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## City's new reassessment policy passes

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh property owners will have their property value assessed every five years after the Oshkosh Common Council passed a new policy.

The City of Oshkosh went through a city-wide assessment of properties in 2024 and due to not meeting a state-required threshold of being within 90 to 110% of market value for commercial properties, all properties will go through the assessment.

The revaluation of all commercial and residential property led to property values and property taxes rising for many property owners. The council then asked city staff to create a policy to ensure this mistake did not occur in the future and that revaluations were done more often so property owners were more familiar with the process.

Prior to last year's revaluation, the city had not done a revaluation on all properties since 2017. Due to the amount of change in the housing market during that seven-year

period, most property owners saw the property assessments make a large jump.

The average residential property rose over 50% in assessed value from 2017 to 2024.

"In order to combat that, we are now, in this resolution, asking to revalue our properties every five years," council member DJ Nichols said.

Nichols was one of the council members

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## District sees growth despite low proficiency

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Growth leads to achievement – that is the message Oshkosh Area School District administrators recently had for the Board of Education.

Over the last couple of years, the school board has tried to adjust policy and curriculum to improve math and reading proficiency, which has dropped over the years. The district has continued to have a majority of elementary and middle school students that are not proficient in reading and math.

"We're celebrating our growth both in math and in reading and staying hungry for our proficiency. We know we're not at the levels of proficiency that we need to be, but

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Photo by Michael Cooney

State Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim speaks to the crowd gathered Saturday in Opera House Square for a No Kings rally.

## Protesters pack Opera House Square

### Oshkosh's No Kings rally draws thousands

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Opera House Square was full of demonstrators holding signs exclaiming No Kings, Impeach Trump, Deport ICE and other slogans Saturday during a protest of the Trump Administration.

"No Kings" protests took place across the country to oppose the Trump admin-

istration and its perceived overreaching executive agenda. Organizers estimated between 1,500 and 2,000 people attended the Oshkosh protest.

President Donald Trump likened himself to a king on social media in February. He has also promoted himself in images as the pope and a Sith Lord from the Star Wars films. During the 2024 campaign, Trump floated the idea of running for a third term.

In March, Trump said he had not ruled out being elected to a third term, then in

May he denied he would seek a third term. The 22nd amendment of the constitution established a two-term limit for the president in 1951, six years after Franklin D. Roosevelt died during his fourth term in office.

Opera House Square was full of people opposing fascism and ICE holding signs in support of transgender rights and impeaching Trump. Many signs also called for protecting the U.S. Constitution.

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# Evergreen unveils new public art sculpture

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A group of residents at Evergreen Retirement Community has brought a vision to life by enhancing the main entrance to Evergreen with a new piece of public art.

After two years of planning, fundraising and collaboration, their efforts culminated in the installation June 4 of a shimmering, light-catching tree sculpture at 1130 N. Westfield St., art committee chair Mary Weddig said.

She said the sculpture — crafted by Wisconsin artist Dave Windey of Windey Metal Art Sculpture in DePere — adds a dynamic, reflective beauty to the Evergreen campus.

“Designed to capture and reflect light while gently rustling in the breeze, the piece invites residents and visitors alike to pause, relax and enjoy its presence from the adjoining patio,” Weddig said.

Initiated in 2022, Weddig said the project was a collaborative effort between Evergreen’s Art and Grounds Committees, with support and consultation from the Evergreen Foundation.

Originally conceived to extend Evergreen’s rich collection of artwork into the outdoor garden spaces, Weddig said the project took on added meaning as it progressed.

“The sculpture will now also stand as a symbol celebrating Evergreen’s 60th anniversary, which will be officially commemorated in 2027 with a special dedication ceremony,” she said. “We invite everyone to visit the sculpture, enjoy its interplay of light and motion, and celebrate the creativity and community spirit that brought it into being.”



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A light-catching tree sculpture was unveiled earlier this month at Evergreen Retirement Community.

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**Gogolewski Fans Seven in Defeat:**  
Former Oshkosh High School pitching star Bill Gogolewski, now with the Washington Senators Buffalo Bisons club, was tagged with a 3-1 loss against the Tidewater Tides. “Gogo” went six innings, fanned seven batters and gave up seven hits for two runs in the contest. In an exhibition game recently against the Senators, the OHS grad gave up one hit and struck out one batter in two innings of play. Gogolewski is now attending camp with the Wisconsin National Guard at Fort McCoy and will report to the Toledo Mudhens of the AAA affiliate on July 1.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 16, 1969

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# Italian restaurant coming to historic downtown building

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Plans have been announced for Truffle Pig, an Italian restaurant, set to open in August in the historic Oshkosh Northwestern building, 224 State St.

The restaurant is part of the first phase of a larger revitalization project for the building, which is expected to expand to include commercial retail spaces and a boutique hotel in 2026.

Before the adjoining boutique hotel opens next year, Truffle Pig will serve dinner every night of the week with expanded brunch and lunch service on weekends. Once the hotel is operational, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available.

Plans include what developers describe as the restaurant seating 150 diners and featuring chef-led authentic Italian cuisine, refined interior details including a glass-enclosed wine vault and a warm ambiance inspired by Italian tradition. The restaurant will also offer two private dining rooms for special gatherings and dining experiences. According to developers, a wood-fired oven pizza bar will be at the heart of the space.

The restaurant is located near Venue 404, The Howard and Gibson Social Club event spaces and developers said they expect it to become a sought-after spot for both intimate dinners and celebratory events.

T.J. Rodgers, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and Oshkosh native, is leading the efforts to open the restaurant and restore the building. Rodgers has been putting plans together since buying the building for \$2 million in 2021.

He said his investments in Oshkosh are driven by a passion for preserving and



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Work is underway on the new Truffle Pig restaurant that will be inside the revitalized historic Oshkosh Northwestern building.

honoring the city's character while helping further shape and grow its future.

"I've always said that I felt I had an advantage coming from Oshkosh, especially in the disorienting California environment," Rodgers said. "Bringing great restaurants to the community is just one way to give other people the opportunity to enjoy food and hospitality in this city."

Rodgers' other local ventures include TJ's Highland Steakhouse, The Oshkosh Country Club, TJ's Harbor Restaurant,

Ardy & Ed's Drive-In, TJ's Destination Oshkosh, Kalbus Campground and the Oshkosh Tiny House Village, developed in partnership with the Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

Rodgers said more details about the chef, menu and grand opening celebration will be shared in the coming weeks.

Plans were announced last year to redevelop the Oshkosh Northwestern newspaper building, which was originally constructed in 1930 and has long stood as a

local landmark. The building is known for its stately façade and Corinthian columns once signaling the power and presence of that newspaper.

For decades, it was described as serving as a center of news and civic life, housing everything from bustling newsrooms to the whirring presses that delivered the daily paper. In 1982, the building was officially recognized for its architectural and historical importance with its addition to the National Register of Historic Places.



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## Oshkosh Defense workers facing voluntary layoffs

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Oshkosh Defense said last week the company has implemented a 90-day voluntary layoff program for union-represented staff in accordance with their collective bargaining agreement.

“This proactive step addresses a short-term staffing surplus that followed the planned drawdown in JLTV (Joint Light Tactical Vehicles) production,” the company said in a statement.

The company said the program offers eligible team members the opportunity to take an excused, unpaid leave of absence during the summer period from May 26 to Aug. 25 with continued benefits and guaranteed return.

The company said a total of 50 team members volunteered for the program.

Oshkosh Defense also announced a three-year contract extension for the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles A2 (FMTV A2). The contract allows the U.S. Army to continue ordering the FMTV A2, including three FMTV A2 Low Velocity Air Drop (LVAD) variants, through February 2028.

## Local tourism sets record for economic impact

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Local officials are hoping record setting trends from 2024 continues as the summer tourism season begins to heat up.

Discover Oshkosh, along with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, announced a 4% increase in total economic impact reaching \$574 million last year in Winnebago County with direct visitor spending up 4.1% to \$299 million.

Winnebago County surpassed the previous record economic impact of \$553 million set in 2023.

“It’s clear that our region continues to attract more visitors than ever,” Discover Oshkosh executive director Amy Albright said. “This growth supports nearly 4,400 local jobs —showing how vital tourism is to our community’s prosperity.”

According to state officials, the growth in Winnebago County tourism helped contribute to Wisconsin’s third consecutive record-breaking year. All-time high visitation was reported to drive Wisconsin’s \$25.8 billion in total economic impact last year. The 2024 economic impact surpassed the previous statewide record of \$25 billion from 2023.

Wisconsin tourism welcomed 114.4 million visits in 2024, beating the previous record from 2019 by more than a million.

## Construction progress

Construction work is progressing at the new Froedtert ThedaCare Health campus in Oshkosh. The company broke ground on the hospital at 250 W. 6th Ave. along the Fox River in March 2024. The campus is expected to be completed later this year.

## Main Street construction meeting slated

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A public involvement meeting is set for proposed improvements on 0.7 miles of U.S. Highway 45 (Main Street) in Oshkosh.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Northeast Region officials will review the project scope, scheduled and anticipated traffic impacts, and solicit comments and feedback on the proposed improvements. A question-and-answer period will follow the live presentation.

The virtual meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. June 25 with access information

available at [wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/45mainstosh/default.aspx](http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/45mainstosh/default.aspx). Audio only access is available by calling 608-571-2209, conference ID 705 649 896#. More information about the project is available on the website.

WisDOT is proposing an urban pavement replacement project that extends from 16th Avenue to the Fox River in Oshkosh. The purpose of the project is to address deteriorated pavement, storm sewer and local utilities.

