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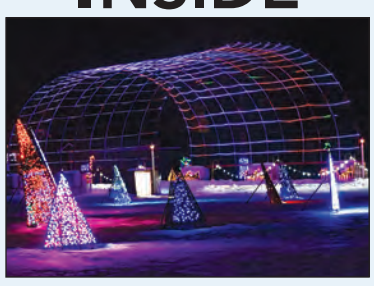
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Photo by Michael Cooney

Festival of Trees

Christmas trees are colorfully decorated under the dome as the Festival of Trees presented by Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh has moved to the Oshkosh Public Library. Festival of Trees will be open for visitors through Jan. 2. The celebration combines holiday displays, special events and performances with fundraising for three community projects, including Nourish Flourish Initiative, Kids Closet and The Grand Oshkosh, which hosted the festival in 2025 but is currently undergoing renovations.

Algoma votes against joining EMS district

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

The City of Oshkosh and Town of Algoma will not form a joint EMS district next year after town officials voted against forming the district with the city.

The Algoma Town Board held a special meeting Thursday to discuss and vote on a resolution to form a joint EMS district with the City of Oshkosh. The board voted 4-0 opposing the town staff moving forward with a joint resolution to create a joint EMS district.

The Oshkosh Common Council last month directed staff to move forward with creating the EMS district, but that is now changed after the Algoma vote.

A study done by McMahon Associates laid out potential benefits for creating a joint EMS district.

Robert Whitaker of McMahon Associates and town chair Joel Rasmussen made it clear last week the board was only voting on creating a joint EMS district.

Rasmussen also made it clear that this is not at all associated with a potential annexation of Algoma land into the city. He added that there is nothing wrong with the services right now and that a joint EMS district would set up the town for potential financial shortfalls in the future.

Algoma residents along with Town of Algoma Fire Department (ToAFD) personnel packed into Algoma Town Hall and spoke against the EMS district with

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South Main Street set for major improvements in 2031

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

Plans are in the City of Oshkosh's capital improvement program to spend more than $13 million for work on South Main Street.

The work would widen the road across two blocks, and the city will need to purchase property to expand the right of way along the street.

Oshkosh engineering and utilities director James Rabe said the city is following the Sawdust District Master plan for South Main Street, which was adopted by the common council in 2019. It outlines wider streets, wider terraces and street parking.

"The roadway was originally constructed in 1955," the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website states. "Storm sewer and local utilities will be 75 years old by the construction year and are showing signs of deterioration."

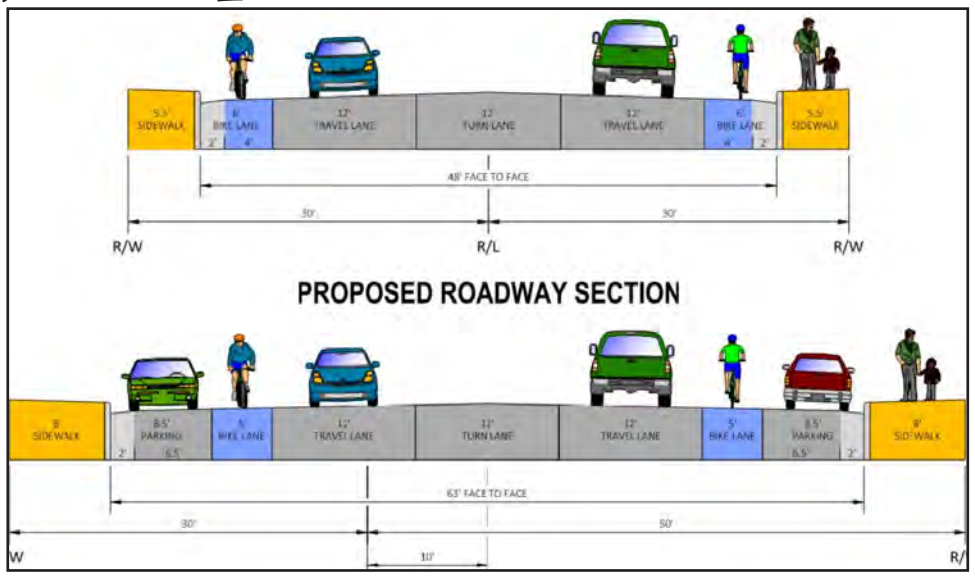
South Main Street's right-of-way is currently 60 feet south of the Main Street bridge to Sixth Avenue. Then it expands to 80 feet with four lanes of traffic between Seventh Avenue and Ninth Avenue.

At Ninth Avenue, it cuts down to a 60 foot right of way with two lanes of traffic until 11th Avenue. However, the right-of-way opens back up to 80 feet south of 11th Avenue.

The project will only affect businesses on the east side of South Main Street.

The city owns a vacant lot at 1004 S. Main St. that was purchased in 2021 by the Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority for $119,000, according to the city property records. The lot used to be the home

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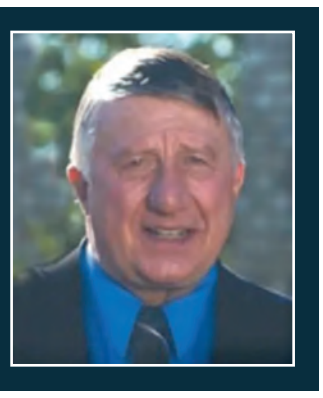
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Above is a cross section of the current roadway of South Main Street with a 60-foot right-of-way. Below is the city's proposed 80-foot right-of-way for South Main Street with eight-foot-wide sidewalks that could shut down a trio of businesses.

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Community provides helping hand for area resident

Oshkosh Herald

Organizers changed plans for who benefitted from a recent fundraiser.

The Circle R Campground had originally planned a fundraiser Oct. 24 to benefit the Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department. However, when the department learned about 19-year-old Tanner Piper and his recent cancer diagnosis, its members decided to direct the fundraiser's proceeds to Piper and his family instead.

"One of the greatest things about living in a small community is seeing people come together when someone needs a helping hand," the fire department said in a letter to the community. "On Saturday, October 24, we witnessed just how special our community truly is."

A member of Omro High School's Class of 2026, Piper is an athlete, teammate, soccer coach, son, brother and friend. In late September, just days after celebrating his 19th birthday, he was diagnosed with plasmablastic lymphoma, an extremely rare and aggressive form of cancer. He began chemotherapy on Oct. 13 and has completed his first round of treatment.

"When we heard Tanner's story, we knew we wanted to help," the fire department said. "What happened next was an incredible reminder of the generosity and compassion found throughout our community. The turnout for Tanner's benefit was wonderful. Family, friends, neighbors, local businesses, and people who simply wanted to make a difference came together to show their support."



Submitted photo

A recent fundraiser at The Circle R Campground shifted to a benefit for Tanner Piper instead of the Nekimi Fire Department

Members of the fire department said they thank The Circle R Campground for hosting the event along with the businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes and baked goods, the volunteers who gave their time and everyone who attended, purchased raffle tickets, made donations or helped spread the word.

"Every contribution mattered," the fire department said. "As volunteer firefighters, serving our community means more to us than responding to emergencies. It means looking out for our neighbors, lending a hand when someone is struggling, and standing together when life takes an unexpected turn."

According to the fire department, Piper has a long road ahead of him, but it hopes this event reminded him and his family that they do not have to walk it alone.

"To Tanner and his family: Your community is behind you. We are cheering you on, praying for you, and wishing you strength throughout your journey," the fire department said. "To everyone who helped make this fundraiser possible, thank you for reminding us what small-town kindness is all about."

Presentation to describe floral preference of bumble bees

Oshkosh Herald

The floral preference of bumble bees will be discussed during a joint program of Winnebago Audubon and Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter.

Bumble bees have many flowers to choose from in a prairie. It can be described as going to an ice cream parlor and having so many flavors to choose from.

Guest speaker Ben Grady, associate professor of biology at Ripon College, will present on the flowers that native bumble bees favor. The meeting begins with a social at 6:30 p.m. Thursday followed by the program at 7 p.m. It will be held at Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N. Westfield St in the Behnke Center, lower level.

Grady's research focus is on prairie pollinator ecology in the Midwest. He is broadly interested in plant speciation, habitat restoration and conservation.

The event is free and open to the public.



Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

November 19, 1975

Historic Miller House Gets Reprieve - Then Lost: Recently a concession stand in Menominee Park, the site of the original Colonel Lucas Miller house, is determined to have significant historical value by the State Historical Society. Thanks to the work of the Oshkosh Jaycees, demolition of the site has received a reprieve. The Miller House was built around 1855 and is one of the earliest buildings still standing in the area. It was recently added to the State Historical Society's inventory of historic Wisconsin sites after the historical importance of the building was brought forward by a local group. The Oshkosh Common Council had a resolution on its agenda to approve demolition of the structure, but instead withdrew the demolition resolution and agreed to give the Oshkosh Jaycees another opportunity to carry out its plan to restore the building. The cost of restoration is estimated to be $10,000. (Note: On September 20, 1979, the Common Council rejected pleas from the Oshkosh Jaycees for more time and voted to demolish the building. Counselor Bernice Teichmiller was the only vote against the demolition, saying the haphazard way the property has been maintained by the city is the reason for its condition. On the orders from the city, the Oshkosh Fire Department burned the historic home to ground on September 24, 1979).



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Photo from Oshkosh Area School District

Retired Lt. Col. Mike Hert, left, greets visitors Nov. 10 at Oshkosh North High School's annual Veterans Day program.

Veterans honored during ceremony at North High

Veterans and their families were greeted with gratitude and respect Nov. 10 during a Veterans Day program at Oshkosh North High School.

The program was moved to the day before the holiday to allow more local service members to attend than in previous years as many of them go to other events on Veterans Day.

From the Presentation of Colors by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 to reflections on the history of Veterans Day from Korean War veteran (USMC) Bob Hoffman, students experienced a living lesson in honor and sacrifice.

Keynote speaker, retired Lt. Col. Mike Hert, delivered a message weaving together timeless themes of service. He drew on President Kennedy's call to "ask what you can do for your country," Charles M. Province's poem on the fundamental freedoms secured by the armed forces and the enduring reminder that "a Veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America,' for an amount up to and including their life."

Most importantly, he left students with a challenge: don't just say thank you. Take the time to ask veterans about their stories – how they served, where they were stationed and what their time in uniform meant to them.

Various groups at the school supported and participated in the event, including Communities at Oshkosh North, the Music Department, Family and Consumer Science Department, Agriculture Department and custodial and school staff.

Quarry Park leads voting for new middle school name



Jonathan Richie

Reporter/ Assistant Editor

Construction on a new Oshkosh middle school will begin next year with the schedule for it to open its doors to students in fall 2028.

The Oshkosh Area School District has given the public opportunities to choose the new name of the school, and a clear favorite emerged amongst the finalists.

A total of 2,619 votes were cast that ranged from students to staff to Oshkosh residents. Quarry Park Middle School received the majority of votes with 1,465. Paul Poberezny Middle School collected 674 votes and Lewis Hine Elementary School finished with 480 votes.

The process for naming the new middle school began in August with the idea of a two-phase naming process that would utilize surveys. The first survey in September gathered suggestions.

The district's Facilities and Finance Committee then whittled those survey results to the final three options. The second survey launched in October.

After the school board makes a final decision on the name at its Dec. 2 meeting, another survey will go out to establish the new middle school's mascot.

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Holiday light show celebrates 25-year anniversary

By Eleanor Sell
Herald Contributor

The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights started 25 years ago.

Inspired by a light show in Texas, the event was brought to Oshkosh as a new way to enjoy the holiday season and bring the community closer.

Now, as the anniversary year comes closer, current president Norman Reichenberger and his wife and event organizer Nancy Reichenberger believe this year may be the very best yet.

"We worked all winter and all summer on building new things for this year," he said. "We got 1,820 new displays that we're gonna have on our shows this year."

This is made possible largely due to their recent relocation. While many holiday frequenters may remember their days residing in Menominee Park, three years ago they moved the entire operation to the EAA grounds. This change helped the event grow from around .9 miles to 2.4 miles long.

The expansion has allowed not only new lights but also new ideas and programs to flourish.

One of those exciting developments is the large influx of animated lights.

One piece in particular – a full-size reindeer rescued from a local's collection – will be one of the first motion-activated lights that "really talks." They will also be debuting their first official float in the Downtown Oshkosh Christmas parade, which takes place Thursday.

"We are trying to modernize our show to keep it interesting and to continue to grow," Norman Reichenberger said.

This engagement and active involvement in their communities and volunteers' lives has always been a huge priority, and this year's Celebration of Lights will be no different.

Since the organization's early years, they have worked to use their resources to support those in need. An example of this is their yearly food drive. While food donations in general are encouraged, they also incorporate a culture of giving into the entrance of their event.

"We are $20 (per car load) to get in," Norman Reichenberger said. "But we give a $5 discount if you bring in a can of beans; I don't care. Just one can. Some people bring in grocery bags."

Through this system, they have collected food over the years, supporting local pantries and the surrounding area. Their outreach efforts not only aid in local need but also create accessible opportunities for anyone hoping to see the magnificent show for themselves.

"Community nights are free-entrance days sponsored by local businesses," Nancy Reichenberger said.

These occasions take place each Sunday of the season, opening the doors to anyone interested in the holiday fun.

In addition to the support from their gold sponsor 4Imprint and bronze sponsors Hughes Chocolates and Amcor, this year they are also doing something special.

"We are gonna have our own community night for people to come through, free from us, as a gift to the community," Nancy Reichenberger said. "All in all, it should be a good show."

But finances alone cannot run the event, and as the Reichenbergers explain it, the volunteers are truly the backbone of all they do.



Photo by Michael Cooney

The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights will be celebrating its 25-year anniversary as it returns to the EAA Grounds from Nov. 27 through Dec. 31. The show is open each day from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

"All our volunteers are all good people," Norman Reichenberger said. "Some days it's kind of a party out there. We accomplish things, don't get me wrong, but everybody gets along real good."

While anyone is welcome to come help out for a time, many of the volunteers return each season to continue to support the event.

"We have families that have been coming for 15 years," Norman Reichenberger said. "They love to sign up on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. That's like their Christmas. They come out there as a family, and they just keep signing up year after year after year."

It is this commitment that makes the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights such a memorable staple for so many families each Christmas.

For the sponsors, it is a commitment to ensuring the event is a treasured tradition for everyone for years to come. For the volunteers, it is a commitment to hard work and long days to create a world of holiday magic.

For Norman and Nancy Reichenberger, it is their continued commitment to the volunteers, their community and the organization they have been a part of for nearly 18 years, even after retirement. What started as a small light show has grown to be a vibrant part of the Christmas season and Oshkosh's history altogether. The 25th anniversary marks the milestone of many years impacted and hopefully the start of many more to come.

"From what it started as, to what it's grown into, it's something to be very proud of," Norman Reichenberger said. "I don't mean that for myself, by no means at all, because there's no way we could ever do this alone. We might help lead, but it is a group effort. Without everyone involved this could not be done."

The 2026 Oshkosh Celebration of Lights opens Nov. 27 and runs until Dec. 31.

Open each night from 5:30 to 9 p.m., it offers an extensive light show, wagon rides, visits with Santa and recurring special events for specific groups and outreaches.







Park View seeks medical transportation fee increase

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

Park View Health Center is looking to more than quadruple its resident transportation rates to medical appointments.

The current fee of $20 roundtrip has been in place since 2016. Park View seeks to increase the fee to $43 each way within the Oshkosh zip codes of 54901, 54902 and 54904, taking what was once a $20 trip to $86.

An additional $1.09 per mile for destinations outside the Oshkosh zip codes will be charged.

Nursing Home Administrator Linzi Gazga-Parish said Park View's transportation service operates at a financial loss each month for private pay and insurance-covered residents. After looking at what other county nursing homes charge, the $43 fee was decided on.

The Personnel & Finance Committee approved the motion at its meeting last week.

If the County Board approved the increase at its Tuesday night meeting, the revised rates will go into effect 60 days after written notice has been provided to residents and responsible parties.

For residents covered by Medicaid, Gazga-Parish said transportation costs are not billed to the resident, but that the state reimbursed Park View at the $43 rate each way, plus the $1.90 per mile. The proposed rate structure for private pay and insurance-covered residents is less than the Medicaid reimbursement with a flat rate of $43 each way without the extra mileage charge.

Local taxi providers that transport Park View residents within the City of Oshkosh typically charge approximately $50 to $75 each way, Gazga-Parish said.

