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Bicyclists, some with canine companions, ride down Clairville Road near the start of the inaugural Oshkosh Century bike ride Sunday through the beautiful countryside west and south of Oshkosh. Participant registration exceeded expectations with 235 riders participating, including one rider from British Columbia. The ride started and finished at the Oshkosh YMCA on 20th Avenue and included four routes of 30, 57, 74 or 101 miles. All proceeds will fund scholarships and program assistance for the Y's Mission Programs.

Morgue resources expanded

Increase of overdose deaths leads to expanded funding

By Bethanie Gengler HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebago County Board last week approved a \$1.5 million proposal to expand the sheriff's department evidence storage and add a morgue and cold storage to keep up with record-high overdose

Winnebago County Coroner Cheryl Brehmer told the board that between 32 and 49 people overdose each month in the county, with a sharp increase to 59 in May. Those numbers do not include people who were treated on scene by emergency medical services (EMS) but refused transport to the emergency room, or those who were administered Narcan - a drug that reverses overdoses - where EMS was nev-

Forty-one people died from overdoses in Winnebago County in 2021, compared with 37 in 2020. There were five fatal overdoses from mid-May to the June 21 board

Bodies that require autopsies in Winnebago County are transported to Fond du Lac County. Brehmer said Fond du Lac

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Suspension, expulsion process comes under scrutiny

School district deals with racial incident response

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District, after a complaint filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) regarding racial harassment at a middle school, is looking to revamp its suspension and expulsion alternatives ahead of the 2022-23 school year.

According to the ACLU, the complaint was filed to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) "after Black middle school students were expelled when they were racially harassed at school."

Specifically, the complaint alleges the district failed to deal with the racial harassment and did not investigate the incident fully. Seven Black students were ultimately referred for expulsion as a result.

Since then, body camera footage has also been released by the ACLU that shows Oshkosh police officers allegedly discussing potential violations of the students who would eventually be expelled.

Crime prevention officer Kate Mann said Oshkosh police are not involved in school district's disciplinary decisions.

"Officers responded to the call for service to investigate a disturbance that was taking place at the middle school, and just like every call we go to, officers investigated and made arrest decisions based on the information they had at the time," Mann said. "On camera, you can hear officers discussing possible criminal violations and also discussing contacting

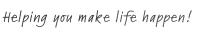
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Suspension alternatives in the school district to deal with disciplinary issues have been discussed.

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Christine Ann Center planning to expand

But as the cost to build - approximate-

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Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services is in the beginning stages of gathering community and stakeholder support for the acquisition of the Beach Building, located at 240 Algoma Blvd.

Executive director Beth Oswald said she was considering an expansion of its current location, 206 Algoma Blvd., in early 2019.

The current facility had been combined from two buildings over the years. Christine Ann also has its Carriage House, a 10bed emergency shelter.

"We're landlocked," Oswald said. "We can't do programming or transitional

housing in this physical space."

ly \$6.5 million – was about equal to the cost to purchase following the pandemic, Oswald decided to look next

decided to look next door and connect with Eric Hoopman, who owns the Beach Building.

The Beach Building was constructed

in 1911 and was designed by locally renowned architect William Waters. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and the state register in 1989.

She said her contract with Hoopman will not allow Christine Ann to have the space until early 2024 and is contingent on the funds raised until then for the purchase.

Oswald is hoping to dedicate the first floor to office space, the second to an emergency shelter, and the third floor to help clients transition into self-sustaining housing.

She also said she will honor any tenants in the Beach Building, whose lease ends after Christine Ann's acquisition.

Vaccine available to children 6 months and older

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) announced that children 6 months and older are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The announcement follows the authorization and recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for use of the Pfizer vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years of age and the Moderna vaccine for children 6 months through 5 years of age.

The Pfizer vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years requires three total doses. The first are given three weeks apart, followed by a third dose at least two months later. The Moderna vaccine for children 6 months through 5 requires two doses, 28 days apart.

"For many families, the approval of COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months to 4 years is welcome news,"

stated Dr. Sarah Campbell, pediatrician at Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin and president of the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Families' work schedules have been altered with recurrent closures and quarantines from daycare, leading to loss time at work and added childcare costs. There also have been concerns that unvaccinated children could spread the virus to a high-risk family member.

"Although COVID-19 infections have affected children to a lesser degree, many children have been hospitalized and sadly some children have died from it. Vaccinations are a powerful tool to help protect children, families and our communities from severe illness, hospitalization and death."

The Winnebago County Health Department began offering COVID-19 vaccinations to this newest eligible group this week. Locations include:

• Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. at Fox Crossing Fire Department.

 Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., at Sunnyview Expo Center.

• Thursdays through July 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Winnebago County Community Clinic, 2700 W. 9th Ave.

A complete list of local COVID-19 vaccine clinics is at wcvaccine.org or call 920-232-3026.

"Starting your vaccination series and staying up to date on your vaccines is the best thing you can do to keep yourself and the community around you safe from severe illness due to COVID-19," said Doug Gieryn, county Health Department director. "The Winnebago County Health Department also continues to encourage folks to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to the virus. Testing locations can be found at winnebagopublichealth.org."

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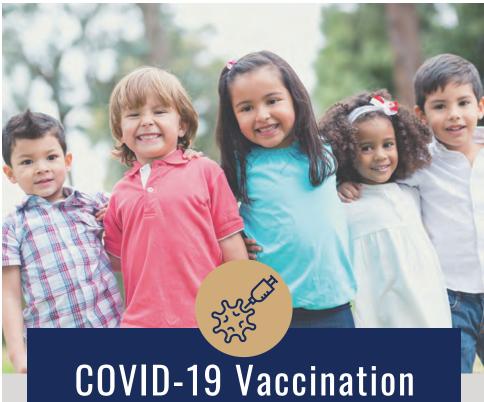
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Damaged Main Street building scrambles tenants

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

While court proceedings continue for the fate of 217 N. Main St., tenants have picked up and moved on from the February disaster.

Previously inhabited by Great Estates Furniture, Tara Rudy Photography, Soiree and other businesses, the building is now condemned by the city and the owner has been issued a raze-or-repair order.

In February, a handful of pipes burst throughout the building, causing extensive water damage to many of the tenants' furniture and merchandise. After finding out New Jersey-based landlord Rahul Shekatkar did not have insurance on the building, two businesses pursued lawsuits.

One of them is Michael Russell of Great Estates, who said his case is onto its fourth judge now in Fond du Lac County.

"When I arrived, water was pouring out the front doors and onto Main Street. Everything in the store was a total loss," Russell said.

The building owner has reportedly said he cannot sell it because of the ongoing lawsuits. Russell said that is not the case and that there is a writ on the property. If the building is sold before court proceedings are finished, an amount of the sale will be held by the court until a settlement is reached.

Tara Rudy, who was also the building's property manager, was out of the state for a photography seminar when the pipes burst. Though she did not pursue a lawsuit against Shekatkar, she said her business was hurt for several months since the incident.

"I had to pick up my business, leave and start all over. It's hard to go somewhere else for my business," Rudy said. "(Photography) isn't a side gig or hobby, this is my livelihood for me and my kids. I had to rebuy so much because it was covered in water and mold."

As the legal skirmishes continue, these businesses have moved on. Russell recently announced he will be leasing out the nearby Exclusive Co. building at 318 N. Main once they are closed and moved out. He is hoping to reopen Great Estates by mid-September.

Rudy has since moved to another property on Main Street.

"Frustrating is an understatement," she said. "It was horrific to find out he didn't have any insurance on the building. What I'm dealing with today is anger. It could have been rectified quickly if he had insur-

Three entities have expressed interest in purchasing the condemned building but have been put on hold due to the lawsuits.

Businesses have relocated from this 217 N. Main St. location after broken water pipes caused

extensive damage in February. Invasive species alert issued by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking boaters to help stop the spread of invasive, nonnative plants and animals in Wisconsin waters.

This Fourth of July holiday weekend, DNR staff and volunteers with Clean Boats, Clean Waters will be at boat launches statewide for their 2022 Landing Blitz, reminding the public of ways boaters can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, which pose great risks to the health of our lakes and fisheries.

Volunteers stationed at boat landings around the state will give demonstrations of the prevention steps that boaters must take before they leave the water. Boaters will receive "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!"

