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# Residents sue city over assessments

## Clairville Road project has legal opposition

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Several residents have filed a civil lawsuit against the city of Oshkosh over high-priced special assessments they received last year.

Court documents filed in Winnebago County last month allege Clairville Road residents were not properly annexed out of the Town of Algoma into

Oshkosh, among other allegations.

The group of nine residents are represented by attorney Jeremy Vanderloop of Lakeside Legal Services, who filed the lawsuit Feb. 26, three months after the Oshkosh Common Council approved the special assessments for the 12 land parcels.

The parcels include a business, lots owned by the nine residents in the lawsuit and five lots owned by the city. City documents show how much each parcel is being assessed at except the lots owned by the city. Those parcels aren't assigned

a dollar amount for the assessment but instead states: Direct Bill To The City.

"The costs of the special assessments are astronomical. Though the final numbers are not published properly by the city, normal residences are being assessed in excess of \$70,000," the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit also alleges Clairville Road was not properly annexed into the city and that the city is building a business park in the area and "the residents

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Artistic coverage

Four performers who have portrayed the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" returned to The Grand Oshkosh last weekend and brought the historic theater into the national spotlight with the taping of a public television special. The promotional effort will be released nationwide this summer.

# Diversity advocates commit to district literacy efforts

## SEPO pilot program shows notable gains

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

As the school district continues to tackle low reading and literacy scores, one group in Oshkosh has taken up the issue to help those struggling to read.

SEPO (sustainability, education and progress as one) recently wrapped up its literacy pilot program with 17 students in grades 7 through 12 with students from Vel Phillips Middle School and both high

schools. The nonprofit advocacy organization works to advance racial equity, advocacy and leadership in the community.

The literacy cohort was an eight-week, 14-hour course where students learned the basics of reading, not through pictures but with dictionaries as main instructor Shawn A. Robinson broke down the sounds of letters in words to help the students better understand their



Subulwa

meaning.

Mushe Subulwa, founder and director of SEPO, described the situation in Oshkosh as several small fires in the community with literacy being a good one to start dealing with, as he said the literacy fire contributes to others such as homelessness.

"I attended a conference in Green Bay and students from Oshkosh North and West (high schools) came up to me and told me they were in high school and cannot read," Subulwa said. "I knew the problem existed but had never heard directly from the children saying, 'I'm in

10th grade and I can't read.'"

Subulwa acknowledged that teaching young people at this point may not help them get into college but can help them apply for jobs after high school. He would like to focus on teaching younger students how to read as a building block of learning for many more of these students.

Last year SEPO released a report, Let's Get Real Oshkosh, that identifies racial discipline disparities across the school district. It outlines that Black, Hispanic and students of more than two races were

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Thunderbird Bakery makes move to new cafe

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From their beginnings in 2018 as home bakers with a spot at the Oshkosh Farmers Market and later operating a commercial kitchen, Trent Wester and Elizabeth Redman have risen to their goal of opening their own retail location in Oshkosh.

The former Reichenberger’s Meat Market building at 6th Avenue and Knapp Street, built in 1915 and purchased by the pair in late 2022, was extensively renovated into the new cafe and now part of the south-side neighborhood. They produce artisan sourdough breads, European style pastries and other sweet treats from scratch.

“We had been looking for our own retail space since we opened our licensed commercial kitchen in 2019,” said Wester, who ran the project and did the carpentry work. “This building offers convenient parking, ample square footage to grow, and is in a historic neighborhood. We knew the condition of the building would be a challenge but we are proud of how far it has come.”

Thunderbird Bakery built a licensed commercial kitchen in 2019 and opened just months before the pandemic shutdown. Home deliveries, a wholesale business and area farmers markets propelled them into the retail market with their now-closed cafe inside the Beach Building at 240 Algoma Blvd.



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Thunderbird Bakery opened its new cafe last week in south Oshkosh.

Financing assistance came from the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp., Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and Nicolet National Bank. Much of the finish materials were salvaged, which the owners said was both a design choice and budget decision. Church pews line the walls for seating, slate countertops from old pool tables in the historic Algoma Club are part of the service counter and an oak floor was salvaged from a neighbor’s house.

The cafe space and kitchen is complete ahead of plans to move the commercial kitchen in next year from its Planeview

Drive location.

“We are so grateful for all the support we have been given from both loyal customers and our community as a whole,” Redman said. “This has been a challenging journey to say the least, but we’re proud of the space we have created and can’t wait for our neighbors to walk and bike over for a sweet treat or loaf of bread.”

The cafe, with an entrance off 7th Street, has an expanded menu with its well-known handmade croissants, pastries and sourdough breads baked daily. Business hours are from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Correction

**MARCH 20, PAGE 18:** Two-dimensional art award winners in the annual GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest – Haley Schuh, Joeie Pucker and Marissa Toll – were all from Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh.

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school JV session will be from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The high school varsity section will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Oshkosh North High School.

Camp will be led by the Oshkosh Y’s two new tennis professionals, Brian Hornburg and Bob Downey Jr.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

March 23, 1954

**Station WOSH-TV to Terminate Operations:** Station WOSH-TV will terminate its television broadcasting operation at 10:30 o’clock Tuesday night March 23. Station General Manager William F. Johns declared there were not enough retail merchants in Oshkosh and the Fox River Valley who can afford the high

cost of television advertising to support a local UHF-TV station. Johns also pointed out that national and regional advertisers on whom the station had counted upon for a large share of the revenue needed are using big city VHF stations which provide wider coverage. Radio station WOSH will not be affected by this. WOSH-TV began broadcasting test patterns in the middle of June 1953 and began program broadcasting on July 1. WOSH-TV was interconnected to the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) on December 26 of last year.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, March 17, 1954

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# Man gets nine-year term for June armed standoff

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man will sit in federal prison for nine years for possessing a firearm as a felon after a six-hour armed standoff with Oshkosh police in June.

Douglas T. Murphy, 35, was found guilty at a jury trial in December of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was initially charged with five felonies and six misdemeanors in Winnebago County. Those charges were dropped in August as the case was shifted to federal court.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Winnebago County, officers were dispatched to a home in the 1100 block of South Main Street just after midnight June 5 for a weapons complaint. Murphy was inside the home with a gun and was pointing it at children inside.

Two children ages 3 and 17 were able to get out of the home, but there were four children and a woman still inside. Police were informed Murphy was heavily intoxicated and had punched and pushed the 17 year-old before they exited the home.

Murphy had pointed a gun at two of the children before they jumped off a balcony to escape. Murphy's girlfriend told police she was "pistol whipped" by him.

Murphy was not responding to loud verbal commands so officers used a PA system on the BearCat, a tactical vehicle used by SWAT teams. Negotiators attempted contacting Murphy for hours

but he did not respond.

Eventually two officers entered the home and found Murphy asleep with a loaded handgun underneath him.

While Murphy was being transported to the Winnebago County Jail he made threats to officers, including that when he got out he was going to "kill an Oshkosh cop."

The case was investigated by Oshkosh police with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Senior U.S. District Court Judge William C. Griesbach handed down the sentence after noting the serious and dangerous nature of Murphy's conduct during the standoff.

A statement from the U.S. Attorney's office of the Eastern District of Wisconsin said, "Judge Griesbach found Murphy to pose a danger to the community and saw a strong need for a lengthy prison sentence to deter Murphy from engaging in further criminal conduct."

Murphy was sentenced to nine years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release.

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# Two charged with fraud in ATM card skimming

## Oshkosh bank claims loss of almost \$80,000

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Court documents filed in Winnebago County allege two men concocted a scheme to use credit card scanning devices in automated teller machines to steal almost \$80,000.

Iulian Dumbrava, 35, and Radu P. Radu, 35, have been charged with fraud against a financial institution (value between \$10,000 and \$100,000) and misappropriating information to obtain money and improperly use a scanning device. Each charge has a modifier of party to a crime, which if found guilty could result in a lengthier sentence.

An investigation led by the Oshkosh Police Department included working with the U.S. Secret Service to identify one of the defendants.

The card skimmer devices were allegedly placed on a single ATM at an Oshkosh bank not identified in the court documents, on Oct. 10 and removed Oct. 14.

According to the criminal complaints, a police detective responded to the bank on Murdock Avenue on Oct. 16 to conduct a fraud investigation. Multiple customers had complained to the bank about fraudulent activity on their debit and credit cards.

The detective spoke with the bank’s vice president of risk management, facilities

manager, fraud analyst and compliance officer about the activity. Surveillance video showed a man walking up to the ATM and physically installing what is believed to be a “deep insert debit/credit card skimming device.”

There was also a small camera installed to capture the PIN numbers as they were entered. The facility manager told the detective a man used a screwdriver and tampered with the ATM.

A total of 110 members’ accounts were affected with a total loss of \$78,320. The bank will be reimbursing all the funds lost.

One customer told police there were three separate withdrawals of \$1,000 on his checking account that he did not make, with the third being made at a bank on North Washburn Street.

The detective spoke with an officer with the Secret Service, which had recently arrested four individuals related to skimming devices. The officer sent photographs of those arrested and the detective used the photos to identify Radu.

The complaint alleges Dumbrava installed the card skimmer and Radu made the withdrawals.

Dumbrava, of Baytown, Texas, and Radu of Kansas City, Mo., are both scheduled to be in Winnebago County Court on April 22 in separate cases in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.



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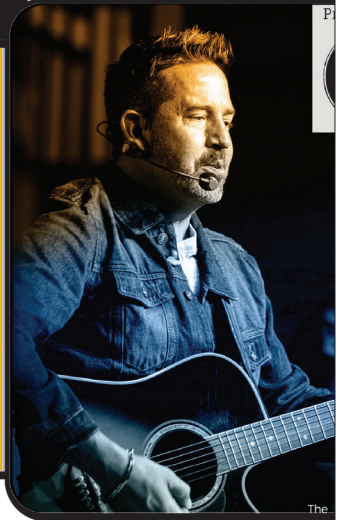
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# City’s beer tradition inseparable from its history

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

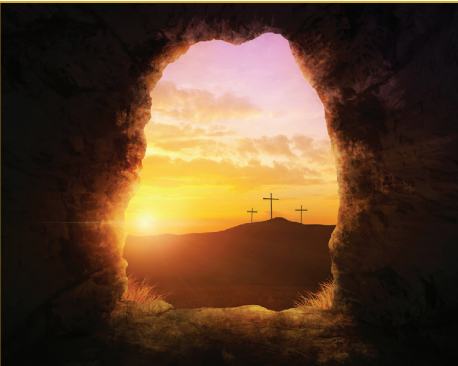
In the summer of 1849, a German immigrant named Jacob Konrad established a brewery just south of Ceape Avenue on the shore of Lake Winnebago. Konrad’s brewery was the first in Oshkosh. The brewing culture he initiated here is still going strong 175 years later.

Brewers in Oshkosh are celebrating their heritage this year with beer releases and events that tap into the city’s history as a center for beer making. The series begins at Fifth Ward Brewing on April 4 with the start of Oshkosh Craft Beer Week. Fifth Ward will commemorate the anniversary with the release of 175 Bock, a strong German-style lager.

