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City Center sale process moving along

Officials discussing impact on tenants

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The due diligence period is still ongoing as the City of Oshkosh looks to purchase City Center and city officials have begun speaking with tenants about the future of the site.

The city was scheduled to hold a public engagement meeting Tuesday before the Oshkosh Common Council meeting.

City staff and GOEDC were planning to share updates about the City Center project.

City officials have started meeting with City Center tenants and will continue to have those conversations as the process moves forward, said Jake Timm, senior content coordinator with the communications and engagement division.

The Oshkosh Common Council voted 4-3 in May to move forward with the purchase of 17 acres of land in downtown Oshkosh known as City Center for \$12.5 million. The due diligence period ends

on Sept. 30 with an option to extend it to Dec. 30.

City Manager Rebecca Grill has publicly acknowledged that the cost to fully develop the site could cost upwards of \$30 million and take up to 10 years to fully redevelop the site.

The due diligence period will allow the city to have an analysis completed on the site. This includes an analysis of the structures on the site as well as potentially contaminated soil.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Parade time

Despite rain earlier in the morning, the Oshkosh Children's Day Parade featured imagination and creativity as kids and their families marched Saturday on foot, bicycles, wagons and other nonmotorized floats. Following the parade, families could enjoy live music by The Stumble Brothers, food trucks, a petting zoo and children's activities during an event at South Park organized by the Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis.

County coordinates area's cleanup efforts after tornado

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

More than a week after an EF-3 tornado devastated parts of northern Winnebago County, cleanup crews are clearing streets of downed wires and trees, tarping damaged roofs, reconnecting homes to electricity and water and helping provide victims with food, water and other supplies they need.

Along with county, municipal and contracted crews, thousands of volunteers stepped forward to help with the cleanup.

"It's been an amazing response," County Executive Gordon Hintz said. "We've been prioritizing what needs to be done and a lot is happening all at once."

Winnebago County's Office of Emergency Management began implementing its emergency response within minutes of the July 27 tornado hitting parts of Menasha, Neenah and Fox Crossing.

Hintz said an emergency operations center was established at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department with personnel from a variety of county departments, including the sheriff, public health, human services, emergency department, solid waste and planning and zoning, who used their GIS tools to help map areas impacted by the storms. They were joined by officials from Menasha, Fox Crossing, Neenah and the Town of

SEE **Storm cleanup** ON PAGE 6



Photo by David Hall

An EF-3 tornado hit parts of northern Winnebago County July 27, causing extensive in as much as a mile wide in parts of Menasha. The extent of the damage could be seen Sunday, almost a week after the storm.



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Miss Wisconsin shares message at afternoon tea

Miss Wisconsin 2025 Willow Newell shared a message about her ART of Belonging platform to those gathered at the recent Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Afternoon Tea.

Newell spoke to more than 200 guests and the club’s Character and Empowerment program participants July 29 at the Gibson Social Club in downtown Oshkosh.

The event brought together community members, sponsors and volunteers to celebrate the more than 50 girls, ages 7 to 11, who completed this summer’s six-week Character and Empowerment program, designed to build confidence, leadership skills and self-esteem among club participants.

Newell, who, in 2025, became the first Black woman crowned Miss Wisconsin, is a recent graduate of Carthage College with a degree in musical theater. Through her community service initiative, The ART of Belonging, she works to expand inclusive access to the arts and to show how creative expression builds confidence, connection and community.

The program also featured remarks from Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Board member and Discover Oshkosh Executive Director Amy Albright; Club Youth of the Year Chloe and Kristel Sauter, North America procurement leader for Professional Services and Marketing at Kimberly-Clark, the event’s presenting sponsor.

Albright spoke about the power of community investment in young people, while Chloe, a senior at Oshkosh West High School who has been involved with the club



Miss Wisconsin 2025 Willow Newell spoke during the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh’s Afternoon Tea July 29 at the Gibson Social Club in downtown Oshkosh.

since age four, reflected on how programs like Character and Empowerment shaped her confidence and leadership as the club’s 2025-2026 Youth of the Year.

“Looking at everything these girls experienced this summer — from building confidence and poise to exploring careers and simply learning to be unapologetically themselves — I know those lessons will stay with them for years. They certainly have with me,” Chloe said.

Sauter highlighted Kimberly-Clark’s decades-long partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and the company’s commitment to empowering women and girls as part of its 2030 sustainability strategy.

Over six weeks leading up to the luncheon, participants rotated through a series of hands-on classes led by community vol-

unteers and organizations.

“Character and Empowerment, and the Afternoon Tea that celebrates it, hold a truly unique and inspirational place in our club girls’ experience each summer,” said Tracy Ogden, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. “Year after year, our network of supporters shows up in the biggest way for this program and for the culminating celebration that follows. That kind of consistency tells these girls they are seen, they are valued and their community is invested in who they are becoming.”

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society



The J.J. Newberry store celebrated its grand re-opening in 1953.

August 5, 1953

Local Dime Store Celebrates Grand Re-Opening: J. J. Newberry’s will celebrate a grand re-opening of its store on Main Street. A recent renovation has significantly expanded the store’s footprint and offerings of goods and services. Oshkosh’s Mayor Voss will be on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony and will be joined by J.V. Newberry, nephew of the company’s founder. Shoppers will enjoy the recent amenities added for convenience and comfort such as air conditioning, new lounges, restrooms, and a fountain and lunch counter equipped with 30 stools. The luncheonette counter will be open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Additionally, shoppers will also find a completely new ladies’ wear and accessories department. The store’s staff will include 100 sales girls and 20 non-sales personnel. The J. J. Newberry company was founded in 1911 and today operates 485 outlets from coast to coast. Newberry’s is one of three dime stores located on Oshkosh’s Main Street. The others being S. S. Kreske and F. W. Woolworth. On May 21, 1966, a fire that started in the basement broke out creating extensive smoke and water damage. The store closed later that year.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, August 5, 1953

Correction

July 29, Page 9: In the “Local author publishes book about holiday traditions” article, Teri Rose worked as a media assistant for the Oshkosh Area School District. She now works in a different position within OASD.

Chalk walk postponed to Saturday

Oshkosh Herald

The 13th annual Downtown Oshkosh Chalk has been postponed to this coming Saturday.

The event was pushed back a week because of rain and wet sidewalk conditions. It is now scheduled to take place beginning at 9 a.m. at Opera House Square.

More than 50 local artists of all different ages will be gathered to create colorful chalk artwork. The Chalk Walk is free to attend.

In addition to chalk art, the event features a children’s chalking and painting area, food and music.

Attendees are encouraged to walk around the square and vote for their favorite chalk pieces. There are youth, adult and artists choice categories. Winners will be announced at 4:15 pm.

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Early voting gets underway in primary election

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

In-person absentee voting is in full swing in Oshkosh. Voters who cannot make it to the polling location on election day, Aug. 11, have been taking advantage of in-person absentee voting for the past week at the UW-Oshkosh Culver Welcome Center.

The partisan primary election will decide who will be on the ballot in November. The August ballot includes the statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

Oshkosh voters still have time to get to the Culver Center, 625 Pearl Ave., to cast their ballots. The center is open for voting from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Thursday, it will be open until 5 p.m. on Friday.

The Democratic party and the Republican party both have candidates on the ballot. Third party candidates will also be in the November election, but there are no primary elections for those parties.

Incumbents Lori Palmeri, a Democrat in State Assembly District 54, and Glenn Grothman, a Republican in Congressional District 6, are running for reelection. Both candidates are running unopposed in the primary but will have a challenger for their seat in November.



Palmeri



Paterson

Winnebago County Board Supervisor Tim Paterson is challenging Palmeri for her seat in District 54, which is primarily Oshkosh. Palmeri defeated Paterson in 2024 by 1,413 votes.

Grothman will face the winner of the August primary. That will come down to who voters select for District 6, which is a vast district stretching west to Portage and south as far as Ozaukee County.

Amanda Bell and Brad Smith are the Democratic candidates for the Congressional seat in the primary. Bell is a former water scientist who worked at the U.S. Geological Survey as deputy director. Smith is a U.S. Army National Guard veteran and current software company leader helping small businesses.

The Wisconsin Green Party is also running a candidate in this race. CPA and business owner Matthew Arndt hopes to win the election despite not fitting into the two-party system.

Statewide elections

In the race for governor, incumbent Democrat Tony Evers announced last year he would not seek reelection after serving two terms. The Republican party has Congressman Tom Tiffany and Andy Manke, a medical service technician who has never held public office.

On the Democratic party ballot, four candidates are still in the race, although some ballots may have more names than that.