According to WisDOT, the roadway

was originally constructed in 1955. Storm sewer and local utilities will be 75 years old by the construction year and are showing signs of deterioration.

The project schedule includes on-going design work that will continue through 2030, real estate acquisition anticipated to begin in 2027 or 2028 and construction tentatively expected in 2031.

WisDOT said construction will not overlap with the Oregon and Jackson Street bridge project, which is expected to finish in fall 2030.

## Lakeside Packaging Plus changes name to Remarkable

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Lakeside Packaging Plus, which has locations in Oshkosh and Neenah, is re-

branding with a planned name change to Remarkable.

The organization said the rebrand means more than a name change as it represents a renewed commitment to elevating the lives of people with diverse abilities.

Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Ven Rooy said the name Remarkable captures the spirit, talents and potential of the individuals the organization serves every day.

“Our mission at Remarkable is simple and powerful: to elevate the lives of people with diverse abilities,” Ven Rooy said. “We believe every person has unique strengths, and our purpose is to foster an environment that realizes the potential of everyone we serve. This new name is a

tribute to the resilience, creativity and value of every individual in our community.”

The organization invites the public to a Summer Solstice Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 100 W. Fernau Ave. The event will feature a Maker’s Market, food trucks and family-friendly activities, offering an opportunity to gather, connect and celebrate together.

Remarkable is unveiling its new logo this week, which Ven Rooy said provides a fresh visual identity that reflects the organization’s vibrant spirit and forward-looking mission.

The nonprofit organization was originally founded as Work Adjustment Services before transitioning to the name Lakeside Packaging Plus in 2000.

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# New restaurant boasts Vietnamese cuisine

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new Oshkosh restaurant is taking diners on an adventure with distinct flavors based from Vietnam.

Frank Yang opened Hanoi House on June 3 inside City Center. The restaurant serves authentic Vietnamese cuisine, specializing in pho, which is made with broth that takes 15 hours to create with intense and complex flavors.

“The broth is cooked for so long that it creates this complex flavor,” Yang said. “Right now, we’re focused on making the best pho.”

Yang owns Big Apple Bagel and Uni Uni Bubble Tea at 60 Wisconsin St., but Hanoi House is the first restaurant that he has built by himself.

“We want Oshkosh to come in and try authentic Vietnamese food,” Yang said.

He identified a gap in the market and sought to bring the city a diverse range of cuisines. Vietnamese food offers a unique flavor combination that culminates in an experience unlike that of common restaurant foods.

“It’s a balance of savory, sweet, sour, salty and spicy all at once,” Yang said. “The bone broth takes such a long time to make that it brings in that umami flavor.”

Umami is known as the fifth and rarest flavor after the typical sweet, salty, bitter and sour.

Along with the pho, Hanoi House also features egg rolls and crispy chicken wings, which have become an instant favorite on the menu, according to Yang. Hanoi House is currently only serving half of the menu that Yang plans to unveil after staff is fully trained and ready to be open for more hours.



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Pho is one of the authentic Vietnamese specialty dishes that diners can try at the recently-opened Hanoi House.

The location is another reason Yang chose City Center with its proximity to downtown and the UW-Oshkosh. He plans on giving work opportunities to college and high school students.

Four years ago, Yang left his logistics job in Minnesota and found himself in Oshkosh.

“I love the small-town feel of Oshkosh and the fact that it’s so community-driven,” he said. “In just a few days, the peo-

ple in Oshkosh have been very supportive of the restaurant. There’s been a lot of people coming in, and the place has been full. There has been a lot of positive feedback.”

Hanoi House is currently open for dinner only from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. It currently is serving a limited menu, with a primary focus on training and getting the staff prepared to open for lunch in the future.

## Business news roundup

Lynn Detterman will serve as the president of **Froedtert ThedaCare Health’s North Region**. Detterman will be responsible for the overall leadership, management and strategic direction of the North Region. The North Region of Froedtert ThedaCare Health encompasses the Fox Valley region and five surrounding rural markets, as well as the Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Manitowoc and Sheboygan areas.



Detterman

**Phoenix-Aid**, an Oshkosh-based firm that has developed a patented nano-composite dressing for chronic wounds such as diabetic foot ulcers, is the grand prize winner of the 22nd annual Wisconsin Governor’s Business Plan Contest. The 2025 competition began in January with 156 entries in the categories of Advanced Manufacturing, Business Services, Information Technology and Life Sciences. Through various rounds in the competition, the top 13 business plans, known as the Diligent Baker’s Dozen, were announced in May. These finalists pitched their businesses at the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs’ Conference on June 4.

**Anovia Health**, a Wisconsin-based health care provider, recently opened a new Direct Primary Care (DPC) clinic at 530 Pearl Ave. Suite B. The clinic is now accepting new patients and business clients. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday.

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# New satellite police station opens downtown

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police Department has opened a satellite station at 101 Algoma Blvd. The office is staffed by a new team focused on the community.

OPD has stated the purpose of the office is to provide an effective response to Opera House Square, encourage local partnerships and be part of a welcoming environment in the downtown area.

The satellite office is two blocks east of the police station, which sits at the corner of Jackson Street and Church Avenue. It is approximately a two-minute walk between the two offices.

Inside the new office will be the Community Impact Team. The team is made up of one sergeant, two police officers and two social workers with general hours being from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The idea of bringing an OPD presence to the downtown area was raised last year after business owners expressed concerns about the homeless population in the area of Opera House Square. These concerns eventually led to the Oshkosh Common Council removing Opera House Square from the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

Between Jan. 1, 2023 and Dec. 31, 2024, there were 151 calls for service at Opera House Square and the sundial. During that time period, there were nine arrests that led to someone being placed in custody.

The city is continuing to work on resolving the homelessness situation in the city. The primary focus has been connecting the homeless population with resources



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The Oshkosh Police Department will use the satellite police station at 101 Algoma Blvd. in an effort to increase community engagement in the downtown area.

to help their individual situation.

This could be helping them find a bed at one of the shelters in Oshkosh, helping with employment placement and making other resources available from the city and county.

Police chief Dean Smith said at a meeting with legislators in May that there are many factors that lead to people becoming homeless in the area. He also pointed out there are two groups of homeless people; one that is experiencing a recent shortfall like a divorce or loss of job, the second is people that like living on the street.

OPD public affairs officer Kate Mann answered a number of questions the Herald provided via email about the newly opened satellite police station.

OPD staff believe the satellite office will be a more welcoming environment by

having an alternative to the larger police station, Mann said.

“A welcoming environment is fostered through a non-institutionalized building, encouraging individuals to seek help with mental health and permanent housing solutions,” Mann said.

She said collaboration with local businesses and organizations is the second goal of the office. The third goal of the new office is to have more effective responses to calls in the downtown area, Mann said.

“An integrated response involving mental health professionals, social workers and law enforcement officers working together enhances the effectiveness of interactions,” Mann said. “The satellite office serves as a ‘one-stop shop’ for clients seeking counseling, housing and employment assistance. Staff can provide assistance to facilitate navigation across multiple systems.”

The Oshkosh Common Council approved \$24,000 for a two-year lease on the property that has an option to renew.

“We will constantly evaluate the effectiveness of the office and the needs of the community. Many factors can contribute to homelessness and mental health crisis,” Mann said. “We look forward to working with our partners in the community to address underlying factors and help those experiencing hardships.”

## Oshkosh man pleads not guilty in shooting

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A man accused of firing a gun into a bar has pled not guilty to all counts including attempted homicide.

Marcus Norfleet is accused of firing a gun into a bar during the early hours of April 18. He is charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety and endangering safety/reckless use of a firearm.

Norfleet pled not guilty at his arraignment last Thursday in front of Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 3 Judge Bryan Keberlein.

Court documents allege Norfleet was being aggressive with patrons inside the bar on North Main Street. He was eventually physically removed from the establishment and allegedly fired a single gunshot through a window.

The shot went through the neck of the bartender. Medical staff told police it was a miracle the bullet missed the major arteries, vessels and the bartender’s spine. A second victim identified in court documents was struck with glass shrapnel following the alleged gun fire.

Both victims are expected to make full recoveries.

Attorneys Emma Blankschein and Miles Leon are representing Norfleet in the case and have filed a motion with the court to modify Norfleet’s bond.

Norfleet, 39, remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. The state requested a \$1 mil-

lion cash bond due to the seriousness of the offense at Norfleet’s initial appearance.

Leon said during the hearing the state was asking for such a high bond to make a show of taking the case seriously. Leon asked for a significantly less bond but did not give a dollar amount.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood agreed the case was serious and set the bond at \$500,000.

According to the criminal complaint, officers responded to Oblio’s at 434 N. Main St. early on April 18 after several reports of a gunshot in the area. One officer noted the front door of the bar was shattered.

Officers quickly rendered aid to the 27-year-old gunshot victim that was shot in the neck, who was then transported to ThedaCare Medical Center in Neenah.

In the frenzy after the gunshot, the victim and patrons ran to the back door. The victim told police he didn’t know he was shot until he was in the back parking lot.

Norfleet was located by police shortly after the shooting, and they were able to bring him into custody. Authorities then went to Norfleet’s home and found multiple firearms and ammunition.

Video footage reviewed by police showed Norfleet being escorted from the bar and lingering before fleeing the scene on foot. The video allegedly shows that when the gunshot was fired, there were about 10 people in the immediate area.

A motion hearing is set for July 2 in the case in front of Keberlein.

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# Medical examiner's office looks to purchase therapy dog

By Jennifer Parmley  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking funds to purchase a facility K9 specially trained to support the mental health and well-being of employees, families and visitors.

Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski said in the past year or so she has noticed a need for additional support, not only for staff but also the families they work with on a daily basis.