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With additional assistance of grants from the Great Lakes Commission this year, Wisconsin will be able to expand its efforts to even more landings throughout the state.

Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if they are introduced and become established here.

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Pollock Attendance Jumps During Two-Day Heat: The recent twoday heat wave has attracted large crowds to the City's Pollock Pool on North Eagle Street. Between yesterday and Sunday, 2,016 persons came, surpassing attendance fig-

ures so far this summer. The water temperature at the pool is about 70 degrees according to facility manager Ralph Nielsen. The total attendance for last season was 74,833, but dropped dramatically after August 5 due to cool weather. The total swimmer capacity at the public pool is 1,320 swimmers. Pool facilities include a large pool ranging from 3'6" to 13'; a beginners pool with depths from 2' to 3'6" and a splash pool located outside the compound about 4" deep.

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The Oshkosh Area School District announced that Emily Eisenschink is being recommended to serve as the next principal of Read Elementary School, and Kathryn Noble is being recommended to serve as the next principal of Washington Elementary.

Their appointments will be included as an agenda item on the July 13 Board of Education meeting. Pending board approval, the appointments would begin July 14.

Eisenschink is the dean of students at Sandhill Elementary School in Stoughton. Her prior teaching experience includes serving as a cross-categorical special education teacher, elementary special education teacher, and middle and high school intervention specialist for schools in Waterloo, Sun Prairie and Kenosha, as well as serving as an assistant director of personnel for A Step Ahead Day Camp in Sun Prairie.

Eisenschink's background is in developing and implementing behavior support plans for students and school communities. She has degrees in elementary education and cross-categorical special education from Carthage College. She received a master's in business administration and educational leadership and a Wisconsin Principal Certification from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Noble has served the Washington Elementary School community since 2015 as a first-grade teacher. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Marian University and will obtain a master of science in education administration from the University of Wisconsin Superior in May.

District officials said she has an extensive understanding of best practices in instruction and assessment, including the curriculum and standards in place in the district, and has a student-centered approach to classroom learning that prioritizes high expectations and creates a culture of innovation.

"Her love of the Washington community is evident in all that she does to support her students, families and colleagues," district officials said in the announcement.



hoto by Carlos Munoz

The annual fireworks show in Fisk has depended on donations to keep it going.

Fisk fireworks show keeps evolving

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Fisk area residents are working again this year to raise enough funds to hold its annual fireworks show that is touted to outperform surrounding cities.

For more than 40 years, the "Field of Dreams of fireworks shows" has been a running tradition for families in surrounding communities, including Oshkosh. It has been run by family-owned Fireworks Warehouse, which closed a few years ago when husband-and-wife duo Howard and Marge Christenson retired.

Since then, their son Mike Christenson and his goddaughter Danielle McMillan have been spearheading efforts to keep the festivities alive. The Fireworks Warehouse website notes "it's getting to the point where, because of the lack of donations, they might not be able to continue."

"It's a great tradition," McMillan said.
"They put on a great show every (July 3) as a thank-you to the community for supporting their business, and now that it isn't up and running we're seeking donations from the public to keep it going."

This year's efforts began late, as McMil-

lan's mother was diagnosed with leukemia and passed away in March.

McMillan and Christenson said this year's show had to be cut due to rising fireworks costs. And for the first time this year, they are accepting business sponsorships for a board that will be displayed in the parking area.

"I think those bigger chunks will help us keep going year after year," McMillan said. "That's just the struggle everyone is facing right now – the price of living is much more expensive."

They are continuing to collect funds on GiveSendGo at givesendgo.com/G33RN.

The fireworks will be launched behind the fire department. Parking is available off Utica Road and along Fisk Avenue. Brats and refreshments will be sold by the Ripon Lions Club.

McMillan also emphasized that any donations to the Utica Volunteer Fire Department do not go toward funding the event.

Those interested in funding next year's show should watch for people in Fireworks Warehouse T-shirts walking around with collection jars.

Fourth of July parade set in Oshkosh

This year's Oshkosh Fourth of July parade will step off at 9 a.m. Monday with the theme of Freedom Isn't Free, honoring all who have served to defend the nation's liberty.

The parade, hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437, begins at Otter and N. Main streets, travels down Main

to a right on East Irving Avenue and ending at Hazel Street near Menominee Park.

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The parade will be broadcast by Oshkosh Media's OCM, with John Nieman as commentator.

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County parks staff pushes summer visits

By Tom Antrim
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The Winnebago County Parks Department is working to improve trails, encourage awareness of parks in the county and increase community involvement this summer.

Adam Breest, director of parks and expo for Winnebago County, said he thinks the COVID-19 pandemic encouraged people to start using Winnebago County parks more frequently.

Justin DeJager, park program and marketing coordinator, said the department is working to establish partnerships with recreation departments and businesses in Winnebago County, including a program for kayak rentals at Asylum Bay.

DeJager has included discovery kits created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the Parks Department newsletters to offer outdoor activities for families. The kits offer activities for families to complete with their children, such as identifying different animal tracks.

Breest said counters will be implemented on various trails to encourage people to use them

"We're going to put trail counters on the Wiouwash Trail and the Mascoutin Trail, so we can start tracking some of our participation," he said.

Breest said the two most used parks in the county are Asylum Bay and the Winnebago County Community Park, while his goal is to create awareness about other county parks.

"One of our goals is to get more groups out here through partnerships where we can facilitate the space and create more awareness about the amount of things to do in the county," he said.

DeJager said he personally enjoys visiting the Waukau Creek Dam and would like to see more people visiting the area.

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"There's some walking trails, the dam, a mountain bike trail and I don't think many people know about that area," he said.

Breest said the Parks Department is working to renovate the dam there. "We're conducting a study of the dam because they keep washing out," he said. "It washes out during a heavy rain."

Breest said the study began in November and engineering will begin within the next two years

DeJager said the Wiouwash Trail had more hikers at the end of 2021 compared to previous years, and said the last two miles of the trail between Westwind Road and County Road S are being renovated.

"We have been working our way from the north all the way south the past couple of years," DeJager said.

Breest also noted the county is working on improving the Grundman Boat Launch.

"We're working on design and applying for a Wisconsin DNR boating grant," Breest said. "Right now, we have an engineering firm on and we're doing design work and permitting for that."

He said the Grundman project will improve the parking situation and increase safety measures.

"One of the reasons we are doing it is because the parking lot fills up and people have to park on the road," Breest said. "Right now boaters are backing up 550 feet without a turnaround."

Breest said he would like to offer events in other regions of the county because most activities are concentrated in Oshkosh. He said the department would like to see Ken Robl Conservation Park near U.S. 45 and Interstate 41 used more by the public.

"One cool park that is still relatively new is Ken Robl," Breest said. "I think it's a neat spot to check out, it has some cool informational signs about the landfill and how it converted into a park."





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Historic renovation

Work continues at South Main Street and 9th Avenue to renovate the former Miles Kimball building into a four-story story apartment complex that will include 28 living units. CR Structures Group is leading the project.

Winnebago court commissioner named

Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center chief executive Michael D. Rust has accepted the position of court commissioner with the Winnebago County court system starting July 5. Rust is replacing John E. Bermingham who retired June 10.

Eric Heywood will be court commissioner taking over for Bryan Keberlien, who won the Branch 3 judge race. Heywood had been interim commissioner in

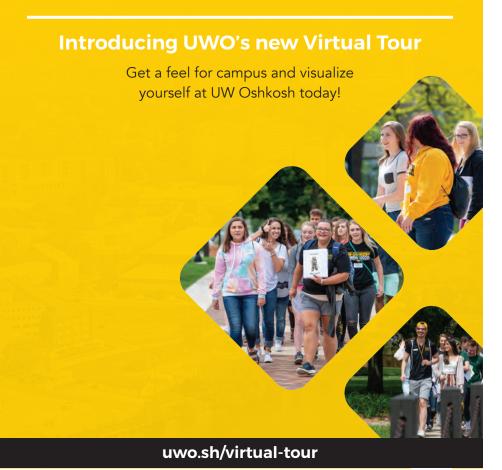
Bermingham's absence until July 5 when they all assume their new positions.

"I am really looking forward to this new opportunity and the challenges that come with it," Rust said. "I am also very sad to be leaving the Conflict Resolution Centers behind.