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, former secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Joel Brennan, State Senator Kelda Roys and State Assembly representative Francesca Hong are still in the race for the primary.

The ballot will have other names such as former Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes and current Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez, who recently dropped out of the race. Former Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation CEO Missy Hughes will also be on the ballot despite suspending her campaign in June.

Wisconsin Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski is the sole candidate running for lieutenant governor on the Democratic side. Small business owner Will Martin and former Lancaster Mayor David Varnam are the Republican candidates for lieutenant governor.

There is no primary from the two major parties for attorney general. The 2026 general election is shaping up to be a rematch of the 2022 election with incumbent Josh Kaul running for the Democratic party and Republican Eric Toney, who currently is the district attorney for Fond du Lac County.

Kaul defeated Toney by 35,000 votes in 2022.

With Godlewski not seeking reelection as secretary of state, the field is wide open with the Republicans fielding four candidates in the race. Businessman Jay Schroeder, small business owner Brayden Myer, businessman and farmer Nate Pollnow and military veteran Cindy Werner will all be looking to secure the most votes to advance to the general election.

For the Democrats, former state representative and current Milwaukee Common Council member JoCasta Zamarripa is running. The Green party is also running Pete Karas for this seat. Both candidates will be on the November ballot.

In the race for state treasurer, incumbent John Leiber is running unopposed on the Republican side. The Democratic candi-

dates are Marathon County Board Supervisor Yee Leng Xiong and Black Earth village board member Dylan Helmenstine.

Local elections

Locally, three candidates are running for Winnebago County Sheriff. That race will be decided in November as none of the candidates have primary opponents.

Sheriff John Matz is retiring after leading the department since 2011. Republican Darin Rice and Democrat Jason Rippl are running for sheriff and both currently work for the department – Rice as the field services captain and Rippl works in the patrol division.

Danielle Falesnik is the third candidate in the race. She does not have a traditional law enforcement background. Instead, her background is as a mental health professional.

That race, along with all the other contests, will be decided Nov. 3 with most positions starting in January 2027.

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

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Dairy formal show

Each participant in the Dairy Formal Show Friday during the Winnebago County Fair received recognition with the judges evaluating the quality and presentation of the calves. A separate best dressed competition was also held as part of the event. Adeline Potratz wore a custom-made outfit that she helped design while showing off a calf she has developed a bond with through months of daily care.

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County takes step closer to data center moratorium

By MaryBeth Matzek
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County took its first step toward implementing a 12-month moratorium on approving data center applications during a public hearing July 28.

The county's Planning & Zoning Committee held the hearing to take testimony as it considers amending Chapter 23 of the county's general code to impose a 12-month moratorium on the receipt, processing and approval of new data center zoning applications and establishing the definition of a data center. The committee will decide on the change Thursday at its next meeting.

If approved, the moratorium would only cover the towns where the county controls zoning — Algoma, Omro, Neenah and Nekimi. The county said it will work with other municipalities to help them put a similar rule into effect.

Speakers at the hearing were united in their approval to change the zoning code.

Molly Grasley of Oshkosh said data center construction is "catastrophic" to the surrounding area.

Church hosts family-friendly events this weekend

Oshkosh Herald

Wyldeewood Baptist Church is hosting a Family Fun Day.

The event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 3030 Witzel Ave. will include concessions, old-fashioned games, bounce house, fair booths, hay rides and a classic car show.

The church will be accepting donations for tornado relief. A portion of the proceeds will go toward tornado relief to help those affected by last week's tornado in

"They make noise, they use a lot of water and energy, and they don't benefit the community," she said. "Property values plummet in the areas where they get built."

Sarah Zarling, a statewide activist against data centers who lives in Watertown, shared how people in Mount Pleasant who live near Microsoft's data center report hearing noise all day and night.

"It never stops and in Beaver Dam near that data center, residents report cracked foundations, dry wells ... the list goes on," she said. "There's no legal protections for residents once these places go in."

The county should make it as difficult as possible for data centers to come here, said Joshua Carter of Oshkosh.

"I'm strongly against data centers and my concern is that this is just a moratorium and not a ban," he said.

Travis McKinney of Neenah also agreed the county should seek a data center ban.

"The county lacks information about the full impacts of a data center," he said. "I want Winnebago County residents protected from dangers of having a data center."

northern Winnebago County.

The church will also be hosting a celebration for its 65th anniversary and 50 years of Wyldeewood Christian School.

The Sunday celebration will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costumes are encouraged for the old fashioned service, with worship times at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. along with a 2 p.m. praise service.

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University still has Flock cameras in use on roadways

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

After the city ended its Flock camera contract in April, two Flock cameras remain in the public right of way in Oshkosh taking images of vehicles 24/7.

The automatic license plate reader cameras capture images of every vehicle that passes by, with other law enforcement agencies from across the country potentially having access to data stored on an off-site database.

“The UW Oshkosh Police Department utilizes Flock ALPR cameras under a year-to-year agreement with the vendor,” said Andy Anaam, UWO executive director of university relations and communications.

Anaam said two Flock cameras are used

on the campus. One is on High Avenue around Vine Lane near the heating plant. The other camera is near the intersection of Algoma Boulevard and Wisconsin Street.

These are the only Flock cameras that are not covered by plastic that remain on public roadways in the city after the Oshkosh Police Department covered 26 Flock cameras the city was using to track vehicles.

The Oshkosh Common Council reversed its decision in April to extend the city’s contract with the tech company Flock Safety. The city had used Flock cameras since 2023. OPD is currently working to establish an ALPR commission.

The UWO Police Department has access to the Flock data, but it is unclear if

the department’s data is available to other departments. Over 500 agencies had access to the Oshkosh Police Department data.

Anaam would not say what other agencies have access to the Flock data. She explained that information would be available via an open records request, which the Herald has made.

There has been a large public backlash across the country about the use of these types of cameras. Residents have raised Fourth Amendment and personal liberty concerns that the government is potentially tracking people. This could include tracking them to work, church and medical appointments.

Police officers in numerous cases

throughout the country, including in Wisconsin, have used the Flock data to track people not related to any legitimate police investigation.

Flock’s website states the company operates in over 12,000 communities across the country. Websites have also popped up to shed light on the company, including deflock.org and havebeenflocked.com.

Deflock.org is an open source map that allows people to track where Flock cameras are going up across the nation. At the same time, havebeenflocked.com allows users to enter their license plate to see if law enforcement has searched their license plate. Not all searches show up because not all agencies make their searches public.

Sawdust District business leaders create new entertainment group

Oshkosh Herald

A new group in the Sawdust District is seeking to make South Main Street Oshkosh’s entertainment corridor.

The newly formed Sawdust District Entertainment Collaborative (SDEC) is a partnership of business leaders set to work together to strengthen the entertainment corridor on South Main Street that includes the Oshkosh Arena along with a number of area bars and restaurants.

Members of the SDEC believe the Sawdust District is uniquely positioned to become one of Oshkosh’s premier entertainment destinations due to its growing collection of living spaces and community gathering spots.

Foundational Sawdust District businesses include: VenuWorks of Oshkosh/ Oshkosh Arena; Fifth Ward Brewing

Company; Flights Wine & Cocktail Club; Greene’s Pourhouse at the Granary; Sometimes Pioneer Island & Marina; Mill on Main/Badger Tavern; Houge’s Bar; Discover Oshkosh; Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and City of Oshkosh. Additional partners/stakeholders who’ve come to lend support are Oshkosh Farmers Markets, Laughable Productions and Oshkosh Famous.

“The Sawdust District is home to a unique collection of businesses, attractions and experiences,” said Andy Linton, executive director of VenuWorks of Oshkosh/Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S. Main St. “By working together, we can create a stronger identity for this part of Oshkosh, attract more visitors, support one another’s success and create new experiences that encourage residents

and guests to spend more time in the district.”

The group began in May with meetings to explore collaboration with the business and stakeholders in the Sawdust District. The group was created in response to significant growth and redevelopment occurring on Oshkosh’s south side and a shared belief that stronger partnerships can create a more connected, vibrant destination for residents and visitors.

The Sawdust District runs from the Fox River south to 17th Avenue along South Main Street.

It encompasses all the land east of South Main Street including Pioneer Island. The district also includes the blocks between Nebraska Street and South Main Street from Ninth Avenue up to the river.

“Our goal is simple: Bring people to-

gether,” said Andrea Reichenberger, owner of Flights Wine and Cocktail Club, 607 S. Main St. “We’re building relationships between businesses that already contribute so much to the community. By collaborating on marketing, events and long-term initiatives, we can create a stronger sense of place and ensure the Sawdust District continues to thrive.”