"The need is apparent and prevalent in our line of work due to the burnout rate in our profession along with the mental health effects that follow," Repinski said in a funding request letter.

"We regularly deal with grieving families who experience a range of emotions from sadness to frustration to disbelief to

absolute anger. The presence of a therapy dog will greatly reduce some of those outbursts due to the calming effect that they have on others. Furthermore, the facility dog will help myself and my coworkers cope with the difficult situations we deal with on a daily basis."

The medical examiner's office employs four staff members who work closely with all law enforcement agencies in Winnebago County along with hospital staff, funeral and nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospice companies.

The nature of work there, and in law enforcement organizations in general, involves frequent exposure to death, trauma and grieving families. As such, several law enforcement agencies and court systems in the state including Dane, Racine and Waukesha counties, the Oshkosh Police

Department and the Winnebago County Jail STAR Program have adopted similar programs.

Repinski said she researched organizations that train and place dogs for this type of work.

Dawgs at Work LLC, Saukville, was chosen because she said "their mission aligned with our mission, and we felt that the fit would be perfect."

The cost of the specialized training through the organization's Steppin' Out Program is \$25,000, Repinski said.

The program includes more than 1,000 hours of hands-on, real-world training. Each dog learns and reliably performs more than 50 verbal and visual cues, Repinski said.

Following the completion of her training, Brie will be certified in all 4 levels of the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), which includes Advanced Community Canine (CGCA) and Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) along with the AKC S.T.A.R Puppy certification. In addition, Brie will be required to pass a custom-designed Public Access Test.

Repinski said Brie will be at the medical examiner's office Monday through Friday during business hours and available after hours if needed. Brie will also accompany her when on calls to be an additional asset for the families during the grieving process.

The office is actively working to raise enough funds to purchase Brie so she can start her working career.

If interested in contributing to the fund, visit the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's website [oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list](http://oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list) and search for Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office K9 Fund.



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Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski is working with Brie to become a certified therapy dog.

## County overdose deaths down nearly 50%

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Winnebago County reported a nearly 50% decline in overdose deaths in 2024, according to the county's Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team, which released its seventh annual report last week.

The county recorded 24 fatal overdoses last year, a 49% drop from a record-high 47 deaths in 2023. The county's 2024 overdose death rate was 1.4 per 10,000 people. The cities of Oshkosh and Neenah had higher rates than the county, at 2.1 and 1.8 per 10,000 people, respectively.

OFR Project Manager Jennifer Skolaski said the significant decrease in overdose deaths reflects the ongoing work happening across the county.

"Each of those lives mattered deeply," she said. "Our work is far from over because even one life lost is one too many."

Fentanyl remains the most frequent cause of overdose deaths, involved in 46% of the 2024 fatalities. The synthetic opioid was also commonly found in combination with other substances, such as methamphetamine and cocaine.

The OFR team noted a continued shift in the age of those who fatally overdosed, with 62% of those who died last year between the ages of 35 and 64, suggesting that overdoses are increasingly affecting older adults.

Most victims had a documented history of substance use, and nearly two-thirds had a prior mental health diagnosis, including conditions such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Formed in 2018, the OFR team includes representatives from 35 local organizations that review overdose deaths in the county. The team examines each person's life and circumstances, identifies risk factors, explores system gaps and looks for opportu-

nities to improve policy and practice.

Since its formation, the OFR team has made 62 formal recommendations and helped launch 12 pilot projects, including efforts to expand harm reduction education, increase access to medication-assisted treatment and improve data sharing among agencies.

One OFR-supported initiative in Oshkosh implemented last year involved the Oshkosh Area School District partnering with several organizations to install Overdose Aid Kits (OAKs) in all middle and high schools.

Another project highlighted in the report is the installation of two outdoor public health vending machines in Oshkosh and Neenah. The machines provide free access to overdose prevention tools such as Narcan and fentanyl test strips, along with items like drug deactivation bags, gun locks, and menstrual supplies.

The report outlines critical gaps between systems, including poor integration between mental health care, substance use treatment and primary care, which often leads to fractured support and missed intervention points.

Social isolation was common among those who overdosed, with LGBTQ individuals and people of color facing greater challenges. The team also highlighted the need for integrated care and more trauma-informed support services for children who lose caregivers to overdose.

The OFR team's priorities for 2025-26 include closing communication gaps between service systems to ensure continuous care, supporting children affected by overdose-related loss, and strengthening prevention efforts, particularly among high-risk groups.

The full report can be found at [wchd.pub/2024OFRannualreport](http://wchd.pub/2024OFRannualreport).

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# Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian competition continues

By Zachary Bellin  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Laughable Productions is hosting its second preliminary round of Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian on Friday at Oshkosh Arena, where 12 local comics will compete for a spot in the Sept. 13 finale to earn the crown of Oshkosh's funniest comedian.

More than 40 comedians, selected through open call, are delivering eight-minute sets over the course of the preliminary rounds, each looking to be crowned Oshkosh's funniest comedian. The winner won't just take home bragging rights; they'll earn a cash prize and a paid gig with Laughable Productions.

Winners are selected through a combination of audience and judge voting, with judges accounting for 55% and fans the remaining 45%. Judges evaluate five separate aspects of each performance: originality, stage presence, delivery and timing, audience response and overall impression. Audience members simply circle their favorite performer of the night.

The winner of May's competition, Breanne Wilhite, entered the night riding a hot hand after placing second in Madison's Funniest Comedian competition just weeks prior.

"I was coming off this huge high where I had accomplished something very big," Wilhite said. "Then I was walking into this

event like, what's it going to be like? I kind of had high expectations for how I was going to perform because I felt I had a standard that I had to uphold."

Wilhite built off the comfort of being around fellow comedians to deliver a set that had fans demanding her victory.

"She had such a great reception," said Ben Giles, founder of Laughable Productions. "I was grabbing a drink as we were waiting for people to vote... these ladies came up to me and were like if Breanne doesn't win, we're not coming to one of these again."

Wilhite described the crowd reception after the performances were over as special.

"I was able to branch off and have one-on-one conversations with a couple of people who were in the crowd and the reaction of other women was very special to me," Wilhite said. "I have a lot of self-deprecating humor, I talk about what it's like to be a larger woman, the dating world, and one of the crowd members said I like to see someone up there who was just herself and did not care."

Wilhite describes those moments as meaningful to her growth as a comedian, especially after having to rediscover herself post-COVID when she first started out at Comedy on State in Madison.

"It's taken me a long time to get there," Wilhite said. "When I first started comedy,



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Breanne Wilhite won the first preliminary round of Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian competition in May.

I was so shy and I've never been that type of person... so comedy was part of breaking out of my shell. To hear that from the audience hit me a little bit in a lot of ways."

Giles, who's also a judge in the compe-

dition, accredited all the comics who performed in the first round of the competition.

"I have a great time, too, I'm laughing my butt off when I'm up there at the judges' panel," Giles said. "Also hearing the laughs behind me, it gave me goosebumps."

Friday's competition is the second of four preliminary rounds held at Oshkosh Arena. Each round's winner, along with one fan-voted comedian, will advance to the finale and open for national headliner Josh Blue.

Blue is widely recognized for winning Last Comic Standing in 2006, appearing on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon in 2018, and he had two appearances on America's Got Talent in 2021 and 2023. He has released four comedy specials across various streaming platforms.

Giles said he hopes to sell out the arena for the finale and turn Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian into an annual tradition that gives local comics more visibility as they work to grow in the industry.

"The ultimate goal is to have an overall presence in Oshkosh of comedy so people can come and get their laugh on to make the community a better place, by making people feel good," Giles said.

The third round is scheduled for July 11, followed by the fourth round Aug. 15. More information is available at oshkosharena.com.

## Calendar of events

### Wednesday, June 18

Music on Main featuring Janet Planet, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

### Thursday, June 19

Waterfest featuring George Thorgood and The Destroyers, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

EAA Aviation Museum Speaker Series: The Art of Flying Historic Aircraft, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

### Friday, June 20

Family Outdoor Movie Night featuring Inside Out 2, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Oshkosh's Funniest Comedian: Preliminary Round 2, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

### Saturday, June 21

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square  
EAA Hiring Event, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

Summer Solstice Celebration, 10 a.m., Lakeside Packaging Plus, 100 W. Fernau Ave.

Welsh Weddings presentation, 6 p.m., Historic Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

### Sunday, June 22

Oshkosh Century Bike Ride, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA - 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Winnebago Audubon Nature Walk for Kids, 1 p.m., Sheldon Nature Area

### Wednesday, June 25

Brews by the Waterside featuring Kitty Corona, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Music on Main featuring Kate Voss & the Hot Sauce, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band "American Songs and Composers," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

### Thursday, June 26

Waterfest featuring The Cat Empire, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

### Saturday, June 28

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Markets, 8 a.m.

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

### Sunday, June 29

Oshkosh Pride, 2 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Tom Pease concert, 2 p.m., JP Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y

### Friday, July 4

Oshkosh Fourth of July Parade, 9 a.m.  
Fourth of July Celebration with food trucks, 3 p.m., Menominee Park



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## Brews by the Waterside

The first Brews by the Waterside featuring live music, food trucks, craft beers and yard games was held June 11 at Menominee Park. The band Minus One provided the music for the event organized by the Oshkosh Parks Department. The next event begins at 5 p.m. June 25 featuring Kitty Corona at Rainbow Park. The event will rotate between the two parks throughout the summer.

## Oshkosh Pride returns to Leach Amphitheater

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Organizers say the energy is building for Oshkosh Pride, which is set to be held from 2 to 7 p.m. June 29 at the Leach Amphitheater.