He said he will be working with the Center's board of directors to ensure a successful transition.



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Better connections

The AT&T Foundation recently granted \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to help local youth with limited internet access. The grant will support the club's Academic Access program that focuses on the digital divide and homework gap by offering technology and education resources. The program will improve access to computers and high-speed internet to complete homework during the next school year.

Oshkosh man charged in 'mass shooter' claim

Oshkosh Herald

A 53-year-old Oshkosh man was indicted on firearms charges after police responded to a tip by stopping his vehicle loaded with weapons and ammunition allegedly planning to shoot people at an Appleton nightclub.

Whittier P. Ives was already under a court-ordered mental health commitment issued by a Winnebago County judge in April and related to felony convictions in California.

According to the federal grand jury indictment last week from the Eastern District of Wisconsin, an individual contacted Omro police June 4 and reported that Ives was loading ammunition, maga-

zines and a long gun into his vehicle. Ives showed the person a picture of someone on his phone and stated he was "going to kill him, along with another person and a bunch of other people."

Ives reportedly told the person he knew these individuals were in a "club in Appleton" and said he "had nothing to live for" and "will be the next mass shooter."

Omro officers located Ives' vehicle and made a traffic stop, where a search uncovered boxes of ammunition, gun magazines and an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle.

Ives faces up to 10 years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. This case will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel R. Humble.

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Shared fire department service options suggested

Wisconsin Policy Forum studies five communities in Fox Valley

By Carol Patrizi
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A report that looked into how several area fire departments could enhance existing collaborations suggested opportunities for shared training, specialty services and maintenance.

Fire chiefs from Oshkosh, Neenah-Menasha, Kaukauna, Grand Chute and Appleton asked the Wisconsin Policy Forum to review five specific areas

that hold potential for even greater collaboration. The areas are training, special operations, community risk reduction, fleet maintenance and quality control and oversight.



Kloehn

Each of the departments has a designated training office

ignated training officer that currently collaborates. A suggestion would be to divide responsibility for types of training between the officers.

Neenah-Menasha Chief Kevin Kloehn thinks the study will make it easier to move forward in that area. He said the communities work together on training but the study suggests better ways to utilize training chiefs in all of those communities.

To enhance special operations, the report by the nonpartisan group suggests a department be tapped as the designated response team for a situation or two while other departments handle other emergencies that include hazardous materials response, water rescue and structural collapses.

Community risk reduction deals with fire code inspections, fire investigation and public education on fire safety and general health and safety issues. Researchers think these jobs could be regionalized since investigations are infrequent and require specialized staff.

The report had two suggestions when it comes to fleet maintenance. One would be a stand-alone garage to handle all five departments and the other suggests the Neenah-Menasha department expand to handle fleet maintenance for all the departments.

Kloehn said the department's four

mechanics have their hands full now. What could work is pulling a mechanic from another community's public works department to work at a Neenah-Menasha station. Researchers found that the first suggestion would be expensive.

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley believes this is just a next step in trying to meet the changing and evolving needs of the community.

"It could help us a lot with interoperability. Even though we are one of the larger departments in the area, we still



Stanley

can be overwhelmed by large-scale incidents, like natural disasters or mass casualty incidents or even a large fire in a great big commercial building," he said.

Stanley thinks that the more familiarity departments have

with each other, the better. Both Stanley and Kloehn think the area of special operations can be considered first, especially since the departments work closely together now.

In general, the report did not show a great savings financially for any department, at least in the short term.

Researchers at the Wisconsin Policy Forum think the communities could "go big" with a Fox Valley Fire Resources Bureau. Kloehn thinks that makes the most sense because most people don't even know what community they're in when they cross borders in the Fox Valley.

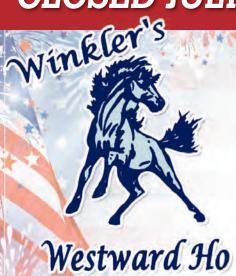
"There's where you would find some savings in staffing and apparatuses and buildings and equipment," he said.

He also thinks there are a couple of big hurdles. One is dealing with five different unions. The other is the fear of some that their community will lose its identity.

"We've been doing it for 19 years and that model has worked for us," Kloehn said. "You don't lose your identity; firefighters are still out in the community".

The fire chiefs plan to meet first to discuss the results of the study and put together a plan. Kloehn then thinks it would be a good idea to meet with mayors and elected officials to see what's possible to move forward.





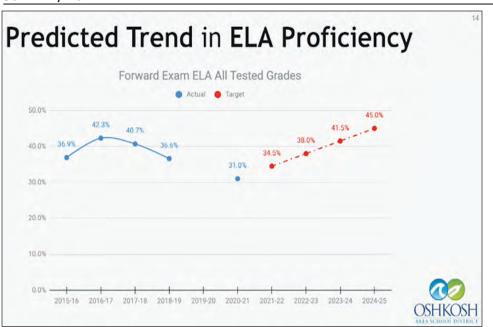
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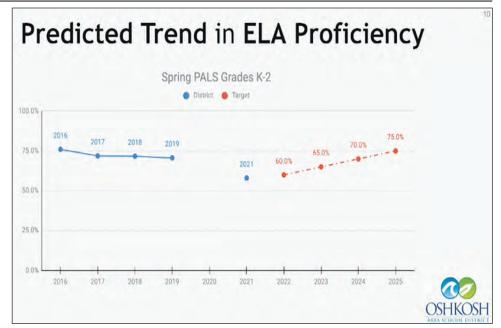
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Reading, literacy benchmarks discussed by OASD

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The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education reviewed and approved updates for several of its policies ahead of the 2022-23 school year.

Of particular interest to the group was Policy 2131.01 for reading and literacy goals and assessments for students. School board president Bob Poeschl had requested more information on the topic at a previous meeting.

"It's been an important topic for us to focus on, so we wanted to make sure we have a scoreboard that is continual from the boardroom to the classroom," Superintendent Bryan Davis said.

The policy update is to make more clear how the district is progressing. There are three assessments for grades K-8, including the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screener (PALS) for grades K-2, and both

the iReady Reading Diagnostic and Wisconsin Forward Exam for grades 3-8.

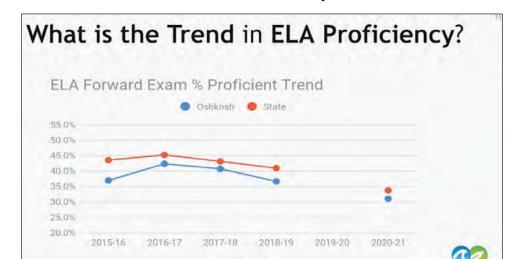
District administrators at the meeting outlined specific reading and literacy goals by 2025, including:

- 75% of K-2 students will meet spring grade level PALS benchmarks.
- 45% of students grade 3-8 will be proficient or advanced in literacy per the Forward Exam.
- 60% of students grade 3-8 will be proficient or advanced in literacy per iReady.

Davis said he's looking to review the data annually with the board to ensure schools are on pace and th policy updates enforced by the group.

"It will be a continuous process but we think these are aggressive measures to strive for while still being attainable," he

Curriculum and assessment director



School Year

Julie Conrad also noted that the policy change included a commitment-to-growth statement, as each student starts at a different level.

"All students in grades K-8 are expected to achieve at least one year of growth in reading during the academic school year," the statement reads.

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Strengthening through housing: making it affordable

By Lynnsey Erickson FOR ESTHER FOX VALLEY

ESTHER, a social-justice organization, is launching this quarterly column to amplify the stories of our neighbors in Oshkosh who have experienced issues related to housing insecurity.

Rising rent costs combined with low availability of housing options and lack of increased wages to keep up with daily living expenses paints a stark picture for people in the Oshkosh area. These conditions, colliding at a time where many employers are looking to find and retain employees, are giving rise to a need to listen to those experiencing these issues and find solutions.

Meeting the housing needs of our community continues to be a priority for organizations in Oshkosh. We hope the experiences of our neighbors are a key consideration in community decision-making to improve housing conditions and housing access in our city. This article will focus on how our community can prioritize the development of affordable housing options.