Business leaders within SDEC are focused on reaching the potential of the collaborative effort in elevate the district’s profile and encourage more visitors to explore the area. This could include coordinating marketing efforts and collaborative campaigns and even holding districtwide events.

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Fond du Lac man sentenced to 25 years in prison for stabbing

Oshkosh Herald

A Fond du Lac man found responsible for the stabbing and death of a man in Oshkosh over the Fourth of July weekend last year will be spending 25 years in state prison.

Daunte Riley, 20, was sentenced July 27 by Judge John Jorgensen after he pled guilty to the count of first-degree reckless homicide. Riley was initially charged with first-degree intentional homicide, which could have resulted in a life sentence.

Riley fatally stabbed 27-year-old Walter Brooks on July 5, 2025, at Menominee Park. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison and with 387 days of credit, he will likely be released from prison around 2050.

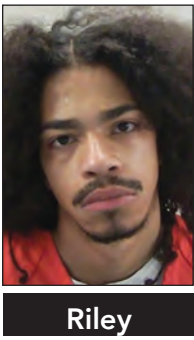
Once released, he will spend the next 15 years under extended supervision. Riley's attorneys argued for a bifurcated sentence of 30 years, spending the first 15 years in

prison and the next 15 years on extended supervision.

Jorgensen disagreed and followed the prosecution's recommendation, which was outlined during the plea hearing in February when Riley pled guilty to the charge. As part of the plea deal a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct with the modifier use of a deadly weapon was dismissed but read in to the record for sentencing purposes.

According to the criminal complaint, police responded to a vehicle that crashed at the intersection of East Irving Avenue and Grove Street on July 5, 2025. Brooks was in the vehicle and was unconscious with witnesses attempting CPR.

After the Oshkosh Fire Department



Riley

arrived on scene, they put Brooks in an ambulance, and he was taken to a hospital. The stab wound was on the left side of Brooks' chest. He was pronounced dead at the hospital at 11:36 p.m.

Police started investigating a party happening that evening at Menominee Park. According to one witness who arrived at the park around 10:30 p.m., a group of people were attempting to start a fight when an unidentified male pulled out a can of bear mace and sprayed it at people.

Police interviewed several other witnesses over the following couple of days. On July 8, OPD received a tip that Riley's girlfriend had video of the incident on her phone. Officers were able to locate a video the woman attempted to delete. Officers found the video in the deleted items media folder.

The video is shot from inside a running vehicle that was near Menominee Park. Brooks' cousin, Brooks and Brooks' girl-

friend are all shown following the vehicle.

The video shows Brooks and Riley in a verbal confrontation and then Riley appears to stab Brooks once.

Police did not see anything in the video that proved Brooks had any type of weapon on him.

The vehicle then appears to pursue Brooks as he runs away from the incident.

The complaint states that Riley's girlfriend filmed the incident while also encouraging Riley to chase down Brooks.

Police believe Riley's girlfriend is the woman in the video heard screaming, "Show him who you is! Get it bae." This is shortly after Riley stabs Brooks.

At this point, Brooks runs away from the vehicle, and Riley continues to pursue Brooks.

An autopsy was done and found that the cause of death was a single stab wound to the chest that "caused a cut to (Brooks') heart."

Storm cleanup

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Neenah.

Despite the destruction, no fatalities or serious injuries were reported. Officials later reported 68 people were treated at local hospitals due to mostly minor injuries related to the storm.

The first goal was establishing shelters for those affected by the storm then clearing roadways and getting the utility crews into the different neighborhoods to restore power.

Roadways blocked by debris, including downed trees and powerlines, is one of the county's biggest challenges in the

cleanup operation, Hintz said.

"We needed to get in there and clean up," he said, adding the Menasha Police Department blocked off traffic to parts of Doty Island for a couple of days so they could concentrate on clearing the streets.

Gov. Tony Evers declared a state of emergency, allowing the National Guard to start helping over the weekend. Guard members are primarily helping with traffic control and securing areas as major cleanup operations take place.

As the week went on, the operation transitioned from meeting immediate needs, such as providing food and water to victims, to working on longer-term needs, such as evaluating cost of the destruction and beginning repairs.



Oshkosh Herald

Valley Road on the border of Menasha and Fox Crossing, one of the areas hardest hit by the July 27 tornado, was closed down later in the week as crews cleaned up damage and repaired utilities.

nate items instead to their local food pantries and established community organizations. On Tuesday, Volunteer Fox Cities stopped accepting walk-up volunteer registrations and will remain open to coordinate specialized volunteers, previously organized volunteer groups and other targeted recovery needs.

"Assistance is not ending," said Matthew Roe, community liaison officer with the Menasha Police Department. "The resources are being moved closer to where they are needed most."

Good communication is essential during disasters, such as the tornado, Hintz said. Initially, media briefings were held twice a day to update everyone on the situation before going to once a day. A lot of information was shared on the county and local municipalities' social media sites, not only for affected by the storm but for those looking to help.

"We knew that would be the best way to reach the most people," Hintz said.

Christ the Rock Church in Harrison stepped forward immediately to offer itself as a shelter for storm victims. It was near to where the tornado struck, had enough space and had electricity and running water. Other organizations and businesses have stepped up to serve as collection and distribution sites for supplies, cooling locations, places offering meals or a place to charge their phone.

United Way Fox Cities, in collaboration with the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, is collecting monetary donations to help storm victims. People can donate at unitewayfoxcities.org.

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Memory test

Middle schoolers put their Spanish vocabulary to the test with a game of Memory during the Spanish 6-8 summer class at Vel Phillips Middle School. Students went head-to-head to see who could rack up the most matches while sharpening their reading, writing and speaking skills. Whether building a foundation in a new language or brushing up on key grammar, this course gave students an interactive way to practice and learn all summer long.

Former county board chairman passes away

Oshkosh Herald

Tom Egan, a Winnebago County Board supervisor and former chairman of the board, died Friday after a brief battle with cancer.

Egan, 71, of Omro had been county board chairman from 2022 until after this year’s election in April. He served as vice chair from 2018 to 2022.

Egan was first elected to the county board in 2008. He also served on the Omro Board of Education, was a supervisor and board chairman for the Town of Rushford and served as Winnebago

County Fair Board president.

“Tom was the definition of a dedicated public servant, someone who poured his heart into our community for decades,” said state Rep. Nate Gustafson. “It was a true honor to serve alongside Tom Egan on the County Board and I am deeply saddened by his passing. I am beyond grateful for his mentorship, leadership and friendship.”

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne, with a short prayer service following. Visitation continues from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary’s Church, Winneconne, with a mass to follow.

City Center

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The site is a prime location for soil contamination since the riverfront in Oshkosh was historically used for industrial purposes throughout the 1800s and up until the mid-1900s.

If the analysis completed during the due diligence phase is unfavorable, the city can pull out of the purchase.

Timm said the city has no plans for any construction on the site until the Oregon/Jackson Street bridge reconstruction project is completed. The city has issued a request for proposals for property management services for the City Center.

“At this time, there are no plans to complete any major construction or major changes to the site until after the Oregon/Jackson Street bridge work is completed,” Timm said. “At last update, that work was expected to begin in late 2028 and into 2029.”

There are no plans for the 17 acres of land, 1,000 feet of riverfront and the current 20 to 30 tenants in the address at 101 Commerce St. and 201 Pearl Ave. Despite the council meeting in executive session over several months prior to the May vote, the group allegedly never talked about zoning or what could go in the space.

Grill said during a presentation earlier this year that the space would be unique to Oshkosh.

Initial ideas from GOEDC include retail and residential space along with open green space. GOEDC representatives also floated the idea that City Hall or another municipal building could be part of the design. However, Grill and council member Joe Stephenson have said they oppose putting a municipal building such as City Hall in this development.

Justin Tadych, owner of E-Power marketing, said he has not heard anything from the owners of City Center, but he has been in communication with the city staff.

“While there are still unknowns about what will actually happen to the City Center, the stance I am hearing is that the

existing businesses in the City Center will be taken care of in some capacity by the city,” Tadych said.

The city continues to present this as a joint effort that city staff and GOEDC are in favor of purchasing and developing. With community development director Sara Rutkowski saying, “City staff supports whatever decision the council makes.”

Only the benefits of a potential redevelopment have been shared during previous public presentations. Rutkowski said that all benefits and risks were presented to the council “as we do with every project.”

However, she said she could not share those risks publicly because it was discussed during the executive sessions that were held with council members, community development staff, the city attorney, GOEDC staff and the city manager.

At the time of the council vote Mayor Matt Mugerauer called the purchase a big risk. He said it was a legacy project and a feather in the cap of council members and city employees looking to advance their careers. He noted the land ThedaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh was built on is also along the river and the 27-acre lot on Sixth Avenue sold for just \$2.75 million.