On April 20, the Society of Oshkosh Brewers (SOBs) homebrew club will be at Bare Bones Brewery for the release of Oshkosh Classics, the club’s first recipe book. The collection includes 12 recipes that illustrate the history of Oshkosh’s beer and brewing culture.

The SOBs will share free samples of homebrewed beer made from recipes included in the book. In addition to the book release, Bare Bones Brewery will release Peoples Bock, made from the original recipe used at Peoples Brewing of Oshkosh in the 1950s and 1960s.

On June 1, Bare Bones Brewery will release a Helles Bock made from a recipe that amplifies the brewery’s popular Oshkosh Lager. Fox River Brewing Co. will round out the series with the release of a pre-Prohibition style Bock in late summer or early fall. Each special release will be available on draft and in a collectible can featuring a



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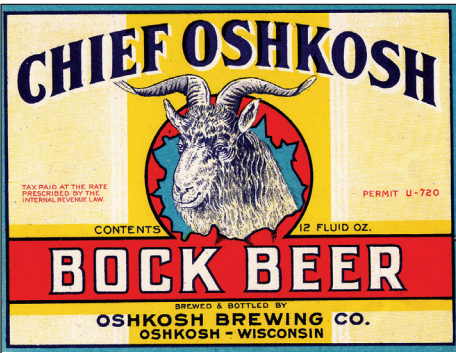


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Above: Oshkosh brewery workers and a beer roll are shown in this undated photo.  
At right: Bock beers like this one from Chief Oshkosh were a common specialty brew.

commemorative “175” emblem.  
It’s especially fitting that the anniversary will be observed by an offering of Bock beers. This subcategory of lager beer was first brewed in Oshkosh in 1858. Over the next century, the robust Bocks became the most commonly produced specialty beer here.

The annual spring releases were highly anticipated. Saloons and beer depots posted placards illustrated with a grinning goat in their windows to alert beer fans that the Bock was back. Aficionados on hoarding binges grabbed all they could afford, causing the Bocks to rapidly sell out.

The tradition survived well into the 20th century as Oshkosh’s small breweries grew into larger, more industrial concerns. By the early 1950s, Oshkosh was home to three breweries with a combined production of more than 90,000 barrels of beer annually – an astounding quantity considering that the city’s population was just 41,000 and that most of that beer was consumed locally. Last year, fewer than 3,500 barrels of beer were brewed in Oshkosh.



Industry consolidation led to the end of our large breweries in 1972 when Peoples Brewing Co. closed. The city was without a brewery for the first time in 123 years.

In response, a homebrewing movement developed in Oshkosh even though it was a crime to make beer in an unlicensed facility. Oshkosh Congressman William Steiger took care of that by introducing federal legislation legalizing homebrewing. Steiger’s bill was signed into law by President Carter in 1978.

Our current breweries are a direct outgrowth of that early homebrewing movement. All three breweries here have brew-houses run by former homebrewers who came out of the local scene.

The kinship with the city’s earliest breweries is no less tangible. After Jacob Konrad established his brewery in 1849, he began



making hand-crafted, small-batch beer that he sold directly from his brewery to people living nearby. That description applies just as well to our current breweries.

There have been 21 breweries established in Oshkosh since Konrad came to town 175 years ago. That count doesn’t include the score of wildcat breweries that flourished, albeit illegally, in the city during Prohibition from 1920-1933.

The beer and brewing culture here has been central to the identity of this place from the start. Oshkosh has always been a beer town. It’s time we celebrate that.

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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# County board backs funding for overdose treatments

## Narcan machines will be available to public

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

For more than 10 months the debate has continued on whether to bring vending machines to Winnebago County that dispense the opioid overdose-reversing medication Narcan, but that ended last week with a 24-7 vote in favor of accepting an \$80,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to fund them.

The discussion on whether the county should offer Narcan, fentanyl test strips, Deterra drug deactivation systems and education and recovery materials for free to people who obtain an access code from the Health Department comes in the wake of the county's deadliest year for overdoses, with a record 48 deaths in 2023.

The Board of Supervisors in January failed to pass the resolution to accept the funds by the majority required. It was brought to the board again March 19, with residents and community members exploring the supervisors to accept it.

"Help us save ourselves," Oshkosh res-

ident Ashley Hesse told the board during an impassioned speech.

The Rev. Ellen Rasmussen, pastor at Algoma Blvd United Methodist Church, said the vending machines have the support of the church leadership and congregation.

"Sometimes we just need the right moment in order to take the next positive step, and so I urge your support of the harm reduction vending machines, so that someone's bad decision is not their last decision," she said.

Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff, County Human Services Director Bill Topel and County Executive Jon Doemel were among the community leaders who spoke or submitted written testimony in favor of the machines.

Most fatal drug overdoses are believed to be accidental due to fentanyl being added to opioid and non-opioid substances. Narcan is the brand name for naloxone, a lifesaving opioid antagonist, meaning it blocks the effects of opioids.

Last March, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved over-the-counter Narcan nasal spray, paving the way for its availability in drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as well as in vending machines.

Referred to in the resolution as harm reduction vending machines, about 60 have been placed throughout the state using grant funds. The county board has been divided on accepting the funds and installing the machines, with some supervisors vocal in their opposition.

Concerns over the machines' proposed locations – in the county administration building's outdoor courtyard in Oshkosh and outside Neenah's Human Services building – were expressed, with some stating the machines will attract drug users who will overdose near them and then self-administer Narcan.

Health director Doug Giernyn has dispelled that myth, noting Narcan isn't self-administered. He also countered a statement made by Sheriff John Matz at a meeting in June, who claimed that Narcan perpetuates drug use.

"Nobody really wants to overdose and having to use Narcan is going to create a miserable situation for that person," Giernyn said.

A spokesperson for the sheriff's department was at the meeting Tuesday and Supervisor Don Nussbaum requested that he be allowed to share the department's views on the machines during the supervisors' discussion, but he was not allowed to do so due to the order of the meeting, with public comments at the start.

County medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke at a meeting in August, stating she has concerns that drug use supplies will end up in the machines. The resolution was subsequently altered to take up Brehmer's concerns and she clarified at a meeting in January that she supports the vending machines as long as the supplies

are limited to opioid antagonists, substance testing strips and drug deactivation materials.

Brehmer's endorsement was not enough to sway the County Board, with 11 supervisors voting against accepting the money at that meeting, failing to pass by the two-thirds majority required.

In advance of Tuesday's vote, District 29 supervisor George Bureau introduced an amendment that would limit the items in the vending machines to include only opioid antagonists. The amended resolution was included in the supervisors' packet after the original resolution, which prompted significant discussion and confusion, before ultimately failing to pass by the required majority.

Bureau, who previously voted against the resolution, changed his vote to support it at the meeting. Nussbaum, Betsy Ellenberger, Rachael Dowling, Paul Eisen, Maribeth Gabert, Thomas Swan and Howard Miller voted against it for the second time. Conley Hanson abstained and three supervisors were absent.

## Assistant city finance director takes lead role

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh has selected Julie Calmes as its next finance director, replacing Russ Van Gompel who retired after five years of service with the city.

Calmes began her new position Monday overseeing the Finance Department, which includes collections, utility accounting, parking administration, general accounting, payroll and finance.

"We are pleased Julie Calmes will be growing within our team to lead Osh-



Calmes

kosh's Finance Department," stated City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Julie has been a valuable member of the city's finance team over the last year and I am confident that she will continue to excel in her new role with the city."

Calmes had been assistant finance director for the past year after being the finance director for the Town of Grand Chute. She has 17 years of finance experience after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-White-water.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of this new role and continuing to work with the great team here at Oshkosh," said Calmes.



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# Local, county election races nearing April 2 vote

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Campaigns for city and county public positions are nearing the election finish line Tuesday.

There are five people running for three Oshkosh Common Council seats; council members Lynnsey Erickson, Mike Ford and LaKeisha Haase all filed noncandidacy papers last year. Candidates include Thomas Asuma, Jacob Floam, Kris Larson, DJ Nichols and Kristopher Ulrich.

For the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education, there are three incumbents and one challenger running for three seats. Incumbents Kristopher Karns, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman are seeking re-election with newcomer Timothy

Hess seeking one of those seats.

It's between LaKeisha Haase and Michael Rust for Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 judge. Haase is a former judge in Branch 4 of Winnebago County Circuit Court and Rust currently serves as a court commissioner in Winnebago County.

All 36 county supervisor seats are up for election. The Herald is focused on races that include our readers in districts 11 through 25 and District 31.

Incumbents in districts 12, 13, 18, 22, 23 and 31 are running unopposed, according to county clerk records.

In District 11, incumbent David Albrecht did not collect enough signatures to get on the ballot. Tim Paterson and Jef-

frey Schettl are competing for the seat.

Incumbent Thomas Swan is seeking re-election in District 14 with Rich Norenberg seeking the seat as a write-in candidate.

Incumbent E. Michael Robinson will be running against Amber Gilbertson in District 15.

District 16, Supervisor Jacob Floam is not seeking re-election. Robert Knudsen and Christian Mueller will appear on the ballot for that seat.

Incumbent Julie Gordon filed noncandidacy papers and no other candidate has filed paperwork in District 17. County records show no one has filed papers to run for the seat.

In District 19, incumbent Joshua Belleville is running against challenger Larry Lautenschlager. In District 20, Timothy Macho Sr. is running against Eric Vlach.

In District 21, incumbent John Hintz is being challenged for the seat by Jeff Lawrence.

Incumbent Andy Buck is running against Sarah Nelson in District 24.

In District 25, incumbent Karen Powers is running for another term against challenger Scott Perzentka.

All 36 county supervisor district maps can be found at [winnebagocountywi.gov/county-board/supervisory-districts](http://winnebagocountywi.gov/county-board/supervisory-districts). More information on what is on your ballot is at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

## Winnebago board OKs more ARPA funding

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, who met for the final time before a new board is selected by voters April 2, approved more federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditures last week for local governments and other nonprofit entities.

Funding approved included:

- \$350,000 for Child Care Resource and Referral to support child care providers with training and mentoring and increase available child care openings in Winnebago County.
- \$500,000 for property expansion or programming at the YMCA of the Fox Cities Neenah-Menasha location on Water Street in Neenah.
- \$500,000 to expand the child care space and program offerings at the Osh-

kosh YMCA.

- \$275,000 for the early childhood nonprofit First 5 Fox Valley to promote cross-sector collaboration and build an efficient, effective and equitable family support system.
- \$300,000 for a comprehensive space needs assessment and facility master plan for the county.
- \$3.9 million to improve outdoor recreation in Winnebago County.
- The cities of Neenah and Menasha were approved for a combined total of just under \$500,000 to purchase police barriers.

The newly elected board taking office next month will have about \$6.2 million of the \$33 million in county ARPA funds remaining to allocate by the end of the year.



Photo by Marianne Zarling

## Pinewood drivers

Oshkosh Boy Scout Troop 3698 revved up their engines March 16 for it annual Pinewood Derby competition. Winners included (from left) Brian Binder, Jackson Delap, Joshua Thelen, Steven Hahn, Blake Binder and Silas Schwister.