Fritz, a lifelong resident of Oshkosh, has had his fair share of positive and negative experiences with rental housing in the city and recently shared his story at a community conversation about renters' needs hosted by ESTHER at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Fritz is a single parent trying to make things work for his household, which includes a teenage son and daughter. He owns his own seasonal small business and works five other seasonal jobs to make ends meet. He's active in his community and does what he can to help people around him. Fritz has enough income that he does not qualify for subsidized housing, but has struggled to find three-bedroom apartments that meet his income.

His current rental home was just bought by a developer who plans to turn it into commercial property, so he will be displaced within the next few months. His daughter has one more year of high school, so he hopes to not have to move out of the city until she finishes school.

Fritz is not alone and many people in Oshkosh share his experiences. His circumstances are not by accident; there are local, state and national housing policies that are part of the legacy of structural barriers that prevent some people from accessing housing that is affordable at their income level.

A solution that would make a positive impact on Fritz's story is encouraging landlords and developers to create and maintain more affordable housing units through

incentives. Wisconsin municipalities are prohibited based on state law from requiring a certain number or percentage of new or existing rental units be made available to people at or below a certain income level (inclusionary zoning) and from regulating the amount of rent or fees for residential rental units (rent control ordinances).

Short of action at the state level to address these, municipalities are left to incentivize more affordable housing options. It's virtually impossible for new construction to meet the need for lower income rental units without deep assistance, so one option could be to use tax increment financing (TIF) to cover the cost of lower rents in a new development or requiring lower-cost units in projects benefiting from other public financing incentives such as TIF.

For existing rental properties, Oshkosh has a wide variety of rehab and incentive programs that cover both owner and renter occupied housing, property and site improvements, curb appeal and historic preservation. However, many people are unaware of these programs and they are not

Although we should have rentals upgraded, we also cannot risk displacing people who cannot afford a rise in rent costs. Options we can consider include supplementing with rent assistance and tax abatements for landlords who do not increase rent.

The city could also increase the availability of rental options throughout neighborhoods by changes in zoning, like allowing multiunit housing in single-family zoning districts and allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs, also known as granny flats or in-law units) for all single-family zoning districts.

Our community is suffering because we don't have enough affordable housing. It's impacting people's ability to live where they work, employers' ability to find workers, and students' ability to have a consistent and stable education.

"Just because people cannot afford as much for housing doesn't mean they don't deserve a home. Everybody deserves a roof over their head. And everybody has a story,"

It's time to recognize how the barriers to affordable housing are in place because of policy and take action to prioritize options so that everyone has a home they can afford.

Lynnsey Erickson is a community health strategist at the Winnebago County Health Department, where she focuses on housing and transportation access. She currently serves on the Oshkosh Common Council.

Virtual tour shows many visitors around campus

UW Oshkosh Today

Long before they ever set foot on campus, prospective students can now picture what college life at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh looks like through a vir-

"We are proud of our facilities, grounds

and classrooms," said Jenni Monroe, marketing director for UW Oshkosh. "Through our new professionally produced virtual tour, students can get an idea of what their future home will look like."

The virtual tour includes an introductory video and an interactive online introduction of UWO's administrative, classroom, recreational and support facilities as well as the residence halls.

"Some students prefer to do their research before connecting with our admissions team, while others may have barriers to traveling to campus. This tour aims to address both those needs, and it's a tool that we plan to expand and evolve each year," Monroe said.

The tour, produced by MassInteract, is the newest component of UWO's undergraduate admissions campaign. It published in March for testing and officially launched last week.

"We constantly evolve our marketing in order to meet students and their families where they want to find us," Monroe said. "Offering a beautifully designed virtual tour reduces barriers for those who want to learn about campus and helps people experience what life can be like as a UWO Titan."

Before MassInteract began filming and photographing campus for the project in May 2021, UMC marketing staff spent some time removing old signs and barriers and even pulling a weed or two.

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Sociology chair by day, rock musician by night

By Shane Nyman UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Many members of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh community might know Paul Van Auken as a professor and chair of the sociology department. He's been at UW Oshkosh since 2007 and teaches courses on rural sociology, sociology of the modern city, environment and society, population problems and applied sociology, among others. He also conducts research on issues related to community, immigration, land use planning and access to public space, sustainability, and teaching and learning.

What these same people might not know is for most of his life, Van Auken's been a musician and he's played in rock bands of some sort since starting high school.

"I wrote and performed my first song in eighth grade, I think, and started a band with some pals the following year," he said. "I have basically been in some sort of band ever since, mostly playing bass and singing harmonies. I've never been the most technically proficient one in the band but have always found a lot of fun and satisfaction in it."

A native of Iowa, Van Auken grew up in a family of musicians and played trumpet in high school and sang in choirs through college.

Since moving to Wisconsin in 1999, he's played with a handful of bands - sometimes for several years, others for brief periods - including Spin Spin Coupling, Redshift Headlights, the Angry Seas, the Pull and A Solid Seven. He also now plays in a duo called Stumble Brothers.

Van Auken's most recent project is an



Photo by Casey Gallenberge

UW Oshkosh sociology professor Paul Van Auken is shown performing with Redshift Headlights.

album titled The Beginning of the End Was Before the Beginning from a musical entity called Everything's Haywire. Everything's Haywire, as Van Auken explains it, is not really a band, but more of an extended family of collaborators who in several cases have decades of history making music together. Several are in Wisconsin, others are or were scattered about the country and as far away as France.

Among those collaborators is Stephen

McCabe, an English lecturer at UWO. (McCabe and Van Auken also played together in Redshift Headlights.) Justin Mitchell, who graduated from UWO in 2006 with a philosophy degree and in 2011 with a master's in educational leadership, also co-wrote one of the songs.

The album, now available on Bandcamp, is the result of about four years of writing and recording, though many of the songs have roots that reach further back. It may end up as the only output from Everything's Haywire. It serves as a document, Van Auken said, of a period in the lives of those involved and the fun they had together.

"This is a recording project that may end up with just this one, sprawling, eclectic album, but we'll see," he said. "It's the first time I've been the main singer and songwriter, for better or worse, but it was very gratifying to be able to complete it."



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Humane Society to hold 'Block Party' through July

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society is holding a new promotion and some lucky adopter could get the dog they've always wanted for free.

The organization's Block Party will offer a chance for participants to bounce a ping pong ball into an array of cups. Those cups will have a number that will represent the adoption fee for the dog and will range from \$50 down to \$10, while there will also be the potential for free adoptions.

The dogs involved in the Block Party program are some of the larger dogs with the somewhat square-shaped heads and they are some of the dogs that have been at the shelter the longest.

"Adoptions usually taper off in the early summer as families start to go on vacations and all of that stuff," said Jennifer Ollanketo, the admissions director at the humane society. "We have so many great dogs here so we were like, how can we find a fresh way to showcase them."

As the staff sought out ideas, the notion of the Block Party was suggested due to the large number of dogs staff members affectionately call "Blockheads." As of last week, there were 17 such dogs under the shelter's care and Ollanketo said that any dogs that come to the shelter that fit with the others could be added to the list.

The promotion has already begun and runs through July.

"We are doing it for the dogs that have been here awhile and just keep getting overlooked," Ollanketo said.

Promoting these dogs was one aspect of the promotion but Ollanketo said they also wanted to incentivize the adoption of these animals.

That's where the idea of bouncing the pingpong balls into cups - what the staff is calling Bark Pong – came about with the greatly reduced adoption fee.

Ollanketo said that once an adopter has completed the process for one of the dogs in the program, that's when they will get the chance to play Bark Pong to find out their fee.

"It's a really great deal," Ollanketo said. "Throw the thing in the cup and then depending on what cup you get, that's your adoption fee. It's anywhere from free to \$50."

Ollanketo didn't know if other shelters have used similar programs but said that many adopting agencies come up with creative ideas to spark adoptions.

"We honestly didn't check around to see if something like this had been done somewhere else," said Ollanketo, who credited the shelter's dog adoption manager for the idea. "All humane societies try to think of creative ways to promote their animals."

All of the dogs are spayed, neutered and micro-chipped. The dogs involved in the promotion will be featured on the humane society's Facebook page throughout July. A full list of animals available for adoption can be found on the shelter's website.



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With a sizable number of larger dogs currently residing at its facility, the Oshkosh Area Humane Society is trying a unique approach to find dogs, like Myrtle, homes. A new promotion that will continue through July will allow those adopting selected dogs the chance to play "Bark Pong" to determine the adoption fee.