"Even with the rate increase, Park View's transportation service will remain a cost-effective and convenient option for residents while helping to offset the actual cost of providing the service," she said.

Gazga-Parish said the fee will be looked at annually to ensure it keeps up with transportation costs.

County passes on restarting biodigester

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County is not interested in reviving the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's biodigester.

The county's Solid Waste Management Board declined to spend $7,900 on an initial assessment of what it would take to bring the university's biodigester back online for the county's use and its potential financial viability at a meeting earlier this month.

In recent months, Solid Waste Development Director Kathy Hutter toured the biodigester, which UW-Oshkosh ran from 2011-2023, to get a basic understanding of how it worked and how the county might benefit if it decided to use it. The four-chamber anaerobic digester processed an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 tons of material each year, including food waste, yard waste, industrial waste and animal bedding.

Hutter said the county could generate funds using the biodigester through tipping fees, commercial and residential material supply agreements and turning the gas generated by the biodigester into electricity, which it could sell.

UW-Oshkosh, which closed the biodigester in 2023, employed three employees but Hutter said that four people were likely needed to run it successfully.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wants landfills to reduce the amount of food waste it accepts by 50% by 2030 and Hutter said operating the biodigester could help with obtaining that goal.

"The biodigester could align us with the DNR strategies for diverting food waste," she said.

Hutter pointed out UW-Oshkosh did not provide her with any financials about how much money it made, or the costs involved.

"Although anecdotally, I don't think it was successful. It was more of an educational project," she said.

If the county wanted to move forward with learning more about operating the biodigester, Hutter said it could contract with Cornerstone/Tetra Tech for an initial assessment at a cost of $7,900. She said the study would take a closer look at the equipment, the financials and operating costs.

Supervisor Howard Miller said he was glad the department was doing its due diligence with the biodigester but does not think it's a good choice for the county.

"My initial thought is that this is a lose-lose proposition. It also requires three employees that we don't have and would need to add to the payroll," he said.

Esslinger announces mayoral campaign

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Common Council member Paul Esslinger announced plans last week to run for mayor.


Esslinger

Esslinger served one term as mayor from 2009 to 2011 after first being elected to the council in 2000. He also served one term as a council member from 2023-25, lost his reelection bid and won a seat in April 2026.

"I loved the position and would be honored to be elected mayor again," Esslinger wrote in a social media post. He promised to outline more of his positions in the coming months.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer announced in August he would not be seeking a third term as Oshkosh mayor after first being elected to the seat in 2023.

Esslinger has one more year on his council term. If he wins the mayoral seat, the council would appoint a resident to Esslinger's seat.

That process is how council member Jacob Amos was appointed to serve the remainder of a term in 2025. Amos then won the election for a seat on the council in April 2026.

Esslinger joins fellow council members Karl Buelow and Joe Stephenson who have also announced plans to run for mayor.

If all three file candidacy paperwork, there will be a primary election in February to whittle the field down to two candidates for the April 6 general election.

Potential candidates can start taking out paperwork on Dec. 1 to run for office.



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Photo from Bubbl'r

South Park Middle School teacher Kimberly Loeper has been awarded 2026 Teacher of the Year by Bubbl'r.

South Park teacher earns national recognition

By Jonathan Richie
Oshkosh Herald

South Park Middle School science teacher Kimberly Loeper has been named 2026 National Teacher of the Year.

The award was presented to Loeper earlier this month by Bubbl'r, a sparkling water company, during a ceremony at the school.

During the ceremony, Loeper remarked on how grateful she was to receive the recognition.

"To the staff of South Park, I share this award with every single one of you because you all deserve it. To all the students at South Park, you are without a doubt the very best part of my job," Loeper said. "This award may have my name on it, but it truly belongs to all of you who make South Park such a very special place."

Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education president Mike Ford said, "That's what our work here is all about – meeting kids where they are, sparking their curiosity and making sure every single student knows they belong."

The school received $10,000 from Bubbl'r.

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Comedy event will support Oshkosh Community Fridge

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Laughable Productions is presenting a Thanksgiving Character Roast on Black Friday.

The comedy show will be Nov. 27 at the Time Community Theater in support of the Oshkosh Community Fridge.

Thanksgiving-inspired characters will be brought to the stage during the comedy roast.

Tickets are $20 but anyone bringing a nonperishable food donation for the Oshkosh Community Fridge will receive $5 off per ticket. Tip jars will be available during the event for those who would like to make an additional monetary contribution directly in support of the Oshkosh Community Fridge.

More information is available at timecommunitytheater.com/events.

Theater group presents holiday show

Oshkosh Herald

Vintage Theatre is presenting the holiday play "Dear Santa" written by Norm Foster.

Michael J. Lawkowski, the show's director, described the setting for the show.

"It is Christmas Eve at the North Pole," Lawkowski said. "Santa is trying to fulfill a child's special wish for Christmas, while the staff deal with a supply shortage and the arrival of a few unexpected guests. It is a holiday treat for the entire family with fun humor and heartfelt moments."

Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. General admission tickets are $15, which can be purchased at the door or online at vintage-theatre.square.site.

"Every season we try to incorporate community engagement and for this so we are doing a toy drive," Lawkowski said. "We will be accepting new or used toys at all three performances and at the end of the run we will be donating the toys to a local family shelter in hopes of giving at least some children a happy Christmas this year."

Comedian to perform at Time Community Theater

Oshkosh Herald

A comedian who is known from the television show "America's Got Talent" will be performing at the Time Community Theater.

The show will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the theater, 445 N. Main St.

Tom Cotter finished as the runner-up and was named the Breakout Star from Season 7 of the show. Cotter was the first comedian ever to be a finalist on the show and was the highest finishing human being on the show that year.

In August 2013, AGT asked Tom back to perform as a special guest star (along with Train) and then again to host "The Season 8 AGT Snapple Viewing Party."

In January 2019 Tom was again invited back to the AGT stage - this time to perform against the best of the best "Got Talent" performers from other years and around the world in "America's Got Talent: The Champions."

Tom's other television and radio credits include "The Tonight Show," "Last Comic Standing," his very own "Comedy Central Presents... Tom Cotter," "The Howard Stern Show," "Comics Unleashed," multiple appearance on CBS' "The Late Late Show" and Celebrity Host of "Gotham Comedy Live" on AXS-TV.

Tom wrote his first book, "Bad Dad: A Guide to Pitiful Parenting" (Willow Street Press) in February 2016, which is a collection of jokes, gags, one-liners and pithy bad advice for fed-up parents everywhere.

Tickets are on sale at foxvalleycomedy.com.

Wave Robotics to host tournament on Sunday

Wave Robotics will host the Oshkosh FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Regional Tournament, sponsored by Oshkosh Corporation, on Sunday at Oshkosh North High School.

The event from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Frank Schade Fieldhouse is free and open to the public. Enter through Door 20.

The tournament brings together FIRST LEGO League Explore teams (grades 2–4) and FIRST LEGO League Challenge teams (grades 4–8) from across the region to showcase their work from this year's FIRST Bioglow season. Throughout the season, students have researched real-world biodiversity challenges and engineered innovative solutions to address them.

The event features two distinct divisions: the FIRST Lego League Explore Expo for students in grades 2-4 and the FIRST LEGO League Challenge Tournament for students in grades 4-8. Top-performing Challenge teams will advance to the Wisconsin FIRST LEGO League Sectional Tournament in Waukesha.





Calendar of events

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Oshkosh Service Club Expo, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Thursday, Nov. 19

Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade, 6:15 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

EAA Speaker Series: Dave Zarrella, Cape Air: Flying the East Coast, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Little Women presented by Valley Christian School Theatre, 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Friday, Nov. 20

Local Historical Fiction Author Amanda Lauer Book Signing, 4 p.m., On This Rock, 216 W. South Park Ave.

UWO Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., UWO Music Hall

Little Women presented by Valley Christian School Theatre, 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Horror Express Chiller Theater Version with Son of Doc Moreau, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Nov. 21

Craft and Bake Sale, 8 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Ninth Ave.

Book Signing for Colleen Stepanek, Author of "A Mother's Gospel" and "Thwarting Diabolical Tricksters," 9 a.m., On This Rock, 216 W. South Park Ave.

Oshkosh Indoor Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Meet Author Jim Purtell, 11 a.m., Carmel Crisp Bookstore

Holiday Wine Walk, 1 p.m., Downtown Oshkosh

Little Women presented by Valley Christian School Theatre, 1 and 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Wisconsin Herd vs. Noblesville Boom, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

The Incredibles, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Nov. 22

Oshkosh FIRST LEGO League Regional Tournament, 8 a.m., Oshkosh North High School

Cozy Art and Craft Show, 11 a.m., Chalice Restaurant, 1471 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Oshkosh Festival of Gratitude, 6 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, Nov. 26

Festival Foods Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Thanksgiving Dinner Program, noon, Father Carr's Place 2B

Friday, Nov. 27

Smalltown – John Mellencamp Experience, 7 p.m., The Grand at UW-Oshkosh

Thanksgiving Character Roast, 8 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Nov. 28

Small Business Saturday, all day

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Wisconsin Herd vs. Cleveland Charge, 11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

First Tuesday presents the Oshkosh North High School Madrigal Singers, noon, First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Boulevard.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Wisconsin Herd vs. Cleveland Charge, 11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

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Chamber program helps create opportunities for young professionals

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A thriving community is built by people who are willing to get involved, invest in one another and help shape the future.

For young professionals in Oshkosh, Propel is creating opportunities to do just that.

A program of the Oshkosh Chamber, Propel Oshkosh Young Professionals was established to bring together emerging leaders ages 18-40 who want to grow professionally, build meaningful connections and make a difference in their community. Guided by its mission to engage and empower young professionals through community involvement, networking and professional and personal growth, Propel is working toward an ambitious vision: making Oshkosh the destination for young professionals in Wisconsin.

From the beginning, Propel has been shaped by leaders committed to investing in the next generation, including founding member Tony Renning, who helped establish the organization, drafted its original bylaws and served as its president.

In September 2026, the Oshkosh Chamber honored his lasting contributions by renaming its Young Professional of the Year Award the Tony J. Renning Propel Young Professional of the Year Award, recognizing individuals who exemplify the leadership, professional achievement and community involvement that defined Renning's legacy and continue to drive Propel today.

This award is given annual at the Oshkosh Chamber's Annual Meeting.

Today, Propel brings its mission to life through three guiding avenues: lead, grow and do. Members can develop leadership skills, expand their professional networks and turn their passion for the community into meaningful action.

One of Propel's signature initiatives is Young Professionals Network Week (YP Week), an annual week dedicated to celebrating, connecting and investing in the next generation of leaders. YP Week, hosted the last week in June, brings together young professionals, business leaders and community organizations through a variety of events focused on professional development, networking, community involvement and fun.

From leadership panels featuring successful local professionals and opportunities to learn from experienced business leaders to volunteer activities, social gatherings and recreational events, YP Week showcases everything that makes Oshkosh a great place to live, work and build a career.

Throughout the year, Propel continues that momentum through Morning Mingle networking events, professional development programs, Night Shift social gatherings, quarterly volunteer opportunities, and its annual Holiday Party and Sponsor Banquet.

Propel is also working to build connections between the university and the local business community through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UWO). By creating opportunities for students to participate in professional development programming, networking events, and conversations with local business leaders, Propel helps bridge the gap between the classroom and the professional world.

Local employers gain opportunities to connect with emerging talent and introduce students to the possibilities of building a career right here in the community. It's another way Propel is investing in Oshkosh's future workforce and helping ensure tomorrow's graduates can see a future here.

Oshkosh's future depends on our ability to attract, develop and retain the next generation of leaders. Local employers play an important role in that effort by encouraging their young professionals to get involved with Propel, supporting their participation, and investing as program sponsors.

These investments go beyond individual employee development; they strengthen our workforce, build meaningful community connections and create a place where young talent wants to put down roots. Whether you're a business looking to invest in your employees or a young professional ready to make an impact, Propel offers a place to connect, grow and lead.

Report released on artificial intelligence in local government

A new report from the Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research finds Wisconsin local governments are taking a tentative approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI), and desire policies and strategies to utilize this technology in ways that maximize benefits to residents while minimizing risks.

Survey data collected from leaders of 92 Wisconsin cities and villages reveal that:

Relatively few Wisconsin governments are using AI beyond basic tasks.

Few Wisconsin governments have policies and structures in place to govern AI use.

Political debates over data centers, cultural divides over the ethics of AI, and concerns about staff knowledge and public acceptance have made local government leaders cautious about embracing the technology.

Larger municipalities feel better prepared for the use of AI than smaller municipalities.

The report includes a review of existing AI policies and provides a model governance framework for local governments seeking to use AI to improve performance by increasing efficiency.

Specifically, the Whitburn Center recommends local governments use existing structures and processes to inventory their capacity and needs, draft personnel and organizational policies, create key performance indicators that can be integrated into strategic plans, and create citizen oversight through board and commission structures.

The full report can be viewed at uwosh.edu/whitburn-center/wp-content/uploads/sites/211/2026/11/WhitburnAIReportFINAL.pdf.

Presentation focuses on artificial intelligence impact

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The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will host a presentation about "Questions of Faith: Is AI a Threat to Human Uniqueness?" with George Thomas and Tony Bolos.



Thomas



Bolos

The event hosted by the Center for Civic and Community Engagement will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 at Reeve Union Ballroom.

Artificial intelligence isn't just another technological innovation - it's an invitation to reconsider what it means to be human. The presentation will explore how AI challenges the understanding of human uniqueness, the image of God and the call to love neighbors in an increasingly digital world.

Through the perspectives of a computer scientist and a philosopher, the presentation will examine not only what AI can - and can't - do, but also what it should do and how people of faith can thoughtfully navigate the opportunities and challenges it presents.

Whether attendees are curious, skeptical or already using AI every day, the presenters will invite them to think more deeply about what emerging technologies mean for humanity.

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County seeks grant to help homeless

By MaryBeth Matzek
Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County is applying for nearly $2 million in federal grants to fund an initiative to provide supportive services to people experiencing homelessness to help them obtain and maintain stable housing.

The $1,912,719 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care grant funding for the two-year Supportive Services Only (SSO) project would support the county's Homeless Eviction Loss Prevention, or HELP, program. Some of the funded services include childcare, job training, medical care, mental health and substance abuse counseling and moving expenses as well as case management and staff salaries.

"The funds would not be used for rent assistance. The grant would cover the people and programs that make HELP work," said Interim Human Services Director Renee Soroko. "The goal is to prevent homelessness by moving the unhoused into supportive housing."

The county's Human Services Board and Personnel & Finance Committee already approved the resolution, which the County Board was supposed to take up at its meeting Tuesday evening. If the board fails to approve it, the grant request will be withdrawn.

County Executive Gordon Hintz said the county wants to be a partner in fighting homelessness throughout the county.

"We're going to be hearing a lot more about housing with wrap-around services," Hintz said. "Our goal is to work with advocates, donors, providers, landlords and government agencies working in conjunction with housing with wrap-around services."

The project's total proposed budget is $2,394,765, including $482,046 in a cash match consisting of $265,000 from Winnebago County, $162,000 from Wisconsin Partnership and $55,046 from Community Foundation contributions. The county's cash match would be met through existing services and staff time rather than new county spending.

Due to deadlines, the grant request was sent in earlier this month and a decision should be made in early December.

Created in 2023, HELP serves as a central point of contact for Winnebago County residents experiencing homelessness or housing instability. It provides people with case management, community resources and housing assistance depending on eligibility and available financial resources.

Breaking down the costs, the grant would fund $1,736,036 in supportive services, $2,800 in Homeless Management Information System costs and $173,883 in grant administration over the two-year term.

The county's Personnel & Finance Committee also approved a $50,000 federal grant application through the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program. The grant, which is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, targets unhoused adults who have a serious mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder.

Soroko said the PATH funding supports outreach, clinical screenings, case management and connections to community resources, including mental health treatment, medical care and substance use counseling.

The PATH funding grant also requires final approval from the County Board.

Hintz signs $252.9M county budget for 2027

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Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz signed the county's $252.9 million budget Friday.

The County Board of Supervisors approved the 2027 budget on Oct. 27 by a 29-3 vote.

Hintz said the adopted budget reflected his central priorities: protecting core county services, investing in employees who provide those services and maintaining and modernizing the infrastructure needed to serve county residents.

