki and Craig Sawicki; and other

family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane; parents, Roman and Donna; brother, Gary; nephew, Craig; and sister-in-law, Mary.

Bruce's family extends its gratitude to the healthcare professionals who cared for him during his final months, particularly the staff at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah, ThedaCare Cancer Center and ThedaCare Home Hospice.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 14, 2026, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Peter's Church), 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh. A Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.

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John R. Rulseh

John R. Rulseh, age 82, passed away on August 2, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.



John was born on July 15, 1944, to Dolores and Richard Rulseh and was raised in Manitowoc. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School through eighth grade and graduated from Lincoln High School, where he was known as "Butch."

John began his lifelong career as an educator at just 20 years old after earning his teaching license from Manitowoc County Teachers College. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Lakeland College and his master's degree from Marian University.

John taught in West Bend and Arkan-saw (Durand), Wisconsin, before spending nearly 30 years with the Oshkosh Area School District, where he inspired generations of students at Read, Shapiro, and Washington Elementary Schools and Tipler Middle School. Beyond the classroom, he was a devoted coach, leading girls' basketball teams at West and North High Schools with the same patience, dedication, and sense of humor that defined his teaching.

John found great joy in the outdoors. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, and hunter. He shared these passions with dear friends and regaled many others with related stories and jokes. He also enjoyed reading, gardening, experimenting with

new recipes, and was a skilled dog trainer.

Above all, John was a proud and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Nothing brought him greater joy than celebrating the accomplishments of his family, and he never missed an opportunity to share stories about them with anyone he encountered.

John was reunited in death with his beloved wife of 44 years, Gayle Rulseh, whom he had sorely missed since her passing in 2022. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Dean; and several faithful canine companions: JJ, Ahab, Shadow, Nala, and Quinn.

He is lovingly remembered by his children, David (Matt) and Allison (Billy); his cherished granddaughter, Aria; his sisters, Marylou, Monnie (Pat), Katie, Jayne (Pat), and Faye (Ron); and many extended family members and dear friends.

John's fierce love for his family, quick wit, unwavering optimism, and generous spirit touched countless lives. His legacy lives on in the many students he inspired, the family he adored, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. He will be profoundly missed.

A celebration of John's life will be held at Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park, Oshkosh, on Friday, August 14, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in John's honor to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society or the Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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Cory Allan Stang

Cory Allan Stang, 42, passed away unexpectedly in his home near the date of



July 28, 2026. Born in Oshkosh WI, on February 29, 1984, as a proud leap-year baby to Al and Dawn Stang. He grew up and shared a home as the middle child of his two brothers, Travis (37), and Brett Stang (died at age 29). Cory was previously married to Sylvia Montez, in 2007, and together they welcomed two children, Isaiah (22) and Sierra Stang (18) who remained an important part of his life.

Growing up in a full house with his immediate family, he never missed the chance to four-wheel and dirtbike with his little brother, Travis. He played more sports than he could count on his fingers despite how chaotic it was to juggle every soccer and softball game, swimming meet, and wrestling match—he loved it. Cory wrestled at Oshkosh Mat Rats from the age of five until high school. Since he was young, Cory was known for his outgoing spirit, willingness to make friends with everyone, and always wanting an adventure. Cory graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 2002 before helping his parents manage the family business, Crown Trophy.

In 2008, Cory graduated from Laurel Stone School and shortly began his career in real estate where he thrived for the next years following. He built a successful career as a realtor and became one of the area's top real estate agents. He was talented at recognizing the potential in homes and properties and was truly great at anything he put his mind to. Cory was creative and could transform any idea into reality. He had a vision to remodel an entire house starting from the ground and up. He turned his idea into life with the support and hand of his dad, Al. Them together, made the house into a home where

Cory and his family would spend the next 8 years.

Cory found fulfillment in exceeding the walls of his imagination and he always dreamed big. He enjoyed a neverending number of things whether it was golfing, traveling, running half marathons, spending the day on the water, playing tennis, or dedicating time in the garage working on new projects. He was constantly coming up with new methods to use his hands and train his brain and could always be ready for a shopping spree. He absolutely loved to cook. While he may not have been a professional, finding new recipes, always starting from scratch was his forte. He was fearless, and the number one "yes man".