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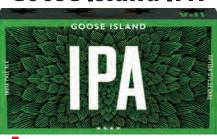






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Wednesday, June 29

Brews on the Bay with Kitty Corona, 5 p.m., Menominee Park Kiwanis Shelter Oshkosh Area Community Band, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Michael Sullivan, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, June 30

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Carymn, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Mike Grasso, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Friday, July 1

First Friday: Spangled Celebration, 5 p.m., downtown

Gibson Summer Concert Series with Kyle Megna, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

Kenny James, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Backstage Pass, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Ruckus Unplugged, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, July 2

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Levi Douma, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Kenny James Duo, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Polar Alchemy, 6 p.m., Game Time Sports Bar, 2836 Fond du Lac Road

"The Birdcage" (1996), 6:30 p.m.,

Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, July 3

Tuesday at 5, 4 p.m., Jerry's Bar, 1210 Ceape Ave.

Mandy Mae, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Michael Sullivan, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Take 2 Acoustic, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July parade, 9 a.m., down-

Fourth of July celebration and fireworks, 11 a.m., Menominee Park

Wayne Neuman, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Tuesday, July 5

Live at the Leach, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Frank Childress, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Wednesday, July 6

K.O.'s Roadshow, 6 p.m., Dockside

Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, July 7

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo Center

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Sam 377 Blues Revue Duo, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Friday, July 8

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo Center

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, July 9

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo

Wisconsin GLO vs. Flint, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, July 10

Lifest music festival, Sunnyview Expo Center

Wisconsin GLO vs. Flint, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Starlifter (U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America), 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Air Force musicians to perform at arena

The Wisconsin GLO women's basketball team will host a free concert after its July 10 game against Flint Monarchs with the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America's Starlifter rock band at the Oshkosh Are-

Starlifter, presented in partnership with the GLO and Oshkosh Herald, is a seven-piece popular music group featuring guitar, bass, drums, piano and vocalists. The musicians tell the Air Force story by performing for military functions, community concerts, school assemblies and outdoor festivals.

Concert seating is general admission starting at 5 p.m. The basketball game tips off at 3 p.m. and there will be \$1 hot dogs and snow cones, \$1 Miller Lite Beer, and a



Starlifter is the U.S. Air Force's rock band that will be performing after the July 10 GLO game at the Oshkosh Arena.

free giveaway. Firefighters, medical professionals, police and military members with an ID get in for \$5.



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The Waterfowl Hunters Expo returns to Sunnyview Expo Center on Aug. 27.

Waterfowl expo coming to Sunnyview

The state Department of Natural Resources and waterfowl conservation organizations will again co-host the Waterfowl Hunters Expo from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 27 on the grounds of Sunnyview Expo Center.

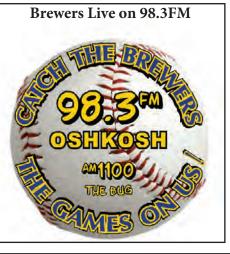
The family- and dog-friendly expo allows hunters to engage with experts and the latest technologies ahead of the migratory bird seasons with exhibits, competition and hands-on learning activities.

Featured will be the state Duck and Goose Calling Championships, a fast-

est-retriever contest, judging for the 2023 waterfowl stamp contest and a chance for hunters to showcase their rigs.

The expo is also the new home of the state Waterfowl, Turkey and Pheasant stamp competition, an event that helps hunters, conservationists and stamp collectors to support wildlife and habitat management, restoration and conserva-

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DISCOVER

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Peoples worker looks back on hometown brew

Driver witnessed end of an era in Oshkosh brewing

By Lee Reiherzer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Grant Peterson and I had been talking for more than an hour about Peoples Brewing Co. before we got to the photographs I had brought along. The first picture was almost 60 years old. It showed the old brewery when it towered over the 1500 block of South Main Street.

Peterson examined the photo for a moment. "That's beautiful," he said. It went without saying that he wasn't merely commenting on the architecture.

Peterson invested three years of his life in that brewery. His memories of those days, some 50 years gone, remain strikingly fresh. He was 25 years old when he began working at Peoples. He was there when the brewery closed. He was there tying up the loose ends after everyone else had left.

"I started in January of 1970," Peterson says. "I was working at the Universal Foundry and my shift was from 9 at night until 5 in the morning. It was awful. All we did was shovel sand. So I went around looking. I put my name in all over. Then one day I got a call from the brewery."

Peterson was interviewed by Harold "Ziggy" Ziegenhagen, the 53-year-old president of Peoples who had been with the brewery since the early 1940s. Ziegenhagen hired Peterson as a delivery driver. "I was just lucky I guess. I don't know why they picked me."

No more night shifts. Now his workday began at 7 a.m. when Peterson would

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back his delivery truck up to a dock on the north side of the brewery to load it with kegs of beer.

'There was a great old guy that worked there, Johnny Fuller. Everybody loved Johnny. He'd roll those barrels out on a rubber mat and you'd load them in," Peterson recalls. "Then you'd go around to the other dock on the other side of the brewerv and load the cases of bottled beer."

Peterson would hit the road with a truck full of Peoples beer. His winding routes included taverns, beer depots, and grocery stores within 50 miles or so of Oshkosh. "Some of the routes you wouldn't believe," Peterson says. "You had to memorize these county roads. There were taverns way out where you didn't know there was anything there."

Much of his time was spent in Oshkosh. Some of the taverns Peterson serviced had been in business when the brewery opened in 1913. They had been selling Peoples beer ever since. "All the Oshkosh taverns took Peoples. Most places would take six to eight half-barrels and within a few days they'd sell them."

Maneuvering 175-pound kegs full of beer into a basement cooler at an older tavern was never easy. "We had steel kegs, everybody else had those lighter aluminum kegs by then. Trying to get them into some of those places was terrible. I'd go to Utecht's (413 Ohio) on Mondays, and there and at Charlie's Glass Bar (now Ratch & Debs Pizza at 720 Merritt), they had basement ceilings that were like 4 and a half feet high so you had to carry those damned kegs around all bent over."

Beer depots were easier. "I'll tell you the best two beer depots were Ray's over



Grant Peterson started working for Peoples Brewing in 1970.

on New York - that was incredible - and Beverage Mart on Main Street. They both sold a lot of Peoples. But then Jordy's (W. 9th Avenue) was a good seller also. Then I'd get to the Sacred Heart Church and they'd want 80 cases of beer because they had that dartball league in the basement. That church was my biggest seller." Peterson shakes his head and laughs about it.

He was working at the very end of a 120-year period when Oshkosh-brewed beer was predominant wherever beer was sold in the city. Part of that culture was the tradition of the delivery driver buying a round for the bar when he brought in a fresh batch of beer.

"You got so much money a week to buy drinks, but I didn't do it all that often. If there were only two or three guys in there, then you did it. But if the bar was packed you'd end up spending your own money. And it was always like you had to drink with them. I've always been a beer drinker and I was a Peoples drinker, but I didn't like drinking when I was on the job."

The chance to relax came when Peterson returned to the brewery. "Behind the office, there was a big room and they had this cooler and you'd open the door and there'd be about 50 cases of cold Peoples beer in there. You could sit there all night and drink if you wanted to. Another thing, when they canned beer, they'd weigh the cases at the end and if it was down more than 3 or 4 ounces they'd put that aside and we could buy those. You'd get eight 6-packs of beer for three bucks. Even if it was down an ounce, you'd never notice

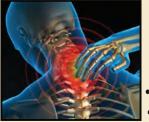
Peterson says there wasn't all that much beer drinking inside the brewery. The novelty of having beer on the job had long since worn off for workers who had been with Peoples for decades. "A lot of them were old guys that were working there since the '40s," he says. "Most of them were married and at the end of the day they'd just go home."

Those brewery veterans had been on hand when Peoples was at its peak in the 1950s and early 1960s. The high point was followed by a period of aggressive con-

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Peoples Brewing

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solidation in the brewing industry driven by large, nationally distributing breweries such as Pabst and Schlitz. Smaller breweries, like those in Oshkosh, were being driven out. Peoples Brewing was caught in the receding tide.