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# Some reflections on the ups and downs of public service

The spring elections are upon us. So many well-meaning candidates have worked hard to earn the privilege of serving their community.

No matter how jaded I might get about the current state of politics, there is still something special about election day and all it represents. It is easy to underestimate how fragile self-determination and the peaceful and orderly transition of power really are. We live in the time and place we do, so democratic governance does not feel rare, but through the course of human history, it has been.

I am reflecting a lot about the state of democracy, local politics and more as I wrap up my four years on the Oshkosh Common Council. First and foremost, it has been a privilege to serve my community. The experience has been invigorating, exhausting, inspiring and frustrating all at the same time. I quickly learned a lot about what I did not know and continue



**Michael Ford**  
Oshkosh  
Common Council

to learn about the many different things Oshkosh residents care about. One of those things is history. It is amazing how many times I had residents telling me why something happened 30-plus years ago. While the local passion for our history can make change particularly hard, even when it is positive, I cannot fault anyone for caring about what made Oshkosh what it is today. There were of course plenty of challenging moments over the last four years, our community’s COVID response being one of the greatest. We did not get everything right in hindsight, but I am proud

that my colleagues and I stayed unified as a governing body, even in disagreement, in ways that spared Oshkosh some of the division that occurred elsewhere. There were times it almost fell apart, but the mutual respect we shared for one another kept that from happening. Like I said, our response was not perfect, but it was always thought out and deliberated openly and honestly.

More challenging than COVID, at least for me, were the issues that fell upon our community’s greatest fault lines. The Butte Des Morts development, the Clearwell project, Oshkosh Avenue development, special assessment reform, and the Jackson Street bridge were all examples where community members were divided based on their opinions of what the city should prioritize moving forward.

Once again, I cannot fault residents for vocalizing their opinions on these issues. People have strong opinions because they care deeply about Oshkosh.

As I have written many times in this column, governance is cumulative, meaning we are carrying the baton handed to us from previous councils. Progress on key issues takes commitment across councils, and I hope I served as a good steward of the decisions that came before my service. I am sure I fell short at times, but that was not for lack of trying.

My greatest concern moving forward is the continued rise of partisan activity in our nonpartisan elections (which cannot help but bleed into our governance activities). When I first campaigned I was often asked what party I was with. I explained I was running for nonpartisan office, and some scoffed in response, saying things

like anyone that says they are nonpartisan is lying. But I can state honestly that I never sought nor accepted a party endorsement, never communicated or coordinated with a political party, never accepted contributions (in-kind or otherwise) from a political party, and never stepped foot in the Republican or Democratic headquarters. That was a promise I made, and a promise I felt I needed to keep in order to represent Oshkosh the way I wanted.

I continue to share the benefits of nonpartisanship in local elections, but I also know it is a battle I am losing. It is a shame, because the evidence is there that partisanship in nonpartisan elections creates structural conflict that hurts a council’s performance. But we are living in a time when science and evidence being on your side is not always viewed positively, especially if it conflicts with ideological goals.

I wanted to model how to be effective without partisan activity, and maybe I was, but I still put that goal in the loss column as partisan involvement in our nonpartisan elections continues to grow.

Returning to where I started, self-governance only works when we all stay engaged in our communities. There are so many ways to do that, and I am forever grateful to have had the chance to engage through elected service. Good luck to all the candidates, and make sure you get out and vote April 2!

*Michael R. Ford is an associate professor of public administration at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he teaches graduate courses in budgeting, state and local government, and nonprofit management. He currently serves on the Oshkosh Common Council.*

## Day by Day launches healthy meal campaign

Oshkosh Herald

The Day by Day Shelter has launched a campaign through a cooperative partnership with Winnebago County and Park View Health Center where donors can purchase a \$5 meal for a shelter guest. The Give a Meal. Make a Day campaign’s goal is to ensure every person is fed a nutritious meal prepared at Park View Health Center for those staying at the shelter. The campaign goal is to raise \$28,600, which would cover the cost of serving 55 meals per night, including shelter guests and volunteers, two nights per week for an entire year.

The shelter also has a “pass the plate” challenge for friends, family, co-workers and social groups who can join the movement with an act of generosity. Since opening the new shelter nearly a year ago, the shelter typically serves 55 meals per night, an increase of about 25 per night compared with the previous location. Traditionally groups would donate, cook and serve the evening meal to shelter guests but the increasing number has made meeting the dietary needs of guests more challenging. Every meal will be well balanced and consist of protein, starch, and fruits or vegetables. Dietary restrictions can be tak-

en into account. “This is not a substitute for the wonderful meal teams the shelter currently has,” shelter executive director Molly Yatsso-Butz states. “This is a way to take the burden off our community in having to supply meals 365 days per year. We still look forward to having meal teams at the shelter the other days of the week and appreciate the support the community has given for the past 13 years.” She said the goal is to have the program support meals for all shelter guests, two nights per week for the rest of the year. Donations can be made at [daybydayshelter.org](http://daybydayshelter.org) or by sending a contribution to Day by Day Shelter, 420 Ceape Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

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## Expo activity

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Business Expo visitors stop at the Beiser Realty booth Thursday at the Oshkosh Convention Center where more than 100 businesses participated in the annual event to connect and present their products and services.

# Copper Hall marks 100 years at Chamber grand opening

Oshkosh Herald

A downtown event venue in a refurbished 19th-century office and shop space is marking its fourth year and a 100th anniversary celebration of the building Tuesday.

Named for its penny floor, Copper Hall will have an Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and brief ceremony starting at 10 a.m. at 203 Otter Ave. with building tours and refreshments offered.

Copper Hall is in a space originally built by Fluor Bros. Construction in 1924 as its office and shop space. A staple in the Oshkosh community from 1870-2010, Fluor Brothers was involved in many area projects including Mercy Hospital, Wisconsin National Life building, Riverside Cemetery chapels and buildings on the UW Oshkosh campus. Hundreds of blue-

prints from the company still reside in the basement.

Calvary SonRise church bought, remodeled and used the space from 2014 to 2019 before Heath and Jennifer Ruetten took ownership and created an event venue and room for three other tenants.

“We didn’t exactly know what we were going to do with the building when we first saw it, but we knew we had to do something,” the owners said in an email. “We decided that it could be an event venue and put in our offer about three weeks before COVID shut down the world.

“We proceeded anyway and had help from family with cleaning, painting and improvements for a few months before having our first paid rental in August 2020.”

With more remodeling that includes maple flooring from the former Buckstaff furniture factory, an outdoor patio and new studio office space, Copper Hall hosted 290 events, gatherings and meetings last year that they credit to the support of the business community, River East Neighborhood Association, family and friends.

# TEDx talk on hearing aids drawing national audience

Oshkosh Herald

A local audiologist’s TEDxOshkosh talk on the benefits of hearing aids presented Nov. 4 at The Grand Oshkosh has drawn more than 207,000 views on the TEDx national YouTube channel since its release this month.

Juliette Sterkens, who has more than 40 years of experience in hearing rehabilitation, spoke on “What You Don’t Know About Hearing Aids” in her talk that was one of 13 delivered at the daylong TEDxOshkosh event under the theme Untamed Imagination.

Sterkens spoke about the benefits of hearing aids as well as their limitations.

“Until we lose our hearing, or someone close to us does, we don’t realize that hearing aids don’t restore our hearing to normal,” she said. “We will still struggle to understand speech in certain contexts.”

She explains the different types of as-

sistive listening systems – hearing loops in particular– and other technologies and strategies that can help those with hearing aids understand better. Hearing loops can isolate sounds such as public announcements at an airport or dialogue at a play.

Sterkens is a consumer advocate with the Hearing Loss Association of America whose work has led to hundreds of hearing loop installations in Wisconsin. She serves on the board of HEAR in the Fox Cities, a nonprofit that helps pay for hearing aids for children in northeast Wisconsin.

Gov. Tony Evers last week signed a new law that provides greater access to over-the-counter hearing aids that do not require a prescription by allowing hearing instrument specialists and audiologists to order them. It also clarifies that no license would be required to sell or fit over-the-counter hearing aids.

Sterkens’ TEDx talk can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=0vf1q\\_HgLpw](https://youtube.com/watch?v=0vf1q_HgLpw).

## Goodwill NCW promotes disabilities awareness

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has a theme this March titled A World of Opportunities, which aligns with Goodwill’s mission that everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive through the power of work.

As one of more than 150 members of the international movement, Goodwill North Central Wisconsin (NCW) offers employment services to those who are underserved, underrepresented and disadvantaged, including people with disabilities.

“Goodwill NCW celebrates the ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities,” said Kayla Countney, manager of mission relations. “We are proud to serve all those who face barriers to employment.”

In 2023, Goodwill NCW’s mission im-

pact included these outcomes:

- 75% of people who secured meaningful employment through Goodwill NCW programs shared they have at least one disability.

- Program participants with a disability who received Goodwill NCW employment services increased their collective annual income by more than \$2.6 million, combating poverty rates that can be up to three times higher than for those without a disability.

Employers can reach out to Goodwill NCW to explore a partnership on programs that provide job-skills training and employment placement services. Community members support those programs by shopping and donating at local Goodwill NCW stores because an average of 90 cents of every dollar in store sales is reinvested into the mission.

## Business news roundup

**Verve, a Credit Union** has named **Renee Petersen** as vice president of operations on its executive team. She will be responsible for providing service and support to teams and members while driving increased efficiency in daily operations. Petersen comes to Verve with more than 30 years of financial institution ex-



Petersen

perience, beginning her career at a small local credit union in Green Bay and most recently working as senior vice president of operations at Community First Credit Union in Neenah.

**2 Blondes**, a retail store featuring artsy apparel and gifts, is being listed for sale by sisters Deanna Qualley and Tammy Russell, who has plans to retire. The 11-year-old bling business grew from an at-home venture to a destination spot at 461 N. Main St. that opened in 2013.

**4Imprint Group** earned a record \$1.33 billion in revenue last year, according to its 2023 final financial results report. The Oshkosh-based promotional product manufacturer’s annual revenue was up \$186 million over 2022, which was a 16% increase year over year. The firm’s operating profit for 2023 climbed 32% to \$136 million and its profit before tax was \$140.7 million, compared with \$104 million in 2022.

**Independent Financial Group (IFG)**, a San Diego-based independent broker-dealer, announced that Nick Behnke from Oshkosh is one of its 2023 elite qualifier advisers who will be hosted April 30-May 4 for its 2024 Elite Advisor Conference. Behnke placed among IFG’s top 74 advisers. Behnke, a graduate of Lourdes Academy and UW Oshkosh, has been a financial adviser for 24 years.

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2/\$5

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2.99

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5.99

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3/\$5

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3.49

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WITH CARD

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5/\$5

WITH CARD

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5/\$5

WITH CARD

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4/\$8

WITH CARD

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2/\$7

WITH CARD

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2/\$3

WITH CARD

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3/\$13

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3.49

WITH CARD

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PLU 27208

Strawberries

1 pound



Blackberries

6 oz.