He is survived by his parents, Al and Dawn Stang, his brother Travis Stang, and his two children Isaiah and Sierra Stang, as well as extended family members and friends. Cory is reunited in death by his brother Brett Stang. Cory's memories will be passed on through those who were lucky enough to love and know him.

"Love you Dad and I miss you, you will forever be in my heart"- Your son Isaiah

In tribute of Cory, his celebration of life will be on Sunday August 30th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Nekimi Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Rd., Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to West Pointe Bank to Cory Stang's Children's Education Fund.

Nancy H. Ogombe

Nancy H. Ogombe, age 72, of Oshkosh passed away on July 30, 2026 in Appleton, WI. She was born on May 12, 1954 the daughter of the late Marvin and Delores (Proeber) Huberty.

She married Cleophas "Cliff" Ogombe on August 13, 1977. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Cliff in 1999 and one son Peter in 2012. Private committal services will be held at a later date.

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Robert A. Hergert

Robert A. "Bob" Hergert, age 91, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Saturday evening August 8, 2026. Funeral arrangements are currently pending and will be announced soon. Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (920) 235-1170.

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Obituaries

Chelsea A. Pelky

March 13, 1994 – July 30, 2026

Chelsea Anneliese Pelky, born on March 13, 1994, passed away peacefully with her soul surrounded by love on July 30, 2026.



Chelsea was a beloved daughter, aunt, sister, stepsister, niece, granddaughter, and beyond your regular sisterhood, an identical twin sister. Chelsea was born in Oshkosh, WI where she grew up and completed her schooling at Oshkosh North High School. She competed in the high school Special Olympics and earned a school record in the baseball throw. Chelsea went on in Oshkosh through a work study program to assist at a retirement home where the residents fell in love with her, much like everyone that she met.

In 2012, Chelsea moved to Brookfield, WI with her family. She continued her education through a Waukesha North transition program called SAIL. It was here where she really thrived. Chelsea and Caitlyn began building websites with the help

of the program director. Chelsea was also a part of a weekly reading program where she grew her independence. She made many friends throughout her life at the Wisconsin Adult Center in Pewaukee, WI and also at the Saint Anne's Center in Bayview, WI.

Chelsea was blessed to have been born with her instant best friend, everyday companion and partner in crime by her side. As a twin, Chelsea got to wake up every single day and share every single memory with her sister Caitlyn. The love shared between the two was undeniable and endless as they did everything together. Chelsea's entire family meant the world to her. She loved both of her dogs Lambau and Brewer deeply. Chelsea's smile lit up every room, and her contagious joyous perception of the world taught us all how special every moment truly is whether big or small. She will be greatly missed but remains in our hearts for eternity.

Loving daughter of Sharon Beckman (Mark) and Phil Pelky (Shalaun). Loving sister of Megan, Krista (Dustin), identical twin Caitlyn, and loving niece Peyton. Dear stepbrothers and sisters Mitchell (Peyton and their son Carter), Halen (Me-

lissa and their son Oliver), and Lydia (and her son's Jaymeson and Syncere). Surviving aunts and uncles Loni (Matt), Chelsea, Lisa (Seth), Randy (Vivian), Don (Liz), Sue (Tom), Judy, Mary (Mike), Jim (Deb), Janet (Chris), Doreen (John), Mike, Pam (Rob), Leslie (Mary), Linda, and Theresa (Timber), and Mike K. Also survived by many cousins, family, and friends.

Proceeded in death by grandparents Lloyd and Anneliese Brown, grandparents Raymond and Elaine Pelky, aunt Elenor Kellerman, cousin Brian Munsch, and

cousin Ellie Valdez.

Our sincere thanks to the Brookfield First Responders, Brookfield Police department, the Elmbrook hospital emergency staff, Froedtert hospital staff, and Horizon hospice services.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, August 9th at 10 A.M. at Brookfield Church and Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. with a service to follow. A celebration at life will take place directly following the service at Chelsea's place of residence.

Jeff Joubert

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jeff Joubert. He passed away



on August 4th, 2026, at the age of 60. Jeff was born on January 31, 1966 in Oshkosh, the son of Dale and Mildred Joubert. He attended Oshkosh North High School.