"This budget represents months of hard work and collaboration among county staff, department leaders, the County Board and the residents we serve," he said. "We faced significant fiscal challenges, but we remained focused on protecting essential services and making responsible investments in our county's future. The overwhelming support from the County Board reflects a shared commitment to those priorities."

The budget development process included departmental reviews, County Board workshops, committee deliberations and five public town halls where residents had opportunities to learn about the proposed budget, ask questions and provide feedback.



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Fundraising challenge

The American Heart Association recently recognized Lourdes Academy Elementary School in Oshkosh as a "Heart of Gold - Top-25 School" for its fundraising efforts as part of the Kids Heart Challenge program during the 2025-26 school year. As a school, Lourdes raised more than $18,000 for the association's mission. Accepting the new banner on behalf of the school was Rob Mullen, physical education teacher and Kids Heart Challenge volunteer coordinator.

Valley Christian Theatre presents production of 'Little Women'

Dreams, family, growing up and finding your place in the world take center stage as Valley Christian students bring the story of the March sisters to life in a musical based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott.

Valley Christian High School Theatre will present "Little Women: The Musical" Thursday through Saturday at The Grand at UW-Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Boulevard. Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday along with 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday.

The production follows sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March as they navigate life, love and growing up in Civil War-era America. At the heart of the story is Jo, an aspiring writer determined to have her work published. After facing rejection from publishers, a friend encourages her to draw inspiration from her own experiences. Reluctantly, Jo begins weaving her family's story and her sisters' lives into what becomes a deeply personal work.

For senior Eavie Heffernan, who plays Jo March, the production is especially meaningful, as she and many of her castmates have been involved in Valley Christian's theater program since middle school.

"I can't think of a better way to experience senior year than performing together and bringing this beautiful story to life," Heffernan said.

That sentiment is echoed by director Allison Hardy, who sees "Little Women" as a fitting story for a group of students who have grown up together through the Valley Christian theater program.

"'Little Women' reminds us that growing up is rarely a straight path," Hardy said. "It is filled with dreams, unexpected turns, laughter, heartache and the courage to become who we were created to be."

Hardy said watching students develop confidence, discover their talents and form lasting friendships has been one of the most rewarding parts of directing.

The theater program, she noted, offers students more than an opportunity to perform. It provides a place to belong, contribute and discover they are capable of more than they may have imagined.

Hardy said the growth of Valley Christian's theater program has been remarkable. Just five years ago, 12 students were involved in a production. Last year, more than 60 students participated in "The Prince of Egypt," combining cast, technical theater and production roles. The growth reflects the program's expanding opportunities for students to get involved, discover their talents and become part of something bigger than themselves.

As some students prepare to graduate and begin new chapters, Hardy hopes they take those memories with them.

"I hope they remember that they belonged here, that they were valued, and that they have gifts worth sharing with the world," she said.

For audiences, "Little Women" offers an opportunity to enjoy a familiar story while celebrating the talent and dedication of local students. For those bringing the March sisters to life, the experience is also a reflection of their own journeys, friendships and the memories they've made along the way.

Tickets are $10, $12 and $14, with Elite Seating available for $16. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at thegrandoshkosh.org.

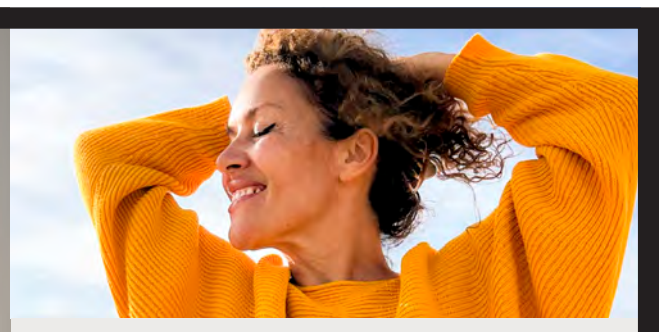
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South Main

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of Serwas Window Cleaning.

The other properties include G. Reinke and Company Monuments and Oshkosh Heating and Air.

"The city is working through the acquisition, which is necessary," Rabe said.

The Oshkosh communications and engagement division said the city is currently in the process of potentially acquiring properties on the east side of South Main Street between Ninth and 11th avenues. Four parcels are owned by three property owners.

Bob Reinke is the owner of the family-owned and operated G. Reinke and Company Monuments, which has operated at 900 S. Main St. since the building was completed in 1920.

Reinke said he received a letter from the DOT saying he must be vacated from the property by Jan. 1, 2030. The city is handling the acquisition process and is not using eminent domain at this time.

"I feel like the city is dragging their feet on relocation," Reinke said.

Reinke said he has been going back and forth on relocating within the city. Reinke's business currently sits in industrial zoning.

He was told that the city is covering relocation costs, including finding a business with similar square footage. Reinke said it would take up to two years to relocate his business, including the machinery and inventory it has.

Reinke said the DOT has stated the city plans would take away 20 feet of his business, including the front of his building.

Next door to Reinke is Oshkosh Heating and Air, which has not received anything from the city, according to Nancy Schultz, who owns the business with her husband.

Schultz said that communication with the DOT was clear that the DOT plans did not need that additional footage, but the city's plan would need part of her building to be demolished.

Oshkosh Heating and Air currently sits in industrial zoning. Shultz said the foot traffic and downtown placement is ideal for the business, and they would lose that if they were forced into an industrial park.

"It's not as welcoming in an industrial park," Schultz said.

Unlike Reinke, Schultz said her business has not had any conversations about the project.

"We haven't heard anything from the city about this project," she said. "All the information and communication has been through the DOT."

Schultz said she feels like the city is picking and choosing what businesses it wants in the area.

"It seems like they're choosing what businesses they want and getting rid of businesses like me," Schultz said. "We want progress for everyone – rising tides raises all ships."

Rabe said the idea behind widening the road is to make it more welcoming.

From Sixth to Seventh avenues, there will be no changes and there will be no parking allowed in that space. However, the plan includes putting parking on both sides of the road between Seventh and Eighth avenues with two driving lanes and bike lanes in that stretch.

Between Eighth Avenue and South Park Avenue, the city is requesting the DOT create two driving lanes, left-turn lanes, on-street parking and an eight-foot-wide sidewalk.



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A section of South Main Street is part of DOT and city plans to widen the street between Ninth and 11th avenues.

From South Park Avenue to 16th Avenue, the city is looking to have two driving lanes, two-way left turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks. There would be no on-street parking on this stretch of North Main Street.

Design for the project is ongoing and is set to be completed by 2030, the year before construction is supposed to begin. Land acquisition is set to begin either in 2027 or 2028, according to the published plans from the DOT.

The DOT states on its website, "This project will help to preserve the roadway and structure assets, provide a smoother ride for motorists, extend the life of the roadway and structures and minimize future maintenance costs."

The city capital improvement program (CIP) has just over $13 million set aside for the project to be completed in 2031.

The detour for the project would utilize the Oregon/Jackson Street bridge to traverse the Fox River during construction. That bridge is set for a full reconstruction in 2028 that will see the bridge changed from a movable bridge to a high-level fixed bridge similar to the Interstate 41 bridge over Lake Butte des Morts.

"For the city, it's really looking at what was approved for that Sawdust district master plan," Rabe said. "As staff that plan was approved and our direction is to implement that."

For more information, go to projects.hub.wisconsindot.gov/pages/41103400.

Occupants displaced after structure fire

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded at approximately 2:49 a.m. Friday to a reported structure fire in the 1800 block of W. Murdock Avenue.

Firefighters worked to extinguish the fire and complete operations at the scene. Nine occupants were displaced as a result of the incident. One occupant was treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Damage to the structure is estimated at approximately $120,000. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The Oshkosh Fire Department reminds residents to ensure smoke alarms are installed and working throughout their homes, to maintain a practiced home escape plan and to call 911 immediately in the event of a fire emergency.







Study results

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many concerned about the potential of losing their independent local fire department in the future based on the study.

Each board member stated a reason for why they were opposing the proposal when the vote was taken.

Kasie Kiesling said she wanted more information about the potential district and wanted more input from the community before moving forward. Brittany Bongert said she would like the town to explore other alternatives to joining the city in an EMS district. Dan Martin said he could not support moving forward without all board members present.

Board member Teresa Van Aacken was unable to attend the meeting.

Rasmussen voted against establishing the EMS district but stated this is a move that would help the town in the future.

The study outlines a five-step plan, with the first step creating a joint EMS district and the final step would be fully merging the ToAFD with the Oshkosh Fire Department.

The departments, as many residents noted during the public forum, are different. The ToAFD is a volunteer department, while the OFD is a fully-staffed, career department with over 100 employees.

ToAFD released a statement on the proposed EMS district before the meeting.

"Members of the Town of Algoma Fire Department have expressed strong opposition to the proposal because of concerns about the department's future independence, the accuracy of assumptions contained in the McMahon study, the lack of financial savings demonstrated to the Town, and the potential long-term consequences for taxpayers and emergency services," the statement said.



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Robert Whitaker of McMahon Associates explains during a Nov. 12 meeting the potential cost-saving and operational benefits of creating a joint EMS district between the City of Oshkosh and Town of Algoma.

The study noted that volunteer departments all over the country are seeing a trend of challenges recruiting volunteers.

"Our department is not experiencing the volunteer staffing crisis that this discussion could lead readers to assume," the statement said.

One other issue some residents were concerned about was the potential for a tax increase. At a presentation Oct. 22, Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer stated that under the joint EMS district there would be no changes for service or taxes for either the town or city.

However, the McMahon study states that a tax levy increase would be possible.

Algoma Town Administrator Maggie Mahoney said that would equate to about an $8,000 increase to the overall levy in the first year. The tax increase would be based on the increase in costs of EMS services.

One main reason the town and city were moving so fast with creating the district is that there is a funding opportunity with the Wisconsin Innovation Grant. If the grant was awarded, it would mean about $205,000 for Algoma and just under $5.7 million for Oshkosh over four years.

Former OFD Division Chief of EMS Chuck Hable spoke in opposition at the meeting about the EMS district and questioned a potential conflict of interest. Hable pointed out that former Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff was with the city when it made changes to EMS services in 2024 and is now working for McMahon Associates.

Rohloff left the city in 2025 and went to work for McMahon Associates as the division manager of public safety and municipal management and has served as the interim public works director for the City of Neenah.

Mahoney was aware of this and told McMahon before the study began, "Don't put him anywhere near this."

ToAFD Chief Kevin Sawicki spoke about the importance and positives of the department. He stated the department doesn't have the recruitment shortage that is happening nationwide, and that over the past four years, the department has gotten about $200,000 in grant funding.

Sawicki also talked about the support the community gives to the department. He said that fundraising, including a car show, community picnic and pig roast, bring in between $20,000 and $30,000 each year to support the department.

The Oshkosh Common Council had previously directed staff to move forward with a resolution creating the EMS district. It was set to be voted on by the council at this week's meeting. Since Algoma did not approve of creating the district, the item was removed from the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

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Holiday themed taproom to return to brewery for second year

By Emme Hornung
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The Tipsy Tinsel Taproom is returning for a second year at Fox River Brewing Co. featuring Christmas décor and a festive menu.

A new Oshkosh holiday tradition has started after a very merry introduction in 2025.

The Tipsy Tinsel Taproom at Fox River Brewing Co. is making its return with Christmas decor galore, holiday-themed bingo and other events, a photobooth and photo wall, and festive drinks and food to go around.

Fox River Brewing owners Jay and Heidi Supple started the themed decorations in the taproom last November to celebrate the 30th anniversary of opening the brewery at 1501 Arboretum Drive. Inspired by holiday pop-ups in Chicago, Heidi Supple wanted to bring the big-city feel to Oshkosh.

"We came up with the Tipsy Tinsel Taproom, and we decided to put it up not having any idea how it would go," Heidi Supple said. "And it was such an overwhelming success for our team, for our guests. People loved it."

With decorating taking place over a few intense days after Halloween, the taproom turns into a Christmas wonderland, featuring more than 5,000 feet of lights, hundreds of ornaments and a lot of new add-ons this year.

"The fun part about it is guests come in two, three, or four times before they really see everything. It's so intense when you walk in, plus you're ordering food, ordering drinks, so you can't capture everything," Jay Supple said. "It was incredible, the amount of people coming back, bringing friends to show them."



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Fox River Brewing Co. returns to Christmas themed decorations after last year's decorating led to themed decor during other parts of the year.

Staff also had fun and fully embraced the festive atmosphere by helping to decorate, coming up with fun food and drink ideas, dressing in costume and much more.

In addition to themed food and drinks, like Island of Misfit Mojitos, Mistletoe Margaritas served in Christmas ornaments, and Elf Shots, guests can also expect special events on certain evenings like Christmas Carol Bingo on Mondays, ugly sweater nights on Saturdays, and more.

Guests can also make memories with the fan-favorite photo wall.

"I literally think I spent my entire November and December taking people's pictures last year," Heidi Supple said. "I wish I would've told everyone who used it as a Christmas card to send us one."

"When we were getting near the end [last year], people were like, 'What's next?,'" Jay Supple added.

What was originally just a special anniversary celebration has turned into a year-round program. The Tipsy Tinsel Taproom turns into the Love Shack for Valentine's Day, March Madness and St. Patrick's Day themed for spring, Beach House for summer, and, most recently, the Haunted Beach House for fall.

With the holidays returning, so will the Tipsy Tinsel Taproom, and the Supples said this year will be even more jolly with the updated holiday menu and even more decor, and the holiday cheer will make its way outside as the brewery's heated river domes will be fully decorated.

Guests will be able to enjoy the holiday taproom through late January. Learn more at foxriverbrewing.com.

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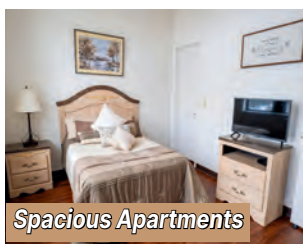
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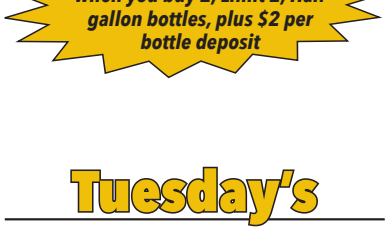


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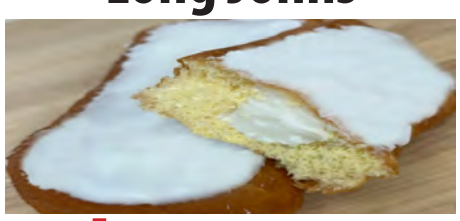
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Big Band Reunion hosts special guest musicians

By George Halas
Herald Contributor

World-class multi-instrumentalist Jose Encarnacion will be the special guest at upcoming shows with the Big Band Reunion.

Encarnacion will join the Big Band Reunion Monday along with Nov. 30 as the group continues to celebrate its 35th year as a band at Cranky Pat's in Neenah.

Both shows start at 7:30 p.m., go to 9 p.m. and admission is free.

Encarnacion, currently associate professor of music and director of jazz studies at Lawrence University as well as a long-time member of Salsa Manzana, will "sit in the saxophone section playing first tenor sax as well as flute on a couple of tunes," said BBR co-director Ken Skitch.

"Last time he played with us, he played percussion and we might have some of that, too," Skitch said. "We're very happy to have him as part of our group for a couple of weeks."

Marty Robinson, director of jazz studies and professor of trumpet at UW-Oshkosh and BBR co-director, is putting together a set list that will feature Encarnacion on three or four compositions each night.

Encarnacion is more than multi-talented.

"He's got a wider world view of music through his life experiences than anyone as well as professionalism and deeper knowledge," Skitch said. "There are a lot of good players in the area, but he is a notch above."

"It's more than just his musicianship. He has a generosity of spirit and expresses love genuinely," Skitch added. "He enjoys being with any group and that comes through in his music. "

The BBR officially celebrated its 35th anniversary on Oct. 19 with special guests Janet Planet and Tom Washatka.

"It went really well. It was an excellent and gracious audience," Skitch said. "We feel right at home at Cranky Pat's."

The set list included a number of compositions that paid homage the BBR's history. Skitch's "Hip To The Blues" and Robinson's "4 a.m. Blues" celebrated the present and Brad Curran, who along with Skitch is the only remaining original member of the BBR, was featured on Bobby Shew's "Blue." Mitch Borchardt's arrangement of "Ventilation" represented the "young guys."