2/\$4

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PLU 27209

Nabisco Ritz or Snack Crackers

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14 oz Fresh Express Cole Slaw



99¢ ea

California Jumbo Navel Oranges



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Mix or Match! 12-14 oz Marzetti Simply Dressed Dressings, Vegetable or Fruit Dips



3.49

16 oz Little Potato Co. Microwave/Grill Ready Potatoes

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23.99

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12.99

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2/\$7

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1.99

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2.19

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3.29

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3.49

12-16 oz Select Food Club Frozen Fruit



1.99

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16-32 oz Food Club Pickles



1.99

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2.99

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2.29

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12 oz  
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Coffee



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Creamer



**2.99**  
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**2/\$5**  
20-24 oz  
Simply  
Potatoes



**2.49**  
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Pancake Mix



**3.49**  
27.6 oz  
Hungry Jack  
Syrup



**3.99**  
18-19.7 oz  
General Mills  
Cereal



**3.29**  
16 oz  
Sun-Maid Cinnamon  
Raisin Bread



**1.79**  
5 ct  
David's Deli  
Bagels



**1.99**  
8 oz Food Club  
Spreadable  
Cream Cheese



**3.29**  
8-10 pk  
Quaker  
Instant Oatmeal



**3.29**  
24 oz  
Sunbeam  
Texas Toast



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8-10 pk  
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Ocean Spray  
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McCormick  
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5 lb  
Pillsbury  
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**4/\$5**  
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Jell-O Gelatin or  
Pudding Mix



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Red Gold Tomatoes  
or Tomato Sauce



**4/\$5**  
5.75-6 oz  
Food Club  
Olives



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4 lb  
Food Club  
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2 lb  
Food Club Brown  
or Powdered Sugar



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16-24 oz Select  
Ragu  
Pasta Sauce



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12-16 oz  
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or Egg Noodles



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8 oz  
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Bouillon



**1.49**  
15 oz  
Progresso  
Bread Crumbs



**2.49**  
8 ct Select  
Swiss Miss  
Hot Cocoa



**4/\$5**  
4-5 oz  
Mrs Cubbison or  
Olive Garden Croutons



**2/\$3**  
4-4.1 oz  
Idahoan  
Mashed Potatoes



**4/\$3**  
2.5-5 oz  
Chicken of the Sea  
Tuna or Sardines



**1.29**  
2.5-5 oz  
Chicken of the Sea  
Salmon Pouch or Albacore Tuna



**2/\$4**  
15 oz Tamales or  
Hormel  
Chili



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40 oz  
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Koop's  
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**1.99** FINAL COST



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Miracle Whip  
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# Calendar of events

**Wednesday, March 27**  
Wisconsin Herd vs. Indiana Mad Ants, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

**Friday, March 29**  
“Dracula” (1931), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Saturday, March 30**  
Breakfast with the Bunny, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center  
Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center  
Power Play 3, 7 p.m., Anjie’s Bar, 413 Ohio St.  
“Dracula: Dead and Loving It,” (1993), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Sunday, March 31**  
Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

**Tuesday, April 2**  
Copper Hall grand opening, 10 a.m., 203 Otter Ave.

**Thursday, April 4**  
Oshkosh Community Players “Death of a Salesman,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

**Friday, April 5**  
Oshkosh Community Players “Death of a Salesman,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

**Saturday, April 6**  
Girls on the Fly, 8:30 a.m., EAA Youth Education Center  
Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center  
Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club

Barley’s Beer Sampling, 6 p.m., Barley & Hops, 663 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Community Players “Death of a Salesman,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

“The Untouchables,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Sunday, April 7**  
Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn  
Bridge Tenders Breakfast with Oshkosh Boat Club, 10 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co.  
Red Hot Chilli Pipers, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Oshkosh Community Players “Death of a Salesman,” 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

**Thursday, April 11**  
Oshkosh Area United Way Community Celebration, 4:30 p.m., Venue 404  
“Assisted Living: The Musical,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Group Ukulele Jam, 6 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 405 N. Main St.

**Friday, April 12**  
“Assisted Living: The Musical,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh  
Lourdes Academy Vegas Night, 6 p.m., Lourdes Castle Gymnasium, 110 N. Sawyer St.  
Special Olympics Spring Games, UW Oshkosh campus

**Saturday, April 13**  
Special Olympics Spring Games, UW Oshkosh campus  
Pat McCurdy, 8 p.m., Dublin’s Irish Pub  
Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, 7 p.m., Gibson Social Club  
“The Iron Giant,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Sunday, April 14**  
Special Olympics Spring Games, UW Oshkosh campus

## Wave Robotics team earns spot at worlds

Oshkosh Herald

Wave Robotics Team 2826 earned the FIRST Impact Award at the Central Illinois Regional Competition held on the weekend of March 16, the Oshkosh Recreation Department announced as a sponsor of Oshkosh Area School District activities and programs.

The Oshkosh team punched its ticket to the 2024 World Championship in Houston in April, where they will compete with 600 teams from around the world.

The FIRST Impact Award is a prestigious award that honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST, which is to keep the focus on transforming the culture in ways that inspire respect for science and technology and encourage youth to become leaders in those fields.

Team 2826 is raising funds to travel to the world championship, as well as for a trailer to haul their project materials. Donations can be made through the Wave Robotics Account with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

## 4K registration opening soon for 2024-25

Oshkosh Herald

Enrollment in the Oshkosh Area School District’s tuition-free, collaborative 4K program Ready 4 Learning for the upcoming school year opens Monday for any child who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

The half-day 4K program with morning and afternoon sessions are available at nine sites, including public elementary schools, private preschools, child care centers and Head Start. The program follows play-based learning standards to get children ready for kindergarten. Special education services are available for children who qualify, beginning at age 3.

Attendees at recent information sessions learned how placements and transportation options work, information about the curriculum and teaching teams and what a typical day in 4K looks like.

For information call the Office of Early Learning at 920-424-1004 or email Teresa Doemel, Early Learning registrar and secretary, at [teresa.doemel@oshkosh.k12.wi.us](mailto:teresa.doemel@oshkosh.k12.wi.us).

## Humane Society program features bunnies

Easter EggVenture, an Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) free community event, is being held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 1925 Shelter Court.

The family event will allow guests to get their photos taken with the Easter Bunny and enjoy an egg hunt and games with prizes. They can also visit educational stations where they can learn about properly caring for real pet rabbits – appropriate housing, nutrition, veterinary care, micro-chipping, introducing them to other pets. Children will also be able to adopt a “pre-loved” stuffed bunny for a donation of any amount to the shelter. Each second-hand bunny was “rescued” from a thrift store, washed and sanitized, and given any additional care needed, such as sewing on a button or stuffing. It will teach children about how real pets are rescued, cared for and nursed back to health if needed, then adopted into loving homes.

Attendees can reserve free tickets for one of four time slots: 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon or 12:30 p.m. Tickets are available at [givebutter.com/eggventure](http://givebutter.com/eggventure).

## Hygiene supply drive tops previous year

Oshkosh Herald

Donations to the Family Radio Network’s 32nd annual hygiene drive added up to \$39,387 worth of products for Oshkosh crisis programs, according to local organizer John Nieman.

Oshkosh had five participating agencies this year with 54 collection box sites, up from 35 last year, where nearly 100 boxes were dropped off during the drive that started Feb. 11.

While numbers were down statewide with similar drives underway – \$665,000 last year compared with \$550,000 this year – Oshkosh saw an increase from \$28,519 the previous year.

Homeless and other relief programs in the area gain an extra stockpile of personal hygiene supplies needed by its visitors. Valley Christian School students received

and sorted those goods earlier this month.

The local program included five agencies – COTS, Father Carr’s, Advocap, Bella Medical Clinic and the Salvation Army – and organized by Nieman, COTS director.

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# Clairville Road

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of Clairville are apparently expected to foot the bill.”

This comes after the Common Council recently voted to have residents pay a \$35 annual registration fee, or wheel tax, for vehicles kept in the city. City officials believe the registration fee and increased utility rates will be able to cover the costs of annual street and sidewalk projects.

The Clairville Road project includes installing new utilities for water, sewer and stormwater, which are not included in general street work assessments.

In 2004, Algoma and Oshkosh entered an agreement to annex land from the town into the city. The Clairville Road properties were outlined as a portion of the agreement to be annexed 20 years later.

“The city should not be making us pay for future growth,” said Steve Foust, one of the nine plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

The agreement between the two municipalities states the land off Clairville Road is a logical place for growth in Oshkosh and describes it as “mostly vacant farmland.”

It continues, “This area, being all east of Clairville Road, will most likely develop as residential north of 20th Avenue, and possibly industrial south of 20th Avenue.”

Michelle and Steve Klinger moved



Photo by Michael Cooney

Work is underway on Clairville Road on the northern border of Oshkosh that will include water, sewer and stormwater mains. Residents on that road that was recently annexed from the Town of Algoma are challenging special assessments related to the project.

into their home on Clairville Road in 2004. They were informed at the time about the timetable for the planned annex but said they were assured as recently as 2022 there were no plans to add utilities or do any road construction.

Last fall, they began receiving notices that the road would be under construction.

They received a letter in November saying they were expected to pay

\$47,317.53 for the planned work on Clairville, which included water, sewer and stormwater mains under the road to provide utility services to the residents recently annexed into the city.

Before the meeting there was an informational meeting led by city engineers to explain the assessments. The Klingers were told the \$47,000 was to cover the stormwater and sewer lines down the road, but that it would be another \$37,000 for water and another \$10,000 to run sewer and water lines to the house from those main lines.

The Klingers were also told the repayment plan would include a 4% interest rate, but during this meeting ahead of the council meeting it was explained it was actually a 6% rate.

This assessment has had the Klingers, who are in their 50s, rethinking their finances. They will be shifting what they have planned for paying for their children to go to college, vacations and other routine expenses like replacing vehicles.

“We’ve worked very hard for what we

have and to receive this around Thanksgiving with little time to plan for this expense is very frustrating,” Michelle Klinger said.

Residents had their opportunity Nov. 28 to speak to council members and ask them to reconsider the assessments. However, the assessments were approved with two opposing votes.

Foust said at a council meeting in November that the residents have state-approved utility services. The Klingers said they prefer their well water.

The plaintiffs all live south of 20th Avenue. Foust told the Herald that the best-case scenario for Clairville Road residents would be if the annexation didn’t happen and they still lived in Algoma.

The Klingers said they would like to work with the city and pay their fair share, but believe it’s unreasonable to tell the residents it will cost around \$100,000 and not the earlier number of just over \$47,000.

“We will pay our fair share, but that’s not what this is,” Michelle Klinger said.

Foust and Klinger both said they believe water was left off the initial assessment as presented to the council to avoid “sticker shock” and help the assessments get passed.

Documents filed by Vanderloop ask the court to void the special assessments approved by the council in November.

“Plaintiffs are petitioning the Circuit Court for Winnebago County for relief from the special assessment entered for the City of Oshkosh on November 28, 2023,” Vanderloop wrote in the court documents.

The city has requested the lawsuit be dismissed. Court documents filed by Remzy Bitar and Samantha Schmid representing the city say the lawsuit missed the 90-day appeal deadline and that a written appeal should be submitted through the city clerk.