"One of the old-timers told me that in 1960 they went to Berlin (in Green Lake



Mack

Berlin (in Green Lake County) twice a week with two guys on the truck each time because every single tavern there had Peoples on tap. It was a big seller there case-wise and everything. But by the time I got there, I had Berlin, I went once every two weeks and

I would sell like 20 or 35 cases of beer. There was not one tap account left. It was all bottled beer and hardly any to the taverns. They had like three beer depots and that's where we sold all the Peoples. But not much, not like years ago when every time they went they sold 100 cases."

The slump worsened after the brewery was sold in April 1970 to a group of black entrepreneurs from Milwaukee led by Theodore Mack. The announcement of the sale was followed by rumors that Mack and company intended to fire all the white workers. There was, in fact, no such plan. But the misinformation spread quickly and led to tavern owners in and around Oshkosh refusing to sell Peoples beer.

Mack moved to Oshkosh and quickly put the rumors to rest. Peterson says that sales at his accounts returned to normal, with one notable exception.

"I'll tell you one though, one was the holy land, Mt. Calvary (in Fond du Lac County). When Mack bought the brewery those people down there never sold another case of Peoples. It was awful. And they were supposed to be religious."

The turmoil surrounding the brewery seemed to have little impact on those working within it.

"I thought Ted Mack was a great guy. I always got along with him perfectly. Everybody did, I think. When they were bottling he'd sometimes walk around singing old work songs or spirituals or something. He had a great voice. The only people I've ever heard talk (bad) about him were people who didn't really know him."

But the arrival of Mack hastened the end of the brewery. The purchase had been facilitated by loans from the Small Business Administration. To service the debt, Peoples Brewing needed to sell more beer than it ever had. Mack's plan to achieve



Submitted photo

The Peoples Brewing facility once towered over the 1500 block of South Main St.

that was to greatly expand distribution, focusing on urban areas. The strategy failed. By the close of 1971, Peoples was in deep financial trouble.

"At the very end they started having problems with the machinery, especially the bottle capper. If you got one little piece of air in the bottle and it sat for a week the beer would go bad. Quite a few places would call up and complain. I don't know if that was ever fixed, because they didn't have any money left. That was the problem. They didn't have any money to fix anything."

The curtain fell in November 1972. "We knew something was going on. We didn't talk about it much. Probably everybody above us knew something before we did. One day they came around and said it's closing. I don't remember too much about that. I remember after that a bunch of tavern owners coming around trying to get as much Peoples eer as they could before there wasn't any left. It was a good, reasonable beer. They didn't know what else to go to."

His job didn't end there. Peterson continued to drive his old routes, retrieving as much of the brewery's inventory as possible. "The brewery was already closed. Nobody was there. I still wore a Peoples beer uniform and drove a Peoples truck. I went all over picking up empties and

half-barrels and everything. They wanted it all back, they were going to have a federal auction. At the end of the day, I'd go back to the brewery to unload everything. See, I had a whole truckload of empties."

The checks were still being signed by Mack. "He had like an office, it was in the basement of his house. They had papers spread all over the basement. I guess they were getting everything ready to give to the feds. I don't know how that worked. I always cashed the checks. They never bounced."

His work for Peoples extended into 1973. When it was over, Peterson took a job with a beer distributor in Van Dyne delivering Hamm's and Miller. "But then they were bought out by a big outfit. I liked working with smaller groups. So I quit and luckily I got on with the city. How I got on with the city is that I put Pearl Mack's name as a reference."

Pearl Mack, the wife of Ted, had also worked at Peoples. "Pearl was one of the nicest people you'll ever meet in your life. She was working on the first floor at City. Hall then and when the guy saw that I had her as a reference he went right down and talked to her and came back up and hired me on the spot." Peterson remained with the city for more than 30 years, retiring from the Public Works Department.

His interest in the brewery he worked for has never waned. Peterson still collects memorabilia related to Peoples. "I've always liked antique stores, but I didn't begin collecting things until later, after Peoples closed."

Peterson and I met on a Tuesday afternoon in June to talk about all of these things. It was near dark by the time we got to the last of the photographs. The picture was from 1974. It was taken from the south end of the brewery property looking north toward the dock where he used to fill his truck with cases of bottled beer before heading out each morning on his route. "Here it is at the end," I said. Peterson looked at the photo without saying anything.

I said, "This was taken just before the brewery was demolished." He said he couldn't remember anything about that. After a moment, he points to a detail in the photo where an old sign for Peoples Beer had been discarded alongside a loading dock. "Look at that," he says with the exuberance returning to his voice. "Boy, I wish I had that. Those were gorgeous."

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



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CR Meyer announces leadership succession

CR Meyer, a heavy industrial contractor for more than 130 years based in Oshkosh, announced a succession plan Monday for its senior management team.

"To continue (our) success, the board views succession planning as one of its most important roles in the viability of the company," the company's statement read. "CR Meyer culminates a thorough and well-crafted succession planning process to lead the company to the next period of growth."

Fred Pinkerton Jr., currently chairman of the board, has been named chairman emeritus. Phillip Martini, currently chief executive officer, is the new chairman of the board

Darren Lett will continue his role as president while assuming the responsibilities of chief executive. Effective Jan. 1, Mark Delveaux, currently vice president of design/build, will assume the responsibilities of president.

"These organizational changes will lead CR Meyer, its employees and its clients to continually grow and succeed," Martini

Lett added, "With the current business environment, we have confidence in our team to execute on the opportunities presented to us."

Founded in 1888 by Charles Rudolph Meyer, CR Meyer has grown to regularly employ more than 190 office professionals and 1,000 skilled tradespeople with an Oshkosh corporate office and eight satellite offices across the United States.

The team includes crews of ironworkers, millwrights, pipefitters, electricians, boilermakers, carpenters, laborers, operators, bricklayers and concrete finishers. The company's professional services division includes project managers, engineers, architects, schedulers and experts in tracking costs and worker safety.

The company serves industrial clients in the fields of food and beverage processing; hydro/power generation; mining; printing, converting and packaging; oil and gas; pulp and papermaking; and scrap and recycling.

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School district

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juvenile intake."

ACLU staff attorney Elisabeth Lawson has been working on the complaint since the family came forward in November. She said the complaint shows some district policies are vaguely worded, creating a discretion administrators can choose whether to apply in certain cases.

"An example of that is one of the grounds for expulsion that was used against many of the kids around this incident was repeated violation of school rules, and another was endangering others. It's pretty subjective," she said.

"Repeated violation of school rules can be just two times that a kid did something like use their cell phone when they weren't allowed or talk back, because it can fall within the standards. It gives a lot of discretion to decide when to expel a kid on those grounds and when not to, similar to endangering behavior."

Lawson explained that the district used those two grounds - endangering others and repeated violation of school rules – to expel the children responding to racial harassment but not to expel the child who triggered the incident.

"It's not that the policies were misapplied but it's the discretionary choice of when and against whom," she said.

Lawson also noted the district did not follow its policies against racial harassment, namely to immediately investigate complaints of harassment, take steps to end it promptly and make sure children who have been targets or victims are protected so they can continue participating at

The ACLU has filed the complaint with the OCR and has a process where it evaluates them and determines if it is a violation of civil rights law. The office is in its evaluation stage of the complaint, which may take a few months to complete.

"It's not about getting money for the kids; it's about teaching district policy to correct an inequitable situation," Lawson

Depending on what the OCR finds, it may order policy changes, new training for staff and students or an ongoing review of disciplinary numbers. The goal is creating change in how the district operates.

If the district fails to comply with whatever OCR orders, the next step is moving to the second level of enforcement authority such as the Department of Justice for a civil action or potentially withholding federal funds.

At its last meeting in May, Superintendent Bryan Davis proposed two suspension alternatives to the Board of Education: restorative practices or an expulsion abey-

"I do not tell them I'm going to have livery take your loved one back and put them in our trailer," she said. "Ethically ... in my opinion, it's not right."

The cold storage trailer currently has the capacity to hold eight bodies, while the new morgue would be able to hold 12.

Brehmer said the number of overdoses in the county is not slowing down. She said as people search for safer drugs, they switch to

"We've seen it go to heroin, to heroin and fentanyl, then it was meth and fentanyl, they just keep coming," she said, adding that a new drug she's seen in the area is "benzo-dope," the tranquilizer benzodiazepine mixed with fentanyl.