On July 3rd, 1997, Jeff married his childhood friend, Katherine "Kathy" Filtz. As children, they were known as the "sandbox twins" and spent much of their time fishing on Lake du Bay near Dancy, Wisconsin. Together, they raised three amazing dogs: Buddy, Shadow, and Bentley. Professionally, Jeff was self-employed in the roofing and siding business. He was known for his willingness to help others and his ability to repair anything that was broken. Jeff loved to travel to Mercer to spend weekends four-wheeling with his wife, Kathy. Always was helping his wife and niece Alyiah with their side gig.

Jeff was avid walleye fisherman and loved the outdoors.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day: Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. Jeff made sure that his nieces and nephews knew how-to-fish.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Kathy; sisters, Annette (Steve) McHugh, Carol Joubert, Rachel Ludtke, Becky (Simon) Cadena, Jennifer Tomaszewski; mother-in-law, Shirley Filtz; sisters-in-law, Patsy (Brian) Morey and Betty Buhrow-Leman; brother-in-law Melvin Lehman; Bentley Joubert is his best friend and fur puppy; as well as lots of Nieces and Nephews.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Mildred (Zastrow) Joubert; brother, Ronald James Joubert; grandparents, Louis and Luella Joubert who raised him after his parents passed; two nieces, Alexis Beauchamp & Moriah Munsch; one nephew, Ryne Cadena; father-in-law, Barney Filtz; Buddy and Shadow Joubert fur babies.

A service for Jeff will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 1PM. A time of visitation will be held at 11AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

Thank you to the wonderful nurses who supported us: Erin, Brooke, Sarah, and Tammy. I want to give a special thank you to Lisa V for being with us during the passing; your presence meant so much to our family during that difficult time.

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Norman John Luft

Norman John Luft, 84 of Oshkosh, passed away at Oak Park Place in Menasha on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.



Norman was born in Oshkosh on May 6, 1942 to the late John and Gertrude Luft. Norman was united in marriage to Arlyss Joy Luft on May 6, 1967 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

Norman was a lifelong member of the Oshkosh community and an active member of the VFW Band, the Oshkosh Giants Baseball Club, the Oshkosh Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, and the United Church of Christ. He worked as a bank manager and loan officer during his 47-year career. Norman was a sports fan, an avid fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed classic movies. He started playing clarinet in high school and continued into his early 70s. He and Arlyss were excellent polka dancing partners and celebrated 56 years of marriage

in 2023. Norman's quick wit and fun-loving-nature will be missed by family, friends and co-workers.

Norman is survived by his sons, Tim (Diane) Luft and Tom Luft; grandchildren, Allison, Rob (Alissa), Chris (Elizabeth); sister, Dolores Keene; brother-in-law, Lowell Hoeft; nephew, Brian Keene.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

A memorial service for Norman will be held in Oshkosh at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive. on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM, officiated by Lyn Zahorik. Visitation will take place from 4:00 PM until the time of the service. A meal will be provided after the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

The Luft family would like to thank the staff of New Perspectives Island Shores and Oak Park Place throughout this difficult time.

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Lynn Ellen Nichols

Lynn Ellen Nichols, age 79, passed away on Wednesday July 29, 2026, after a long



fight with dementia. She was born February 5, 1947, in Oshkosh, WI to the late Gordon and Lorna (Schreiber) Guetzkow.

Lynn graduated from Oshkosh High School and went on to work as an assembler at Standard Components where she met the love of her life, Jerry Nichols. They married on November 1, 1969, in Oshkosh, WI and shared 32 years. They had one child, Lisa, and moved to Waupaca, WI, in 1973 where Lynn enjoyed being a reporter for Casey Homemakers for 18 years and a stay-at-home mom until her later years. She then worked at Journal Communications in Waupaca for 16 years, retiring in 2009.

She loved reading, puzzles, watching old movies, playing games (especially Bingo), going on adventures (which usually led to the casino), and most importantly spending time with her grandson Jacob who was the light of her life.