There is a scheduling call set in Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1.

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Literacy program

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suspended and expelled from the district at higher rates than white students based on data from the district and state Department of Public Instruction.

“When students are disciplined, they are in the principal’s office while their friends are learning,” Mushe said. “Anytime students are disciplined – and we know Black and brown students are punished at a higher rate – they are missing time in the classroom and time that should be spent learning.”

The same data shows that more than 90% of Black students in the district are not proficient in reading, a trend that dates to 2015-16.

The school district recently put a call out to the community to help raise literacy scores across the district in the wake of a report last year that fewer than half of its students are proficient in literacy. District officials are also looking at changing the curriculum to deal with the problem.

About 6% of the OASD student population speaks English as a second language with families throughout the district speaking over 60 different languages. This is partially due to a diverse student population and a recent increase in refugee students.

“I have been speaking at school board meetings for years trying to get the district to take action,” Mushe said. “It’s difficult because I’m not a reading expert. I can read to my children but I can’t necessarily teach them how to read. It’s a community effort that we all need to address.”

Mushe and his wife, Angela, have children in the school district, as does LaKeisha Haase, who is on the SEPO board of directors. She said the district needs to pay attention to what the community has accomplished with the literacy cohort and start listening to parents. She said representation was lacking in the district.

“It’s important for these students to see Black and brown mentors that build relationships with the children and to have the teachers show they believe in the students,” Haase said. “We would like to see some buy-in from the district with our kids.”

“Children saw tremendous results in our cohort after just 14 hours of instruction,” Angela Subulwa said. “These are the same kids that are in school for 40 hours a week, nine months of the year for how many years ... It’s huge for the students to see these results.”

The literacy cohort used the ReadBasix assessment to track progress throughout the course. Subulwa was told that students may be able to advance a point, the



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Shawn A. Robinson breaks down the phonics of “quixotic” during the first SEPO literacy cohort.

equivalent of a grade. The students exceeded that expectation.

“One student started the cohort reading at a third-grade level; he finished at a ninth-grade level. Another student began at a fourth-grade reading level and finished at the 11th- grade level,” Subulwa said.

Angela Subulwa said she didn’t know what to expect from the results and was shocked.

“If we would have just seen one point (grade level) improvement or even half a point it would have been great. But to see this improvement was great,” she said.

Mushe was born in western Zambia where in the language he grew up speaking “sepo” means hope. Angela said that is what this program has given the community.

SEPO is planning a second cohort to continue to increase literacy in the area with potential changes.

Students in the first cohort would have these lessons in the YMCA basement at no cost with the help of supporters, donations and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Subulwa would drive the students from school to the YMCA and then home.

“These students would go through a whole day of learning and then come here and do more with very little break,” he said. “In the future we might have it on

the weekend when there is more time.”

Another important part of the lesson is the meal provided by community members for students to enjoy.

“If students have a full belly they can focus more on the lesson at hand,” Subulwa said.

More information on SEPO’s literacy initiatives is on its Facebook page and at [sepoishope.org](http://sepoishope.org).

Titans capture third straight national title

With a Division III record score of 194.975 points and four more program records, the UW-Oshkosh women’s gymnastics team won the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championship for the third year in a row.

The 2024 trophy is the fifth NCGA Championship for UW-Oshkosh and seventh overall and marks the 50<sup>th</sup> national title in the Titans history.

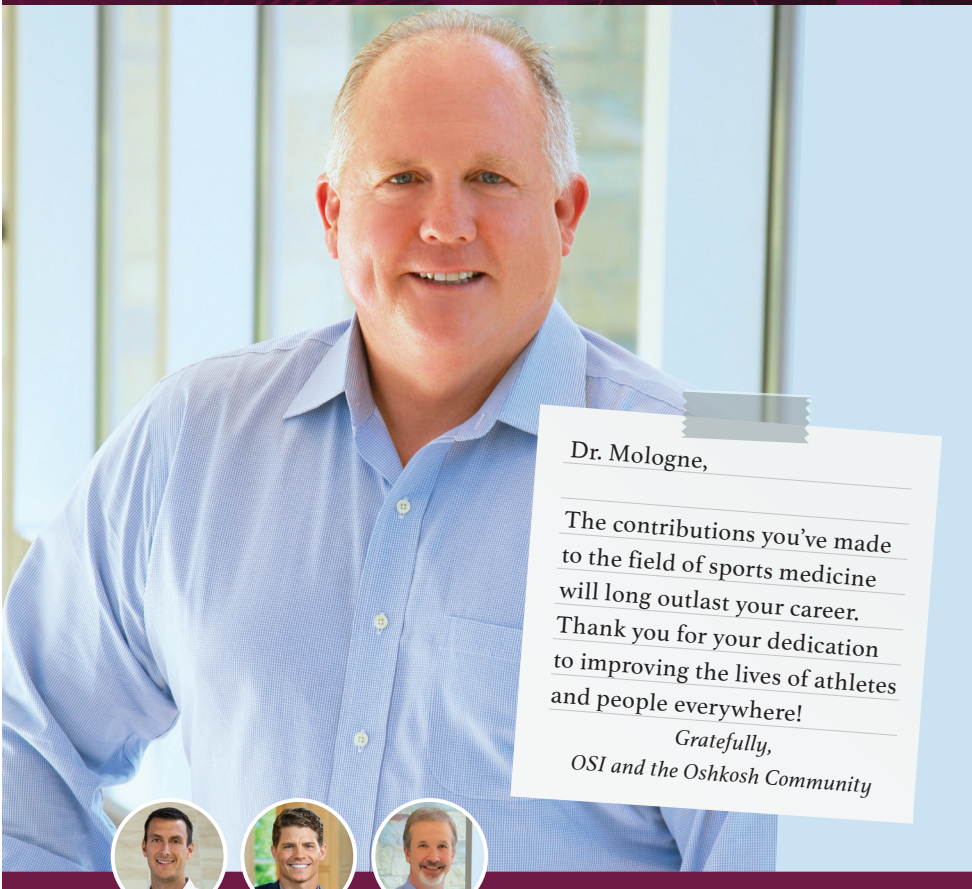
The Titans, who finished the season with an unblemished record against Division III opponents, totaled their record score with a 48.375 on the uneven bars, a 48.750 on the balance beam and program records of 49.200 on the floor exercise and 48.650 on the vault.

Following the Titans in second was UW-Whitewater with 193.575 points and UW-La Crosse with 193.175.

Earning All-American honors for the Titans were: Emily Buffington, first in all-around, tied for first on uneven bars and tied for second on balance beam; Mia Lucero, tied for first on vault, first on floor exercises; Reanna McGiboney, tied for second on floor exercises and third on the vault; Kaylie Berens and Anna Zoromski on the balance beam; and Jay Ratkowski on the floor exercises.

After the meet concluded, Berens, Buffington, Audrey Koester and Zoromski were named NCGA Academic All-Americans.

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# Retooled Oshkosh West squad aims to contend again in FVA

Oshkosh Herald

After back-to-back trips to the WIAA State Tournament, Oshkosh West softball head coach Tim Kohl is going to be looking at a bit of a different roster entering the 2024 season.

The Wildcats graduated two first-team all-conference players from last year and lost another one for the season due to injury.

Kohl knows those will be tough holes to fill but is excited to see what his new-look roster can accomplish.

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“We lost a lot of talent from last year with graduation and Braelee (Jordarski’s injury),” Kohl said. “Just the way my roster turns out, its going to have to be filled with some pretty young talent. So there are going to be some opportunities for players to step up and opportunities for some of our young talent to make an impact.”

Although young in some spots, the Wildcats will also have a bevy of veterans to rely on, including an all senior battery of pitcher Alayna Sadowska and catcher Laina Hamman.

Sadowska was a second-team all-conference selection after finishing 10-1 as West’s No. 2 pitcher last season. She compiled a 2.26 earned run average in 65 innings, which included 47 strikeouts to just 19 walks.

“Alayna has been working hard and looking forward to continue her pitching career at Ripon (College) and this year

could be a springboard for her to be successful for her college career,” Kohl said. “She has the experience and potential to be a great varsity pitcher.”

Sadowska, however, will be the only pitcher with varsity experience on the Wildcats’ roster, meaning her workload will definitely be increased this season.

“Alayna is going to have to do the bulk of the work,” Kohl said. “That’s going to be the hardest part and we will see if she is up to the task and I think she is.”

It will definitely help having an experienced catcher to throw to and Hamman is certainly that.

The four-year varsity player is a sound backstop and an offensive threat – she batted .360 last season – but brings more to the field than what the stats can measure.

“Laina has been my leader back there for four years. It’s sometimes easy to forget about her because she’s just that good and I don’t have to spend a lot of time re-coaching or re-teaching,” Kohl said. “I’m hoping she takes that experience and leads us from behind the plate and at the plate.”

Oshkosh West also boasts a number of experienced position players, led by senior infielder Chloe Tritt.

Tritt earned second-team all-league honors while playing third base last season but will likely make the switch to shortstop this season to help anchor the defense.

Senior Savannah Swanke at second base and junior Emmy Reichenberger at first base also return from last season and will be counted on to bolster the offense.

In the outfield, sophomore Colleen

Fitzpatrick was an honorable mention selection as a freshman a year ago and will be the only returning outfielder.

Kohl will round out his lineup with some younger players who he hopes can transition to the varsity level, most importantly at the plate.

“We have to get runners on base,” Kohl said. “We lost most of our RBI (production) from last year. Chloe has that potential to do it, Laina has that potential with Alayna to be that. But these young kids have to understand that they have to get on base. That’s a thing we are going to have to coach.”

Despite the roster turnover, Oshkosh West once again looks to challenge in a talent-laden FVA that is led by reigning state champion Kaukauna.

Kimberly, Neenah and Hortonville are also figured to be in the mix in the top half of the division, while Kohl also expects the likes of Oshkosh North and Appleton East to be improved.

Taking a younger team into that mix is challenging but Kohl is looking forward to see what this team can accomplish.

“It’s fun to coach (the young players). It’s fun to open their eyes to the speed of the game and the power of the game but also keep them relaxed and under control and understand that putting the ball in play is the most important thing they have to do,” Kohl said. “We are going to have to score three or more runs every game. That’s not always easy in our conference or our sectional.”

## Oshkosh North

The Spartans return seven players who

earned all-conference honors last season and will look to compete for an upper half finish in the FVA.

Junior outfielder Emma Niemczyk leads the list of returnees after earning first-team all-conference honors last season. Niemczyk batted over .500 with a pair of home runs and a team-best 25 RBIs.

Junior catcher Anna Borst and sophomore infielder Olivia Borowitz who were each second-team honors, while senior outfielder Ava Hanson, senior infielder Lauren Geer, junior infielder Sophia Houseworth and junior pitcher Kara Cummings were each honorable mention honorees.

Including Niemczyk, the Spartans had five players bat over .300 last season and all will return to spark the team at the plate.

“We can hit the ball. We were fifth in the league in runs scored last season (and) we are adding more firepower at the plate and we might be a bit faster on the bases this season,” commented head coach Keith Koslowski. “Our players have made a commitment to getting physically stronger and it will be interesting to see how that transfers to softball.”