The free, all-ages event will feature entertainment including alt-pop stars Kat and the Hurricane, local rock performers The Traveling Suitcase, performances from Jessica Bee and friends and a showcase by the Khob Li Cua dance troupe.

Organizers said to expect multiple food

trucks, community groups, vendors, photo ops and plenty of ways to connect, express and celebrate.

"This isn't just an event; it's a movement of joy, resistance and visibility," said TeaJay Hobbs, Oshkosh Pride's advocacy coordinator. "We're honored to create a space where people can feel seen, supported and celebrated."

In case of inclement weather, organizers said the day's festivities will be moved to Oshkosh Arena.

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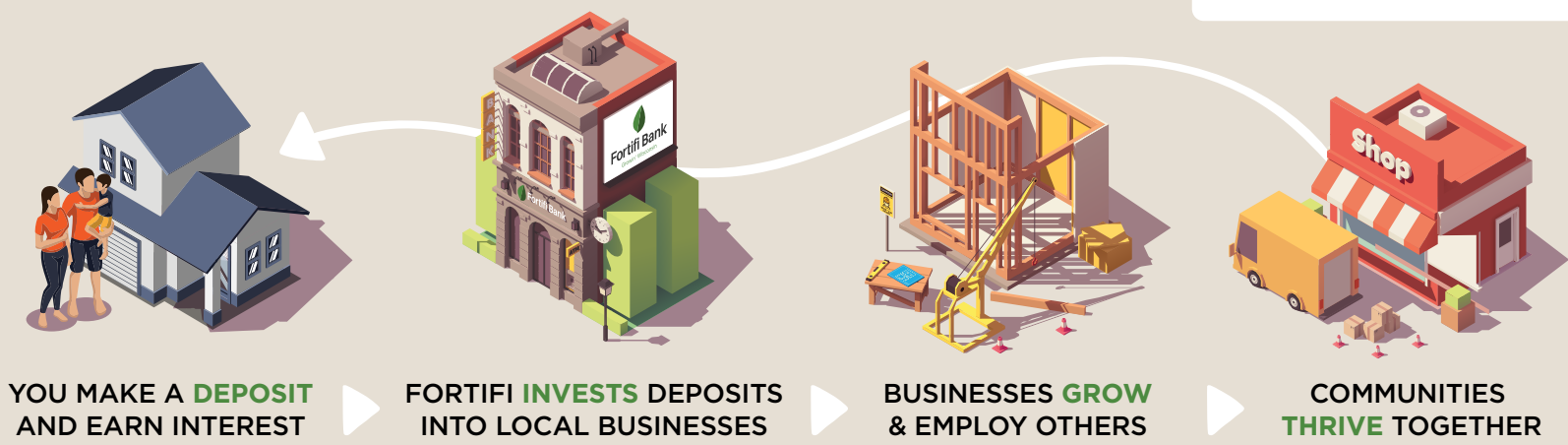
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# OASD proficiency

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I think it's really important to be able to celebrate the growth that has occurred," Superintendent Bryan Davis said.

Administrators have said there are a number of reasons for this drop in proficiency, including virtual learning during COVID and a changing student population coming from more diverse backgrounds, including refugee students.

However, despite years of students not reaching proficiency in reading and math, OASD teachers, administrators and school board members are optimistic about the recent growth seen in the district.

"We still have work to do, and we're not at all saying that where we are is our best, but we are saying we need to pause to affirm

the progress we are making and to celebrate the collective efforts behind that progress," OASD assistant superintendent of instruction Sam Coleman said. "Every percentage point represents real students, students that are growing, students who are thriving and students who are building bright futures."

He added that growth is the key to proficiency. Coleman reported that 73% of elementary school students made typical growth in reading, surpassing the national average of 50%.

He added 43% of students exceeded a full year's growth, compared to the national average of 35%. OASD students also outperformed the national average for yearly growth in math.

In grades three through eight, less than half the students in OASD are proficient in math and reading. This is a major key performance indicator for the district and has

remained at a two-star rating, according to the Wisconsin Department of Instruction system.

The star system ranks reading and math achievement from one to five stars for the district in grades three through eight. One star is less than 40% of students are proficient in the subject and five stars is 65% or more of students are proficient.

Earlier this year, the school board approved a new literacy curriculum, CKLA, which was field tested across the district with positive results from teachers. A number of teachers spoke about the growth they saw in the classroom at the June 11 school board meeting.

Vel Phillips Middle School seventh grade literacy teacher Sydney Levy reported that in the fall about 50% of her students were three or more grade levels behind, and by the end of the year, that number was just 36%.

Levy said that means over one school year, multiple students were able to improve by three or four grade levels. She also saw an increase from 24% of students at grade level reading in September to 34% at the end of the school year.

Levy and her co-teacher, Sarah Warren, worked a lot on creating a culture of learning in the classroom.

"We wanted the kids to start taking pride and investing in their learning just as much as we were," Levy said.

Read Elementary fifth grade teacher Breanna Conrad told the board that a big part of her role is getting students to care about what they're learning.

"We talk all the time in my classroom – why do we learn this math and why it's important," Conrad said. "(Students) do care. They do want to learn."

Board member Tim Hess expressed some concerns regarding literacy policy. Policy 2131.01 sets the reading instructional goals and was last revised in June 2022.

Hess stated the policy needs to be updated because of the three goals outlined, only one can be measured due to the district changing curriculum and other shifting benchmarks.

"The only assessment that we have left is the iReady," he said. "Our target, by 2025, was to hit 60% in reading in grades three through eight. That is the one measure that we have in board policy."

He called it the "death of accountability" and said he was "utterly disappointed" when he looked at it from a mathematical viewpoint.

Board president Beth Wyman admitted she was on the committee that set the goals and that the benchmark was set too high in 2022 at 60% of students being proficient in reading by 2025, which the district did not reach.

"It's obvious we can do better because you've put the pieces in place," Wyman said.

Coleman responded to Hess, stating the administration has said it will take between three and five years to reach the proficiency goals set by the district.

"What we see tonight are the early indicators – the growth – that we are on our way to where we need to be in that three-to-five-year range," Coleman said.

Board member Chris Wright pointed out that even though the proficiency isn't where the board would like it, it is progress and asked the community to think about the students.

"How many kids is that? How many more kids are reading at grade level than they were when this journey started," Wright said.

Some quick math was done during the meeting, and it came out to about 500 students that are annually improving their reading and math scores.

Wright continued, "500 more kids a year, every year are becoming more proficient in reading. Is that a bad thing? Does anyone in this community think that's a bad thing?"

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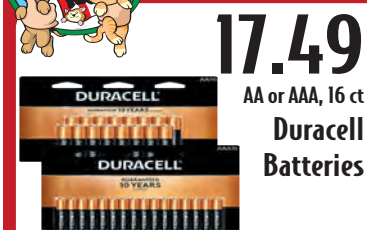


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# Removing barriers to advance student learning

Early in my career, I worked in Milwaukee with urban schools serving mostly low-income students.

I remember naively asking a school principal what he needed for his school to obtain better results. Was it more money? Less regulation? Changes in teacher training?

He politely told me I had no idea how difficult a task schools face. What he needs, he said, is to find ways to remove all the barriers to student learning so that his teachers and staff can do the actual job they were trained to do. I think about that conversation a lot.

We ask much of our schools, and so many of the barriers to student learning they face come from outside of the classroom. The most influential, in my opinion, is socioeconomic status.

In 2006, 30.3% of students in Wisconsin were identified as low-income. In 2025, that percentage was 40.4. During that same period, the percentage of low-income students in the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) increased from 28.7 to 46.2.

The link between socioeconomic status and student performance is well established in the academic literature. Here in Wisconsin, district-level proficiency in both math and reading is highly correlated with the percentage of



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low-income students the district serves.

I am not suggesting low-income students cannot perform at the same levels as their peers. Nor am I suggesting that we should lower expectations for any group of students. But we must recognize that social issues often correlate with economic status, whether that be housing insecurity, nutrition, past trauma, etc. All are present barriers that show up in the classroom.

Adding to the challenge is the reality that barriers do not present themselves in uniform ways. If every low-income student simply needed breakfast at school, the solution would be easy.

But that is not the case, and we instead ask our schools to address a multitude of social issues that are constantly changing. In other words, we are asking our schools to address a moving target of complicated community challenges for an increasing number of students before we can even get to the traditional tasks of teaching math and reading.

Another barrier, and one related to issues outside the classroom, is behavior. Statewide the incident rate (the number of student behavior incidents resulting in disciplinary action divided by student enrollment) increased from 6.8% in 2017 to 10.3% in 2024.

During that same period the rates in OASD increased from 12.2% to 13.6%. The numbers do not speak to the changing severity of incidents, however, and thus do not paint a complete picture.

The stories of fighting in the middle and high schools, for example, should give us all heartburn. When there are chronic disruptions in a school, teachers cannot teach to the best of their ability, students cannot learn to the best of their ability, and parents and taxpayers lose confidence.

How do we as a community work to overcome barriers to student learning?

One thing we can do is understand and communicate the difference between proficiency and growth. Proficiency measures where students are at a point in time. It is an important indicator, but it does not measure the specific impact a school is having on student learning.

For that, you need to measure growth, i.e., how much did a student advance during a period of time and/or com-

pared to their peers. The overall goal of a school district is to maximize proficiency, but to understand the impact our schools are actually having on student learning, we need to focus on growth.

We should not be criticizing an individual school for having comparably low proficiency rates if their growth rates are high. In fact, we should be studying them to understand how they are doing it. To put it another way, judge a school by how they impact student success, not by who walks through the door on day one.