The county pays \$225 to transport a body to Fond du Lac for autopsy. In situations where tissue recovery is required, such as for organ donation, the county transports the body to a hospital room, with costs of about \$350 to \$400 per use.

Brehmer said the addition of an exam room would allow better examinations, clearer photos and a clean environment for drawing toxicology. The coroner's office would also be able to clean up bodies not being autopsied, such as gunshot suicide

Instead of renting a hospital room for tissue recovery or private autopsies, organizations would be able to rent the morgue's

ance program. However, Lawson said district policies similar to these already exist.

What the district already has, according to Davis and director of pupil services Matt Kaemmerer, is its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. It uses proactive steps to redirect student behavior instead of being immediately punitive and is said to reduce disparities between students of color and white

"PBIS provides a framework that our schools use for social-emotional learning," Kaemmerer said. "Teams of individuals meet up to review behavioral data on a regular basis to try to drill down and figure out where behaviors are happening to figure out where to target specifically.

"This really comes down to the fact we know suspension and expulsion doesn't change student behavior. What can we do to really make a difference for students from a legal standpoint and get to the root cause of why these behaviors are occurring?"

The district also has a program similar to the proposed expulsion abeyance program, where students who have already been expelled have the opportunity to return to school after a couple of years. Davis said what he had proposed to the board would be to instead engage students in the abeyance program before completing the expulsion process.

exam room, which brings in revenue for the county. Winnebago County's autopsies would still be conducted in Fond du Lac because a forensic pathologist is required.

Brehmer said having the coroner's office added on to the morgue would put the employees where they work.

"Right now we're making several trips, going back and forth from the administrative building to the trailer, and then back, being

"This would be a last-chance type of opportunity for them," Davis said. "In many cases, we have situations where we have students who need a little bit of extra support but aren't necessarily ready to engage back at the school yet. We want to be able to help support our families and students who are in that situation and not necessarily tag them with an expulsion."

Kaemmerer also said he is working on incorporating a universal social-emotional learning curriculum at the elementary level to teach students about social-emotional competence.

"Between those pieces, we're hoping to help students more broadly develop those social emotional learning skills, and then help our teachers to really have a better feel and understanding about how to best respond to students who are struggling," he said.

Lawson said she hopes the takeaway from pursuing this complaint is letting the public know that students have a right to feel safe and comfortable at school, and it shouldn't vary depending on their race.

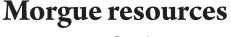
"I'm really proud of the kids involved in this case who have spoken up because they're getting some justice for themselves," she said.

Davis said he is hoping to have the logistics worked out and the reworked suspension and expulsion alternatives in place by

able to do things," she said.

With the addition of the morgue, Brehmer said the coroner's office would also spend \$800 to outfit a Ford Explorer to transport bodies, cutting costs the county currently pays for livery service.

The board voted to approve the addition of a coroner's office morgue building and sheriff's office evidence storage at a cost of



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no longer has the capacity to store bodies from other counties, which means Winnebago County is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

With nowhere to go with bodies, Brehmer said at one point the county was storing nine of them at area funeral homes.

"They were not in our care, custody and control," she said. "At that point, too, we were on scene calling funeral homes to find out, 'Do you have room? Can you help us out?"

Last November the county borrowed a cold storage trailer from Clark County. That also has been riddled with problems. Brehmer said the county twice was notified the trailer was going to be recalled and they were scrambling to find secure storage for bodies.

In mid-June, Brehmer said she went to release a body from the trailer and found the trailer's cooling system had failed and the internal temperature was 87.9 degrees Fahr-

Brehmer said storing bodies in a trailer is not appropriate and when she speaks with families of the deceased she tells them she is transporting their loved one back to a facil-





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Eight-run inning carries Legion to win over Kaukauna

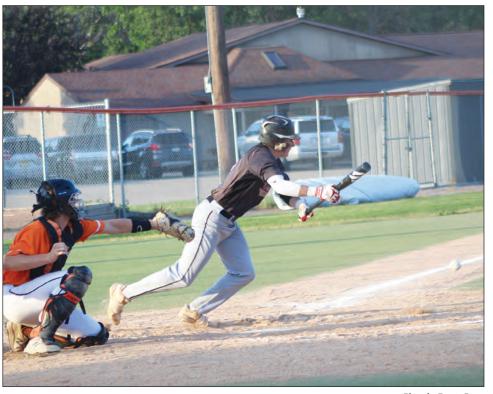


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Dominic Kane lays down a bunt during the Oshkosh Legion's game against Kaukauna last Thursday.



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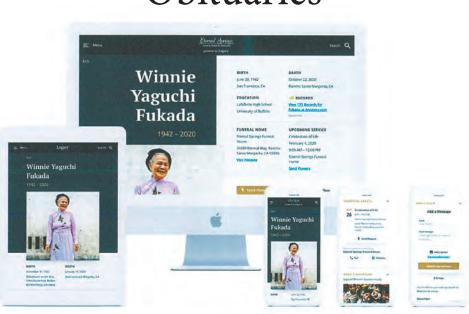
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By Dustin Riese
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An eight-run fifth inning allowed the Oshkosh Legion to erase an early deficit and helped them stretch their winning streak to three with a come-from-behind 12-9 win over Kaukauna last Thursday.

"It is always nice to come from behind and get the win," head coach Brian Burgert said.

Oshkosh trailed 7-2 after four innings but was able to solve Kaukauna starter Jordan Van Kauwenberg in the fifth.

Ben Buehring, who finished 4-of-5 at the plate in the game, led off the inning with a single and quickly scored on a Jeremiah Housworth double. A walk to Max Bittner followed before an RBI single from Brady Block and a run-scoring double by Cormac Sammons brought Oshkosh to within two runs.

Dominic Kane tied things at 7 with an RBI single later in the inning, while Buehring delivered the big blow in the outburst with a bases-loaded double that plated all three runners for a 10-7 lead.

"We fell behind early and continued to battle back," Burgert said. "Ben (Buehring's) big hit put us over the top."

Buehring added another RBI-double and Bittner – who finished with two hits and three RBIs – plated a run with a single for some insurance runs in the seventh inning to help secure the win.

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Jackson Hill picked up the win on the mound against Kaukauna last week.

Jackson Hill picked up the win on the mound with 2 1/3 innings of strong relief, quelling Kaukauna's offense after its hot start. Hill did not allow a hit in his stint, although he did surrender three runs.

Ryan Williamson closed out the game on the mound for his fourth save of the season.

"Jackson did a great job for us tonight. He came in and held their offense down in the fourth and fifth innings which was good to see," Burgert said. "That helped him earn his first varsity (Legion) win and this was a good win for the kids."

Block and Kane each chipped in a pair of hits in the win.

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Ben Buerhing belted a three-run home run while he and Jack Kese each finished with four RBIs as Oshkosh rebounded from an early 4-0 deficit to collect the win at home.

Dominic Kane chipped in three hits on the day as the offense continued to roll, reaching double-digit runs for the third straight game.

"The offense has really come to life for us the last few games," Burgert said. "It started against Bay Port which is always nice to beat them and continued here today. If this continues and we get better and more consistent pitching, we are going to be a tough team to beat."

Brady Block threw a complete game to get the win for Legion, allowing just three earned runs in the outing.

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North's Borowitz has come up big as a pitcher

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Hitters stepping into the batter's box against Ashley Borowitz are seldom intimidated. She stands a not-so-imposing

Her small stature hasn't stopped Borowitz from reaching great heights as a softball pitcher.

Borowitz was a two-time all-Fox Valley Association first-team selection at



Borowitz

Oshkosh North and will be pitching at the collegiate level next season.

"People look at me and think, 'She can't throw hard. She can't do this or that," Borowitz said. "But as long as you can move the ball around, it

doesn't matter how tall you are."

Borowitz compiled stellar earned run averages of 2.60 and 2.67 with 424 strikeouts in 252 innings the past two seasons. Opponents hit just .179 against her this spring and .269 last year. Borowitz's records of 5-12 and 6-15 were deceptive considering Oshkosh North finished below .500 in both seasons.

Borowitz was also a solid hitter, batting .277 with an on-base percentage of .338. As a junior, she hit a team-high .397 with a team-high .449 on-base-per-

Even more impressive than her production were Borowitz's leadership and work ethic.