Another area where the Spartans could be improved is in the pitching circle, where Cummings pitched all but six innings last year.

Last year’s experience should be a benefit for Cummings, while she will also get a co-hort in junior Brooke Peters. Peters missed all of last year due to injury but returns this season to take on some of the

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# 2024 Oshkosh High School Girls Softball Schedules



### LOURDES ACADEMY

Apr 2	Wayland Academy	5:00pm
Apr 4	@ Randolph	5:00pm
Apr 5	@ Omro	5:00pm
Apr 9	@ Cambria-Friesland	5:00pm
Apr 11	@ Montello	5:00pm
Apr 15	Markesan	5:00pm
Apr 18	Oakfield MS/HS	5:00pm
Apr 19	@ Green Lake/Princeton	5:00pm
Apr 23	Pardeeville	5:00pm
Apr 25	@ Wayland Academy	5:00pm
Apr 29	@ Pardeeville	5:00pm
Apr 30	Randolph	5:00pm
May 3	Cambria-Friesland	5:00pm
May 7	Montello	5:00pm
May 9	@ Markesan	5:00pm
May 10	@ Oakfield MS/HS	5:00pm
May 13	Green Lake/Princeton	5:00pm Titan Stadium

Home Games played at Lourdes Academy High School

### OSHKOSH NORTH

Apr 2	Hortonville	4:30pm
Apr 4	@ Appleton West	5:00pm
Apr 5	Green Bay West	4:30pm
Apr 9	Neenah	4:30pm
Apr 11	@ Appleton East	4:30pm
Apr 12	@ Menasha	4:30pm
Apr 13	Manitowoc Lincoln	11:00am
Apr 16	Appleton North	4:30pm
Apr 18	@ Fond du lac	5:00pm
Apr 19	Oshkosh West	4:30pm
Apr 20	West Bend West	11:00am
Apr 23	@ Kimberly	4:30pm
Apr 25	Kaukauna	4:30pm
Apr 26	@ Hortonville	4:30pm
Apr 30	Appleton West	4:30pm
May 2	@ Neenah	5:00pm
May 3	Appleton East	4:30pm
May 7	@ Appleton North	4:30pm
May 9	Fond du Lac	4:30pm
May 10	@ Oshkosh West	4:30pm
May 14	Kimberly	4:30pm
May 16	@ Kaukauna	4:30pm

Home Games played @ Oshkosh North Softball Field

### OSHKOSH WEST

Apr 2	Neenah	4:30pm
Apr 4	@ Appleton East	4:30pm
Apr 9	Appleton North	4:30pm
Apr 11	@ Fond du Lac	5:00pm
Apr 12	@ Stevens Point Area Sr HS	4:30pm
Apr 13	Beaver Dam (double Header)	10:00am & Noon
Apr 16	Kaukauna	4:30pm
Apr 18	Kimberly	4:30pm
Apr 19	@ Oshkosh North	4:30pm
Apr 22	@ Watertown	5:00pm
Apr 23	Hortonville	4:30pm
Apr 25	@ Appleton West	5:00pm
Apr 26	@ Neenah	5:00pm
Apr 30	Appleton East	4:30pm
May 2	@ Appleton North	4:30pm
May 3	Fond du Lac	4:30pm
May 7	@ Kaukauna	4:30pm
May 9	@ Kimberly	4:30pm
May 10	Oshkosh North	4:30pm
May 14	@ Hortonville	4:30pm
May 16	Appleton West	4:30pm

Home Games played @ Oshkosh West Softball Field

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pitching load.

“Kara has improved from last season and Brooke will help absorb some innings off of Kara,” Koslowski commented. “Between the two of them, they will be stronger and more fresh at the end of the season.”

Juniors Morgan Kolodzik, an infielder, and Dory Butzlaff, an outfielder, join the list of returning players for the Spartans, while sophomore Allie Leib and freshman Zara Zinth will add to the Spartans’ depth.

“We gained a lot of experience in 2023 but took some lumps,” Koslowski commented. “I really like our leadership on this team. If our defense can be consistent,

# Bauer garners top honors from WBCA

Lourdes Academy junior Hailee Bauer was named to the WIAA Division 5 all-state first team by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

Bauer, the three-time Player of the Year in the Trailways East, led the Knights to a conference title this season as Lourdes Academy finished 23-4 and reached the Division 5 sectional.

The 5-foot-7 guard knocked down a team-best 81 3-pointers this season, while leading the team with an 18.4 per game scoring average. She also averaged 4.7 assists and 4.4 rebounds for the Knights.

Bauer was the lone first-team Division 5 selection from the Trailways North, with senior Stella Hofman and junior Jorja Hofman of Oakfield and Wayland Academy senior Lucia McGuinness earning honorable mention honors. Fall Creek sophomore Jasmin Heuer earned honorable mention honors in Division 4.

Oshkosh West’s Paige Seckar was honored in Division 1, earning a spot on the honorable mention list.

Seckar was a first-team all-FVA selec-

our pitchers hit their spots and our offense performs the way we expect it to we should have more success than last season. We have high goals for ourselves.”

## Lourdes Academy

The Knights return one of the top hitters in the Trailways North in Reagon Proud as they look to challenge in the always tough Trailways North.

Proud, a first-team all-conference selection a year ago, batted over .550 for the Knights last season with five home runs and 25 RBIs.

Lourdes Academy had two other all-conference selections in sophomore catcher Aubrey Schettle and junior infielder Reagon Jabor.

The Knights finished fourth in the conference last season behind Oakfield, Cambria-Friesland and Randolph.

tion this season after leading the Wildcats in scoring (14.5 ppg) and rebounding (8.4 rpg).

The FVA was well-represented on the all-state teams. Neenah senior Allie Ziebell was named the 2023-24 Wisconsin Ms. Basketball and was one of four FVA players on the first team. Senior Mikayla Werner and junior Rainey Welson of Hortonville, with Kimberly junior Kate McGinnis also making the first team.

Neenah sophomore Rowan Klesmit joined Seckar on the honorable mention list.

In addition to the individual awards, Valley Christian was recognized as one of the academic all-state teams in Division 5.

Based on up to the top 10 players on the squad, the Warriors had a cumulative grade point average of 3.906, which tied Webster for the third highest mark in Division 5.

Wild Rose finished first at 3.928 followed by Sheboygan Christian at 3.914.

The other division leaders on the academic all-state teams were Neenah, Pewaukee, Ripon and Darlington.

# Area high school powerlifters advance to compete at nationals

A total of nine Oshkosh area athletes will be heading to USA Powerlifting Nationals in two different age brackets.

Seven athletes qualified for the USA Powerlifting High School Nationals to be held April 4-7 in Baton Rouge, La.

Leading the group will be Oshkosh West senior Mason Klinger, who finished second at the recent state meet in the 100-kilogram weight class with a total lift of 657.5 kg. Oshkosh North sophomore Hunter Davis placed fifth in the 125+kg weight class with a total lift of 585 kg, while Oshkosh North senior Darrian Turner finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the 125kg weight class with a total lift of 545 kg.

Oshkosh North senior Judah Victor and Lourdes Academy freshman Max Behnke also qualified for nationals despite finishing out of the top 10 at the state meet in their respective divisions. Judah posted a total lift of 515 kg in the 100 kg weight class, while Behnke posted a total lift of 455 kg in the 75 kg weight class.

On the girls side, Lourdes Academy sophomore Jasmine Saiyed placed fourth at the state meet and will advance to nationals. Saiyed posted a total lift of 327.5 kg in the 75 kg weight class.

Also advancing to nationals was Oshkosh North sophomore Gwendalyn Sawall who finished with a total lift of 235 kg in the 82.5 weight class at the USAPL Meet for junior varsity.

A pair of youth athletes will be competing at the USA Powerlifting for Youth Athletes in Greenville, S.C., on July 12. USA Powerlifting holds competitions from ages 8-13.

Vel Phillips eighth-grader Aubrie Hickey competed at a USAPL Meet in the Youth 3 56 kg division, where she had a total lift of 190 pounds.

Joining her at the national meet will be Webster Stanley fifth-grader Bentley Del Vecchio, who racked up a total lift of 137.5 kg in the Youth 2 56 kg division.

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Obituaries

Elaine Kossel

Elaine Kossel, age 98, passed away peacefully on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Residence in Oshkosh. She was born to the late Benjamin and Gladys (Hackney) Milligan on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1926 at the family farm in Berlin Wisconsin.

Elaine enjoyed and excelled at school. After graduating from Berlin High School, she worked for Nigbor Furs to earn tuition for Mercy Medical School of Nursing. She graduated as an RN in 1948 and shortly after married Robert (Bob)

Kossel. They then started both a family and an appliance store. Elaine and Bob had four children and a very busy life as both the children and the appliance business grew.

After the kids started school Elaine began working at Kossel's TV and Appliance, mostly working in the office. That office job lasted sixty-some years with 40 or so running the business with the help of her son Robert. Elaine's day never ended at 5pm as she had a home and family to care for. She enjoyed cooking (apple pies), reading (mysteries), sewing and gardening and of course, loved the endless number of family cats and dogs. Sundays were family time and if the Packers were playing Chili and the fixings were on the menu. Sunday mornings often brought pancakes and on special occasions we had pecan loaded monkey bread! The best! Elaine worked tirelessly both at the business and at home, but she

also enjoyed many fun times.

She and her mother-in-law Ruth and her sisters-in-law Lois and Doris went on several trips together including Hawaii. Elaine and Bob also traveled to various European countries, Mexico, and of course visits to their children in Arizona and California. One of the high points for Elaine was her surprise Corvette from Bob. She loved driving her silver Corvette around town. Elaine remained friends with many of her nursing classmates. She enjoyed many lunches with Pat Burr, always having a Reuben sandwich. She was especially close to the three couples that made up Card Club. For 60 years they shared monthly dinners and sheephead. All in all, Elaine lived a full, healthy, and happy life. Family meant everything to her, and she loved hosting all the Holidays, cooking the meals and having everyone at the house. Her husband of 71 years and her four children were the greatest joy in her life.

Elaine is survived by her three surviving children Robert (Jacqueline), Kristine (Brad) Fox, and Benjamin (Kathleen) as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Elaine was preceded in death by her husband Robert, daughter Kathryn, and brother Donald Milligan.

A service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes (100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI) on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12 pm. A visitation will take place from 10am until the time of service. Elaine will be buried with Kathryn at New Elm Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be sent to the Ruth Kossel Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students in the field of nursing and home care at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

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Sandra A. Gauger

Sandra "Sandy" A. Gauger {Dix}, born October 18, 1944 in Appleton, WI, passed away on March 22, 2024, at her home with the company of her loved ones at her side.

Sandy was the daughter of Russel and Ruth (Kronberg) Dix, and was the kid sister of her beloved

older sister, Beverly.

Sandy graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School in 1962, and immediately went to the Wisconsin College of Cosmetology where she learned the trade that she practiced for over 50 years. More than just an expert at doing hair, Sandy was an expert at cultivating relationships – eventually opening Sandy's Beauty Salon in her home in the Town of Vinland, where her customers often became life-long friends. Sandy's innate skill of listen-

ing actively and deeply caring for others, served her well.