The band also played "Muttnik," a Quincy Jones composition that was a play on Russia sending a dog into space on Sputnik and dedicate it to BBR co-founder and longtime leader Bob Levy. "It was always Bob's favorite," Skitch noted.

David Metzger's "Mr. Beautiful Walks His Pet Pig" was dedicated to BBR co-founder Nick Keelan.

In addition to celebrating its strong alliance with Lawrence University, the band played "Night of The August Moon" by long-time Winneconne resident and WAMI Hall of Fame inductee John Harmon, who also wrote the band's theme song, "Say Hey."

The night's offerings included Washatka's arrangement of "It Takes A Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry," Fred Sturm's arrangement of "Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You" and Matt Tumer' s arrangement of "All I Really Wanna Do" from Planet's ground-breaking album, "Just Like A Woman," big band arrangements of Bob Dylan songs that also featured players from the BBR on the recording.

For Planet, who also sang with the BBR at the recent Battle of The Big Bands at Becket's in Oshkosh and has sung with the band several times in the past, the experience is always special for many reasons.

"The first thing that comes to mind is the community of it, the collective effort of these great players, the camaraderie, the love as well as the music," she said. "It's more than the playing; it's carrying and passing the torch. It's celebrating the role that music plays in the world, the forever endeavor of spreading as much joy and love as you can."

Over 600 musicians have played with the BBR over its 35-year history and the band has built a library of over 2,000 songs, enabling it to go through an entire season — late September through Memorial Day — without playing the same composition twice.

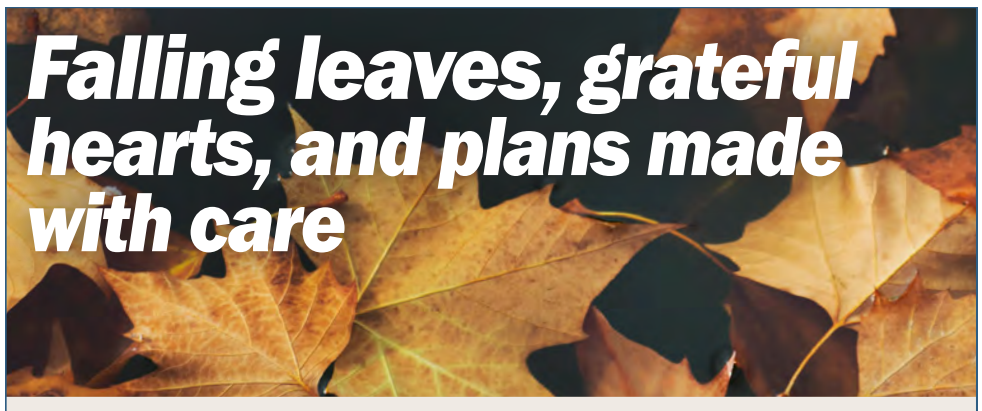
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Opening day

A steady stream of shoppers welcomed the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market's winter season Saturday at the Oshkosh Arena. Farm vendors offered a wide array of fall produce, while other vendors displayed foods, crafts and seasonal gifts. The winter season includes 12 markets at the Oshkosh Arena, Oshkosh Convention Center and Becket's Atrium. The next market is Nov. 21 at the Convention Center, with a Deer Widows Weekend theme.



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Knights' young roster ready to take aim at new season

Oshkosh Herald

Girls Hoops PREVIEW

The Lourdes Academy girls basketball roster is going to look young again this season.

The Knights have only two seniors on the roster and will have a number of sophomores logging key minutes this season.

But that was pretty much the case last season, too, except those sophomores were freshmen getting their first taste of the varsity level. Now, with that experience under their belt, Lourdes Academy is primed for another strong run in the competitive Trailways Conference and possibly a return to the Resch Center and rhe WIAA State Tournament in March.

"We are young again," commented head coach Ali Starr. "The days might feel long but every one of my players knows how quick the years go by. Despite being younger, they do not want to miss this opportunity to chase their dreams of being state champs."

After graduating much of the roster heading into last season, Starr turned to a young roster. Although there were some growing pains along the way, the Knights shared the Trailways East title and reached the WIAA Division 5 sectional final where they fell to Fall River.

Starr believes the lessons learned during the late-season push for the conference title and postseason tournament run will be a benefit for the team this season. She has already seen that experience paying dividends.

"To make it to a sectional final after graduating such a large group of seniors



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Naomi Liabwill was Lourdes Academy's second-leading scorer last year as a freshman and helped the Knights reach a WIAA Division 5 sectional final.

the year before was so powerful," Starr commented. "Being one game short last year made them all hungrier. I didn't have to do much to motivate them this summer and preseason. Every open gym they were conditioning on their own, pushing each other and the first week of practice felt like we had been practicing for a month already."

Although the Knights graduated their leading scorer from last season, Lourdes Academy returns five players who averaged at least five points per game last season led by junior Adhieu Liabwill and younger sister Naomi Liabwill, a sophomore.

Naomi Liabwill is the top returning scorer for the Knights having averaged 10.2 points per game last season, while Adhieu Liabwill contributed 9.8 points per game a year ago. That duo is expected to be a formidable 1-2 punch with the year of experience under their belts.

"They have played a ton of minutes in the offseason – their work from March to November is undeniable – and it will continue to pay off," Starr commented. "We just had our first scrimmage and I said 'We go as you two go,' not meant as pressure rather as a massive compliment."

The Liabwill sisters will have plenty of help, too.

Returning starters in senior Ellie Koch and junior Sarah Hafemeister can both provide scoring when needed, while sophomore Avi Wihlm played a key reserve role last season and is expected to get more minutes this season.

Koch and Hafemeister were also among the teams leading rebounders last season, while Wihlm was a defensive presence who led the team in steals.

Sophomores Adi Sauceda and Grace Martin saw limited varsity minutes last season but both saw court time in key stretches during the postseason run a year ago, while the Knights will also get junior Christina Agosto back to the roster after missing last year because of injury.

Senior Kenzie Grammar and juniors Brynn McKone, Finley Coats and Khloe Bunton are also expected to contribute at the varsity level this season.

"I expect to have a deep roster. I feel like everyone that has a varsity jersey will contribute significant minutes," Starr said. "I pray all my players trust their preparation and I believe their intentional efforts will be rewarded."

Oshkosh West

With its top two scorers and three of their top five returning from last year, the Wildcats will look to make some waves in the always tough Fox Valley Association.

Oshkosh West finished just under the .500 mark in league play last year, but being able to put an experienced lineup on the court should help the Wildcats improve on that mark.

We had some close games last year that we were just not able to pull out the victory. Returning so many of our girls from last year's team I am hoping we will be able to end up on the winning side of those close games this season," commented head coach Kenisha Goss. "The more these girls play together, the better we are going to keep getting. Allowing each of them to play to their strengths and set each other up for success."

Leading the list of returning players will be juniors Kamryn Stauffacher and Kinslee Nelson, who are each entering their third season at the varsity level.

Stauffacher led the team at 8.7 points per game last season and earned honorable mention all-FVA honors, while Nelson was a second-team selection after averaging 7.8 points per game, while leading the team with 5.8 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.

Senior guard Samantha Panske also returns after logging heavy minutes off the bench last season, while the Wildcats will be hoping for a healthy return for junior Mya Johnson, who is expected to be out of the lineup until January with an injury.

Junior Maddie Bellin also saw regular

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Fall all-conference teams

FOOTBALL

Wildcats' Berg earns special recognition

Oshkosh West junior Billy Berg was named the Defensive Back of the Year in the Fox Valley Association and was the Wildcats' lone selection to the all-conference first team.

Berg, one of five defensive backs named to the first team, finished the season with 24 tackles from his cornerback position, while also tallying two interceptions and two pass break-ups on the season.

Berg becomes the first West player to receive special recognition from the conference in a non-COVID season since Ben Kohl was named Offensive Back and Offensive Player of the Year in 2017.

The Wildcats had a handful of players named to the all-conference second team, including four on the defensive side.

Senior safeties Ethan Bowman and Cade Heiman were joined by senior cornerback Elijah Wilder and junior linebacker Stuart Suwalski off the Wildcat defense, while senior tight end Henry Weis was tabbed to the second-team offense.

Earning honorable mention honors were senior linebacker Melvin Byes, senior running back Owen Heim and junior defensive lineman Luke Heuchert.

Davis headlines Spartans' selections

Junior Lucas Davis was named to the first team offense and defense to lead the Oshkosh North selections on the all-Fox River Classic Conference South Division teams.

Davis was chosen as one of the five lineman to the first team on offense and was selected as a defensive end on defense after posting 65 tackles, 15 tackles-for-loss, 6.5 sacks and two forced fumbles on the season.

Joining Davis on the first-team defense was senior linebacker Manny Tlatelpa, who led the Spartans with 108 tackles and four interceptions this season. Tlatelpa was also named to the second team as a punter.

Senior offensive lineman Mason Geiger was named to the all-conference second team along with senior outside linebacker Mayson Feavel and senior defensive back Ethan Kuhn.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Spartans were junior offensive lineman Aiden Flanigan and sophomore defensive back Brock Binder.

Three Knights garner top recognition

Lourdes Academy seniors Brady Bauer, Maximus Behnke and Nolan Gibson each earned special honors on the all-Trailways Conference teams.

Bauer was named Offensive Player of the Year in the conference for the second straight season after helping lead the Knights to a share of the conference title. Bauer finished with 1,531 yards and 27 touchdowns on the ground and had a 10.1-yard per carry average for the season, while also throwing for 1,090 yards and 16 touchdowns while completing nearly 70 percent of his passes.

Behnke was named the Defensive Player of the Year in the league after leading the Knights with 82 tackles – nearly 40 more than anyone else on the team – 13 tackles-for-loss and two sacks from his inside linebacker position.

Gibson was named the league's Defensive Lineman of the Year after making the switch to that position late last season. He finished with 36 tackles and tied Behnke for the team lead in tackles-for-loss with 13.

Bauer was also named to the first team at outside linebacker where he finished with 37 tackles and 5.5 sacks, while Gibson was also tabbed to the first team as an offensive lineman – the first season he's played that position.

Senior Harlan Kuehn was also a two-way first-team selection at both tight end and defensive end. Kuehn finished the year with 19 catches for 194 yards and five touchdowns, while also tallying 34 tackles and four sacks on defense.

Rounding out the first-team selections for the Knights were senior defensive back Michael Santiago, who finished the season with 29 tackles and a team-leading six passes defended, and senior offensive lineman Santos Gomez.

Behnke also picked up second-team honors at running back and was joined on the second team by sophomore defensive back Elwin West Jr. and senior kicker Matthew Loker, who was out for football for the first time this season.

Garnering honorable mention all-league recognition for Lourdes Academy was Santiago at wide receiver, senior Sam Rehm at offensive line and punter, junior offensive linemen Peytyn Leinweber and Asher Wellens, sophomore defensive back Colton Hable, sophomore linebacker Reagan Needham and junior special teams player Ian Simmons.

Gloudemans, Osinga lead Warriors honorees

Senior Xander Osinga and junior Sam Gloudemans each received special recognition on the all-Packerland Conference teams.

Osinga was named the Defensive Player of the Year after totaling 30 tackles and 5.5 sacks this season, while also recovering a fumble on the season. He was a first-team selection as both a defensive and offensive lineman.

Gloudemans spearheaded the Warriors potent offense from his running back spot and was named the Offensive Player of the Year. He finished with 1,549 yards and 25 touchdowns on 139 carries and averaged 11.1 yards per carry. He also caught four passes, including a touchdown, for the Warriors.

Joining that duo on first team was senior offensive lineman Jeron Bjarnarson and senior linebacker Mason Everts, who finished second on the team with 66 tackles and 2.5 sacks.

Valley Christian also had both first-team specialists as Bjarnarson averaged 40 yards per punt this season and junior Steven Stiansen was tabbed at kicker after finishing 46-of-57 on PAT kicks and 3-of-4 on field goals this season.

Gloudemans added a second-team nod at defensive back and was joined on the second team by senior Liam Clayton on the defensive line and senior Ben Curtis, who was chosen on both the offensive and defensive line.

Senior defensive back Cole Highfill was the team's lone selection on the honorable mention list.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Liebergen, Benesh honored by FVA

Oshkosh West junior Emma Liebergen and senior Addison Benesh were each recognized on the all-Fox Valley Association squads.

Liebergen was one of eight players named to the all-conference second team, while Benesh earned honorable mention recognition in the league.

Oshkosh North did not have any players receive recognition.

Warriors' Gostas-Sims earns first-team nod

Valley Christian sophomore Laila Gostas-Sims earned first-team all-league honors in the Trailways Conference this season.

Gostas-Sims led the Warriors in kills (279), aces (52) and digs (331) while helping carry the team to a runner-up finish in the Trailways East.

Earning second-team honors for the Warriors were sophomore middle hitter Brielle Birr and junior setter Lydia Hardy, while freshman Addy Lehnman was selected to the honorable mention list.

Junior Ella Urban was named to the all-conference Sportsmanship team.

Lourdes Academy had three players garner all-Trailways East honors.

Sophomores Naomi Liabwill and Grace Martin were named to the second team for the Knights, while freshman Eliana Brandes was an honorable mention selection.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Umar receives all-FVA recognition

In its first season as a varsity sport, the Oshkosh North/West co-op boys volleyball was represented on the all-Fox Valley Association teams.

Senior Irtisam Umar was named to the honorable mention list for the conference.

SOCCER

West's Choinski leads all-FVA honorees

The Wildcats senior defender Carson Choinski landed first-team honors on the all-Fox Valley Association teams.

Choinski anchored a stingy Oshkosh West defense this season and was one of four defenders named to the first team. He earned second-team all-conference honors last season.

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West were represented on the second team as Wildcats' sophomore midfielder Gael Bolanos and the Spartans' senior forward Wilodnja M'munga and junior defender Wapole Misembo each landed on the 14-player squad.

Earning honorable mention recognition were senior goalkeeper Jacob Allen, senior defender Tyler Nimis and senior forward Brady Ott of Oshkosh West and senior midfielder Cooper Snell and junior defender Ryan Guenther of Oshkosh North.

Knights' trio makes all-Flyway first team

Three members of the Flyway Conference championship winning Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team earned first-team honors.

Matthew Loker and Elijiah Troiber were named to the first team as attacking players, while Elias Gutierrez Kahaupt earned a spot on the top squad as a defender.

The trio led a total of nine honorees for the Knights.

Attacker Jackson Buttke, defender Liam Buttke and goalkeeper Micah Humiston earned second-team honors for Lourdes/Valley, while attacking player Thatcher Bratton-Wesner and defenders Reid Dwyer and Steven Stiansen were named on the honorable mention list.

CROSS COUNTRY

Knights' Spanbauer leads Trailways teams

Lourdes Academy senior Henry Spanbauer was named the boys Runner of the Year in the Trailways Conference while leading the Knights' contingent on the all-league lists.

Zach Foster joined Spanbauer on the boys first team, which doles out honors based on the finishes at the conference meet.

Nolan Piechowski earned a spot on the second team with Mason Piechowski finishing with honorable mention honors.

For the Lourdes Academy girls, a total of six runners received honors led by first-teamers Annie Moore, Khloe Bunton and Ana Schneidewend.

Zoe Henizen earned a spot on the second team with Ella Laib and Evelyn Heinzen garnering honorable mention recognition.

For Valley Christian, Mya Moran was the first-team honoree for the Warriors and the only girl to receive all-conference recognition.

For the boys, Simon Menet, Jack O'Brien and Ezra Ehrlich all were on second team and Zach Werner made the honorable mention list.

Wildcats' Moore earns top FVA honor

Oshkosh West junior Dominic Moore was named the Runner of the Year in the Fox Valley Association after winning the individual title at the conference meet earlier this fall.

Moore, a two-time state qualifier who finished in the top 25 at this year's state meet, was also a first-team all-conference honoree last season.

Oshkosh North junior Jay Weber also earned first-team honors after narrowly missing making the top squad as a sophomore.

Neither Oshkosh team had a runner earn a spot on the all-FVA second team but senior Arjen Karns and sophomore James Schiek of Oshkosh West and junior Mason Gumz of Oshkosh North earned honorable mention recognition.

For the girls, Oshkosh West senior Abby Tercha was the lone representative from Oshkosh on the first team. She was also a first-team honoree last season.

Earning second team honors were senior state qualifier Adri Clark of Oshkosh North and junior Coraline Strebelinski and freshman Haddie Wara of Oshkosh West.