Lynn is survived by her daughter Lisa Van Cuyk and grandson Jacob Van Cuyk, both of Kimberly. She is further survived by her sister Karen Ryf, Oshkosh, brother Gordon (special friend Joan) Guetzkow, Oshkosh, niece Kara (Greg Smith) Ryf, Powell, WY, nephew Al (Becky) Guetzkow, Oshkosh and brother-in-law Gary (Mex) Romero, Waukau.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, in-laws and many family members and special friends.

Lynn will be deeply missed and remembered for her quirkiness, sense of humor, caring nature and thoughtfulness of others.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brewster Village and the hospice nurses for their compassion.

At the family's request, there will be no formal services. In Lynn's memory, tune in to an old movie, take an adventurous road trip or lose yourself in a good book.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute in Lynn's memory.

To share a memory, please see Lynn's page at wicchmannfuneralhomes.com.

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Shirley M. Lemieux

Shirley M. Lemieux, age 91, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at Theda Care. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 11 am at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 to 11 am on Thursday. A complete obituary will appear in the Herald on August 19, 2026.

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Douglas C. Kintopf

Douglas C. Kintopf, age 82 of Oshkosh, passed away at his residence on Friday, August 7, 2026.

A memorial service for Douglas will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Grace Lutheran Church, 720 Jackson Ave, Omro, WI 54963 officiated by Rev. Mark Wenzel. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will take place at Omro Cemetery.

To view the full obituary, please visit <https://www.muellerfh.net/>

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Barbara Anne Spoehr

Barbara Anne Spoehr, age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Aspire Senior Living August 5, 2026. She was born the second of seven daughters to the late Alta and Marcella (Brehm) Redfield in Menasha on March 13, 1940. She married David Spoehr on June 30th, 1962, at Saint Mary's Church in Menasha, Wisconsin. Her family moved to Seattle in her senior year of high school where she became lifelong best friends with Louise. The two of them moved to Menasha in 1960 living with her grandma and grandpa Brehm. Gradually, the remaining family members also moved back to Menasha as well.

Barbara not only was a stay-at-home mother; but also, the bookkeeper for



Dave's drywall business for 63 years. After the children became more independent, she worked for 25 years at Fox Communities Credit Union (fka Winnebago Credit Union). She was a member of the book club and sometimes would read two books at the same time. Genealogy was a big interest of hers and she made many trips with her sister Pat to cemeteries, court houses and online research. Barbara enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting and crocheting and quilting. She loved being present at her kids' and grandkids' events too, always their biggest fan! Speaking of cheering, Barb was a loyal fan of the Badgers Basketball and Green Bay Packers. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt putting a smile on so many faces touching the hearts of everyone she knew. She is lovingly remembered as honest, intelligent, hardworking, a doer and a giver full of life, quick to joke and laugh, and eager to lend a helping hand. Barb and Dave went on countless vaca-

tions travelling throughout the states and Nova Scotia. The family enjoyed amusement parks and camping throughout the Wisconsin State Parks visiting waterfalls and taking bike rides to town for ice cream followed by a brandy old fashioned with extended family around the campfire. Although dementia had made it difficult to communicate, she still retained her wit and sense of humor, finding her own ways to communicate with many expressions that everyone loved.

Barb is survived by her devoted husband, David; daughters, Jennifer (Robert) Zumm, Catherine (Brian deceased) Freeman, Karen (Mathew) Toney, Sandra (Kaine) Thibodeau; grandchildren Alex and Benjamin Toney, Grant and Mason Freeman, Sienna and Oscar Thibodeau; great grandchildren Bentley, Reina and Ava Toney; sisters Mary Van Elzen, Marge (Mike) Reetz, Patricia Angell, Eileen (Peter) Mahoney; sisters in law Violet Dawkins, Joyce Yearwood, Nancy Zelhofer;

many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Barb was preceded in death by sisters Ellen Rusch and Janice Redfield, sisters in law Betty Manion, Anne Hinterman, Niece Annie Freiberg, brothers in law: Gary Angell, Robert Van Elzen, Patrick Manion, and Franklin "Ike" Zelhofer.

A memorial mass will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament- St. Mary's Site (605 Merritt Ave) on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Most Blessed Sacrament Church, AseraCare, or The Salvation Army.