"Ashley is an outstanding softball player with all the tools to play any position," said North softball coach Keith Koslowski. "She was a positive influence on our younger players. She showed them how to practice every day and the effort it takes to improve. She was an excellent role model.

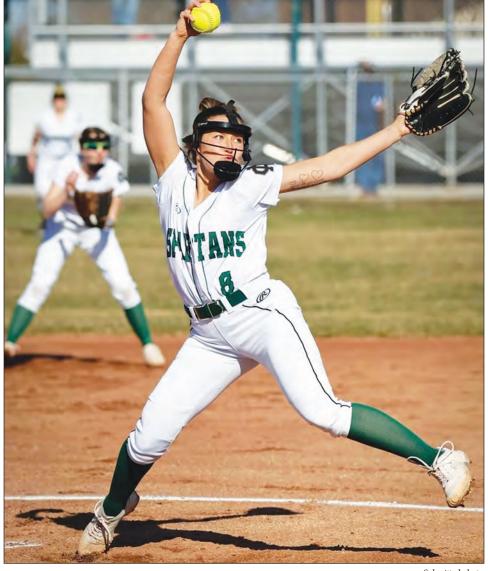
"Her leadership really helped us. And more than that, she's a caring, compassionate, smart, polite and funny person. She makes everyone around her a better person, let alone a better softball player."

Borowitz is the first to admit that she's not overpowering in the circle. But she's extremely effective. Her go-to pitch is a wicked curveball and she also throws a riser, screwball and change-up.

"I'm definitely a spin pitcher," she said. "I work the corners and the vertical zone. Pitching is not always about speed. It's all about getting outs. I'm not trying to blow it past anyone. I'm just trying to get outs any way I can."

Borowitz is spending her summer pitching for the Milwaukee-based B.A.T.S. Academy 18-U national travel team: a squad she has competed with the past three years. The team travels across the country and competed recently in the prestigious Top Gun Invitational in Kansas City.

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Ashley Borowitz was a first-team all-Fox Valley Assoiciation selection following a standout season for the Spartans.

"It (travel ball) is definitely a challenge," she said. "You see a lot better competition than high school because it involves girls from all over the country who play year-round. It's a lot of fun because I enjoy the travel."

She also enjoys a heavy pitching workload. Like many fastpitch softball pitchers, Borowitz seems to thrive when asked to pitch multiple innings with little rest.

"My arm really doesn't get sore – unless I take two or three weeks off and starting pitching again," she said. "When I'm in a season, I can pitch pretty much as much as I want to."

Borowitz has played summer travel ball for years and has been pitching since age 8 when her father, Kyle, took

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her for pitching lessons. She worked for four years with Linnea Utecht, an Oshkosh resident who is a former assistant

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softball coach at the University of Maine and the current owner and instructor at Nucleus Pitching Academy.

"Linnea was my first real pitching coach and taught me a lot," Borowitz said. "The lessons started off in her basement and we kept doing it there for years until the basement got too small for me. As I kept pitching, I learned that even though you might be getting better, the hitters are getting better, too. So you need to work at it and make sure you're improving."

Borowitz also participated in basketball and swimming - competing in the 100 backstroke, 200 IM and 200 free her sophomore and junior years before focusing on softball as a senior.

Borowitz will be taking her athletic talents to the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the fall after receiving an athletic scholarship from the Division 2 school. A terrific student who graduated from North with a 3.98 grade point average, Borowitz will study nursing. She is currently a CNA (certified nursing assistant) who works at Edenbrook, a senior care facility in Oshkosh.

"I've always been drawn to the medical field," Borowitz said. "My dad is a physical therapist, and my grandma (Rose) is a nurse. I'm very excited and obviously a little nervous about playing softball there, too. I know it's going to take a lot of hard work, especially with me being as small as I am. I know I have to work harder than anyone else."



Oshkosh West's Buehring, Jodarski earn all-state honors

Ben Buehring added a couple more accolades following an impressive senior season.

Buehring was named to the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association All-State third team as a catcher it was announced recently. He finished the high school season with a .415 batting average with four doubles, a home run and 20 RBIs in 18 games.

The former Oshkosh West standout also struck out only 10 times in more than 60 plate appearances this season.

Buehring, the Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association, was one of four FVA players to land a spot on one of the top three teams, joining Hortonville pitcher Thomas Burns (second team), Kimberly pitcher Al Leitner (third team) and Kimberly infielder Colin Obermann (third team).

Appleton North infielder Garret Hietpas and Appleton North designated hitter/utili-

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ty player Griffin Smith were both honorable mention all-state selections.

Buehring was also one of two Oshkosh West players to receive all-district recogni-

Buehring was named to the all-district first team, while junior Erik Grey was an honorable mention selection as well as earning a spot on the Academic All-District team.

SOFTBALL

Jodarski honored by Coaches Association

Oshkosh West sophomore Braelee Jodarski was named to the honorable mention all-state list for Larger Schools it was announced by the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association.

Jodarski finished the season with a .402

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batting average and an .805 slugging percentage. She collected three doubles, six triples and seven home runs, while also totaling 40 RBIs. She was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association honoree.

Jodarski was one of nine FVA players on the all-state list. State champion Kaukauna had two first-teamers in Karly Meredith and Hannah Meshnick, three players on second team in Cally Meredith, Paige

Oshkosh man killed in motorcycle accident

all-district choice.

The Oshkosh Police Department has been investigating an accident that occurred on Harrison Street at Nicolet Avenue in the City of Oshkosh over the weekend.

On Saturday morning, officers were dispatched to an accident on Harrison Street.

The accident involved a vehicle and a motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle, a 21-year-old male from Oshkosh, was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. He was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

The Oshkosh Police Department's Accident Investigation Team and OPD Detectives responded to the scene and are continuing to investigate this acci-

Miller and Anna LeCount and honorable

mention honoree Ava Van Asten. Horton-

ville landed Hannah Meshnick on the first

team and Maggie Werner on the second

Jodarski and senior teammate Abby

Curtis were named to the all-district first

team, while Oshkosh North senior Ash-

ley Borowitz was an honorable mention

If anyone has information about this incident, contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700. If you have information about this incident but wish to remain anonymous, contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477 or through the P3 App.

Fox Cities Days to include UW Oshkosh

Fox Cities Days, the Fox Cities Chamber's workforce attraction program held at Midwestern college campuses, will include the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh at a date to be determined.

Each of the four campus visits allows select companies to showcase their business and career opportunities in the region. The other three schools are UW-Platteville, Concordia University in Mequon and Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Regional employers are invited to participate, though recruiting opportunities will be focused on engineering, business, health care, computer science, cybersecurity and construction management.

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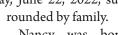
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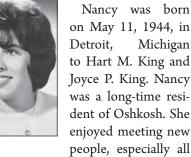
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Obituaries

Nancy K. Martin

Nancy K. Martini passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, sur-





of her international friends she met while volunteering for the international tent for over 30 years at EAA. Nancy was an avid Jeopardy fan, testing even the most seasoned contestants, she enjoyed the challenge of a good crossword. She was a passionate advocate for elementary education in the Oshkosh area.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Jennifer (Bob) Mayer, Susan (Jeff) Loker and Ellen (Michael) Ellefson; son, Phillip II (Angie); her grandchildren, Alexander, Kathryn, Margaret, Elizabeth, Austin, Allison, Ashley, Abigail, Andrew, William, Matthew, Jaina and Livia. She is further survived by ex-husband, Phil; and her sisters, Jane (Bob) Reigh, and Carolyn Jarapko; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Hart Jr. and Frederick; and infant daughter, Katherine Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the JES Fund which supports educational opportunities for young girls in the Oshkosh area C/O the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. A private graveside service was held on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family.

Dale F. Schlosser

Dale Francis Schlosser, age 80, of Lohrville, formerly of Oshkosh, passed away on June 22, 2022 at ThedaCare Medical Center, Appleton. Dale was born to the late Olive and Gerald Schlosser on June 2, 1942. Dale was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy and retired from Rockwell International after 30 years.

Dale was married to Barbara Stieg in 1967 and is survived by two sons: Michael (Meagan) Schlosser and Jeffrey Schlosser; two grandchildren: Ashley and Alec

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Schlosser; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers; Richard, Floyd and Gerome; and sisters: Judy Opperman and Gerene Dixon.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022 at Lakeview Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Osh-





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