Sandy loved spending time with her family, and her baking and cooking skills conveyed to her family her deep, abiding love for them while packing on some pounds to their respective midsections. Sandy loved to cultivate the ingredients of her dishes by tending to her gardens through the years, and grew to deeply love the rural property she lived in, surrounded by the seasons and always changing elements of nature that Wisconsin brings in occasionally unexpected ways {I am looking at you, snowstorm that occurred on the day of her passing.}

Sandy is preceded in death by her daughter Cheryl Gauger, who passed as a newborn, her parents, Russel and Ruth {Kronberg} Dix, her former husband Roger Gauger and in-laws Jim Endlich, Vern Gauger, Gus {Beverly} Gauger. Ray {Phyllis} Gauger and Germaine Faulkner {Gauger}.

Sandy is survived by her sister, Beverly Endlich, as well as Sandy's significant other Greg Wuest, her son Keith {Kathy} Gauger of Charlotte, NC and Greg's children - Ann Wuest Niebauer, Carolyn Wuest, and Diane Wuest Patri as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Visitation and a memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 370 Bowen Street. The visitation will be from 9 AM-11 AM, followed by the service at 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Charlotte H. Schuessler

Charlotte H. Schuessler, age 87 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center surrounded by family on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. She was born on October 8, 1936, to the late Lawrence and Marion (Kinsler) Degner. She was united in marriage to Roy Schuessler on September 25, 1954.

Starting off as a nanny, she later ventured into working at the telephone company. Along the way, she became a devoted wife, a loving mother, a doting grandmother, and even had the joy of being a great-grandmother.

With a steadfast faith, Charlotte remained a lifelong member of First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, actively taking part in the church choir and First English Tableau.

In her free time, she enjoyed working on puzzles and sewing, often lending her skills to assist with costumes and make-up for the Oshkosh West musicals. She was a competitive card player, was active in a bowling league, served as a Miss Wisconsin Hostess, and when football season came, she always looked forward to cheering on the Packers.

Charlotte touched family, friends and total strangers with her grace and gentle soul. Her wisdom, thoughtfulness, kindness, caring, and compassion

was truly evident in her life's journey. Charlotte's faith in our Lord and Savior fulfilled her life. Our Lord used her as an instrument to advocate his message. She was a cherished and precious spirit, a treasure, and a beautiful blessing. She loved and loved deeply, always unconditionally. We thank God for the gift and miracle of such a sweet and gentle soul. We love you mom. Forever and ever. Holding you close, and deep within our hearts.

Charlotte is survived by children, George (Ladora) Schuessler, Charmaine (Edward) Czaja, James (Jeanette) Schuessler, and Roy L. (Michele) Schuessler, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Roy Schuessler, and siblings, Louise, Lawrence "Larry" and Carol Degner.

A funeral service for Charlotte will be held at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Jon Radichel-Wills officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

The Schuessler family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the staff at Aurora Medical Center and Aurora Hospice.

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Obituaries

Paul “Nick” Nebel Jr.

Paul “Nick” Nebel Jr., age 84, lifetime resident of Oshkosh, WI, died on January 16, 2024 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Under the given name of Paul, “Nick” was born on July 29, 1939 to Virginia (Muttart) and Paul Nebel. The eldest of their six children. (Victoria, Virginia, Suzanne, William and Richard) Named Paul according to first born tradition, Nick’s father decided to give their newborn a “Nick”-name; hence the name Nick came to fruition.

As a boy on a bike or a boat with a bold lake out the back door, Nick adventured, inquisitive, befriending a crow he called Pete; one of countless companions who traveled by his side.

At Asylum Bay on the shores of Lake Winnebago, Nick played, spending summers at the family cottage. In the end, a sacred space lost to him due to circumstances beyond control.

While in his early teens, tragedy struck the family with the untimely death of their mother, leaving Nick and his siblings as motherless children.

In a time of vulnerability, the Catholic priest preyed upon him.

Nick graduated from Oshkosh High School, attended Sacred Heart Seminary and St. Norbert’s College before he enlist-ed and married Alexis Buyeske.

In the early ’60s, newly wed the couple set off, living on the West coast while Nick proudly served. In time they returned

home to Wisconsin in order for Nick to help with the family business alongside his father. Soon thereafter, together with Alexis, Nick became a father to his only child, Leisha.

Nick served with the U.S. Army, Wisconsin National Guard from 1960-1966 obtaining the final rank of Sergeant (Medical Corpsman). His active duty took place during the Berlin Crisis with the 127th Infantry-32nd Red Arrow Division.

Meanwhile, the marriage with Alexis ended, each going their separate ways yet remaining friends until her death years later.

As a passionate man, Nick carried on, sharing his life with several incredible women who he deeply cherished that embellished his life in magnificent ways. Nick was indeed a lucky man!

A love for the arts encompassed every aspect of Nick’s being. In the early days he experienced some wild, wonderful times at UW Oshkosh as a poet and editor for The Wisconsin Review. In those days, on canvas, he painted with broad strokes and constructed steel metal makings. In the theater Nick played multiple rolls, participating with the Slightly Seasoned Players, Drama Lab Inc and Mysteries Made to Order. He also joined forces in saving the Grand Opera House from despair. And spent numerous years working as a Stage Hand with the IATSE Local 470. As a stained glass instructor for Fox Valley Technical College, he cultivated curiosity in his students while passing on a classic art form.

The Oshkosh Auto Parts-NAPA remained a central part of Nick’s life. A business he ended up operating with his broth-

er Bill, often alongside several siblings. With a yearning to expand his horizons Nick left the family business to explore video production, becoming known as, “Nick Danger, Video Ranger.” With camera in hand, he captured the hearts of many while illuminating their legacy in light.

As a Videographer his intent for collaboration and documentation grew creating videos for industry, investment, safety, matrimony and memorials, he traveled, chased sail boats across ice covered lakes and the Black Rock Desert. Whether riding shotgun with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department or backstage with burlesque dancers, one could count on Nick. With eyes to the sky, he partnered with some remarkable people and captured stories for EAA, Timeless Voices, Sleeping Dog Productions and Warbirds in Review making connections that lasted a lifetime.

In corn fields, he stood, tractor passing, as he gathered video backdrops for glass blown masterpieces built behind barn doors, by one of his dearest friends.

While hot metal hit the crucible Nick dazzled the pour floor community with camera in tow. Whether busting bathtubs or building “Welcome to Armageddon” in red socks, he shanked with the best of You, who carried him on the way.

Eager to participate, Nick belonged to multiple clubs. As a new rider in late-mid-life he rode motorcycle with the Oshkosh Aces, always joking that he wasn’t playing with a full deck. He also joined the 32nd Red Arrow Division Club and was honored to be a member and Historian for American Legion-Post 70 where he marched in parades, placed flags and wreaths on grave-stones and gathered in camaraderie with some truly special people.

At home by the pond, he sat by the fire often reading Twain, toasting with a cup of tea or a glass of Barolo while cawing to crows in the black walnut tree above. In his latter days on walks through the neighborhood one could see him salute each American Flag upon passing. In delight, with a treat from his pocket Nick would greet every dog on his path, returning home ready for the next adventure.

In the last six months of life, increasing challenges with dementia motivated the long-awaited move from Home to King, where Nick received his Wings to Fly. With autonomy, he walked among Heroes, both Members and Staff alike, all treasures in their own regard, a gift for which we are eternally grateful.

Special thanks to all who supported and cared for Nick in his final days and throughout his lifetime. We are especially

thankful to Dr. Tucker & the VA staff, Dr. Alzoubi & Jenny & the Aurora Healthcare team, all the caregivers & staff at the Veterans Home at King, as well as ThedaCare at Home-Hospice.

Our deepest gratitude belongs to, Kate Bahr Fuller & Family, Dale & Victoria Bahr, the Buyeske Family, the Taylor Family & Cousins, Michael & Jane Meihlan, Tom & Paula Farley, Scott & Kyle Guyette, Dave Marx, Teresa Lind & Garrett Krueger, Kelley Gierach, Elizabeth, Ryan & Zed Kinsman Kinderman, Tony Flanagan, Kari Uselman & Family, Amanda King, Tim Grasse, Francis Mathe, Bill & Carleen Christianson, Chuck & Donna Butzlaff and a vast number of you who although unnamed here are extremely appreciated. You know who you are and we are ever so grateful for your love, kindness and presence.

Nick is survived by his daughter, Leisha Nebel Taylor; sister, Suzanne Werner; brother, Richard (Robbi Heighway) Nebel; sister-in-law, Jean Nebel; brother-in-law, Terry Quick; niece, Marie (Jeff) Seivers & family; nephew, Nikolaus (Elke) Werner & family; niece, Jessie (Jim) Wiles & family; nephew, Tom (Courtney Johnston) Nebel; the Bartz family children; and the Zizzo family children. Through his former marriage Nick is survived by; sister-in-law, Victoria (Dale) Bahr; niece-in-law, Kate Bahr Fuller (Tim Fuller); her children, Casey, and Lily Neumann; nephew-in-law, Adam Bahr. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, Nick was preceded in death by his sister & brother-in-law, Victoria (Tony) Zizzo; sister, Virginia “Shon” Nebel; brother, William “Bill” Nebel; brother-in-law, Eugene Werner; nephew, Aaron Werner and countless others who have gone before him. May they rest in peace.

As a father, a friend or family member, Nick wore many hats and will be forever remembered as a generous, kind-hearted, eclectic creature who loved to share a spectacular story. May you find joy in your memories of good times with Nick.

Please join us in celebrating Nick’s life on: Saturday, April 27, 2024 at The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, WI from 11am to 3pm Service at 1pm with Military Honors to follow. Burial will take place on a later date at the Central WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

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Ann Mary Steinert

Ann Mary Steinert, age 58 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully with family and



friends by her side on Sunday, March 17, 2024. She was born on November 8, 1965 to the late Jay and Susanne (Kempinger) Pistohl. Ann married Steven Steinert on February 16, 1985 and shared 35 years of marriage before his passing on September 17, 2020.

Ann was a devoted wife to Steven, she cherished their time together, creating countless memories filled with love and laughter. She held her parents as well as her mother-and-father-in-law in high regard and always made sure to show them honor and respect. Annie enjoyed lake life with family, bowling, camping, and had a deep love for animals, especially her beloved dogs Sami and Max. She found joy in the simplicity of life, treasuring the daily phone calls and unwavering support from her close friends Louise and Joan. Following the passing of Steven, Ann found companionship with Mike and they spent several happy years together. She cherished spending time with family and friends. Her warm heart and kind spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Ann is survived by her siblings, Daniel (Ann) Pistohl, Lynn Pistohl, Russell Pistohl, Ronald (Pam) Pistohl, Cecelia (Gary) Jones, Kelly Landstrom, and Deborah (Timm) Portman; significant other, Mike Thill; father-and-mother-in-law, Randy and Kathy Steinert; faithful companion, Max. She is further survived by her aunt and uncle, Judy and Jerry Bauer, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces-and-nephews, many other extended family members and good friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Susanne Pistohl, and husband, Steven Steinert, as well as her grandparents.