“No final decisions have been made by the Common Council regarding the future of the buildings at City Center,” Timm said. “All options remain under discussion, and the results of the due diligence work will help inform decisions moving forward.”

The city has already given City Center owners \$225,000 in earnest money as an upfront payment for the site. The council also approved a \$108,000 contract with the Boldt Company for the structural analysis of the site.

Another contract was approved for \$81,150 for Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions Inc. for environmental analysis to evaluate the potential hazardous material in the soil that may require remediation.

These funds as well as the proposed \$12.5 million will be coming from the city’s taxpayers. City staff initially said there were grant funding opportunities to pay for the project but have since walked that back and said the funds will come from the taxpayers.

The total the city has already spent on the project is \$414,150. This is at a time when finance director Julie Calmes has said the city is looking at a \$3 million deficit heading into the budget season with Grill and Mugerauer saying there will likely be staffing cuts.

More information regarding the potential purchase of City Center can be found online at oshkoshwi.gov/CityCenter-Project.

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Community organizations can help those impacted by tornado

Oshkosh Herald

Community organizations have been assisting affected residents since a tornado hit the northern Winnebago County area July 27.

Businesses throughout the area were organizing efforts to distribute food and water as needed. Other organizations detailed ways community members can assist with the cleanup efforts.

Volunteers

Volunteer Fox Cities was coordinating volunteer efforts last week for those looking to help with storm recovery efforts.

The organization was set up at the former UW-Fox Cities campus in Menasha collecting water and other supplies as needed. From there, volunteers could sign up and be assigned to areas that needed help.

Food and drink trucks were available for volunteers and residents impacted by the tornado who were in need.

Volunteers were advised not to show up at affected areas unless directed by Emergency Management or Volunteer Fox Cities.

To volunteer to support storm cleanup efforts, visit volunteerfoxcities.org/2026storms.

Monetary donations

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation along with the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities have activated the 2026

Tornado Relief Fund. Together, they are working to move resources responsibly to support the nonprofits and community organizations at the center of the tornado relief and recovery efforts.

All donations made through the Osh organizations will remain local, supporting needs such as emergency housing and shelter, food, health and well-being, and financial assistance.

The fund will provide resources to non-profit and community organizations serving individuals and families affected by the storms throughout Winnebago County. The fund is designed to address both immediate needs and the longer-term recovery process while helping sustain the organizations leading response efforts.

“Our community has always shown up for neighbors when they need help most,” said Bill Wyman, President and CEO of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. “The Tornado Relief Fund gives people, businesses and organizations a trusted way to help. By working with our regional partners, we can make sure donations support local nonprofits that are already on the ground helping families recover in the days, weeks, and months ahead.”

To support families and neighbors impacted by the tornado, community members are asked to consider a tax-deductible gift to the 2026 Tornado Relief Fund. Visit oshkoshareacf.org/tornado. To donate by check, make payable to the Oshkosh

Area Community Foundation and write 2026 Tornado Relief Fund in the memo line. Mail to: Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 230 Ohio Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Checks may also be dropped off at the Community Foundation during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

Business resources

To help businesses and individuals navigate the days ahead, the Fox Cities Chamber has created a disaster recovery

resource page with information and assistance available throughout the region at foxcitieschamber.com/recovery.

The Chamber will continue updating the page as additional resources become available.

Businesses affected by the storm are encouraged to contact the Chamber for assistance. The Chamber has temporary workspace available and can help connect with business resources and other forms of support as needed. Call 920-734-7101 or email info@foxcc.net.

Property owners receive guidance on disaster recovery process

The Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office wants residents to know that while homes and businesses can be damaged or destroyed, the official land records maintained by the Register of Deeds are preserved and can play a vital role in the recovery process.

Property deeds, mortgages, satisfactions, plats, certified survey maps and many other land records are permanently maintained by the Register of Deeds Office. These records can help homeowners prove ownership, work with insurance companies, obtain rebuilding permits and navigate disaster assistance programs.

Following this week’s severe weather in the area, the Register of Deeds Office has developed a Disaster Recovery Guide for Property Owners to help residents understand what records they may need and where to obtain them.

“Our goal is to make one part of the recovery process a little easier,” said Winnebago County Register of Deeds Susan Snyder. “When families are dealing with the loss of their homes or important documents, we want them to know they are not alone. Our office is here to help them access the official property records they need to begin rebuilding.”

Helpful resources

The Register of Deeds Office can assist property owners by:

- Locating and providing copies of recorded deeds, mortgages and other property documents.
- Issuing certified copies of recorded documents when required.
- Assisting title companies, lenders, attorneys, surveyors and property owners in locating recorded records.
- Helping residents understand what property records may be needed during the recovery process.
- Providing information about Property Fraud Alert, a free notification service that

helps protect against property fraud.

Recording fees

Many residents ask whether recording or copy fees can be waived following a natural disaster.

Under Wisconsin law, recording and copy fees are established by state statute. Because these fees are required by law, the Register of Deeds Office does not have the legal authority to waive them solely because a disaster has occurred. However, staff remain committed to assisting residents as quickly and compassionately as possible throughout the recovery process.

Being prepared

The Register of Deeds encourages property owners to prepare before an emergency by:

- Keeping certified copies of important property documents in a secure location.
- Maintaining digital copies of critical documents.
- Registering for Property Fraud Alert, a free service that notifies owners whenever a document is recorded in their name.
- Creating an emergency file that includes deeds, insurance policies, mortgages, and personal identification.

Serving the community

Snyder said natural disasters are a reminder of how important public records are to protecting property rights. The Register of Deeds Office stands ready to assist residents during difficult times by preserving the county’s official land records and helping property owners obtain the documentation they need to move forward.

Residents seeking assistance or copies of recorded property documents are encouraged to contact the Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office or visit the county website for additional information and a copy of the Disaster Recovery Guide for Property Owners.

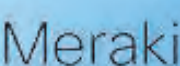
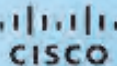


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Tornado cleanup

Volunteers helped residents clean up damage from a tornado that hit Menasha, Fox Crossing, Neenah and Appleton July 27. Homes, businesses, trees, utility poles and more were damaged in the storm, leading to more than 2,700 volunteers registering to help Volunteer Fox Cities with organized relief efforts.





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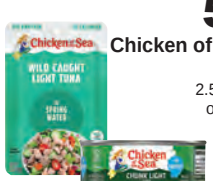
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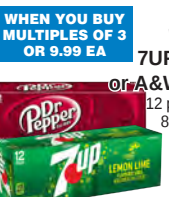
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Preview performance

Members of the Jolly Jester Community Theater group provided a preview performance of *Shrek the Musical* Thursday at the Oshkosh Public Library. Their full performances at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium start Aug. 12 and continue through Aug. 16.

American Legion Family to host community car show

Oshkosh Herald

The American Legion Family invites the community to attend its upcoming Car Show.

The event Aug. 22 will feature classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, raffles, a brat fry and family-friendly activities while raising funds to support local veterans, military

families, youth programs and community outreach efforts.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of vehicles, participate in a 50/50 raffle, enjoy food from the brat fry, meet members of the American Legion Family and connect with local veterans throughout the day.

Proceeds from the event will help support initiatives such as veterans assistance programs, youth scholarships, American Legion Baseball, care packages for deployed service members and other local American Legion Family activities benefiting the community.

Community members, local businesses and car enthusiasts are encouraged to participate and support the event. Vehicle registration, sponsorship opportunities and raffle donations are currently being accepted.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion of Oshkosh, 1332 Spruce St. with registration on site.

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XRoads41 Camping Kickoff Concert, 5:15 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park

Music on Main featuring Brewster Street Brass Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Thursday, Aug. 6

XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park

Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Oshkosh, 4 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Friday, Aug. 7

XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park

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

UWO Community Night featuring Zootopia 2, 6 p.m., 735 Pearl Ave.

ACW Wrestling, 7 p.m., The Historic Masonic Temple of Oshkosh, 204 Washington Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 8

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

Downtown Chalk Walk, 9 a.m. Opera House Square

Otter Street Fishing Club Fisheree, 10 a.m., Menominee Park

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

Bill's Big-B Movie Bash, 1 p.m., Time Community Theater

XRoads41 Music Festival, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park

Summer Reading Grand Finale Party, Oshkosh Public Library

Sunday, Aug. 9

XRoads41 Rock Detour, 12:30 p.m., Oshkosh Festival Park

Tuesday, Aug. 11

Brews by the Waterside featuring Eight
- Second Ride, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Family/Kid Concert featuring Leonardo Music, noon, Opera House Square

Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents *Shrek, the Musical*, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

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

Friday, Aug. 14

Outdoor Family Movie Night featuring *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, 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

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., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Jesus Christ Superstar (1973), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Aug. 16

Jolly Jesters Children's Theatre presents *Shrek, the Musical*, 2 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Brews by the Waterside featuring D. Willy & The Souvenirs, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Park View Car Show, 1 p.m., Park View Health Center, 725 Butler Ave.