The second thing we must do is approach the issue of student behavior and fighting with honesty and humility. We cannot deny it is having an impact, nor can we claim to fully understand why it is happening. I have my suspicions ... social media, the lingering impact of the Covid shutdowns, and broader social divisions infiltrating all aspects of life ... but those are just my suspicions.

I am just scratching the surface when it comes to barriers. But I am confident a deliberate strategic (and collaborative) approach to identifying and addressing barriers to student learning can move our schools and community forward.

*Michael R. Ford is an Oshkosh school board member and director of the Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue.*



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## VFW scholarships

Five Oshkosh area students, including Olivia Gelhar, Katherine Lynn, Reagan Longsine and Nycole Van Groll, received \$1,000 scholarships from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Florian Lampert Post 1908 of Oshkosh. The VFW partnered with Verve, a Credit Union, ALRO Steel and Homestead Mutual Insurance Co. to present the scholarships. Scholarship recipient Taylin Heiman is not pictured.

## Run, walk event returning to EAA AirVenture

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The Runway 5K is returning to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025 in July.

Organizers said the event will allow participants to experience the world's busiest airport from a different perspective. The 5K run and walk is slated to start at 6:30 a.m. July 26 at the Youth Education Center, adjacent to the EAA Aviation Museum. The event is open to everyone, from casual walkers to experienced athletes.

This year's event will feature a new route through the AirVenture grounds. Participants can run or walk among the aircraft

on site for EAA AirVenture. Proceeds from this year's run will support the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit.

Registration is open through the morning of the event. Attendees must register through the EAA website, eaa.org/airventure/features-and-attractions/runway-5k-run-walk/register. Early bird discounts are available through Thursday. Attendees can purchase registration for the Runway 5K and July 26 AirVenture admission, or for the run and walk only.

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# No Kings rally

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Officials within the Trump administration and its supporters have recently stated due process in the court system does not apply to non-citizens. Due process refers to a right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution requiring that legal matters be resolved according to established rules and principles and that individuals be treated fairly. Due process applies to both civil and criminal matters.

Protest organizer Deb Martin explained that the protest had three goals: celebrate Flag Day, celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Army and make it clear there's no place for Kings in the United States.

"We don't have Kings here, and this president is no different," Martin said.

State Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim attended the protest and said that she has heard from constituents and believes that concerns are valid regarding the ongoing overreach from the executive branch of the federal government.

Dassler-Alfheim commented that the overreach is concerning because "checks and balances are what make America great."

Checks and balances exist in the federal government so that none of the three branches of the federal government - legislative, judicial and executive - has all the power.

Shaena Friedman held a sign that said "No Human is illegal" and "Families belong Together." She said the ICE operations are tearing families apart.

"I have many concerns about this country kicking people out, with some just for seeking asylum," Friedman said.

Karin Gehrke of Oshkosh was one of many people with a sign stating No Kings. "Trump has to be impeached since he continues to ignore the Constitution," Gehrke said.

U.S. Army Veteran Joe Macho added, "I'm tired of all the hate and the divisiveness. It doesn't reflect what I want to see in this country."

Bernice Labus attended the protest with her husband, granddaughter and a few friends. She noted the diversity amongst the crowd.

"You can find people here from every walk of life," she said. "My friends said they weren't going to come today, but then after hearing the news from Minne-



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The No Kings rally in Oshkosh drew well over 1,000 protestors to the Opera House Square on Saturday afternoon.

apolis, they had to be here."

Early on Saturday, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced that a Democratic former house speaker was the victim of "a politically motivated assassination."

According to news reports, former House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were shot and killed in their Brooklyn Park home. Sen. John Hoffman, also a Democrat, and his wife, Yvette, were injured in a targeted shooting at their Champlin home about nine miles away.

The suspect in the shootings, Vance

Boelter, was arrested Sunday after an extensive manhunt.

Others had concerns about the trends they are seeing in the nation's capital re-

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last year who voiced concern about the revaluation process as well as the confusion it brought to property owners who had never gone through the process.

"It's to the point where we can remove some of the shock from evaluations while also providing a consistent policy," council member Jacob Floam said.

State statute requires a revaluation to be done when the total assessed value is not within 90% and 110% of the equalized val-

garding policy that they said could lead to fascism. Ian Stuart was holding a sign stating "Fight Fascism" and warned that people should remain vigilant.

"People need to notice these red flags because there is a potential for fascism to take over," Stuart said. "Things like the demonization of the press, the dehumanization and scapegoating of marginalized groups, disinformation campaigns and the intolerance of dissent."

There was also a group with drums and other instruments walking through the protest with pro-democracy and anti-Trump chants.

There were a couple of pro-Trump supporters who repeatedly drove past the protest. Shannon Willison was one of a few people supporting the president during the protest.

"They're showing their support for what they believe, and I'm showing my support for Trump," she said while walking down the sidewalk with a Trump 2024 flag.

Willison acknowledged it was a peaceful crowd.

"I have no problem with it," Willison said. "Everyone has a right to peacefully protest in this country."

Organizers throughout the protest estimated a range of attendees from 1,500 to as many as 2,000 people. At its largest, protesters lined both sides of North Main Street from the 400 block to the intersection at Ceape Avenue.

As the protesters began to disperse around 3 p.m., Martin said she was pleased with the attendance and the peacefulness of the protest. Martin obtained a permit to hold the protest at Opera House Square through the city's parks department.

"I'm proud of what we did today," she said. "It was very peaceful, and Oshkosh police were very helpful throughout the event."

Police officers at the rally did not answer any questions before or during the protest with officers saying they were not authorized to answer questions.

Scheduled protests at Opera House Square are expected to continue on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons.

ue. The equalized value is set by the state.

In Oshkosh, employees in the city assessor's office handle the assessments for residential properties. They got the values within that threshold; however, an outside firm handled the commercial properties and did not meet that threshold.

In response, the city hired a new company, Associated Appraisal Consultants, to handle the commercial property revaluations. The city's assessor's office and appraisal company will complete the revaluation process later this year.

The policy resolution passed the council with no opposing votes.

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A group of riders participated last year in the Oshkosh Century Bike Ride hosted by the Oshkosh YMCA.

## YMCA holding annual Century Bike Ride

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh YMCA will be hosting the Oshkosh Century Bike Ride on Sunday with the start and finish line at the 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue YMCA.

The YMCA said riders of all abilities can choose from four routes ranging from 30 to 100 miles. Riders will be able to utilize support vehicles and fully stocked rest stops with restrooms, food, water and mechanical support.

Upon completion of the ride, participants will be offered a post-celebratory catered meal with beverages and live music. Proceeds from the event support the YMCA's For All Financial Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to youth, families and individuals for memberships, programs and child care.

More information and registration details can be found at [www.oshkoshcentury.com](http://www.oshkoshcentury.com).

## Welsh weddings presentation, style show set

Oshkosh Herald

A presentation about Welsh weddings called "For Better or For Worse" is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Historic Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road.

The event will feature a style show, displays, music and merriment. Featured dresses during the style show were used in

Welsh family weddings.

Organizers said the presentation is intended to show how styles and customs have changed from the 1800s to present day. Refreshments will follow the style show.

For more information, visit [wggaw.org/peniel](http://wggaw.org/peniel).

## Library hosting antiques appraisal event

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Public Library will host its second antiques and collectibles appraisal program featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Registration is required. To register for this free event, contact Michael McArthur, local history and genealogy librarian, at 920-236-5205 or email [mcarthur@oshkoshlibrary.org](mailto:mcarthur@oshkoshlibrary.org).

Moran bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years, specializing in vintage folk art, Americana and fine art. He has been active as an appraiser of antiques and fine art for more than 20 years.

Excluded items include all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted);

traps (like leg-hold); Nazi memorabilia; coins and paper money; fine jewelry, including precious gems; and Beanie Babies.

Questions about objects can be submitted to Moran in advance to determine if they are appropriate. When in doubt, he said an email inquiry can often address questions.

Opinions of value are informal, and Moran said may not be used for insurance or charitable donation, which require a certified appraisal.

Moran said he is available to make home visits for people with big things, fragile things or a lot of things. House calls are \$75 an hour and there is no mileage charge if within 10 miles of the appraisal event site on the day of the program. To arrange, call 715-281-5060 or email [moranm1953@gmail.com](mailto:moranm1953@gmail.com).

## Dance competition coming to Oshkosh North

Oshkosh Herald

A regional dance competition is taking place starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Oshkosh North High School Fieldhouse, 1100 W. Smith Ave.

Touch of Silver Twirling Corps is hosting the All-North Regional and Open National Baton Twirling Association competition. The event has been held in Oshkosh for nearly 10 years and will feature dancers and twirlers of all ages and skill levels.

Teams and soloists from Wisconsin and Iowa will compete, along with soloists from Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Virginia and California. Events include parade twirl, dance twirl, twirling team and halftime performance.

"We're thrilled to bring together so many talented dancers," said Julie Seckar-Anderson from Touch of Silver Twirling Corps. "This competition isn't just about trophies — it's about celebrating dedication, passion and the power of the performing arts. There is something electric about seeing a

baton fly through the air during a routine. Baton twirling brings a whole new level of excitement and skill to the stage."

Spectators are welcome and tickets will be available at the door at the following rates: general admission (age 10 and older) \$7, senior citizens (age 55 and older) \$5 and children under 10 free.

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# Herman excited to take lead of Oshkosh Legion program

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Legion will have a new face on the top step of the dugout this season as Jason Herman takes over the reins of the highly successful summer baseball program.

Herman, who had been the program's general manager since 2015 and is the grandson of the legendary Robert "Doc" Herman, takes over for longtime coach Brian Burgert who retired at the end of last season.