A memorial service for Ann will be held at the Lake View Memorial Park chapel, 2786 Algoma Blvd. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. The burial will take place immediately after the service.

Annie’s family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the Vince Lombardi Cancer Center and Ascension at Home for the compassionate care that was provided to her.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established by the family.

*I tried to live my life with grace and with God. I always wanted harmony and peace. I truly love my friends and my family deeply - I Love You! -Annie*

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Obituaries

Joan Jean Koplitz

Joan Jean Koplitz, aged 88, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at Bethel Home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Born on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1935, Joan entered the world in Omro, at the home of her aunt, Bertha Knapwurst. Her early years were spent in Waukau, WI area, where she was baptized

and confirmed at the Waukau Methodist Church. Joan was the beloved daughter of W. Elmer and Jennie (Bunker) Knapwurst.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1956, Joan exchanged vows with Ken Koplitz at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI. Together they built a life with cherished memories.

Joan's journey was marked by dedication and hard work. Before her marriage, she shared her musical talents alongside her friend Loretta Bohn, playing the

organ and piano for services at Waukau Methodist Church. Following her graduation from Omro High School in 1953, she explored a career as a dietitian. Although she pursued other paths, she remained committed to providing her family with nourishing meals throughout her life.

Joan's professional endeavors included roles at the Wisconsin Telephone Company, the Oshkosh School System, Miles Kimball, Evergreen Retirement Community and as a personal home health caregiver. She approached each role with dedication and compassion, touching the lives of many along the way.

Outside of her professional life, Joan found joy in home pleasures. She was an avid reader, puzzle enthusiast, and skilled cook. Her commitment to her faith was evident as a current and charter member

of Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

Joan's legacy lives on through her three sons: Rick (Jane) Koplitz of Omro, Jim (Patty) Koplitz of Oshkosh, and Kevin (Jody) Koplitz of Pickett. She loved her grandchildren: Erin (Marcus) Wyatt, Steven (Cindy) Koplitz, Kyle (Jodi) Koplitz, Joe Koplitz, Andrea (Carlos) Liera, Danny (Savannah) Koplitz, Kamron (Amber) Koplitz, Connor (Heather) Koplitz and Quint Koplitz. She also leaves behind twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her immediate family, Joan is survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Shirley and Dave Treleven; sisters-in-law: Karen Koplitz and Carol Koplitz; and her cousin, Laura Frye. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ken, her sister Norma Dahl, brothers-in-law John Dahl, Marvin Koplitz, Howard Koplitz, Larry Koplitz, sister-in-law Dorothy Koplitz and dear family friends John and Joan Brady.

The Family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Bethel Home and Compasses Hospice Care worker, Nicole, for their compassionate care.

Funeral services in honor of Joan's life and acknowledgment of Jesus's love for us have been held at Calvary Lutheran Church, in Oshkosh.

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Obituaries

**Wilbur Glen Fuller**

Wilbur “Bill” Glen Fuller, born July 8, 1928 in Oshkosh WI, passed away on March 17, 2024, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

Bill was the son of Carroll and Hazel (Cunningham) Fuller. He married Donna Mae Timmerman on October 6, 1950 in Oshkosh, WI. Together, they celebrated 64 years of marriage!

His biggest accomplishment in life, was the birth of his only son Jeffery Fuller.

Bill graduated from Oshkosh High School and was then drafted for the US Army. He served proudly in the Korean War and was honorably discharged two years later.

Bill told the story fondly, about sitting around with friends discussing job postings and seeing one in the newspaper for a police officer opening. He applied on a whim, and secured the job as a police officer for the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department in 1956. While on the force, he attended numerous police training programs, gave many public speeches

in schools particularly about the Miranda decision, performed detective work, and finally retired as the Assistant Chief of Police in Oshkosh. He served Winnebago County for almost 31 years until his retirement in 1986.

Bill loved spending time with his family and also stepped up to help care for various loved ones and friends. He enjoyed playing multiple different card games, hunting, and never disappointed by yielding the most abundant gardens. He and his wife also shared many years in Bradenton, Florida as “snowbirds.” He too, was a master craftsman, who built many of the homes he and his family lived in over the years.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife Donna Fuller; his parents, Carroll and Hazel Fuller; his brothers Elwin (Al) Fuller, John (Johnny) Fuller and Lee (Warren) Fuller; his sisters Marge Fuller and Lois Kolb; daughter-in-law Linda Fuller and honorary son-in-law Thomas Schuhart.

Bill is survived by his son Jeffery Fuller; sister Eunice Wendt of Loveland, Colorado; brothers Dick Fuller of Sebring, Florida and Wesley Fuller of Oshkosh, WI; three grandchildren (Curt, Cory

**Sally Jean Hielsberg**

Sally (Prosser) Hielsberg, age 89, went to her heavenly home on March 14th. She was born October 3, 1934 in Antigo, Wisconsin to John R. and Jean M. (Rickman) Prosser. She attended Antigo High School through her junior year. Moved to Appleton, Wisconsin her senior year and graduated from Appleton West High School in 1953. She married Kenneth L. Hielsberg on October, 30, 1954. Ken preceded her in death on October, 1st 1998. She has spent the last 25 years with her loving partner Carl Ticks.

Sally was generous with her time and talent. She could fix anything. Sally was also a talented baker gifting her specialty homemade rolls and banana cream pies. She worked very hard alongside her husband to build their State Farm Insurance agency. They started out with a handful of files in a cardboard box, a borrowed desk and a phone that was located on top of an upright piano. Sally and Ken built a successful business for over 30 years. She was a very devoted mother to her three children and always supported them in pursuing their dreams.

Sally was also preceded in death by her sister Nancy Ropella and her husband Dennis, her brother John and his wife Kaye, her brother-in-law Marvin Hielsberg, her mother Jean Prosser/Casperson and her beloved father John Prosser.

Sally is survived by her daughter Crystal Hielsberg Gorwitz, son Peter Hielsberg, and daughter Amy Hielsberg Mussell. She is also survived by her grandchildren Michael, Jennie, Theron, Faye, Meghan, and her great-grandchildren Penelope and Zoey. In addition, she is survived by her sons-in-law Marshal and Dale and her daughter-in-law Karen. Other surviving family includes her granddaughter Jennie’s husband Derek and grandson Theron’s wife Bonnie. Sally is also survived by her partner Carl Ticks, his daughter Kelly and her husband Chuck and their two children Bryce and Stephanie Thompson and her husband Michael.

In keeping with her family’s wishes, a private funeral ceremony was held in Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh.

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and Crystal Fuller); eight great grandchildren; his foster son Chuck (Donna) Butzlaff; honorary daughter Mary Schuhart; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lakeview Memorial Chapel on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 2786 Algoma Blvd in Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will be from 11AM-1PM, until the time of service.

Full military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans Honor Guard and members from the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department will also be standing guard. Internment will follow in the mausoleum at 2PM.

Reverend Jon Radichel-Wills from First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, will be officiating.

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Legal Notice

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: RYLAN ROBERT LARSEN**

By (Petitioner): Nina Marie Larsen

By (Co-Petitioner): Melissa Ann Larsen

**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 2024CV000224

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Rylan Robert Larsen  
To: Rylan Rose Larsen  
Birth Certificate: Rylan Robert Larsen

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett  
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 531

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901  
Date: April 18, 2024  
Time: 1:30 pm  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: March 11, 2024**  
/s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett  
Run: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024  
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/s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett  
Run: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: SAVANNAH ALEXIS LOPEZ**

**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 2024CV000207

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Savannah Alexis Lopez  
To: Savannah Alexis Moreno  
Birth Certificate: Savannah Alexis Lopez

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett  
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 531

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901  
Date: April 17, 2024  
Time: 11:00 am  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: March 5, 2024**  
/s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett  
Run: March 20, 2024, March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024  
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**WAIT!**  
Don't do this page alone. If this page looks **TOO HARD**, find an older buddy to help you. If it looks **EASY**, find a younger buddy and help them!

## The Bunny Buddies' Puzzles & Punch Lines

**BINGO** **BIANCA** **BIXBY** **BEBE** **BABY BURT**

### What is Long and Stylish and Full of Cats?

The code on Baby Burt's blocks reveals the answer to this riddle, but he's too little to figure it out. Can you help him before he starts to cry?

Code:   
▲ = A   ■ = D   ■ = E   ▽ = H   ▽ = P   ■ = R   ▽ = S   ▽ = T   ▽ = U

### Bunny Bathtime

While Bixby is enjoying his bubble bath, pop two bubbles at a time by crossing them out. Leave one letter, then cross the next two out. Keep going and you'll reveal the punch line to this riddle:

**Who delivers Treats To ocean fish at Easter?**

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

### Bebe's Garden

Bebe planted some tasty veggies in her garden. But they grew so big that now she can't find her way through it! The letters on the correct path will solve this riddle:

**How do you Send a Letter To The Easter Bunny?**

### Hidden Egg Hunt

Bianca hid three egg designs all over this page. How many of each can you and your buddy find?

**Me My Buddy**

### Bingo's Boxes

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters. The letters in the center vertical row reveal the answer to Bingo's riddle:

**What do you need if your chocolate eggs disappear?**

1. **E**  
2. **A**  
3. **M**  
4. **S**  
5. **N**  
6. **L**  
7. **A**  
8. **C**  
9. **P**  
10. **E**  
11. **E**  
12. **P**  
13. **T**

**CLUES**  
1. A tasty baked dessert  
2. To grow older  
3. Something you chew  
4. Fuel for a car  
5. You can fry eggs in this  
6. Sick, not well  
7. A baseball player's hat  
8. Metal food container  
9. A gorilla is one kind  
10. An animal in your home  
11. Frozen water  
12. How bunnies move  
13. One more than nine

**Standards Link:** Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

### Extra! Extra! Say What?

Cut out a comic strip from the newspaper. Carefully remove the words from the word bubbles, and then paste the strip onto a sheet of paper. Write a new joke in the bubbles.

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Why do people dye Easter eggs?

**+ cause -rabb EZR**

**Than + -K Them!**

**ANSWER:** Because it's easier than wallpapering them.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

CHOCOLATE  
DISAPPEAR  
GORILLA  
STYLISH  
VEGGIES  
BUBBLE  
EASTER  
TREATS  
PUNCH  
BUNNY  
PAGE  
WAIT  
DYE  
BEST  
NINE

RAEPASIDC  
SGTIAWRPBA  
TOACGKUUS  
YRLNEPBNT  
LIOIYBECNA  
ILCNLEGHYE  
SLOEASTERR  
HAHROTEYDT  
GVCVEGGIES

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

## FIT&FUN

### Eggs-ercises

These exercises use your muscles and imagination! Try them with your buddy.

### Slow Melt

Pretend you are a chocolate bunny melting on a hot day. Start by standing nice and tall, then slowly ooze to the floor.

### Basket Balance

Try balancing an empty Easter basket (or a plastic bowl) on your head as you walk across your yard.

### Rabbit Racers

Give a younger buddy a head start and race across the park. Try racing three times. Is your younger buddy getting faster?

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

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