Film festival celebrates studio's legacy

Oshkosh Herald

Wisconsin filmmaker Bill Rebane is returning to the big screen in Oshkosh for a one-day celebration of the Shooting Ranch Studios legacy.

The Time Community Theater will host Rebane's Big B-Movie Bash on Saturday featuring three films and live Q&A. Doors open at 1 p.m.

Rebane established the Shooting Ranch Studios in the late 1960s near Gleason, establishing the Midwest's first full-time feature film studio.

For more than three decades, the studio produced feature films, television commercials and industrial productions while helping to establish Wisconsin as a place for independent filmmaking outside the traditional Hollywood system.

Guests during the event at the Time Community Theater will be able to watch *Twister's Revenge!*, *The Alpha Incident* and *The Giant Spider Invasion* – 50th anniversary enhanced edition, featuring newly directed scenes nearly five decades after

the film's original release.

The film is produced by Wisconsin filmmaker and Oshkosh native JB Thompson.

The Q&A session will include Rebane and actor Dan Davies, who portrays Ted Tippman in the newly filmed scenes.

They will share stories from the original production, discuss the creation of the new material, reflect on the history of the studios and explore the challenges and rewards of independent filmmaking in Wisconsin.

"Bill Rebane didn't simply make movies in Wisconsin — he built an industry here," said Thompson. "The Shooting Ranch proved that world-class independent filmmaking didn't have to happen in Hollywood."

This event celebrates not only Bill's remarkable films, but the vision, determination and pioneering spirit that forever changed Wisconsin's cinematic history."

Advance tickets are available through the Time Community Theater timecommunitytheater.com/events/2026/8/8/bills-big-b-movie-bash.

Car show to feature entertainment, ice cream

Oshkosh Herald

Park View Health Center's Car Show will feature a lineup of vehicles along with entertainment.

The event is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 19 at 725 Butler Ave. The rain date

is Aug. 26.

Guests are invited to view the vehicles and enjoy the atmosphere. Registration begins at 1 p.m. with car show starting at 1:30 p.m. The event includes DJ Sizzlin' Sonny's Rockin' Roadshow and ice cream.

Library calendar

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

- Wednesday, Aug. 5
- Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 6
- Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Teen AniManga Club, 4:30 p.m.
- Chess Club, 5-7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 7
- PreTeen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
- Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
- Saturday, Aug. 8
- Read to a Dog, 10 a.m., grades K-5
- End of Summer Reading – Party!, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 10
- Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 11
- Craft in Company, noon – 1 p.m., adults
- Teen Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Craft in Company, 5:30-6:30 p.m., adults
- Adult DIY: Glass Magnets, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 12
- Baby and Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
- “Did you finish the book?” Club: Fire-keeper’s Daughter, 10:30 a.m., adults
- Thursday, Aug. 13
- Baby & Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
- Second Thursday Book Club: Cannery Row, 1:30 p.m.
- Adult AniManga, 4:30 p.m.
- Chess Club, 5-7 p.m.
- Exploring Scottish Genealogy, 6-7:30 p.m., adults
- Friday, Aug. 14
- Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2
- Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Library hosting end of summer reading party

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Public Library will host The Grand Finale, an end of summer reading party for all ages.

The party will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the library’s Reading Room. Guests are invited to close out the summer reading season with an afternoon of family-friendly fun and entertainment.

Activities include singing along to favorite show tunes with members of the

- Saturday, Aug. 15
- “Do you have a moment to talk about Dungeon Crawler Carl?”, 10 a.m. – noon, teens and adults
- Monday, Aug. 17
- Presidential Road Trips with Bill Clevlen, 6:30 p.m., teens and adults
- Tuesday, Aug. 18
- Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19
- Teen Advisory Board (TAB), 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 20
- Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
- Not Your Classic Book Club, 6-7 p.m., adults
- Friday, Aug. 21
- Legends’ Table: Daggerheart, 3-5 p.m., teens and adults
- PreTeen Create and Chill: Washi Tape Flower Bouquet, 4:30 p.m., grades 3-5
- Saturday, Aug. 22
- Read to a Rabbit or Guinea Pig, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Monday, Aug. 24
- Unplug and Play Games, 4:30-6 p.m., all ages
- Tuesday, Aug. 25
- Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults
- Wednesday, Aug. 26
- Elementary Explorers, 4:30 p.m., grades K-5
- Thursday, Aug. 27
- Chess Club, 5-7 p.m., all ages
- Friday, Aug. 28
- The Bubble – Community Open House – New Teen Space, 3:30-5:30 p.m., all ages
- Saturday, Aug. 29
- Adult DIY: Glass Magnets, 11 a.m. – Noon
- A State of Healing Anthology Release Event, 6-8 p.m., adults

Oshkosh Chamber Singers, creating a puppet to take home and striking a pose with theater-themed props for photos.

The celebration will also feature games, snacks and Bingo, giving participants a chance to enjoy the summer’s theater-themed adventures.

Readers will receive a complimentary Dilly Bar while supplies last, thanks to Alex Dworak, owner and operator of Oshkosh Dairy Queen.

National travel reporter to share presidential road trip stories

Oshkosh Herald

Nationally syndicated travel reporter, author and Smithsonian Associates lecturer Bill Clevlen, widely known as Bill On The Road, is bringing his presentation on presidential history and travel to Oshkosh Public Library.

Clevlen will speak at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in the lower level of the library.

Clevlen shares travel stories and inspiration as Bill On The Road across the U.S.



each week on radio, TV and traditional print outlets. He’s the author of seven travel books, including “100 Things To Do in America Before You Die” and “The Ultimate American Music Bucket List.”

Drawing from his new book “Presidential Road Trips: 100 Places to Explore and Experience the History of American Presidents,” Clevlen invites audiences to discover the incredible destinations connected to America’s leaders, including historic homes, museums, memorials, monuments, gravesites, retreats and more, each with a story connected to it.

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Scholarship awards

During the Oshkosh Area Women’s Association (OAWA) quarterly meeting July 28 at LaSure’s, two \$1,500 high school graduate scholarships were awarded. Applicants are selected based on a minimum GPA of 2.5 and financial need. Pictured from left to right are Jaye Roeming, co-chair; recipient Roman Swan, an Oshkosh North High School graduate, and Nancy Crha, co-chair of the OAWA scholarship program. Not pictured is recipient Camryn Steinert, an Oshkosh West High School graduate.

EAA donates excess AirVenture items

Oshkosh Herald

A day after EAA AirVenture Oshkosh ended, a tornado impacted communities in northern Winnebago County, leaving many homes and businesses damaged or destroyed.

EAA donated all excess, food, water, personal hygiene items and other essential supplies from the Red One Markets, Volunteer Kitchen, Chapters

and A&W to support local tornado relief efforts.

Working with the Oshkosh Food Pantry and Winnebago Emergency Management, more than 18,000 pounds of supplies were delivered to help those affected by the July 27 storm.

“Together, we continue to support our neighbors when they need it most,” EAA said.

Lourdes Academy shares student meal program information

Lourdes Academy announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program or milk for split-session students served under the Special Milk Program.

The school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The newest income guidelines for free and reduced-priced school lunches that were released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in April became active for children across the country on July 1.

Household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if a split-session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

Application forms are sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year

that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the school office.

The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price meals or free milk for children in a household where one or more household members receive FoodShare, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, list the FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 case number, program name, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal and free milk policy Cathy Steinert, Food Service Director, 110 N. Sawyer St., Oshkosh, WI, 54902, 920-235-5671 or email csteinert@lourdes.today, will review applications and determine eligibility.