The family would like to thank the compassionate team at AseraCare Hospice and Aspire Senior Living and a special thanks to her adoring caregiver Jessie who prolonged her time at home with Dave .



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Obituaries

Thomas J. Jungwirth

Thomas J. Jungwirth, age 86, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Evergreen Manor surrounded by the love of his family. He has been called to his eternal home with our Lord God and now joins his wife Diane whom he greatly missed.

He was born on February 13, 1940, the son of the late Frank & Theresa (Bleckinger) Jungwirth and has been a lifelong resident of Oshkosh. He attended Sacred Heart schools and was a faithful member of St. Raphael Catholic Church. On June 2, 1962 he married the love of his life, Diane M. Dernbach. Together they raised 3



Darrell Jones

Darrell Jones, age 85, passed away at his residence on Sunday, August 2, 2026. He was born to the late Dale and Willa-bell (Timmerman) Jones on October 31, 1940, in Oshkosh. Darrell married Lynn McBair on March 2, 2018, after 20+ years together.

He worked at Oshkosh Truck until he left there to farm with his father. After many years of working the land, he was eventually able to create Wil-Dale farms that has been passed on to his sons. In his younger years, Darrell was the assistant fire chief for the Nekimi Fire Dept. He enjoyed watching the Packers, NASCAR, hunting, fishing, sturgeon spearing as well as actively volunteering for EAA. He also served as a board member for a couple local farm co-ops.

In his later years, Darrell and Lynn would winter in Florida where they had a condo on Fort Meyers Beach, until Hurricane Ian helped them decide to move inland. He was always up for a happy hour or getting into mischief with his buddy Jim. Darrell could often be found in his shop fixing anything that needed it as he was an excellent mechanic. He always had a cold beer for anyone that stopped by the shop, especially a daily visit with his great friend, Dave Lindemann (deceased); who



Patrick Krings

For Patrick Krings, life was sometimes difficult and death was sudden. Patrick died unexpectedly on August 3, 2026. He was born on August 13, 1966, to Gerald and Jean Krings. He had been so looking forward to celebrating his 60th birthday!

Patrick faced many challenges growing up and was ultimately diagnosed with autism.

We knew he was different at a young age. While most four-year-olds would say they wanted to grow up to be a fireman or policeman, Patrick wanted to be a paleontologist and loved dinosaurs (he knew all their names) before the movies made them cool.

Patrick graduated from Winneconne High School and then took on and accomplished the goal of attaining an associate's degree from UW-O.

Patrick possessed an amazing memory for dates. He also liked to share his impressive knowledge of the universe and



children and built an amazing life.

His career began in the grocery business starting at the Piggly Wiggly on Ohio St. in Oshkosh. He then moved onto grocery sales with the Nash Finch Co (formally SC Shannon Co) based out of Appleton. He was a supporter of the Southside Sports boosters (now Spanbauer Field), Lourdes Academy, and various other organizations.

He loved his GB Packers and was a proud stock & season ticket holder. He truly enjoyed running football pools at many of his favorite beverage places in Oshkosh or as he commonly told his family that he was going to the 'library' or the 'post office' on Sunday after church.

He enjoyed golfing with the guys, traveling to major golf tournaments, and has 2 recorded "holes-in-one". He loved spending time 'up north' at Boulder Lake, at-

will greet Darrell with a cold Coors Light in hand when he gets to the pearly gates.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Lynn; children, Jeffrey (Susan), Scott (Kristi) Jones, & Colleen (Peter) Turner; grandchildren, Brady (Natalie), Kesley, Ashley, Ryan(Joelle), Meghan, & Morrigan; great-grandchildren, Finn, Zachary, Carter, & Stella; mother of his children, Trudy Jones; stepchildren, Adam (Tracy) Galica, David Galica, & Michelle Wendorf; step grandchildren, Morgan, Mason, Tyler, Mackenzi, Gavyn, Aady, Amare. He is further survived by his siblings, Shirley Miller, Janis Kordner, Patricia Felker, & Dennis (Sue) Jones; in-laws, John (Carol), Ron, Larry (Carol), Julie, Tim (Cheryl), Alan (Kathy) McBair; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Ronald Miller, Charles "Chuck" Kordner, and Marland "Mully" Felker.