TENNIS

Quandt earns first-team selection

Lourdes Academy standout Sasha Quandt picked up first-team all-conference honors in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference.

The senior was a four-time state qualifier and was state runner-up the past two seasons. She was one of four singles players named to the all-conference first team.

Three Wildcats earn all-FVA recognition

Oshkosh West's top singles player and No. 1 doubles team each earned recognition from the Fox Valley Association.

Senior No. 1 singles player Aubrey

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DePaul bound

Oshkosh North standout girls basketball player Awut Alic made it official last Wednesday signing her National Letter of Intent to attend DePaul University and continue her basketball career next season. Alic is a two-time first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection who averaged nearly 20 points per game last season.

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minutes a year ago, while junior Norah Lytle and sophomore Camryn Koehler will add to the depth on the perimeter.

When at full strength, that is a formidable backcourt group and something the Wildcats can use to their advantage.

"We want to pressure more full court this year and get the ball up the floor quickly into the hands of our scorers," commented Goss.

In the frontcourt, seniors Sophie Kalka and Riley Mugerauer are expected to log the majority of the minutes after seeing limited varsity action last season, while freshman Colbie Willer will add depth at those spots.

"We will be relying heavily on Sophie and Riley down low," Goss commented. "(They) are physical and willing to do whatever the team needs."

Oshkosh North

The Spartans will again feature one of the top players in the Fox Valley Association in senior Awut Alic, as they look to improve on last year's finish.

Alic, who recently signed to attend DePaul University next year, is a four-year varsity starter and a two-time first-team all-FVA selection. She averaged 19.3 points, 6.1 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game last season, while shooting 44 percent from the field and nearly 70 percent from 3-point range.

"Awut is a tremendous athlete, loves the game and is a big-time competitor," commented head coach Rick Leib. "We really need her to understand that she doesn't have to win every situation. That kind of mentality will allow her to be focused as well as keep her on the floor more."

Alic will be the leader of the Spartans, however, the North roster will have a wealth of experience on it.

Seniors Navi Lao-Facundo, Sammie Leib and Promise Shehi all logged heavy varsity minutes last season and played key roles for the Spartans. Lao-Facundo is the leader of that trio having averaged 7.5 points and a team-high 8.2 rebounds per game last season.

Senior Zara Zinth, juniors Emaly Duran, Nahla Whitley, Raegan Batten and sophomore Nelly Harrison are also expected to contribute this year after playing some at the varsity level last season.

In addition, sophomores Sophia Schinkten, Solian Van Auken, Emily Krause and Anna Notzke are expected to contribute this season as well.

"We have worked extremely hard this offseason at increasing (our) field goal percentage and as a team we need to rebound better and reduce turnovers," Leib commented. "The girls had a tremendous offseason. We not only worked on our individual skills but really spent time on our team concepts."

Valley Christian

The Warriors are expected to return first-team Trailways East selection Mya Moran but lost the bulk of their lineup from last season's conference co-champions.

Moran averaged 23.6 points per game as well as 5.7 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game a year ago and will likely shoulder even more of the load this season.

Sophomore Brielle Birr started last season and also is expected to return.

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Valley Christian planning to move to 11-player football

By Steve Clark
Oshkosh Herald

Valley Christian emerged has a powerhouse in 8-player football this season.

In a couple of years, the Warriors will be looking to do the same in the 11-player arena.

With a blossoming enrollment and growing rosters at all levels, officials from the school have started the process for the program to make the move to 11-player football for the 2028 season.

"When we brought football back to Valley Christian four years ago, the long-term goal was always to work toward 11-(player) football," Valley Christian athletic director Daniel Clayton wrote in an email to the Oshkosh Herald. "We believe we have continued to build the program to a point where out numbers, along with the development of our middle school program as a feeder for the high school, will position us well for that transition."

According to Clayton, the Warriors had 25 players on the high-school roster this season with 42 players participating at the middle school level, including 20 at the sixth-grade level.

Having the numbers to safely sustain a program was important in opting to make the move and Clayton believes those numbers will continue to sustain and possibly grow moving forward.

"Over the past few years, our numbers have been trending in a positive direction, especially at the middle school level," commented Clayton. "As we continue to build our program and create a stronger connection between middle school and high school football, we anticipate that growth will continue. We believe the success of our teams at both levels will help generate even more interest in football at Valley Christian."

Another factor in opting for the move to 11-player football is that the school's rising enrollment could make them ineligible for the postseason in 8-player football.

The WIAA has a cutoff of 200 for an average enrollment over a three-year period to be eligible to compete in the playoffs in 8-player football. Valley Christian is under that mark through the 2027, but beyond the school could eclipse that number.

That would mean that, even if the Warriors were to have the record to qualify for the postseason, they would be left out.

"Based on our projections, we anticipate exceeding that threshold by 2028, which would make us ineligible for the 8-player playoffs," Clayton commented. "Ultimately, we want our football players to have the opportunity to compete for championships and experience playoff football, just like our athletes in other sports."

Before moving to 11-player football four years ago, St. Mary Catholic in Neenah had back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 8-player football but were excluded from the playoffs because of the enrollment factor.

Valley Christian has already petitioned the WIAA to make the move from 8-player to 11-player and had to submit rationale for the move by November 1 and identify the top two choices for conference affiliation.

Clayton said the preferred landing spot for the football program would be the Trailways Conference but there are no guarantees that it will happen. The decision is expected to be handed down by the WIAA in early 2027.

"Ultimately, the WIAA has the final authority to determine conference placement," Clayton commented. "To us, it just makes sense as most of our other sports compete in the Trailways Conference.

"We understand that the WIAA will ultimately determine our conference placement and wherever we are placed in 2028, we will embrace the challenge and do our best to compete at the highest level."

In order to prepare for the switch, Valley Christian will play a full 11-player schedule at the middle school level next season. The middle school team played an 11-player game against Lourdes Academy in the final week of the 2026 season.

Clayton added that the eventual goal is to not only have a varsity roster for an 11-player team, but also field a junior varsity squad to help with player development. However, there are no plans to have a JV squad in 2028.

"As our program continues to grow, our goals is to have a full JV and varsity football program," Clayton commented. "However, we recognize that the transition may take time and we may need to build our JV schedule gradually rather than (try to) play a full schedule right away."

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Epprecht and the Wildcats' top doubles pairing of seniors Megan Joregensen and Madelyn Marino each garnered honorable mention recognition this season

GOLF

North's Leib lands on honorable mention list

Spartan senior Sammie Leib earned a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association list after a strong final season.

Leib, who advanced to sectionals this fall, was named to the all-FVA honorable mention list and was the only Oshkosh player to receive recognition.

SWIMMING

Yonke leads all-FVA selections for West

Freshman Rose Yonke was the lone individual to earn all-Fox Valley Association honors for the Wildcats, while also earning recognition as part of a relay.

Yonke landed a spot on the all-FVA second team in the 50-yard freestyle after finishing second in the event at the FVA meet.

She was then joined by senior Rylee Coppernoll, junior Molly Dudzinski and sophomore Avery Booms on the honorable mention foursome for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

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Obituaries

Bonnie Jean Robertson

Bonnie Jean Robertson (Marquardt) passed away on November 2, 2026 at the age of 87.

Bonnie was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau, Wisconsin on February 14, 1939. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Evangelical, and Reformed Church in Wausau.

She spent her childhood and teen years living on the family farm in the Town of Rib Mountain (Wausau). In June of 1957, she graduated from Wausau High School.

In September 1958 she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where she joined several aunts, uncles and cousins. While in Albuquerque, she met and was married to William (Bill) Robertson on April 29, 1960. Bonnie and Bill moved to Colorado, until relocating to Sheboygan, Wisconsin in June 1961. They had three sons and later moved to Princeton, Wisconsin where they stayed until the boys completed high school. Their next move was to Montrose, Colorado where they lived and worked for a number of years. Eventually they returned to Oshkosh, Wisconsin in order to be closer to their children. They lived in Oshkosh for their remaining years.

Bonnie had many interests. Her hobbies included painting, ceramics, scrapbooking, and card making. She also maintained her love and passion for horses.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, and eldest son William Arthur Robertson.

She is survived by sons Dale and spouse Heidi Robertson of Oshkosh, Joe and spouse LeeAnne Robertson, also of Oshkosh, and daughter-in-law Mary Robertson of Cedarburg, Wisconsin. She is also survived by her four siblings, Sonja, Patsy, Arthur and Ervin, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Bonnie will forever be missed, loved, and remembered for her kindness, unconditional caring for others, and her quick good natured wit.

A memorial service will be held on November 22, 2026 at the Fiss and Bill Poklasny Funeral Home located at 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There will be a gathering at 1:30 with the service at 2:00.

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Wayne W. Dettlaff

Wayne W. Dettlaff, 77, was taken home to his Savior, Jesus Christ on November 13, 2026, he was born in Oshkosh, WI on March 16, 1949 to parents Robert J. and Grace (Manthey) Detlaff.

Wayne attended Grace Lutheran Grade School and Oshkosh High School. He married Tracy Willis on February 11, 1988 and they were married for 34 years until she preceded him. Wayne worked as a truck driver and worked for many different companies during his career. He was also a proud Army veteran and an active member of the Oshkosh Legion Post #70.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Anne Simpson and Lorraine Stewart; brothers, Russell (Karen) Dettlaff, Greg Dettlaff and Brian Dettlaff; he is further survived by many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Tracy Detlaff; parents, Robert and Grace Detlaff; brother, Bruce Dettlaff; sister, Carolyn Horton; brothers-in-law, Cecil Simpson and Gary Stewart; and sister-in-law, Cindy Dettlaff.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Legion.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Ascension Mercy Hospital, Avina of Fond du Lac, and Compassus Hospice for all of the care and compassion that they had shown to Wayne. Further thanks to the American Legion who has continued to be helpful and where he was always a prominent member.

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Obituaries

Ronald A. Detjen

The Detjen Adventure Continues



Those were Ron's words, and anyone who knew Ronald A. Detjen knows how perfectly they described his 83 years. Ron passed away on November 8, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of adventures, accomplishments, and unforgettable stories. With Ron, life was never ordinary, rarely predictable, and always an adventure.

Mary, Ron's wife and partner in adventure for 49 years, describes him best:

When I met Ron, I had taken my 1969 MG Midget into Ron's Pure Service at 9th and Knapp in Oshkosh. I had no idea what an adventure I was getting into. Our courtship involved a first date in a Cessna 150 with Ron piloting, making submarine sandwiches at Subconscious Sub Shop, renovating houses, and whatever other project Ron had underway. We married on August 13, 1977, honeymooned in Las Vegas, and gambled on just about everything. It was an appropriate beginning for a lifetime with a man who was never afraid to take a chance.

Ron had been collecting adventures long before we met. Raised in Kiel, Wisconsin, he learned from his engineer father to fix and build almost anything. Two weeks after graduating from high school, he proudly enlisted in the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS Oglethorpe during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He later worked as an ironworker, survived a 40-foot fall, and lived on the beaches of Acapulco for a year. His love of Mexico never faded and he passed that enthusiasm along to his daughters, returning often to enjoy the music and culture with them.

Ron was an entrepreneur in every sense of the word. He saw possibilities where others saw problems and rarely encountered something he wasn't willing to try. His ventures ranged from automotive repair and car washes to real estate development, construction, and even becoming a published author. He developed Wisconsin's first commercial condominium, invested in numerous Oshkosh properties with the help of many partners, and managed the construction of the Radisson Hotel on Main Street, Oshkosh.

One of his greatest business adventures began with the purchase of a struggling veterinary software company, ImproMed. What started as an investment became a passion. Ron built the company into one of the industry's most successful, but his impact went well beyond the business itself. He expected a great deal from the people around him, but behind his tough exterior was an unwavering commitment to helping them grow, both professionally and personally. He shared his knowledge freely, challenged people to think differently and took genuine pride in watching them succeed.

That same energy followed him home. In 1982, we moved to the country near Berlin, Wisconsin, where our girls could run, get dirty, and raise animals. Ron would leave for work before sunrise and return past sunset, often commenting that he worked half days. The rest of his time was dedicated to building horse stalls and fences, teaching his daughters to swing a hammer, building a go-kart and little red truck so his young girls could drive a little too fast around the property and tackling his never-ending list of projects. Those projects were lessons, improvements, shenanigans, and adventures all rolled into daily life. We had our very own MacGyver, and there was seemingly nothing he couldn't build, fix, or figure out.

Ron loved fishing, cars, and traveling. In later years, we particularly enjoyed cruising together, exploring new places and finding new adventures. He never stopped learning. Whether the subject was science, politics, religion, business, or something he'd never heard of before, he would research it until he understood it. He loved a good discussion and was never short on knowledge and advice.

For all his adventures and accomplishments, Ron's greatest love was his family. He was the proud father of four daughters: Carrie Pzynski, Angela Zacharias (Jake), Gabrielle Rude (Phil), and Hallie Dicks (Matthew). Each had a special relationship with him, and whether they needed advice, help solving a problem, or simply wanted to talk, he was always there. His sons-in-law discovered that Ron was equally happy discussing cars, fishing, trouble shooting a mechanical problem that no one else could solve or whatever else came up. Who knows what they all talked about!

His grandchildren, Lily, Milo, Chloe, Jacob, Madeleine, and Savanna, brought him immeasurable joy. A phone call or text from any of them could make his day. He was endlessly interested in their lives and in his eyes, they could do no wrong. They called him Grumpa – which always made him smile.

Our adventure was unpredictable; through it all, Ron loved me, his daughters, and his grandchildren with his whole heart. He would have done anything for us. There are more stories than we could ever hope to tell, more lessons than we can count, and certainly more than a few adventures that should not be documented in writing.

I am thankful for the love Ron gave all of us and the wonderful, exciting, crazy life we had. I was truly married to the original Most Interesting Man.

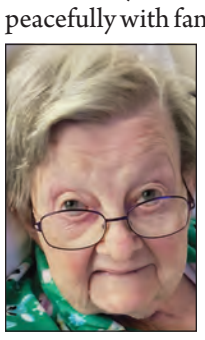
We invite those who knew him to join us at the VFW Hall, 420 N Wisconsin St, Berlin, Wisconsin, on Sunday, November 29, 2026, from noon to 3:00 p.m., for an afternoon of good company, great stories and remembering the one and only Ronald A. Detjen. A private burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery in Berlin.

In honor of Ron's service to his country, a memorial has been established for Wells-Krause VFW Post #2925 in Berlin, WI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Barbola Funeral Chapel in Berlin. Anyone wishing to send a sympathy card to the family, please mail to Ronald Detjen, c/o Barbola Funeral Chapel, PO Box 201, Berlin, WI 54923. Online condolences may be sent to the family at barbolafc@yahoo.com.

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Helen Myra Sawall

Helen Myra Sawall, age 98, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. She was born to Frank and Helen (Mehn) Buchholz on February 16, 1928, in Ripon, WI. She married Elmer "Mike" F Sawall on April 18, 1949, in Ripon and were together until his passing in 2008.



When Helen thought back on her employment at Western Union, she was always amazed that she'd traveled by bus and train ALL BY HERSELF to Crawfordsville, IN for 13 weeks of training. Helen worked as a relief operator in Oshkosh, Ripon, New London and Iron Mountain, MI. She also worked at the Oshkosh Northwestern where she rarely missed a day.

In her younger years, Mom enjoyed bowling and reading. While living at Bethel, she enjoyed her weekly outings to IHOP where they treated her like royalty. Mom sounded happiest when she'd call to tell you 'I'm in my pj's in bed watching TV!' Her favorite shows: Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Everybody Loves Raymond, Andy Griffith, and Gunsmoke.

Helen is survived by one son, Michael Sawall, Oshkosh; three daughters, Wendy (Hank) Ziebol, Ames, IA; Marie Sawall (Laurie Van Grinsven), Crandon; Rachel (Randy) Guzman, Redgranite; 10 grandchildren, Curtis Sawall, Leo (Kate) Ziebol, Philip (Kari) Ziebol, Chad (Amy) Ziebol, Mitchell Ziebol, Samuel (Madison) Ziebol, Henry (Lauren Resewehr) Ziebol, Dylan (Erika) Guzman, Sierra (Kristofer) Grissman, and Dakota Guzman; two step grandchildren, Eric (Megan) Wilkinson, Nicholas Guzman; and many great grandchildren. Helen is also survived by her sister Donna (Chet) Burton, Ripon; an 'adopted' daughter, Beverly Morrissey; and many nieces, nephews and their children.