Local college graduates

The following students from Oshkosh completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Megan Genevieve Augustine, Bachelor of Science, early childhood education major, highest honors

Zachery Mark Bancroft, Bachelor of Science, finance major

Evelyn Elizabeth Christofferson, Bachelor of Science, exercise and sport science major: exercise science - pre-professional track

Madisen Mary Davis, Bachelor of Science, psychology major

Jack Tyler Gibson, Bachelor of Science, marketing major

Jackson Nolan Huizenga, Bachelor of Science, management major

Mercedes Josephine Faustina Maier, Bachelor of Science, marketing major, honors

Sophie Lynn Mikle, Bachelor of Science, psychology major

Jenna Lynn Nelson, Doctor of Physical Therapy, physical therapy

Luke Matthew Slaats, Bachelor of Science,

business analytics major, highest honors

Kayla Marie Smithlin, Bachelor of Science, elementary/middle education major, highest honors

Claire Olivia Tigert, Bachelor of Science, communication studies major: organizational and professional communication emphasis

Elizabeth Toonen, Bachelor of Science, recreational therapy major, honors

Lauren Elizabeth Troutt, Bachelor of Science, microbiology major: biomedical concentration

Chloe Joy Yager, Bachelor of Science, biology major

Oliver Rylance of Oshkosh graduated in May with a B.A. degree in biology from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Northcentral Technical College in Wausau announced Tristin Braunschweig of Oshkosh was awarded a diploma during the spring 2026 term.



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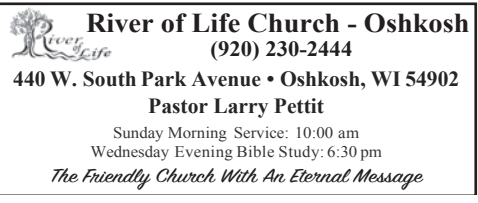
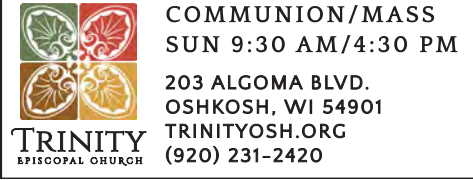


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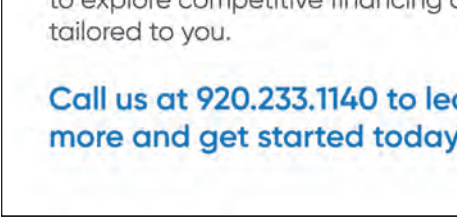


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Local college graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's 152nd spring commencement celebrated the achievements of 1,100 students in two ceremonies May 16 inside Kolf Sports Center. The following graduates are from Oshkosh.

- Rama Moneb Al Sakka, Bachelor of Science
- Taylor M. Allen, Master of Science
- Alissa M. Arneson, Master of Science in Nursing
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- Jordan Duwe, Bachelor of Science
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- Braden Eiden, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Kaleah L. Eslinger, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Nina Fernandez, Associate of Arts and Science
- Benjamin M. Figi, Associate of Arts and Science
- Clare Foss, Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Amanda R. Frank, Master of Science in Nursing
- Jayda L. Freiberg, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Gabriela Galvan, Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Xavier Gauthier, Bachelor of Science
- Boston Gies, Bachelor of Music
- Noah S. Grunwald, Bachelor of Business Administration

- Ava M. Hagen, Associate of Arts and Science
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- Landen J. Hawley, Bachelor of Science
- Lyndsey Herlache, Bachelor of Science
- Madeline Herring, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
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- Gretchen E. Rost, Bachelor of Science
- Molly A. Ruffing, Master of Science in Education
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- Dylan L. Schommer, Bachelor of Science
- Malia E. Schultz, Bachelor of Arts
- Lillian Scott, Bachelor of Music
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This year, 39 Bergstrom dealership teams were recognized among the Top 150 dealerships nationwide, reinforcing Bergstrom's commitment to creating an exceptional workplace where team members feel valued, supported, and empowered to de-

liver outstanding guest experiences.

Automotive News, a publication serving the North American automotive industry, selected the honorees from more than 18,000 dealerships across the United States. The annual awards recognize dealerships that excel in workplace culture, employee engagement, leadership and overall team member satisfaction.

Bergstrom, along with the other honorees, will be recognized during the Automotive News Best Dealerships to Work For awards celebration on Nov. 4 in Dallas.



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Copper Box brings unique mix to venues across area



Copper Box performed at Opera House Square in June to open the Music on Main summer concert series.

By George Halas
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The award-winning band Copper Box is bringing their unique mix of folk, rock, blues, jazz, polka and fun to stages across the area this summer.

The band performed at Waterfest in July and prior to that opened the Music on Main summer concert series in June at Opera House Square.

In their 24th year, the band has won the WAMI (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) Award for Americana Artist of the Year in 2009, 2012 and 2023 as well as the WAMI's People's Choice Award in 2009 and 2015.

Lead vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Michelle LL Jerabek won the WAMI for Reed/Brass Player of The Year in 2017 and has been nominated for the same honor four other times.

Danny Jerabek, whose multiple instrumental talents include the accordion, cornet, harmonica, keyboards, clarinet and sousaphone, won the WAMI Award in the Specialty Instrumentalist of The Year category in 2010, 2011 and 2020. He has also been featured at the International Accordion Festival.

Drummer Dan Cable was nominated for the WAMI Percussionist of The Year in 2020 and 2023.

Not content to rest on their laurels, the band is "always evolving," said Michelle LL. "We love the chemistry of the band. It's a fun group, fun music and we like adding original songs while keeping that good vibe."

The return of bass player Dave Jerabek and the addition of Ben Cable, Dan's son, on lead guitar has given the band expand-

ed performance options.

"Ben brings youth and energy. He takes the bull by the horns when we want to rock," said Danny Jerabek. "It gives us a big, powerful sound, a really cool sound."

"We've been adding more original songs and we've been soloing more, extending the songs," Jerabek added. "With the whole band trading solos, it keeps the music fresh and it's a great visual experience for the audience. We take great pride in every song we do and people have been really digging it."

"It's kinda cool having Dan's son, Ben, playing with us. Dan is very proud of him," said Michelle LL. "He's a guitar prodigy and he's been doing a lot of great things with us."

Based in Oshkosh for 20-plus years, Danny and Michelle, who consider themselves "polka kids who became friends, then fell in love and everything worked," originally had a high-powered polka band, Kick, "but we wanted to break out and add original songs," Danny Jerabek said. "The name Copper Box was Michelle's idea. She started with squeeze box and noted that copper is a good conductor of electricity."

Copper Box has appeared many times at Waterfest in Oshkosh over the last 20 years, opening for headliners including The Doobie Brothers, Huey Lewis and The News and, most recently, former Beach Boy Al Jardine's band.

"Mike Dempsey, who books the bands for Waterfest, has always had a soft spot for Louisiana-style music," Jerabek said. "It's been good for us to play and it's always been awesome."

"We were digging Al Jardine and his band," he added. "They were very tight and they made a point of saying nice things about us."

Copper Box has appearances coming up throughout the area, including at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Shattuck Park in Neenah.

"We would like people to go to our website and get on the mailing list to stay connected," Michelle LL said.

For the band's schedule and other information, go to copperboxband.com.

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UWO women’s basketball lands new head coach

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The UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball team has a new leader.

Lindsay Bronson Schultz was announced as the sixth head coach of the program in school history last week, taking over for Brad Fischer who left the program to become an assistant coach at the University of Nebraska.

Bronson Schultz previously coached at Carroll University, where she accumulated a 134-114 record since taking over that program in 2017. Over her last five seasons, the Pioneers were a combined 100-36.

“I am incredibly honored to accept the opportunity to lead the UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball program,” Bronson Schultz said in a press release from the university. “UW-Oshkosh is one of the premier women’s basketball programs in NCAA Division III, and I am grateful for the opportunity to build upon that tradition. My family and I are excited to become part of the Titan community. Together, we will strive to compete for championships, provide an exceptional student-athlete experience, and represent UW-Oshkosh with pride, passion and integrity.”

Carroll has finished in the top-2 of the CCIW in each of the last four seasons, earning a share of the conference title in 2024 and 2026. The Pioneers participated in the NCAA Division III tournament in 2024 and 2026, earning an at-large bid last season and posting an opening-round win over DePauw University.

Prior to taking the Carroll post, Bronson Schultz has spent time on the staffs at Bradley University, UW-Parkside and UW-Milwaukee. She also coached at Nicolet High School.

She played collegiately at Cardinal Stritch University.

Obituaries

Mary Ellen Putzer

Mary Ellen (nee Fleischman) Putzer, 68, passed away peacefully surrounded by



the love of her family Aug. 1, 2026, on what would have been her father’s 96th birthday, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mary was born Jan. 28, 1958, in Antigo, Wis. Her family moved to a dairy farm in Wausaukee, Wis., when Mary was in the third grade. She graduated valedictorian from Crivitz High School in 1976, before going on to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a minor in Art. It was while attending Mass at the university’s Newman Center that she met David James Putzer. Ever studious, Mary graduated Magna Cum Laude in just three years so that she could marry Dave on June 15, 1979.