A funeral service for Darrell was held on Monday, August 10, 2026. A burial took place at Bethesda Ring Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will go to Nekimi Fire Dept. and Compassus Hospice.

Darrells family would like to thank the wonderful nursing staff at Compassus Hospice for the loving care they gave to Darrell in his short time with them.



astrophysics.

Patrick had a love of travel and loved the sensation that he experienced with flying. He attended many National NAMI conventions across the country. He proudly wore t-shirts from the location that he visited and loved to talk about his trips to Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Florida, Seattle and his multiple trips to San Francisco.

Along with his love of travel, Patrick found joy in a good cup of coffee and his favorite indulgence of steak and lobster!

Patrick is survived by his sister, Susan (Steve) Bohlssen; aunts and uncles, Jim (Sharon) Carpenter, Greg Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Barb Fink and Kathy (Mike) Miller.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Karen Kay Halder.

A private celebration of Patrick's life will be held by family.

Please remember Patrick by being kind and extending grace, compassion and understanding to others living with mental illness.



tending his grandchildren's events, and of course was the only one who could pass out the Christmas gifts. But his best times were with Diane.

His bright eyes would light up a room, and his amazing sense of humor will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his 3 children, Julie (Steven) Rusch of Green Bay, WI; Janet (Eric) Koehler of Oshkosh and Thomas (T.J.) (Anne) Jungwirth Jr. of Appleton, WI.

Along with 10 grandchildren: Alexander Rusch, Lydia (Mitch) Hove, Erika (Jared) Paulsen, Ryan (Tanya) Koehler, Cory (Jenna) Koehler, Thomas (Tommy) Jungwirth III, Jacob, Carsten, Grayson, Charles Jungwirth; 4 great-grandchildren; Jonah & Ellis Paulsen, Ava & Holly Koehler.

He is also survived by a sister Mary (Jungwirth) Patnode, sisters-in-law Renate (Greg) Jungwirth, Rosanne (Dernbach) Leick, and brother-in-law Richard Dernbach along with many nieces, nephews and a great number of friends.

He was proceeded in death by his loving wife Diane, his parents, brothers Lawrence & Gregory Jungwirth, and sisters

Ruth (Don) Stegemen, Barbara (David) Krause, & Joan (Roger) Warner

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on will be held at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh on Friday, August 14, 2026. Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00pm with mass to follow. He will be laid to rest next to Diane in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to St. Raphael Catholic Church.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Evergreen (#8) for the wonderful care of our dad and embracing his great sassy sense of humor.

Our hearts are broken, but we know that you are at peace and no longer in pain. Until we meet again, your legacy will live on through your family. We will miss your wisdom and humor greatly.

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Notice to Tenant

To: Christopher Roberts

You are hereby notified that an eviction action has been filed against you regarding the premises located at N1106 Fisher Rd, Wausaukee, WI 54177.

You are required to respond to the complaint on or before August 18, 2026 or judgement may be entered against you by default.

The action pending in the Marinette County Courthouse, case no. 2026SC307.

Dated: July 30, 2026

Pat & Peggy Belongia

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Running: August 5, 2026 and August 12, 2026

Public Notice

Purpose of Notice

The Housing Authority of the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin (OHA) and The Housing Authority of Winnebago County WI (WCHA) announces a 45-day public review and comment period regarding its proposed Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year January 1, 2027. Federal regulations under 24 CFR § 903.17 require the housing authority to provide public notice and a public hearing to discuss the plan before submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Plan Availability

The draft PHA Annual Plan will

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Public Hearing

Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Court Tower Theatre Room

Address: 100 Court Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

How to Comment

Written comments may be submitted throughout the public-review period and through the date of the hearing. Comments may be delivered or mailed to OHA, Attention: Executive Director, 1100 West 20th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902, or emailed to wendyf@ohawcha.org. Oral comments may be presented at the public hearing.

Persons who need reasonable accommodation, accessible format, language assistance, or other communication assistance to review the plan or participate in the hearing should contact OHA/WCHA at 920-424-1450, as early as practicable.

Runs: August 12, 2026.