We can only imagine Helen's joy in seeing her savior, Jesus, as well as those who greeted her in Heaven: her husband, Elmer; her parents and her son Frank. Helen was also met by eleven of her siblings: Violet Ewald, Harvey Buchholz, Leonard Buchholz, Franklin Buchholz, Herbert Buchholz, Robert Buchholz, Alice Snelling, Clayton Buchholz, Lois Ann Parks, Maurice Buchholz and her twin brother Howard Buchholz. When asked why she had so many siblings, Helen did not hesitate to say "well in those days, there was no TV so they would say, 'might as well go to bed!' ".

A Funeral Service for Helen will be held at Bethel Home Chapel (225 N Eagle St) on Monday, November 23, 2026, at 12PM. A time of visitation will be held the night before on Sunday, November 22, 2026, from 4PM until 6PM at Bethel home as well as the day of the service from 11AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

We are forever thankful for the care, kindness and compassion shown by the people at Bethel. They truly made her feel 'at home.' We are also so thankful to Moments Hospice for helping Mom.

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Dorothy Gunderson

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Gunderson



With heavy hearts and loving memories, we celebrate the beautiful life of Dorothy "Dotty" Mae Gunderson, a woman whose unwavering faith in God was the foundation of her life.

Dorothy Gunderson, age 84, of Oshkosh , WI passed away on Tuesday November 3rd 2026, in Phoenix AZ, with her two beautiful daughters and their loving families by her side.

Dorothy was born on July 30th, 1942 to the late Louis and Margaret Mathe in Oshkosh,WI.

She enjoyed a fulfilling career as a Licensed Practical Nurse, where her commitment to helping others reflected her caring nature.

Dorothy lived a life filled with love, laughter, and raising her three strong, beautiful girls. She was a woman of strong Christian faith who believed in the power of prayer, the importance of family, and the promise of eternal life. She walked through life with God in her heart, finding strength in His word and comfort in His promises.

Although our hearts ache in her absence, we find peace in knowing that Dorothy has been welcomed into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father. Her earthly journey may have ended, but her eternal life has just begun.

Dorothy is lovingly survived by her two daughters, Terri(Henry) West and Michelle (Cartney) Sazone, along with her cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Richard Gunderson ,Her parents Louis and Margaret Mathe, her loving daughter, Vicki Warren , wife of Arthur Warren Her sisters Beverly Brickham and Geraldine Pommerening , her brother Donald Mathe as well as her great grand-daughter Dahlia Chapin.

We will forever treasure the time we were blessed to share with her, the love she gave, and the faith that guided her.

Until we meet again, may you rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus. You are forever loved, deeply missed, and never forgotten.

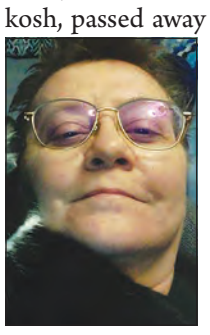
"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23

The family would like to thank Advantage Home Care, Shelly, Steven and Tameka for your around the clock care and support.An extended thank you to Chaplin Lisa, Damon, and Nancy with the hospice of hope team.

A Memorial will take place in her home town of Oshkosh in the coming spring.

Phyllis Diane Dutcher

Phyllis Diane Dutcher, age 68 of Oshkosh, passed away in her home on October 27, 2026. Daughter of Elmer and Janie Savage Dutcher, she is survived by her sisters, Sandra and Deborah and brother, Ronald.



As a student at Wautoma High, she was the first young woman ever to be awarded the title "Most Athletic Student" for her participation in every sport available. Her love of softball continued on teams in Wautoma and Berlin.

Phyllis worked for Kimberly Clark until retiring from there, then earned a degree in accounting from Fox Valley Tech. She started a second career at 4 Imprint, where she worked until retiring.

Phyllis was known for her radiance, her compassion and her love. Even in the last two years, when cancer slowly took away her physical mobility, she remained a constant source of positivity and support to friends around the country. Her light is deeply missed.

A celebration of life is being held at Deb's Spare Time (1303 Harrison St) on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 12:30PM until 3:30PM.

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Obituaries

James Elling Reiff

Though he tried to fight it, James Elling Reiff was destined to be a Lutheran minister. His grandfather came from Germany and rode circuits through northern Wisconsin serving German speaking rural Lutheran churches. His father and uncle became Lutheran ministers and his aunts married the Schlachtenhaufen brothers who were two Lutheran ministers.

James was born April 13, 1944 in Marshfield, WI. to the Rev. Gerhardt and Frances Reiff joining his older brother, Paul in the parsonage. When his father became the administrator of the Wernle Children's Home the family moved to Richmond, Indiana where his brother, Mark, was born. When the family moved to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Garnavillo, Iowa another son, Tom, was born. All four boys would become Lutheran ministers.

James attended elementary school in Middleton, WI where his father was administrator of Oakwood Retirement Home in Madison. His high school years were split between Middleton in Madison and Johnson High in St. Paul. graduating in 1962. In high school he started a band called The Deacons. They played at events and bars in eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. One of their recordings "Donna" made it to the top ten in Minneapolis. In 2020 he was inducted into the Midwest Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. Late in life he adapted the Wabash Cannonball song to a Wabash Christmas song which he recorded for his grandchildren.

He went to Augsburg College. After graduating he went to the Brown Institute and learned to be a radio announcer, later working at KDWB in the Twin Cities as an announcer and engineer.

To earn money for college and seminary he signed on to Great Lakes freighters during the summer months serving first as a deckhand and wiper in the engine room, sometimes 2nd cook in the galley and occasionally as the wheelsman. He loved being out on the water.

He graduated from Wartburg Seminary in 1972 and was ordained at Grace Lutheran in Tomahawk as an assistant pastor March 24, 1974. He married Kris Olsen in 1974 and they had a son, Jacob, born in 1975. They moved to Edgar, WI in 1976 where Jim was pastor of the two-point parish, St. John's and St. Stephen's. As in Tomahawk and subsequent parishes, Jim found he loved visiting people and getting to know them. He and Kris divorced in 1977 and he married Linda Lexau in 1978. They moved to Washington Island in 1978 so Jim could be pastor of Trinity Lutheran for nearly six years. Their sons, Mark and Tim were both born while they were living there. The island was a good place to raise the three boys with a tree house in back, lots of outdoor space and a donated pony. James encouraged the church to honor their Scandinavian origins by hanging the sailing ship model of the Madonna in the nave, and encouraging efforts to build a Stav Church in the prayer gardens.

Jim was always looking to learn more. He earned a second Master's degree from the University of Dubuque. Jim took a month-long Outdoor Leadership class in Utah and learned to survive on snake and greens. He also took a week-long class to build a log cabin from scratch using only hand tools. The family moved to Coloma, WI in 1985 where Jim was the pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. He loved camping with his sons out west, in northern Wisconsin, and on the Apostle Islands with brother Tom and his sons.

In 1987 they moved to Oshkosh where Jim became the chaplain at Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh. He loved visiting with the residents, learning their life stories and playing guitar and singing with them.

After he and Linda divorced, he took the call to St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, WI. He loved the down-to-earth people there so much he stayed for over thirty-three years. They knew how to cook from scratch and fix almost anything mechanical The boys loved that they could have a dog there. He earned his third Master's degree from Loyola University.

He met Catherine Lindsay when he called to buy a set of hypnosis books from her. Finding common interests in religion, good conversations, a love of dogs, sailing and travel they have enjoyed a 35-year friendship.

Jim loved ships. He took Mark and Tim for a three-week volunteer sail on the Brig Niagara in a Tall Ship tour of the Great Lakes in 1998. He continued sailing on the Great Lakes and both coasts taking two more trips on Niagara, Denis Sullivan (Wisconsin's flag ship,) Amistad with Catherine's youngest brother Tim, the Canadian ship Tecumseh, where he became known as Yankee Jim, and the Canadian ship Lynx on the Pacific coast. He volunteered time to restore the WWII LST 325 in Evansville, Indiana and helped sail it up the Mississippi to Wisconsin.

He retired from St. John's, Nekimi in 2023 and moved to the Carmel building of Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh (Miravida).

Jim is survived by his sons, Jacob, Mark (Laura), Tim (Danielle), his grandchildren: Ethan, Luke, Brett, Trevor, Tekla, Edward, Rapna and Charles. His brothers: Rev. Paul Reiff (Raychel), Rev. Mark Reiff, and Rev. Tom Reiff (Lisa). He is also survived by his good friend and confidant, Catherine Lindsay.

Thank you to all the friends who visited, sent cards and prayers his way and the caring staff at Bethel that made him feel comfortable and at home during his stay there. Visitation was held at St. John's Lutheran Church – Nekimi, on Monday November 16, at 12 pm, with service to follow at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church – Nekimi.

Ronald E. Johnson

Ronald (Ron) E. Johnson, age 92, of Oshkosh, passed on to eternal life Friday, November 6, 2026 at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh.



Ron was born September 7, 1934 in Amherst, WI to Edwin P. and Lauretta R. Johnson. Ron grew up and went to school in Winneconne along with his siblings Richard, Duane, Mary Jane and Darlene. As the middle of five children, he was known as the peacemaker. During his 45-year career, Ron worked as a general laborer in a variety of industries including farming, wood product manufacturing and precast concrete. Ron spent 25 plus years at Precast Concrete Specialties, Inc (PCS) in Omro, WI where he served in many capacities including mix master, pouring lead and crane operator before retiring in 1995. Ron thoroughly enjoyed taking his family to cities across the Midwest to show them the many buildings, shopping malls, office buildings, college campuses and high-rises he helped create through his work at PCS.

Ron married Marilyn E. Daggett on June 30, 1962 in Waukau, WI. They resided briefly in Winneconne before moving to Omro where they raised their family and enjoyed retirement together until her death in 2011.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife, parents and siblings Richard, Duane, and Darlene. He is survived by one sister Mary Jane, daughter Cindy (Tom) DeFord of Oshkosh, son William (Connie) Johnson of Windsor and daughter Elizabeth Brooks of Rhinelander; six grandchildren: Becky (Chris) Erdman, Christopher DeFord, Mitchell (Julia) Johnson, Hanna ve (Anna) Johnson, Sarah (Max) Brown and Benjamin Brooks; five great-grandchildren: Christian, Nolan and Lincoln Erdman, Ethan Brown and Callum Johnson.

Ron grew up with so little yet provided his immediate and extended family lives of vast opportunities. He set a quiet, consistent example by doing for others before himself. Ron possessed both a quick wit and keen sense of mischief, never taking anything too seriously. His nature included random fireworks to liven up an afternoon, feeding squirrels by hand in the garage, teaching his siblings, kids and grandkids to drive with barely a word of correction and years of taking meals to family and friends who couldn't get out themselves. Like his father, Ron was a self-taught woodworker and master tinker. Perhaps his favorite and most enduring creations are the hand cast, elaborate outdoor water fountains that he gave away to family. He will be greatly missed but his lifelong example of selflessness is a legacy we will treasure.

A private graveside service and burial took place at Rushford Cemetery on Sunday November 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Dan Gibson officiating.

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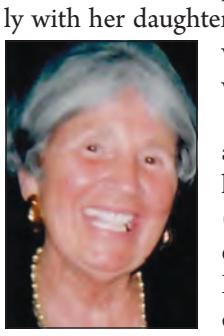
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Ruth Vanek

Ruth (Bo) Vanek passed away peacefully with her daughters by her side on November 5, 2026. She was 96 years old.



Ruth will be loved and remembered by her daughters, Sara (David) Spanbauer and Amy (Paul) Kraemer; her grandchildren, Emily (Jeremy) Halla, Hannah (Mark) Moderson, Luke Spanbauer, Adam (Ashley) Kraemer, and Charley (Caitlin Nelson) Spanbauer. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren, Avery, Eli, and Owen Halla, Lily, Tyler, and Mya Moderson, Henry, Bernandine, and Mitchell Spanbauer, and Beckett Kraemer.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Martin Vanek; siblings, Mary Jane (Scott) Bloch, Jack (Lois) Andrashko, Betty (Alvin) Schneider.

Ruth was born on August 2, 1930 and raised in Oshkosh, WI a daughter of the late John and Rose (Kinderman) Andrashko. Ruth was an active and faithful member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

Ruth (Grandma Bo) was the matriarch of her family and proud of it. She provided many lasting memories for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sleep overs, stroller rides, after school snacks, playing cards, helping with schoolwork, decorating Christmas cookies, dyeing Easter eggs, playing 'Got You Last', sharing stories from her past, (some too outlandish to believe but always turned out to be true), and finally just wanting to be there for as many school, sporting and family events as possible. She loved playing hostess for Christmas Day dinners, Mother's Day brunches, Fourth of July birthday picnics, and her annual Christmas Tea for friends. She was a great cook and an amazing baker. Potato pancakes, grophens, pies of any kind, apple slices, and chocolate mousse were her specialties. She was a fashionista before it was a thing and it was always necessary for her to look her very best. Clip on earrings were a must. She was a tennis player, gardener, a painter, a reader, a knitter, a whiz at Scrabble, and a lover of (really loud) Turner Classic Movies.

Ruth's family would like to thank Asera Care Hospice for the extra care and concern that they showed during her final days.

A very special thank you to so many of the Evergreen caregivers that had become bonus grandchildren to "Miss Ruth" over the past four years. The love that they gave her was heart warming. The comfort that they provided her was a gift. We will be forever grateful. Per Ruth's wishes, a private family service will be held in her honor at a later date.

Good Bye Grandma Bo. We love you. We'll miss you.

And don't worry, we will wear our stocking hats.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Stacy Schmid

After a long and incredibly courageous fight with cancer, Elizabeth Stacy Schmid went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, November 5, 2026, surrounded lovingly by her family.



Born in Waupaca, Wisconsin on January 27, 1958, some of Stacy's most favorite and enduring childhood memories were summers spent on her Swedish grandparents farm helping Grandpa and Grandma Mjelde milk the cows and care for any host of other farm chores, her most favorite being tending the cucumber garden that would eventually result in trips to town to sell the cucumbers at market to be made into pickles. Stacy credits the beginning of her faith journey as a Christian to the seeds planted in her heart by Grandma Mjelde during days in the garden together.

The family moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin in the early 1960s and Stacy's love for community involvement blossomed in her middle school and high school years where she was an active member of the Oshkosh Drum and Bugle Corp, a two-sport cheerleader and Sunday School teacher to a host of adoring young elementary students. She was a passionate supporter of the UW Oshkosh Titan Football Program and helped start the "Touchdown Club" to welcome and host parents who came to cheer on their sons at every home game.

Stacy loved this country, patriotically celebrating the red, white and blue with great fervor on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. She was the first to her feet, hand over heart whenever Old Glory passed.

Her defining smile lit every room she entered and she was known for bringing a contagious and influential energy everywhere she went. Her strength of character and "can do" demeanor continued to be forged through her every action, and wrapped in her faith, it was what would help sustain in her as she stared cancer in the face, armed for battle.

She met the love of her life, Steve Schmid, while in high school and their marriage and life together is a beautiful story of devotion, perseverance, and a legacy of love. "Family" was Stacy's watchword and it was embedded deeply and prioritized in all she chose to do. As a young mom she helped other women build beautiful and inviting homes through her work in Home Interiors and her commitment and work building Oshkosh Christian School from the ground up is why it continues to flourish today. She closed her work career after building an incredible reputation as a trusted, talented and over-the-top devoted real estate agent expanding her signature design skills to find any and all who asked, the home of their dreams. These were the vehicles she was proud to use to share and model Christ's love with so many.

Stacy adored everything Disney and her love for it could be argued to be a catalyst for her and Steve's decision to retire in Florida, first in West Palm Beach and eventually in Palm Beach Gardens. Of course her children and grandchildren being there were the real reason. An absolutely devoted Nana, her grandkids speak of her legendary holiday meals and the

incredible cakes and holiday cookies that tasted of love made from her heart and hands for birthdays and so many other occasions. She adored her role as Nana and poured herself into it, referring to the grandkids always as her precious treasures.