Mary was a lifelong Catholic, who embraced her identity as a beloved daughter of the Father by daily living out her vocation of wife and mother, even while constantly placing the Lord first. Even while raising four kids under age 6, she frequented daily Mass, consecrated the entire family to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Most Immaculate Heart of Mary, and shared her lifelong devotion to the intercession of the Virgin Mary through the Rosary.

Mary had an extraordinary generosity, which she shared through her love of “thrifting then gifting” her great yard-sale finds to her children and siblings. She exercised her artistic and creative talents regularly through the memorable ways in which she engaged the family in the liturgical and devotional life of the Church, the extraordinary games and activities she crafted for her children and grandchildren, the exquisite cakes she made for many oc-

casions — including Holy days as well as birthdays — and the personalized parties she threw, always for the intimacy of the family, driven by a love of silliness (hinky dinks) and laughter.

Throughout her adult life, Mary was an educator. Out of college she taught at Catholic Central Elementary in Appleton until the birth of her daughter, and resumed teaching 1996-1997 at Saint Francis Cabrini Elementary in Oshkosh. She also was an occasional homeschool and substitute teacher. Most especially she engaged her grandchildren in educational activities, displaying her own tenderness and childlike curiosity that was individual and unique to each relationship.

Those who knew Mary well recognize how competitive she was. She greatly enjoyed and excelled at the numerous card and strategic board games her kids brought home to teach her in their adult lives. She played tennis, which transitioned in more recent years into pickleball, a sport she enjoyed with her grandchildren until her illness sent her to the sidelines. But the sidelines were not a strange place for Mary, as she had been for years “Dave’s No. 1 fan” at Wednesday night bowling league and Nationals tournaments, as well as at numerous softball games and all of her children’s sporting endeavors. Her cheers and joyful enthusiasm will be missed by many.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Mary Jane (nee Skarlupka) Fleischman; her parents-in-law, Robert and Cecilia (nee Noe) Putzer; siblings Kevin Fleischman and Rose Holtz; siblings-in-law Dale Fleischman and Chad Atwood; nieces and nephews Jessica Fleischman, Kevin Delp, Theresa, Tina and Timothy Holtz, Hannah Resch and Frankie Phillips; and two unborn grandbabies, Mariana and Brigitta Putzer.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, David; her children, Laura (Scott) Haraldson, Steven (Alexandra) Putzer, Monsignor John Putzer; and Kevin (Samantha) Putzer; nine grandchildren, Ella, Coraline, Liliana, and Sebastian

Haraldson, Joseph, Jane, Felicity and Joy Putzer, and Finnick Putzer, each of whom she admired for their unique gifts and the joy they brought to her life; siblings Elmer Fleischman Jr., Lanita (Wayne) Schwartz, Mark Fleischman, Alice Fleischman, Henry Fleischman, Heidi (Ted) Richmond, Christopher (Theresa) Fleischman, Jay (Kendall) Fleischman, Margie Atwood, Beth (Patrick) Phillips, Amy (William) Gramins and Jonathan (Clara) Fleischman; siblings-in-law Clarice (Edward) Warnke, Charles (Mary Boucher) Putzer and Michael (Mary) Putzer; and countless nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

Dave and the kids wish to extend their deepest gratitude to the offices of Drs. Heinzen and Heraly; the second floor and radiology staff at Ascension Hospital; and all of the tender caregivers at Heartland Hospice. Most especially they thank everyone for all the prayers, most notably from Fr. Louis and the staff and parishioners at St. Jude Parish, as well as the countless prayers coming from as far away as Minnesota, Canada, and throughout Europe.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM at Saint Jude Parish, Saint Vincent site (1225 Oregon St.), on Friday, Aug. 7, with Monsignor John Putzer presiding. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 PM Thursday, Aug. 6, at Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S. Westhaven Dr.), with a Vigil Prayer Service and Rosary beginning at 7 PM, and again from 9 to 11 AM Friday, Aug. 7, at the church. In lieu of flowers, Mary strongly desired donations be made to the Saint Carlo Acutis/Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at Saint Jude Parish. <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/WeShare-1774?tab=home> Click on “Give Now,” then select the Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel option under “Fund,” or make checks payable to Saint Jude Parish and mention Mary Putzer or the Adoration Chapel in the memo line.

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Obituaries

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 Van Dyne Lion's Park.

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

Roy D. Floyd
Roy D. Floyd, age 82 of Oshkosh passed away at Mercy Medical Center on Sunday, January 4, 2026. He was born on December 24, 1943. Roy was united in marriage to Jo McHugh on December 1, 1972.



A graveside service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026, at Lake View Memorial Park Oshkosh Wi.

A celebration of life will take place at Roy's Deer stand at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 1253 10th Ave Friendship Wi, 54934.

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Obituaries

Gail June Lorge

Gail June Lorge, age 83 of Oshkosh, was welcomed into heaven on July 21, 2026.

She was born on June 29, 1943, to the late William and Margaret Tully. Gail was united in marriage to Thomas Lorge, to whom she was married for nearly 63 years. Together, they raised two wonderful children and built a family that reflects their unwavering devotion.

In her younger days, you could find Gail cheering her heart out on the Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading squads in high school. As time went on, her passion shifted to square dancing, taking part in monthly Gourmet Club nights and maybe even a gambling trip here and there. She also loved to play games of all kinds and travel to exotic destinations. It brought her great joy to plan family trips and travel with her sisters.

Gail was an extraordinary homemaker, renowned for her eye for detail and her green thumb with plants—she truly earned the title of “plant lady.” Her home was always filled with life and love, which reflected her caring nature. Above all, Gail cherished her family and was known for being straightforward and candid- a quality those who loved

Keith F. Schmirler

Keith F. Schmirler, age 74, passed away after a long battle with Dementia and Alzheimer’s, on July 29, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI.

He was born on December 14, 1951, to parents, Francis and Faye Estella (Riechel) Schmirler, in Oshkosh, WI.

After attending Oshkosh High School, he went on to work as a machinist at Hudson Manufacturing, Square- D in Oshkosh and retired at Hoffmaster in 2014.

On May 20, 1995, he married the love of his life, Victoria “Vicki” Grable, at the Elks Club in Oshkosh, WI.

In his free time, Keith loved to spend time on the water in the boat. Watching and playing all types of sports and spending time with family and friends. He will be remembered for being kind and giving.

Maxine Zillges

Maxine “Terri” Zillges, 96, passed away on July 20, 2026, in Oshkosh, WI. She was born in Oak Lawn, Illinois on March 28, 1930.

She married Everett Zillges on March 22, 1947, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She worked as a Program coordinator for Evergreen Retirement Community; she also enjoyed quilting and reading books.

Terri is survived by her children, Shari (Jim) Englund, Gregg Zillges and Les Zillges; she is further survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death is her husband, Everett Zillges; sisters, Sherri (Roy) Stockwell, Dorothy (Joe) Schulte and Jean (Joe) Gabor; and brothers, Bobbie LaBerdia and Al LaBerdia.

Visitation will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 14, 2026,

her came to appreciate and admire.

Gail is lovingly survived by her husband, Tom Lorge; children, Kristin (Brian) Boulter and Chad Lorge; grandchildren, Kal (Haley), Jesse and Mallari; great-grandchild, Triston; sisters, Aundra (Gerald) Kohlbeck and Karen (Steven) Scheuermann; sisters-in-law, Dot Tully and Rebecca Lorge, nieces and nephews, Kim, Shelly, Jodi, Eric, Kari, Andy, Erica, Amanda, John and Sherri.

In addition to her parents, Gail was preceded in death by her grandson, Seth; brother, William (Dot) Tully; sister, Mary (Richard) Palmquist, and brothers-in-law, Steve and John Lorge.

In keeping with Gail’s wishes, a visitation will be held on Saturday, October 10th, 2026, at the Lake View Memorial Park Chapel, from 10am to 12pm. Her family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the incredible staff and residents of Park View Health Center, Emerald Ridge, and Evergreen Retirement Community for providing Gail with such a warm and caring environment over the years. We are also deeply grateful for the exceptional care given by the Aurora St. Luke’s team during this difficult time.

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He is survived by his loving wife, Vicki Schmirler; sons, Brian (Brandy) Frank and Robbie (Jody) Frank; grandchildren, Axel, Casten, Hunter and Katie Kat; sister, Karen (Roger) Reinke; sister-in-law, Joby (Patrick) Gray; brothers-in-law, Tim (Laurie) Grable and Dave (Robin) Grable; several cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nephews, extended family, neighbors and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Francis and Faye Schmirler; parents-in-law, Ray and Jeane Grable; sister-in-law, Jeannie Grable; and brother-in-law, Tony Grable.