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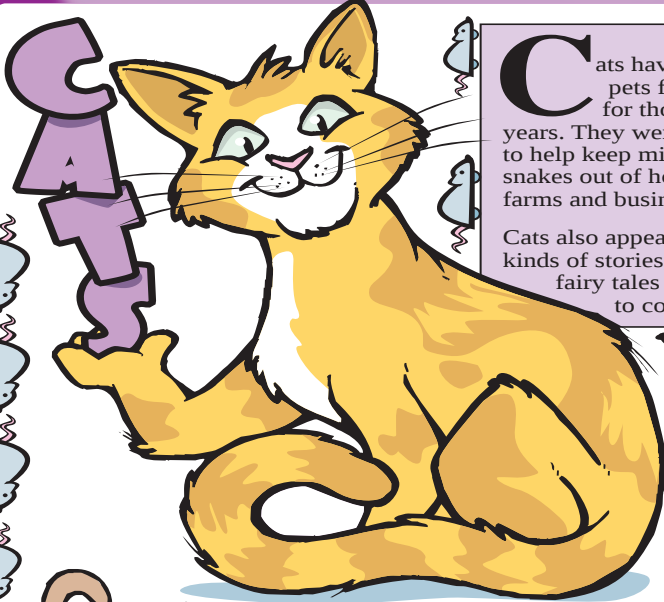


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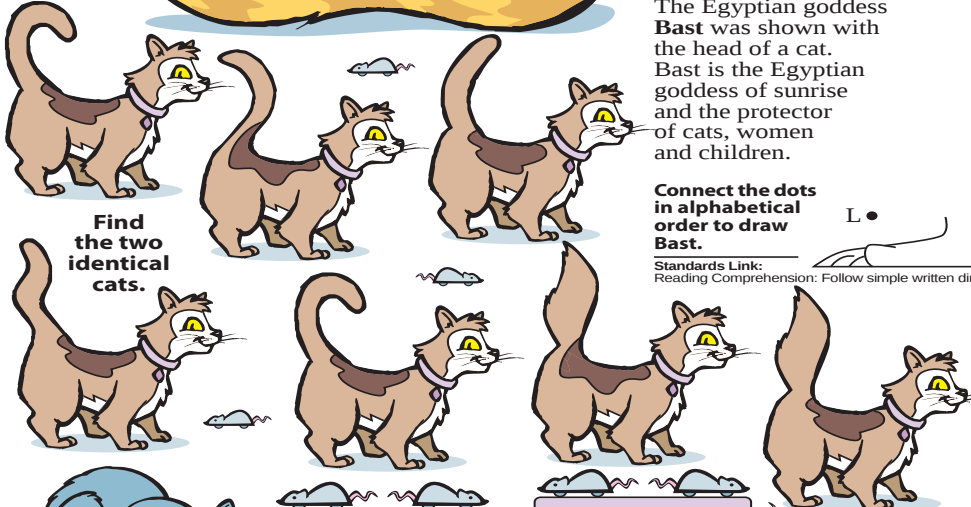
Cats have been pets for people for thousands of years. They were taken in to help keep mice and snakes out of homes, farms and businesses.

Cats also appear in all kinds of stories, from fairy tales to legends to comic strips.

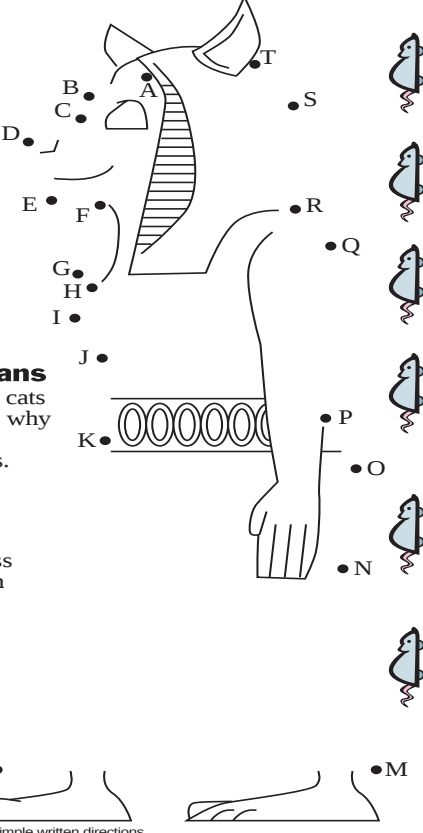
Ancient Egyptians
Egyptians considered cats to be sacred, which is why they mummified and buried them in tombs. They would honor a god by portraying it with a cat's head.