Stacy was preceded in death by her mother Beverly Frieberg (Ron) and her oldest brother Doug Boone. She is survived by her husband Steve Schmid, her siblings Cheri Waters (Rick), Mike Boone (Karin), Susan Janssen (Kelly), Tyler Tarr (Debra), and Tom Tarr (Kathryn) and her children Sommer Roux (Thibault) and James Schmid (Robin). Her legacy will live richly on in the lives of her grandchildren Penelope Roux, Chloe Roux, Etienne Roux and her precious twins Mila and Palmer Schmid. She is also survived by an incredibly special family she came to know later in life, her biological father Chris Loken, his wife Rande and sisters Tanya (Sandra) and Kristanna and her son Thor.

A private graveside internment will be held with her immediate family in Florida followed by a private Celebration of Life. A future Celebration of Life is being planned for Wisconsin at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family has established a memorial in Stacy's name at Valley Christian School, 3450 Vinland Street, Oshkosh WI 54901. They have also selected another of Stacy's favorite charities, Operation Christmas Child, operated by Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse.

The depth of missing you, Stacy, has no words, but we will continue to gain strength from the joy of knowing you have won your battle and your Hope has been made perfect now that you are victoriously in the presence of Jesus.

Mary Kerr

Mary Kerr passed peacefully on November 13, 2026 at Eden Vista in Oshkosh, Wi. She was born on 07/04/38 to Clemence and Laura (Nowicki) Drover in Berlin, WI where she grew up with 10 brothers and sisters on their dad's farm. On July 13, 1957 she married James Kerr. Together they raised their 4 children in Oshkosh. Mary worked for several years at Sears in Oshkosh as the personnel manager. In 2001 she retired from Sears and moved with Jim to Cumberland,WI where she enjoyed being a part of her grandsons' lives as they grew up. During that time, Mary took part in Jim's retirement hobby as a singer and pitched in to help manage his many engagements in that rural community as they visited the nursing homes and assisted living complexes. When they returned to Oshkosh in 2014, Mary became an active participant in this community through Oshkosh Choraliers, church choir, and managing Jim's singing engagements in the area.



Mary is survived by husband James Kerr, sister Helen Piekarski, daughter Monica Wyrick, son Michael Kerr, daughter Quinn Laura, daughter-in-law Anita Marifke Kerr, grandsons Casey Lane, Benjamin (Lindsey) Kerr, Alexander (Robin) Kerr, and Stephen Kerr. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great grandchildren. Preceding her in death is one son, Dr. James Christopher Kerr.

A remembrance of life celebration will be announced held at a later date. Special thanks to the caring and compassionate staff of Eden Vista and Bristol Hospice and to Lynn of St. Raphael's whose visits were very dear to Mary; thank you.

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Jerome J. Schmelz

Jerome J. Schmelz, 86, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2026, at his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, surrounded by family.



Jerome was born on December 22, 1939, son of the late Albert and Louise (née Guck) Schmelz, in Perham, Minnesota. He married Joanne G. Hatlestad, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on August 23, 1963, whom he met while they were both students at St. Cloud State University. He received his doctorate in sociology, focused on population studies, from the University of Minnesota. He taught at the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and spent a year working at the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C. He enjoyed a second career in computer programming, which culminated in work on the Y2K bug.

Highlights of Jerome's retirement years included beautifying Peace Lutheran Church, volunteering in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and extended stays in Stockholm and London. In the past decade, Jerome and Joanne considered New York City a second home, particularly the community of Sunnyside. The months they spent there every year allowed him to participate in the busy lives of his four grandchildren. Although he described himself as a contented introvert, Jerome was known for genuine curiosity about people and the world, and engaged family and friends in deep discussion about current events, the universe's origins, economics, religion, investments, books, movies, great moments in sport, and his grandchildren's five-year plans.

Travel highlights included Moscow and St. Petersburg in the early post-Soviet years; a train trip beginning in Hong Kong to Guilin, China; a road trip to the U.S. West with his young family; and the annual return trip from New York to Wisconsin.

Despite these travels, he maintained that his favorite journey was the one that took him from rural Minnesota to Mexico in his youth, a trip that was inspired by Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*.

Jerome is survived by his wife, Joanne Schmelz; daughters, Gretchen (David Armstrong) and Abigail (Almar Latour); grandchildren Audrey, Christian, Maude and Merel; brother Donald Schmelz and sister Jeanne (née Schmelz) Hoskin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Wilfred.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Day by Day Shelter for vulnerable adults in Oshkosh or the Oshkosh Public Library Development and Support Fund.

The family would like to extend their deepest thanks for the steadfast care provided by Mercy Medical Center, St. Croix Hospice, Senior Stride Home Care, and Interim HealthCare Services.

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Jack S. Simon

Jack S. Simon, age 63, of Oshkosh, died at his residence on Sunday November 15, 2026. He was born June 20, 1963 in Merrill a son of Henry and Norine Hull Simon. On September 26, 1987 he married Angie Polak in Gleason, Wisconsin



After graduating from tech school, he spent several years in the engineering field at Oshkosh Corp. He later pursued his passion of helping others lead better lives as the Regional Vice-President and Financial Advisor with his wife Angie, through Primerica.

Jack spent many summers working with his dad in the logging industry and loved running the chainsaw and peeling popple. He enjoyed going to the lake after a day of working in the woods. He drove tractor for the beanery picking beans in the summer. Playing baseball, from little league to adult leagues, was in his blood thanks to his dad, Hank.

Jack enjoyed scouting and achieved the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, then later became an adult leader with his son's troop.

Jack loved to drive anytime, anywhere. "Get in the truck!" was a common phrase. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids; going deer hunting, fishing, playing sheepshead, gardening and watching the Brewers and Packers. Jack loved the outdoors – he also enjoyed skiing and snowmobiling.

Jack was always larger than life! He made friends wherever he went. He enjoyed meeting new people and learning their life stories. He was an enthusiastic storyteller with a distinctive laugh and a voice (and face) for radio. He was an instigator of fun with his family and friends he met along the way. He never missed a family reunion and was decidedly human.

He was a devoted husband, proud dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin, and the truest friend a person could ask for.

He is survived by his wife Angie, one son Grant(Sarah), two daughters Rebecca(Michael) Hogen, Elizabeth Simon, six grandchildren Henry, Alister, Guinevere, Maverick, Levi, Tucker, one brother Kent Simon, one sister Karen(William) Locke, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday November 19, 2026 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside(100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, Wi.) from 3-6 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday November 20, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church(N5308 Town Hall Rd. Gleason, Wi 54435). Visitation will be at the church on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Town of Summit Cemetery following the funeral service.

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KONRAD-BEHLMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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Obituaries

William J. Bollom

William J Bollom, age 88, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin died November 6, 2026, at Evergreen Manor. He was born in Oshkosh on August 9, 1938, the son of Ralph and Grace (Tennessen) Bollom. Bill married Kathleen O'Hern on December 29, 1962, in Waupun, Wisconsin at the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Bill graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1956 and earned his bachelors, master's, and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He retired from UW Oshkosh in 1999 as professor of Accounting. Bill taught a total of 38 years. Domestically he taught at St. Cloud State University, The University of Wisconsin Madison, and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. His teaching assignments in South Africa, Hungary and Iceland were through the prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program. And in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Singapore he taught for local universities and military bases. Additionally, Bill published multiple papers in professional publications as well as his memoirs and his recipe book.



As a UW-grad he was a lifelong Badger and enjoyed many sports like fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling, baseball, and basketball. Bill adored his wife Kathy (he thought she was the prettiest thing alive) and enjoyed traveling the world with his family (and to see his family). He relished walking Miller's Bay with his wife and sipping a dry gin martini at the day's end. In his free time, he played his concertina and wrote for the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern. He was often spotted driving his prized MG convertible to the golf course for a round, which was always followed by a spirited game of cribbage. Bill lost his sight five years ago, which made his final years difficult.

Bill is survived by his wife Kathy, one daughter Jill (Phil) Shull of Virginia, his two sons Mike (Susan Renaud) of Kuala Lumpur, Pat (Colleen Hartmon) Bollom of Saint Paul, MN, and seven grandchildren, Katie, Kristen, Erin, Ayla, William, Abhi, and Yashoda. His sister Lola Schroeder is in Fremont, WI. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Dan and Ralph.

Bill has chosen to be cremated. There will be no religious service. Bill's last words written by himself will be read next summer during his celebration of life, the date of which has yet to be decided.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Mary Elizabeth Andrasko

Mary Elizabeth (Stone) Andrasko, age 75, passed away Tuesday, November 3rd at her home in Oshkosh. She was born in Kenosha on April 14, 1951 to parents Charles and Olga (Karach) Stone. She attended St. Joseph High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in Nursing. While attending college she worked as a legal secretary, and after graduating she worked as a cardiac care nurse in the ICU. Later she married and moved to Oshkosh, where she raised her family and was an integral member of a very successful medical practice.



Mary had a passion for travel and had no shortage of adventures in her youth. She loved sharing stories of backpacking through Europe, hitchhiking in Mexico, bicycling all the way to Sault Ste. Marie, and many more. She was an avid gardener with an enviable green thumb; she enjoyed fishing and kayaking, and absolutely loved playing pickleball every chance she could get.Most of all Mary loved being surrounded by her friends and family. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye, and she took great joy in attending their concerts and watching them play soccer—no matter the weather. She was incredibly kind and was never afraid to strike up a conversation with a new person. Mary had a talent for making people feel seen and valued, and that was evident by the astounding number of people who would call her a good friend.

She will be deeply missed by many. Mary leaves behind her beloved partner, Thomas Krupo, her two children Jane (Jeffrey) Ritter and John (Alexandria) Andrasko, two treasured grandchildren, two brothers David (Beverly) and Steven (Patricia) Stone, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Charles and Gregory Stone.The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tom for his compassionate, loving care for Mary at the end of her life. His dedication and love for her was greatly evident and very much appreciated.We would also like to thank the Lombardi Center at Aurora Healthcare and the hospice team for their care, comfort, and kindness.

In honor of her memory, a celebration of Mary's life will be held at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, located at 865 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI, on Thursday, November 19th. Visitation will be from 4-6pm, with a short service to follow.

FISS & BILLS - POKLASNY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

Dennis James Rego

It is with deep sorrow and gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and "Papa", Dennis James Rego, 75, of Oshkosh. Dennis died peacefully on November 6, 2026, surrounded by the comfort of home and the love of his family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He left this world held close by those who loved him most, embraced by the same love, devotion and care that he so generously gave throughout his life.



Dennis was born in Richland Center, WI on March 12, 1951, to his loving parents Benjamin and Elizabeth Rego, and welcomed by his two older brothers, Terrance and Michael. Dennis shared fond memories of a childhood marked by family gatherings at the farm, days exploring the neighborhood, and making endless memories with his brothers that he would cherish throughout his lifetime.

A chance encounter at work led Dennis to the love of his life, Kathy, beginning a lifelong partnership built on love, devotion, and unwavering support. Together they created a beautiful family, raising two children, Sarah and Matthew, and later celebrating the joy of becoming grandparents to two beloved grandsons, Cade and Benjamin. Dennis cherished his role as husband, father, and "Papa", and his love for his family was evident in everything he did.

At the heart of Dennis's professional life was a profound commitment to helping people. As a master's prepared social worker, he devoted his career to caring for others, listening without judgment, and providing support when it was needed most. His work was more than a profession; it was a reflection of who he was. Compassionate, selfless, and deeply empathetic, he touched the lives of countless individuals and families. The same kindness and generosity that defined his career were evident in every aspect of his life, leaving a legacy of service and humanity that will not be forgotten.

Dennis taught us that a meaningful life is found in simple pleasures, caring for others, and appreciating the beauty all around us. He loved nature, cherished time with family and friends, and never missed an opportunity to share a laugh (and a beer) with those he loved. His kindness, patience, and sense of humor made all who knew him feel welcome and valued. As the rock of our family, he provided strength during difficult times and celebrated life's joys with us all. Though Dennis will be deeply missed, we find comfort in knowing that his goodness, wisdom, and love will continue to live on through the family he cherished and the many people whose lives he touched. His wisdom, compassion, and love will continue to guide us, and he will live on in our hearts forever.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth Rego, his brother Terrance Rego, his mother-in-law Joanne Stecker, brothers-in-law Michael and Gerald

Stecker, sisters-in-law Jean Ann Stecker and Barbra Rego, and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. Dennis is survived by his wife Kathleen Rego, daughter Sarah Rego, and son Matthew Rego (Erin), grandsons Cade and Benjamin Rego, brother Michael Rego, father-in-law Roger Stecker, and a host of loving family and friends.

A special thank you to the medical staff at the Mercy Campus Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, the nursing staff at St. Croix Hospice, and Jerry the "hospice cat", for their loving care and support of Dennis throughout his cancer journey.

A private family service and inurnment will be held at Lakeview Memorial Park Chapel in Oshkosh, WI on Thursday, November 19, 2026. A public celebration of life will be held immediately following the service on November 19, 2026, at The Gibson Social Club in Oshkosh, WI at 1:00 PM. All who knew and loved Dennis are welcome to join us as we share memories and celebrate the life he lived!

KONRAD-BEHLMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Leland E. Soda

Leland E. Soda, age 81, of Ripon, WI, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Lee was born on January 19, 1945, in Steubenville, OH; the son of Edward and Margaret Soda. He graduated from Princeton High School, class of 1964. He worked at Mercury Marine in Oshkosh as a mechanic for many years. He later transferred to Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, where he worked in the sales office until his retirement. Lee was united in marriage to Susan Simonis on June 19, 1965, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Ripon, WI. Together, they proudly welcomed one son, James R. Soda.



Lee enjoyed hunting, bowling, shooting pool, and coaching his wife's softball team. The team won the State Championship one year and went on to compete at the Nationals in Staten Island, NY. Lee was the president and one of the founders of the R.A.C.E. Car Club in Ripon. He hosted several car shows at Barlow Park in Ripon. His pride and joy was his '56 Chevy. He and Sue enjoyed attending numerous car shows throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana.

Lee is survived by his loving wife, Sue; son, James (Diane) Soda of Moncks Corner, SC; grandchildren: Heather (Lance) Rivera of MN, Dezaray (Zeb) Zielinski of Mosinee, WI, Nicholas Soda of Oshkosh, WI, Justin Friedrich of MN, Christopher (Erin) Friedrich of Sherwood, WI, and Brittnie Faulks of Neenah, WI; six great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Caroline (Robert) Galvin of Shawano, WI, Lillian Raatz of Ripon, and Lucy (David) Bloch of Ripon; other relatives and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ronald Soda; sister, Charlene Wastrack; special cousin, Margie Stibb; and his beloved granddaughter, Samantha Soda.

A private funeral service was held at Divine Passage Funeral Home in Ripon, WI, with Father Chuck Wrobel officiating. Burial followed at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Ripon, WI.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Ripon Police officers for their compassion during such a difficult time.

Divine Passage Funeral Home in Ripon is proudly serving the family. Divinepassagefunerals.com

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Bruce E. Blood

Bruce E. Blood, 74, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2026, at Park View Health Center. Born on July 31, 1952, he was the beloved son of Frank and Ellen (Lehnigk) Blood, who have preceded him in death.



Bruce was a gentle soul with an incredible love for his family and friends. His father was not just a parent but also his best friend. Bruce also cherished his brothers and sisters in Christ, proudly belonging to His Church. A true patriot, he had a deep appreciation for U.S. history and spent many hours reading about the past, always eager to learn more.

He will be greatly missed by his adopted family, including Ed and Terry Demler, Jim Demler, and Bob Demler, along with cousins—James (Sandy) Blood, Linda (Gene) Elbe, Paul (Kathy) Landig, and Elizabeth Landig.

A celebration of life for Bruce was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave, officiated by Rev. Ed Demler.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation in Bruce's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, a cause he supported passionately.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Obituaries

Roger Joseph Herold

Roger Joseph Herold, 90, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on November 6, 2026. He was born on April 18, 1936, in Green Bay to Adolph and Katherine (Kane) Herold, and graduated from Green Bay Cathedral Elementary and Central Catholic High School. After honorably serving in the United States Air Force, he graduated from St. Norbert College in 1961, following an impressive academic and basketball career as a proud Green Knight.



While in college, Roger married the love of his life, Marlene (Boehm), in July 1960 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. After graduation, he began his career in education at Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh and then Oconto Falls Public Schools, earning his master's degree from Northern Michigan University and later a doctorate in education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Herold went on to the Sheboygan Public Schools and then served as Registrar/Director of Advisement at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh until his "retirement" in 1996. He then accepted an interim position as Principal of St. Mary's Catholic Grade School in Oshkosh, where he secretly gave his grandchildren the run of the gym when they came to visit.