Per his wishes, no formal services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to St. Judes, Schriners Children and the Neenah Animal Shelter in his honor.

The family would like to thank the staff at both Ascension Mercy Medical Hospital- PCU-2 unit and Park View Health Center- Lakeside Unit for all of their care.

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The family would like to thank Eden Meadows and the whole crew who did an outstanding job of caring for Mom. Bless you all.

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Cindy Louise Capen

Cindy Louise Capen, found eternal life on Thursday, July 30th surrounded by her family after a hard fought battle with cancer.

She was born on November 15th, 1962 to parents Jack and Edna.

In her later years, after retiring because of her illness, Cindy found comfort and renewed purpose in the meaningful friendships she cultivated through her church fellowship, Bible study group, and her neighbors. She treasured the love and support of those who walked alongside her, and their presence was a true blessing in her life. Although Cindy endured many hardships throughout her life she met each one with remarkable strength, determination and faith.

Robert Richard Harris

Robert “Bob” Richard Harris, age 75 of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac. He was born in Madison, WI on January 5, 1951, to the late Richard and Virginia (Rule) Harris. He was united in marriage to Kathleen M. Payne on February 1st, 1981.

A financial planner by trade, Bob was self-employed and dedicated himself to helping others achieve their financial goals. His keen intellect and attention to detail were only rivaled by his wonderfully sarcastic sense of humor, which brought levity to any conversation and created unforgettable memories for those around him.

She will be loved and remembered by her Brother; Sean Capen (Jodi), Nieces; Anna Capen (fiancé; Ethan) and Lilly Capen (fiancé; Drake), Ma; Elaine Ottery, and Sister; Tracy Wilczynski (Rick), extended family, as well as her chosen family of friends.

We know she is reunited in heaven with her sister Dawn, her parents, grandparents and other friends and family members who passed before her.

Thank you, Dr. Brad Heraly and the staff with The Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center.

Thank you, Amanda, Stacy, April and others with Compassus Hospice.

All of you treated Cindy and her family with kindness and compassion. We appreciate you all so very much.

Private arrangements are being made by the family.

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In his leisure time, Bob was an avid outdoorsman. He reveled in the thrill of biking, the peacefulness of fly fishing with Kathy, deer hunting with his brother-in-law and nephew, and the camaraderie of hunting pheasants with his beloved dog, Lucky.

Robert is survived by his wife, Kathleen, his daughters, Cassidy Fontana, Lisa Bartels and his beloved grandchildren, Ted and Anna Bartels.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in Bob’s name to the Salvation Army, or Trout Unlimited, would be deeply appreciated.

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A GREAT SLEEPOVER!

Here are a few tips for planning the perfect slumber party:

- ★ Create some colorful cards to invite your friends. Be sure to tell the start time and end time for the party.
- ★ Have a plan for things your guests will enjoy, such as playing games, watching a movie, working on a craft, etc.
- ★ Have yummy snacks such as s'mores, popcorn or fresh fruit.
- ★ Encourage **everyone** to help clean up any mess the next morning! It's not fair to leave it for your parents to do.

Sloppy Slumber Party

Wow! The boys at Noah's slumber party had a lot of fun, but they sure made a really big mess. Can you find these items among the clutter?

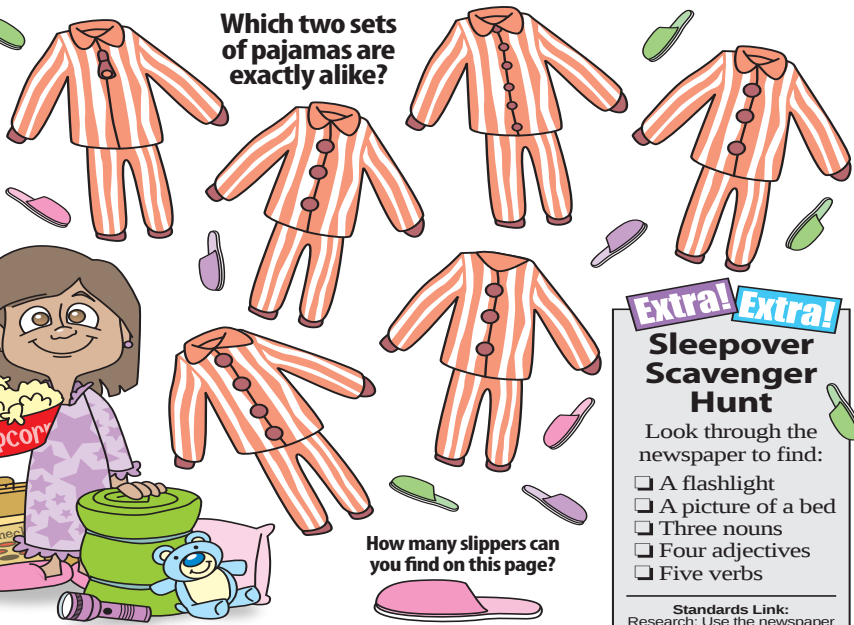
- ☐ 11 pretzels
- ☐ 11 crayons
- ☐ 7 socks
- ☐ 6 cups
- ☐ 4 plates
- ☐ 6 apple cores
- ☐ 3 books
- ☐ 8 flashlights
- ☐ 5 pizza slices
- ☐ 2 action figures
- ☐ 3 basketballs
- ☐ 4 sneakers



Silly Sleepover Sentence

Write a sentence about a silly sleep over. Use one noun, one verb and three adjectives!

Which two sets of pajamas are exactly alike?



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

How many slippers can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra! Sleepover Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper to find:
- ☐ A flashlight
 - ☐ A picture of a bed
 - ☐ Three nouns
 - ☐ Four adjectives
 - ☐ Five verbs

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Sleepovers are fun, but you'll need to catch up on your sleep. Why does sleep matter? Replace the missing words.

- SKIN
- LEARN
- IDEAS
- ATTENTION
- HEALTHY
- INJURIES

Your brain needs sleep, so you can:

- Remember what you _____
- Pay _____ and concentrate
- Solve problems and think of new _____

Your body needs sleep, so your:

- Muscles, bones, and _____ can grow
- Muscles, skin and other parts can fix _____
- Body can stay _____ and fight sickness

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SLEEPOVER
SENTENCE
PAJAMAS
HEALTHY
PILLOW
SPEECH
FIGHT
BRAIN
SOLVE
BONES
VERBS
GHOST
SKIN
GROW
BED

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

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

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



Kid Scoop Together:

A Goofy Ghost Story

Telling ghost stories at a slumber party is fun. But not all ghost stories are scary. Ask a parent for each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, dim the lights and read it aloud tonight!

THE STRANGE VISITOR

Boris had fallen asleep in his _____ reading one night. Around 2:00 a.m., a loud _____ startled him awake. The room was completely dark.

“Who’s there?” cried Boris. A deep voice in the shadows replied, “It is I, a _____. And there is no escaping my _____!”

Boris ran across the dark room and began to _____ the stairs. But he felt a cold _____ grip his ankle. He couldn’t _____ at all!

“Wait!” shouted Boris. “If I give you my collection of _____, will you leave?”

“You collect those, too?” said the voice. “That’s amazing! Do you also like to eat _____ on toast?”

“My favorite!” said Boris. He turned on the overhead _____ and the two hairy monsters shook _____. “Nice to meet you! I’m Boris!”

“My name is Edgar,” said the other monster. “I know it’s late, but I think we can still catch a few _____ before the sun comes up.”

With that, the two monsters friends stepped out into the dark _____ night.

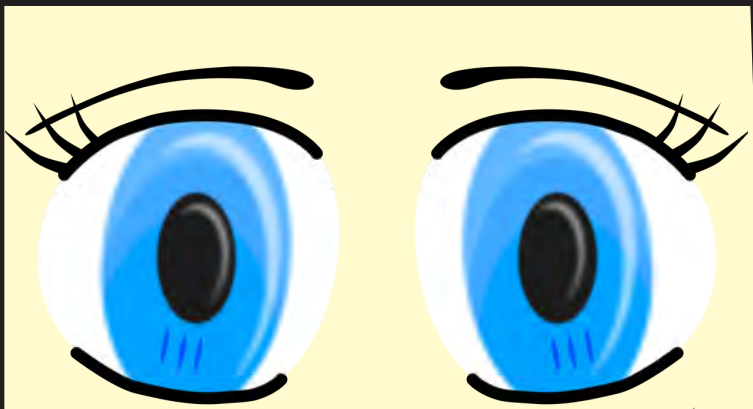


Write On!



That’s Strange

What is one of the strangest things you have ever heard about? Write about it and share it with a friend or family member.



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