"I'm incredibly excited about all of the minutia of game management and working with the boys a little bit closer," said Herman, who has coached at the non-varsity levels of the legion program in the past. "When Brian was ready to retire, it

was the right time for me to step in. It was the next step for me in the process."

Herman believes the tradition of the program is important to remember and celebrate.



Herman

"I am big believer of this baseball in Oshkosh concept and I really want to impress upon the boys that playing for Oshkosh Legion means something," Herman said.

"We want to impress upon these boys, that if they play Legion baseball, they are still going to have great opportunities to represent our community and put our best foot forward."

As in past years, the program will be a combination of players from the Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian programs.

Herman believes that it allows the team to showcase the best talent the city has to offer.

"I believe that's what has played into our success," Herman said. "We have been able to take the best of North, the best of West and the best of Lourdes and put the best of Oshkosh out on that field."

Herman said the team will have a strong nucleus to build around.

One of the top returning offensive players will be Shaun Gavin, an Oshkosh North alum who was a member of the UW-River Falls program. Recent North graduate Zach Kiffmeyer will also be counted on as

an offensive leader for the team.

On the mound, Herman highlighted Avery Mosloski and Gavin McMillan, who both pitched at Oshkosh West this spring, as well as Lourdes Academy's Henry Achterberg as candidates to see regular innings on the mound.

"We have a lot of guys who were sitting behind seniors that are now getting an opportunity to play and it's exciting to see how they develop," Herman said. "Early on, we may take some lumps but as the season progresses and we get closer to the regional, I'm really excited about our opportunity."

"Everything is set up for us to be as successful as possible moving into that regional tournament. As long as we continue to develop throughout the summer, we are going to be in a really good spot."

# Oshkosh tops New London, splits with Wausau to open season

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team opened the 2025 season by winning two of three games at home last weekend.

Oshkosh opened the season with a 13-5 win over New London on Friday, behind a huge night at the plate from Connor Palmquist. Palmquist finished 3-for-4 and drove in five runs for the Legion in the win.

Palmquist smacked an RBI-single in the first inning to get Oshkosh on the board

and then drove in another run in a four-run fourth inning that lifted the Legion to a 6-1 lead.

New London struck for three runs in the top of the fifth to pull close, but Oshkosh answered with six runs in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by a three-run double from Shaun Gavin and a two-run single from Palmquist. Parker Slusarski also had an RBI in the inning.

Gavin and Nolan Cheever each chipped in two hits in the game for Oshkosh, while

Noah Muehrer reached base four times and scored three runs.

Gavin McMillan pitched five strong innings to earn the win on the mound, scattering five hits while walking three and striking out two. Henry Achterberg allowed one unearned run in two innings of relief.

The Legion then split a doubleheader with Wausau on Saturday, scoring two runs in the bottom of the eighth to score the win.

After Wausau scored a run in the top of the eighth to take a 4-3 lead, Avery Mosloski and Caleb knocked back-to-back singles to lead off the inning. After both advanced on a passed ball, Ty Karpowitz singled to center field to drive in both runners to deliver the win.

Lee, Karpowitz, Cheever and Charlie

Clark each had two hits in the game, while Palmquist, Cheever and Oliver Yenter each drove in runs.

Yenter was touched up for two unearned runs in six innings, while Clark pitched the final two frames to get the win in relief.

The Legion dropped the second game of the doubleheader, 16-0, in five innings.

Oshkosh trailed just 3-0 after three innings before Wausau erupted for 13 runs in the next two innings to earn the win.

Muehrer had the only hit in the game for Oshkosh.

Oshkosh will be on the road at Bay Port on Wednesday and Waupun on Thursday, before returning home Friday to host Post 38 at 7:30 p.m. at EJ Schneider Field. Oshkosh will also host Middleton in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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# All-conference roundup

## SOFTBALL

### North, West each land duo on all-FVA first team

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West were well represented on the all-Fox Valley Association softball teams as both the Wildcats and the Spartans had two players garner first-team recognition.

Leading the honorees was North senior Emma Niemczyk, who garnered first-team all-FVA honors for the third straight year after being named to the second team as a freshman. Niemczyk, an outfielder, led the Spartans with a .594 batting average, 27 runs scored and three home runs, while also thriving in the field where she was one of the top defensive players in the conference.

Fellow Spartan Olivia Borowitz also earned first-team honors after batting .459 with 10 doubles and two home runs, while also driving in a team-high 19 runs. The junior infielder was a first-team selection last season and a second-team honoree as a freshman.

Oshkosh West senior catcher Emmy Reichenberger also repeated as a first-team all-FVA selection, having been selected as an infielder a year ago. Reichenberger batted .350 in conference play, while leading the team with 17 RBIs.

Junior outfielder Colleen Fitzpatrick earned first-team all-conference honors for the first time this season after finishing the conference season with a .400 batting average, 16 runs scored and 10 RBIs. Fitzpatrick, who also anchored the defense in center field, earned second team-honors last season and was an honorable mention choice as a freshman.

Oshkosh West landed a pair of players on second team in sophomore infielders Izzy Kramer and Avarie Tritt, while sophomore infielder Alexia Monroe and senior outfielder Hailey Hammen were named to the honorable mention list.

Senior utility player Kara Cummings was the lone second-team selection for the Spartans, while senior pitcher Brooke Peters, senior catcher Anna Borst and senior infielder Morgan Kolodzik were each earned honorable mention honors.

Senior Karly Meredith of state champion Kaukauna was named Player of the Year for the fourth straight season.

### Knights' Schettle leads Lourdes selections

Junior Aubrey Schettle earned all-conference recognition for the third straight season, earning unanimous first-team honors in the Trailways East.

Schettle finished the season with a .484 batting average, while scoring 11 runs and driving in 13. She was a second-team selection last season and honorable mention as a sophomore. Schettle was also the Knights' representative on the all-Sportsmanship Team.

Earning all-conference recognition for the fourth straight season for Lourdes Academy was Reagan Jaber, who earned a second-team nod this season. She had received honorable mention honors her first three seasons.

Rounding out the Knights' honorees were senior Grace Meyers, junior Libby Guerrero and sophomore Nomi Bolorshuk, who were each named on the honorable mention list.

Cyri Reinwald of Horicon was named the Player of the Year in the Trailways East conference.

## BASEBALL

### Four Oshkosh players net second-team honors

A combined four players from Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North were named to the all-Fox Valley Association second team.

Neither the Wildcats nor the Spartans had any first-team honorees.

Earning second-team honors for the Wildcats were senior shortstop Landon Ubrig – an honorable mention selection last season – and junior pitcher Avery Mosloski.

Zach Kiffmeyer repeated as a second-team honoree for the Spartans and was joined by senior designated hitter Connor Palmquist.

Both Oshkosh programs also had two honorable mention selection apiece. Senior first baseman Ian Reichenberger and senior second baseman Eddy Schroeder were selected from the Wildcats, while junior utility player Jackson Anderson and sophomore third base Braydan Frank were tabbed from the Spartans.

Kimberly senior Sawyer Deering was

named Player of the Year in the conference, while Hortonville junior Braylen Brantner was named Pitcher of the Year.

### Santiago leads pair of Lourdes/Valley honorees

Sophomore outfielder Michael Santiago was one of two Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian players honored by the Trailways East Conference this season.

Santiago received first-team all-league honors for the Knights, one of four outfielders selected to the squad.

Santiago was joined on the all-conference list by sophomore Nolan Gibson, who was named on the second team. Gibson received honorable mention honors last season.

Lourdes/Valley junior Ryder Mullen was named to the conference's All-Sportsmanship Team.

Brady Anderson of Horicon and Mitchell Moser of Oakfield were named co-Players of the Year.

## SOCCER

### Wildcats' trio garners top honors in FVA

Three Oshkosh West players garnered recognition on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Senior midfielder Elliana Noe along with junior forward Ava Pamer and junior defender Elaina Butz each secured spots on the 13-member first team. Butz was a second-team selection a year ago.

The Wildcats also had a player earn honorable mention honors in senior Taylin Heiman, who was a second-team selec-

tion last season.

Oshkosh North senior Hailie Trochinski earned second-team honors for the second straight season to lead a foursome of Spartan selections. It was the third year that Trochinski was honored having earned honorable mention honors as a sophomore.

Also selected from North were junior defenders Ellie Auler and Ava Duran along with freshman forward Emaly Duran. It was the second straight year Auler earned honorable mention recognition.

Neenah midfielder Mia Wasco was named Player of the Year in the conference.

### Lourdes/Valley soccer has pair honored

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian squad finished the season with just a pair of players earning all-conference recognition.

Senior Delaney Ruedinger was named to the second team as an attacking player, while Cielo Gutierrez was listed on the honorable mention list.

St. Mary's Springs senior Anna Willis was named Player of the Year.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### Moore, Konop lead all-Trailways honorees

Seniors Erin Moore and Natasha Konop earned multiple first-team all-conference honors to lead the Lourdes Academy honorees on the all-Trailways Conference

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teams. Honors were based on finishes at the Trailways Conference meet.

Moore earned first team honors in the 800 and 1,600 meters, while Konop earned first-team honors in the 300-meter hurdles and was honorable mention in the 100-meter hurdles. Moore won state titles in both of the events.

Moore and Konop were then joined by senior Dasha Averkamp and junior Kylie Rietz in earning first-team honors in the 1,600-meter relay.

Also earning first-team honors for the Knights were seniors Monse Luquin, Sabur Machiros, Bree Kane and Rietz in the 800-meter relay as well as Averkamp, sophomores Annie Moore and Allison Stromske and freshman Khloe Bunton in the 3,200-meter relay.