From then on, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, along with family, friends, church and community service, kept Roger happy, busy, and in need of an occasional nap. Faith, family and friends were the foundation of his life, and his faith was always visible in action. He was a longtime member of Most Blessed Sacrament - St. Peter's Catholic Church, a Norbertine Associate at the St. Norbert Abbey in De-Pere, held various positions with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and was involved with the Oshkosh United Way, to name just a few of his charitable pursuits. In 1994, Roger and Marlene founded the informal Camp Herold, where the family gathered each year in Door County to bike, eat ice cream, pick cherries, march, stargaze, laugh, and build memories that will last a lifetime. As one of his grandchildren said upon learning of his death, "He was truly a man for others."

Roger is survived by Marlene, his bride of 66 years; his children, Mark (JoAnn) Herold, Julie (John) Lynch, Paul (Dayna) Herold, Craig (Lisa) Herold and Amy (John) Skolaski; his grandchildren, Lily Herold, Kelly Lynch, Jim (Libby) Lynch, Meghan (Jeff) Pierce, Patrick (Ellie) Lynch, Natalie (Nick) Arnold, Bradley, Gracelyn and Gabrielle Herold, Jack (Ana) Herold, Julia (Tony) Imburgia, Conrad Herold, and Rachel and Sarah Skolaski; his great-grandchildren, Isla, George, Maeve and Colette; his sisters, Frances Kerkman, Patricia (Bob) LoPresti and Mary (Rob) Kelly; his sisters-in-law, Clare Petasek, Barbara Titulaer and Carol Herold; and his brother-in-law, Larry (Karen) Boehm. A man of faith, family, and service, he touched the lives of so many. He will be deeply missed by his family and by the many lifelong friends who held a special place in his heart and became family along the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Katherine; his brother, Gary Herold; his sister, Florence Craanen; his brothers-in-law, Bill Craanen, Jim Rasmussen, Mike Kerkman, Dave Price, Dick Titulaer and Peter Petasek; his parents-in-law, Lawrence and Alma Boehm; and his sister-in-law, Jean Price.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish – St. Peter's Church, 435 High Ave., Oshkosh, followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Roger's memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 223 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350, Chicago, IL 60606; Notre Dame Academy – The Herold/Kane Scholarship Fund, 610 Maryhill Dr., Green Bay, WI 54303; or the St. Vincent de Paul Fund, 2551 Jackson St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

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Thomas C. Larkin

Thomas C. Larkin passed away Monday Nov. 9, 2026.



Tom was born on 2/27/ 1940 in Green Bay WI to Harry and Evelyn Larkin. Moved to Brady Street in Milwaukee, where he grew up.

Attended St. Hedwigs Grade School, St. John Cathedral High School, class of 1958. MATC Engineering. 30 years American Motors/Chrysler Engineering Department. Owner of Larkin Painting. Married Kathleen Meighan April 11, 1959. 4 children, David Larkin (deceased) John Larkin (deceased), Susan Boretsky, Lynn Priewe (Joe). Proud Grandpa of 5 grandchildren, Ben Larkin (Lindsey), Danny Larkin (Shey), Michael Larkin, Mariah Chwala (Joe), Joey Boretsky (Melina) Brothers Philip Larkin, James Larkin. And many nephews, nieces, friends and family

When asked of his grandchildren for a few words to describe Grandpa their responses were: tenderhearted, devoted, purposeful, hard worker, fixer upper, perfectionist, someone that moved at his own pace (grandma loved this one), humorous, unassuming, kind, respectful, respected. Tom Larkin was a fine Christian man. A good man and loved by all that knew him.

Tom loved his Harley Davidson. And travel. All 50 states. Ireland many times, Norway, Switzerland, Spain, Scotland, Wales, France, many cruises, vacations in Mexico and Caribbean.

In honor of Tom please wear Green Bay Packer gear. Casual attire.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Nov. 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Fiss & Bills- Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S. Westhaven Dr. Oshkosh WI). A time for visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

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David W. Van Dien

David W. Van Dien, 77, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on November 11, 2026, at Oakwood Manor from Alzheimer's. Born on March 29, 1949, in Boyceville, Wisconsin, to William and Arlene (Clough) Van Dien. A funeral service will be held on Friday, November 27, 2026, at 11:00am at St. Raphael Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Long officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30am-10:45am, prior to mass with a luncheon to follow. Please visit the Fox Cities funeral and Cremation- Oshkosh website for the full obituary.



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Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number
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Runs: November 18, 2026, November 25, 2026 and December 2, 2026.

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Case No. 2026SC002345

JAM Real Estate Management LLC,
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Plaintiffs,
-vs-
Claudel Lormand
420 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901
and
Brianna Yourkovich
420 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901
Defendants.
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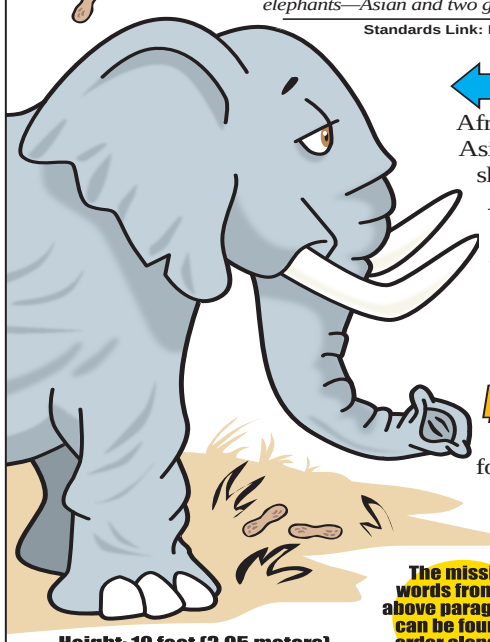
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MEET THE ELEPHANTS

Elephants are the largest land animals in the world. But not all elephants are the same. Most scientists divide elephants into two main groups: **African** elephants and **Asian** elephants.

(Some scientists say that the forest and grassland elephants of Africa are so different that there should be three groups of elephants—Asian and two groups of African. What would you call the different African elephants?)

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know there is variation among populations.



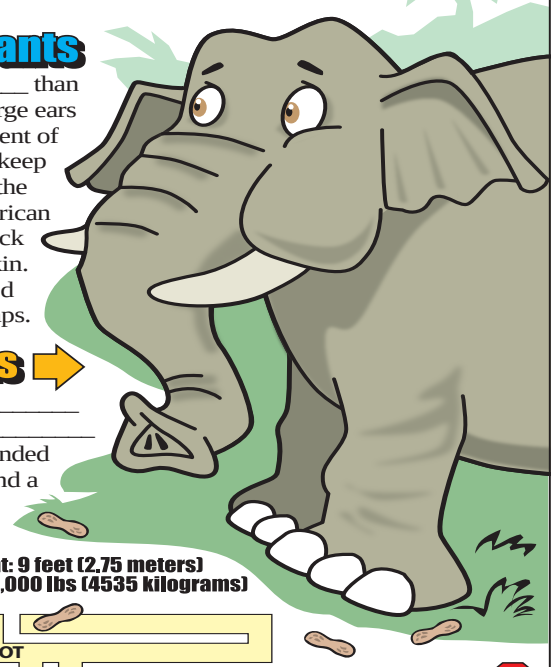
Height: 10 feet (3.05 meters)
Weight: 12,000 lbs (5443 kilograms)

African Elephants

African elephants are _____ than Asian elephants. They have large ears shaped a little like the continent of _____. Large ears help keep the elephant _____ on the _____ African plains. African elephants have a sway back and very _____ skin. They also have a rounded head without any big bumps.

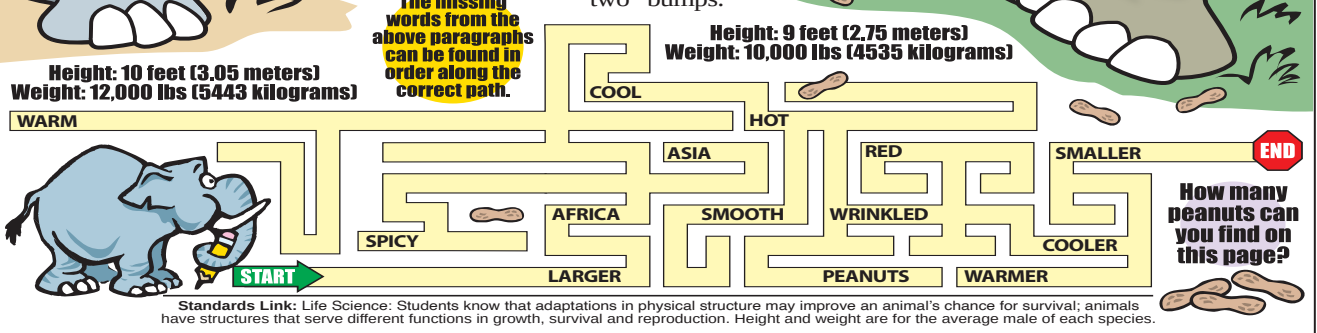
Asian Elephants

Asian elephants live in _____ forest areas and they have _____ ears. They also have rounded backs, smoother skin and a high forehead with two "bumps."



Height: 9 feet (2.75 meters)
Weight: 10,000 lbs (4535 kilograms)

The missing words from the above paragraphs can be found in order along the correct path.

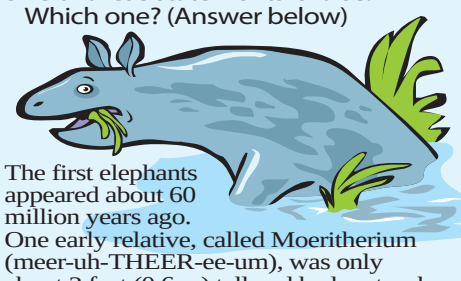


How many peanuts can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that adaptations in physical structure may improve an animal's chance for survival; animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction. Height and weight are for the average male of each species.

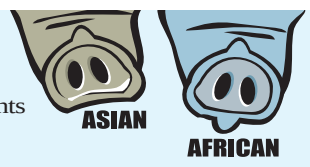
Trunk Truths

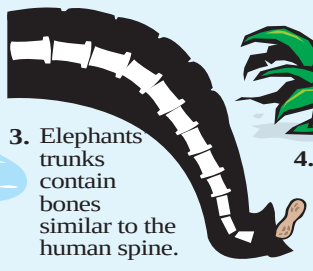
One of these statements is false. Which one? (Answer below)



1. The first elephants appeared about 60 million years ago. One early relative, called Moeritherium (meer-uh-THEER-ee-um), was only about 2 feet (0.6 m) tall and had no trunk.

2. Asian elephants have one small "finger" at the end of their trunks for grasping. African elephants have two "fingers."





3. Elephants trunks contain bones similar to the human spine.



4. There are more than 100,000 muscles in the trunk, making it very flexible, and strong enough to lift whole trees.

ANSWER: #3 is false. There are no bones in an elephant's trunk.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures to help them survive.

Extra! Extra! Partners

People need animals and animals need people. Look through the newspaper for examples of how people and animals need each other.

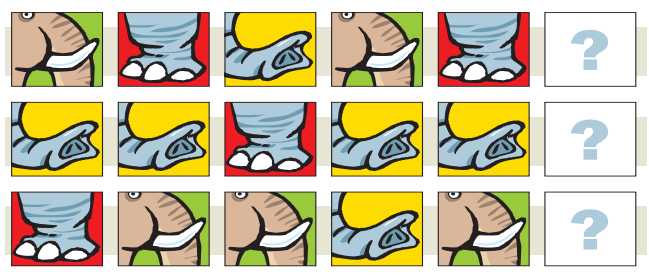
Standards Link: Life Science/Ecology: Students know organisms in an ecosystem can support each other.

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Elephant Hides

The skin of an elephant is rough and wrinkled. In fact, the creases in the lower part of their legs can be used to tell elephants apart. Like fingerprints, every elephant has its very own crease pattern.

Which picture comes next in each pattern below?



Standards Link: Math/Reasoning: Extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Then look for them in this week's *Kid Scoop* stories and activities.

ELEPHANTS
SCIENTISTS
TRUNKS
SOCKS
ASIAN
WRINKLED
AFRICA
LARGE
EARS
SKIN
PAGES
COOL
PATTERN
TREES

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

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

Kid Scoop Together: Newspaper Hat

Hat-making fun for two!

1. Drape a page of the newspaper over your friend's head.



2. Wrap tape around your friend's forehead—outside of the paper.



3. Crinkle up the paper hanging below the tape and shape it to form a creative hat brim.



4. Decorate the hat with strips of construction paper, feathers, flowers, small toys or whatever you like!



5. Repeat and have your friend help you make your own hat.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

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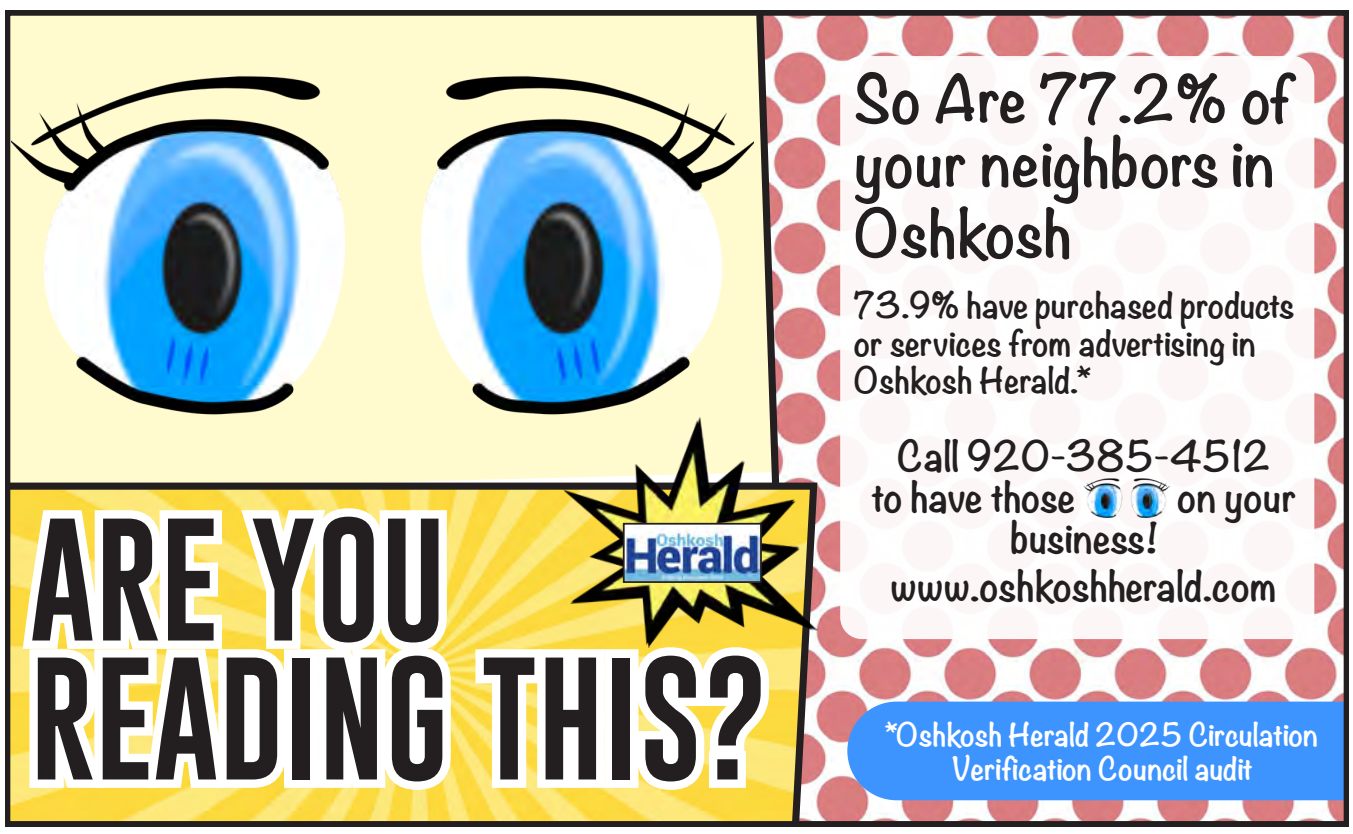
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Write On!

Animal Riddles

I have a long neck and brown spots. I like to eat leaves high in a tree. What am I?



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