The Egyptian goddess **Bast** was shown with the head of a cat. Bast is the Egyptian goddess of sunrise and the protector of cats, women and children.

Find the two identical cats.



Connect the dots in alphabetical order to draw Bast.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Cat Prints
Just like fingerprints, this part of a cat's body has a pattern of ridges that is unique to that cat.

SENO
Unscramble the word to find the answer.

Cat Numbers
Use the code to discover some fun facts about cats.

0 =	4 =	7 =
2 =	5 =	8 =
3 =	6 =	9 =

How many toy mice can you find on this page?



Extra! Extra!
Animals in the News
Look through the newspaper to find articles about animals. How many different kinds of animals are in the news? Make a graph to show your results.

Standards Link: Data Analysis: Organize and display data in simple bar graphs, pie charts and line graphs.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand the diversity of life and behavior of species.

- FALSE. Cats can sometimes twist around in midair. But they are often hurt or even killed in falls.
- FALSE. Cats can usually keep themselves clean by licking their fur.
- TRUE. Homeless cats live in danger. Most are killed by cars, dogs, poison, thirst or starvation.
- TRUE. A cat's whiskers are very sensitive and act as "feelers" to let a cat know it is close to something.
- FALSE. Kittens like to play with yarn, but they can get tangled and strangled to death. If a kitten swallows some yarn, it can get very sick.



Kid Scoop Together:

Take the Cat Quiz

How much do you know about cats?
Try this True-or-False quiz to find out.

- A falling cat will always land on its feet.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Cats need regular baths.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A stray or abandoned cat lives only a week or two.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A cat's whiskers help it to "see" in the dark.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A ball of yarn makes a good toy for a cat.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

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What would you ask?

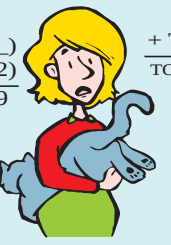
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Weighing Wiggly Cats The cats at Dr. Stalling's office won't sit still to be weighed. The owners have to hold them and weigh themselves and their pets at the same time. Subtract each owner's weight from the total weight to find out how much each wiggly cat weighs.

Cat ()
+ Kate (132)
TOTAL: 149



Cat ()
+ Mike (180)
TOTAL: 195



Cat ()
+ Tim (173)
TOTAL: 197



Standards Link: Algebra: Solve simple open sentences involving operations on whole numbers.

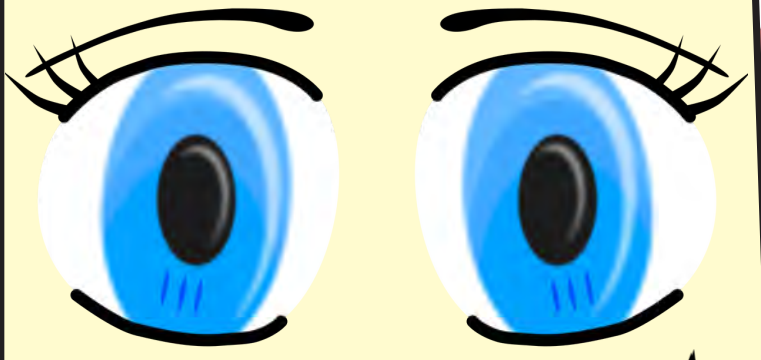
Double Double Word Search

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

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CATS
SACRED
YARN
EGYPTIAN
STRAY
ABANDONED
TOMBS
RIDGES
UNIQUE
WEIGH
MICE
BAST
COMIC

C	A	C	Y	T	A	C	D	N	D
E	M	T	O	A	H	E	A	O	U
U	T	O	S	M	R	G	C	T	E
Q	N	M	Y	C	I	T	I	I	S
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N	I	S	R	E	K	S	I	H	W
U	C	A	N	R	I	D	G	E	S
D	N	A	I	T	P	Y	G	E	C
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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