Annie Moore also earned second-team honors in the 3,200 meters.

Valley Christian also had an athlete earn all-conference honors as Anna Giannopoulos was second team in the discus.

Lourdes Academy's Kate Lynn and Valley Christian's Alaina Wojtowski were

named to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

## West's Nelson leads all-FVA selections

Junior Sydnee Nelson earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition in three events based off the conference meet.

Nelson earned first-team honors in the 100-meter hurdles – an event she would win her second straight title in – while earning honorable mention honors in the 200 meters. She also joined Kayana Turner, Samantha Panske and Emma Liebergen in earning second-team honors in the 800-meter relay.

Sophomore Kylie Triebold was the only other West athlete to be honored, taking first team honors in the 400 meters after winning the event.

### BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

## Spartan sprinters lead way on all-FVA lists

Both of the 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams for Oshkosh North earned first-team all-Fox Valley Association honors after winning the events at the conference meet this spring.

Tyler Farnsworth, Evan Auler, Joshua Zietlow and Jamare Scott made up both relay foursomes for the Spartans, while

Scott also earned first-team honors in the 100 meters with his win in that event.

The Spartans' Devon Williams picked up first-team honors in the 400 meters and second-team honors in the 200 meters.

Oshkosh West had three athletes garner recognition from the meet, including Carter Crowe who was second team in the 3,200 meters and honorable mention in the 1,600 meters.

Landen Egnoski was second-team all-conference in the pole vault, while Clark Howell was honorable mention in the triple jump.

## Yaggie leads Lourdes Academy honorees

Junior Mat Yaggie was the lone Lourdes Academy athlete to earn first-team all-conference honors in the Trailways Conference after winning the 110-meter hurdles at the conference meet.

Three other Knights picked up honorable mention honors in the meet.

Freshman David Agosto in the 100 meters, sophomore Cameron Kapral in the 400 meters and sophomore Henry Spanbauer in the 3,200 meters each finished third at the Trailways meet to collect the honors.

Lourdes Academy's Wade Lindahl and Valley Christian's Joshua Johnson were named to the all-Sportsmanship Team.

### GOLF

## North's Weber lone local all-FVA honoree

Oshkosh North junior Owen Weber was the only player from an Oshkosh school to earn a spot on the all-Fox Valley Association teams.

Weber finished with 50.5 conference points to earn a spot on the honorable

mention list. He was about five points short of making second team.

Kimberly sophomore Taylor Steeno earned conference Player of the Year honors.

## Buttke leads Trailways North golfers

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian sophomore Jackson Buttke finished comfortably ahead of the rest of the Trailways North players in stroke average to earn top honors in the league.

Buttke posted a stroke average of 41.9 in conference events to earn the North Division Player of the Year honors and headline the all-conference team.

The Knights' Donovan Hemminghaus was named to the all-Sportsmanship Team for the conference.

### TENNIS

## North's Larson-Poeschl earns top FVA honors

Oshkosh North junior Kallum Larson-Poeschl was the lone player from an Oshkosh school to earn a spot on the top all-Fox Valley Association team.

Larson-Poeschl was one of three players named to the first team at No. 3 singles.

The Spartans' also had senior Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski at No. 1 singles and senior Allan Koji at No. 4 singles earn honorable mention honors along with the No. 1 doubles team of Brannick Larson and David Tjugum.

Oshkosh West had a pair of flights earn second-team honors in No. 1 singles player Jacob Stinski and the No. 1 doubles team of Yosef Edsell and Kole Stauffacher.

The Wildcats' No. 2 doubles team of Reid Potter and Gavin Steiner and the No. 3 pairing of Jacob Lemke and Isaiah Wilson earned honorable mention honors.



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# Obituaries

## Mark L. Neitzel

Mark L. Neitzel, age 57 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. He was born to the late Lester and Joyce (Moon) Neitzel in Oshkosh on June 25, 1967. Mark grew up in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh West High School. Mark married Lori, embracing her daughter Mackenzie Buss as his own. Together with Lori, he welcomed their daughter, Keira Neitzel.



Mark found his calling in the world of welding, starting his career at Arrowhead Conveyor before moving to Barr Refrigeration, and eventually becoming a valued member of the team at Oshkosh Corporation, from which he later retired. Mark was a devoted father to his daughters. He cherished the time spent outdoors, whether that meant hunting, fishing, or simply enjoying the tranquility of the woods. Known for being a big prankster, he loved to make people laugh and formed connections with everyone he met – truly, he was a people person at heart.

Mark is survived by his daughters, Keira

Neitzel and Mackenzie Buss; siblings, Mitchel (Sherry) Meton and Pamela (Robert) Newell; uncles, Dick (godmother, Sandy) Neitzel and Dennis (Chris) Moon. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, mother of his children, Lori Neitzel, as well as many good friends, including Doug Soper.

In addition to his parents, Mark was preceded in death by his good friend, Jim Oppermann.

A celebration of life for Mark will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-West-

side, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the staff at the Aurora Medical Center Intensive Care Unit for their care and support during this difficult time.

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## Winnebago Audubon offers nature walk for kids

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Winnebago Audubon is organizing a family friendly event called Nurturing Bird Brains: a Nature Walk for Kids from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Sheldon Nature Area.

The group plans to meet at Oakwood School, 1225 N. Oakwood Road, in the parking lot on the west side of the school via a driveway west of the building.

According to the group, this birding and nature walk will focus on connecting kids with the wild world around them in ways that stimulate, strengthen and soothe their brain.

The walk will feature activities geared specifically for younger minds, that connect nature to mindfulness practices, executive functioning skills and mental well-being.

Carmen Meuret, a licensed mental health therapist and Winnebago Audubon board member, will lead the program. All are welcome and children are to be accompanied by an adult. It is free and open to the public.

Visit the Winnebago Audubon website for updates and learn more about them at winnebagoaudubon.org or visit them on Facebook.

## Lucinda R. Laabs

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Lucinda “Cindy” R. Laabs (Dobbie), a beloved mother, friend, and cherished member of the Oshkosh community. She was born on September 17, 1933, and left this world peacefully on June 12, 2025, at the age of 91.



A proud graduate with a high school diploma, she devoted her career to caring for others as a Certified Nursing Assistant and later as a housekeeper at Parkview Health Center. Cindy was a true artisan, known for her skills in ceramics, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She brought joy to everyone around her with her infectious smile and generous spirit. For family gatherings, she enjoyed making large meals for all of her family.

On May 24, 1952, Cindy married the love of her life, Lawrence Laabs. Together, they created a beautiful life filled with adventure, particularly enjoying the jour-

neys they took when Lawrence delivered cars for Bergstrom. Lucinda’s love extended beyond her family; she had a special fondness for animals, particularly her dogs, chickens, cows, and the horses she lovingly cared for.

Cindy is survived by her sons, Gregory (Roberta) Laabs, Steven (Lynn) Laabs, Gary Laabs, Randal (Stephanie Kuchinka) Laabs; daughter, Tami Laabs-Jones as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Cindy was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, son, Daniel; five brothers, Al, Johnny, Roland, Bill, & Frankie Deuel; and son-in-law, George Jones

Cindy was entombed at Lake View Memorial Park and her life was celebrated on June 14, 2025.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bella Vista as well as the staff of St. Croix Hospice for the wonderful care they gave to Cindy.

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# Obituaries

## Patricia Kay Hoehne

Patricia "Pat" Kay Hoehne, age 71, Oshkosh, WI., passed away at home on June 10, 2025. Her loving husband Jeff was by her side. She put up a valiant fight against a third occurrence of lung cancer.



Pat was born August 29th, 1953, in San Francisco CA., the daughter of Wesley and Marion Hunter.

After graduating from high school, Pat enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where she proudly served her country for 4 years during the Vietnam war. She had many stories of Paris Island boot camp. She attained the rank of Sergeant. Semper Fidelis Pat.

Pat's professional career was at Kimberly Clark Corporation where she was a research scientist for 24 years. She made many contributions to the company's product lines, including product improvements, product development, and cost savings. She also worked at AAL, West Marine, and Lowes. Pat attended UW Oshkosh, where she earned an associate's degree. Pat also attended Lakeland Collage, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree.

Pat was an animal lover her entire life. Her animals were always a valued part of

her family. She was also a monthly contributor to the ASPCA and the Oshkosh Area Humaine Society. Attending events like Plays and Operas at the Appleton Performing Arts Center was something she enjoyed very much. Pat was also a foster parent for Winnebago county.

Pat married her husband, Jeffrey James Jeanquart on September 10th, 2005.

She is survived by her husband Jeff, her animals Tammy (kitty), Cassey (dog); sister, Michelle (BJ) Wilmoth, Step son Jason (Jennifer) Jeanquart, granddaughter Brooklyn Jeanquart, and many nieces and nephews who will all miss her very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wesley and Marion, sisters Carol Harris and Joyce Cooper, brother Bobby (Dora) Williams, and first husband Jack W Hoehne.

Pat's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Aurora Hospice Nurse Team for the excellent care they provided to our loved one in the final stage of her life's journey. They are most certainly God's angles on earth.

Visitation will be held at Fiss & Bills Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh WI. On Saturday, June 21st, From 10:00 – 12:00 AM. A prayer devotional will be held at 11:45.

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## James M. Mosling

It was on June 8, 2025, that James M. Mosling passed away at Ascension Mercy Hospital after a long battle with liver and kidney complications.



Jim was born on September 17, 1953, to Donald and Agnes (Mortensen) Mosling. Throughout his childhood, his family moved often as his

father pursued ministry work. They eventually settled in Oshkosh, where his father joined his grandpa to work at what was then known as Oshkosh Truck. Following in his father's footsteps, Jim joined the company after graduating from UW-Oshkosh and dedicated over 40 years to a career at what became Oshkosh Corporation.

More than a committed employee and respected leader, Jim was a devoted husband and loving father. He met the love of his life, Gloria, at UW-Oshkosh, and the two were married on October 13, 1979. Together, they raised six children who were the joy of their lives and kept them busy.

Jim always found a way to enjoy his favorite pastimes—and shared them with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid golfer, bowler, and card player. As a passionate sports enthusiast, Jim especial-

ly enjoyed cheering on his kids and grand-kids in whatever sport they played.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Agnes; brothers, David, Paul, and Christopher; and his nephew, JC. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria Mosling; his children, Tiffani (Matthew) Gelhar, April (Matt) Kufel, James Mosling, Jessica Mosling, Jacob (Morgan) Mosling, and Andrew Mosling; and his cherished grandchildren, Noah, Isaac, Eli, Caleb, Brayden, Carter, Brooklyn, and Armando. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol (Pat) Morley and Jan Thompson; brother-in-law, Greg Banks; sister-in-law, Debbie Lounsbrough Mosling and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A service to honor Jim's life will be held at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church located at 830 S Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Visitation will take place from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. A time for fellowship and celebration of Jim's life will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Camp Southern Ground <https://campsouthernground.org/get-involved/donate/> or the American Cancer Society are appreciated <https://donate.cancer.org/> are appreciated.



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## Jill Ann Bernick

It is with deep regret that we announce that Jill Ann Bernick passed away on December 17, 2024 at the age of 77. Jill was born on May 31, 1947 in Appleton Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Ernest and Betty Brehmer, and was raised in Oshkosh, along with her six brothers and one sister.



On December 2, 1967, she married John (Jack) Bernick, and their endless Jack and Jill jokes began. Little did she know, that her life would drastically change. She became a military wife with the responsibilities of raising two children (Jeff and Jenna) while her husband was on numerous deployments. She enjoyed horseback riding and jumping obstacles at Fort Bragg's riding club. After eight years of active duty the Bernick family moved to California. Her husband was hired by the Airlines and the National Guard. Once again, Jill had

the responsibility of raising two children and keeping the family together.

Jill earned an associate degree at Moorpark College and worked several part time jobs. She also enjoyed playing cards with her friends. But her primary focus remained the family. Jill spent over twenty years volunteering at St. John's hospital providing dog therapy to patients and staff with J.J. and Angel.

She is survived by her husband John, son Jeff, daughter Jenna (Stacy) and her three grandchildren Jessalyn, David and Sarah Bernick. She is also survived by her sister Holly Brehmer Eichman, brothers Dennis (Wendy), Tim (Julie), Ernie (Sheri), and Danny (Charlene). She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Mike and Thomas.

Jill will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Jill's wish was to be buried next to her dad and mom. A celebration of life will be held at Lake View cemetery on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 9:30- 11:00. Immediate burial after.

## Alan Horton

Alan Horton of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, went home to the Lord on Monday, June 9, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 15, 1951, in Oshkosh to Russell and Rose (Lautenschlager) Horton and remained a lifelong resident of the city he loved.



Alan attended Oshkosh High School before enlisting in the United States Army, where he proudly served in Germany as a semi-truck driver at West Point during the post-World War II occupation. Following his military service, he worked at Neenah Foundry in the Core Room until his retirement.

A lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Alan married Carolyn (Dettlaff) on November 16, 1974. Though they later divorced in March

2018, their union was blessed with two children and two grandchildren.

Alan had a passion for golf and proudly earned multiple trophies for hole-in-ones. He was also a skilled and witty woodworker, an avid bowler, and a dedicated gardener. His love of fishing led to many cherished trips to Canada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Rose; his sister, Lauren Horton; and his former spouse, Carolyn (Dettlaff) Horton.

Alan is survived by his son, Mark (Bridget) Horton; his grandchildren, Jacob and Finn Horton; his daughter, Katie Horton; his brother, James Horton; his nephew, Travis Horton; and several cousins.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, 400 N. Sawyer Street in Oshkosh.

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## Tamara Jean Meidl

Tamara Jean Meidl, age 65, passed away enveloped in her family's love on June 13, 2025.

Tammie was born on November 4, 1959 to James (Jim) and Sharon Tratz in Oshkosh. She was the second of four children: Pat (& Jenny), Cheryl (& Dave Schiavone), and Brian (& Crystal). Although they lived in Oshkosh, the family spent a considerable amount of time in Tigerton, WI, where Jim and Sharon were from, visiting their grandparents Pat & Irene Brady on their farm, and later where they built a cabin.

In high school, Tammie met the love of her life, Lee Meidl, and they married in 1979. Tammie and Lee always had a sense of adventure that took them all around the country, first to Tulsa OK from 1982-86), then to Rancho Cucamonga from 1986-1988. In 1987, their first daughter; Lauren (John Bushman) was born. Shortly after, they decided they wanted to raise their family back home by most of their family and share their love of the cabin "Up North" with their children so they returned to Oshkosh in 1988. In 1991 their second daughter, Brooke (Zachary Neubauer) was born. Tammie and Lee devoted their lives to raising their daughters to be strong, hardworking, and loyal women, which they modeled in their actions and love for each other.

In 2006, they relocated to Westfield, IN where they stayed for 7 years before

returning to Southern California from 2014-2018. The love for their daughters, and then granddaughters, brought them back to Wisconsin once again in 2018.

Tammie was known for her positive and nurturing spirit by everyone she met. She formed lifelong friendships everywhere she went and stayed in touch with them all through phone calls, visits, emails and texts. Tammie was the heart of her family and took pride in building a beautiful and welcoming home for her family and friends to enjoy- from her meticulously maintained gardens, to decorating her home, to hosting the family holidays. She brought so much love and light to everyone around her. She often told people being "Mom" to her daughters and then "Mimi" to her granddaughters was the best job she ever had.

Tammie is preceded in death by her mother and grandparents. She is survived by her father-Jim Tratz, husband- Lee Meidl, daughters: Lauren and Brooke, sons in law: John Bushman and Zak Neubauer, granddaughters: Greta & Heidi Neubauer, sister- Cheri Schiavone, and brothers- Pat and Brian Tratz, many dear brothers and sisters in law, cousins, nephews, nieces, and numerous lifelong friends who all hold a special place in their hearts for her.

Per Tammie's wishes, a celebration of life will be planned for a later time.

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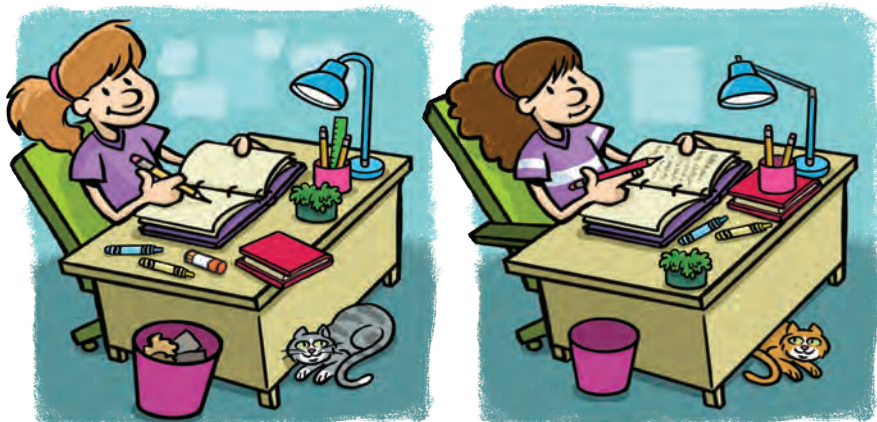
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Sometimes when your brain feels full, writing things down can help you feel calm and clear again. Plus, when you get older, you can look back and see how much you've grown!

### Find the differences.



### Journal topic ideas

Three things I am grateful for:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Write about a time you were really surprised.

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Replace the missing vowels in Kevin's journal.

I got a B on my m\_th +\_st +\_day. Th\_t is a b\_g impr\_vement aft\_r I got a C- last W\_\_k!

My aunt h\_lped m\_ last Sund\_y with my mult\_plicati\_n tables. I think I'll g\_+ an A n\_+t week! 😊

Each day, pick a topic to write about. Here are a few examples...

- Something fun I want to remember.
- Right now I am feeling... I think I'm feeling this way because...
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### Silly Journal Entry

We came home with many \_\_\_\_\_ memories  
ADJECTIVE

from our visit to the theme park.

We started by riding the \_\_\_\_\_ boats. We took  
NOUN

lots of photos as we floated down the \_\_\_\_\_ canal and through a \_\_\_\_\_  
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

tunnel filled with singing \_\_\_\_\_ animatronics.  
NOUN

Then came the haunted house. My dad began to \_\_\_\_\_ as we entered the dark hallway. Bats and  
VERB

\_\_\_\_\_ fluttered around us, and a \_\_\_\_\_ ghost popped out of a dusty \_\_\_\_\_, making  
PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE NOUN

my mom and me \_\_\_\_\_.  
VERB

We decided to ride the huge \_\_\_\_\_ coaster together. As our train began to \_\_\_\_\_ up the lift  
NOUN VERB

hill, we had a great view of the park's colorful \_\_\_\_\_ and hedges shaped like  
PLURAL NOUN

\_\_\_\_\_. We flew down the first big drop  
PLURAL NOUN

faster than a \_\_\_\_\_! I laughed  
ADJECTIVE NOUN

and screamed at the same time as we swooped around curving \_\_\_\_\_ and back into the  
PLURAL NOUN

\_\_\_\_\_ station.  
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