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Changes eyed for fair housing ordinance

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

“Do the crime, do the time” is a common phrase, but some people find themselves in a situation where they serve the time and then have to serve more time because they cannot find housing.

Members of the Oshkosh Common Council along with city staff considered

that type of situation as they looked into eliminating a question on renter applications as part of the city’s fair housing ordinance.

A box on most apartment applications asks the applicant if they have ever been convicted of a felony. That question can keep people from obtaining housing and forces them to clear an additional hurdle

when looking for a place to live.

“That box removes one thing that’s supposed to matter the most – human beings in the equation,” Jennifer Verderami told council members. “It closes the door before you even knock.”

Verderami is a housing advocate with local advocacy group Esther. Members of

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Ready for takeoff

EAA AirVenture 2025 kicked off this week with people from all over the world coming to Oshkosh to see the newest innovations in aviation. The event is also a chance for visitors to get a closer look at military aircraft and learn about them, like this Apache Helicopter, one of many military aircraft on display during AirVenture this week. For more about what is happening at AirVenture this week, see pages 3 and 8.

County considers ‘mega building’ in long-term facility plan

Other options include renovation, consolidation

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

After months of discussion, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors recently got their first look at the complete facility master plan, which outlines long-term building and infrastructure needs across county departments.

One of the most significant recommendations to come out of the plan is the potential development of a centralized \$350 million “mega building” that would house

county departments under one roof.

“What I want everybody to remember is that this is a master plan, just like the county’s strategic plan. It’s going to be a roadmap for the future,” Facility Director Mike Elder said at the meeting.

The Winnebago County Master Plan was initiated under former County Executive Jon Doemel, with funding approved during his tenure. The planning process was already underway when current Executive Gordon Hintz took office in April.

Brad Kwasny with Venture Architects presented the plan at a County Board meeting last month, with recommenda-

tions focused on combining departments and reducing maintenance costs.

Kwasny said the assessment process included interviews with all department heads and committee working sessions. The team evaluated county buildings, considered projected staffing needs and incorporated existing master plans for departments like Solid Waste and Parks.

“With this plan, you have to look to improve your efficiency, maximize the use of each building, address costs associated with each of the options that we’re going to present,” Kwasny said.

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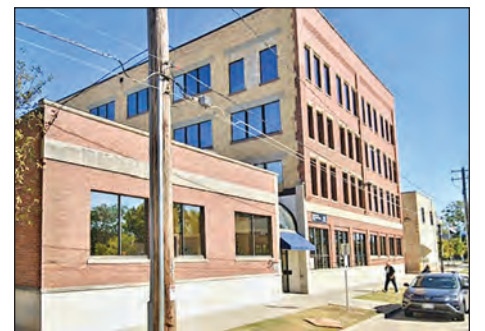


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The Winnebago County Administration Building was once a factory and office for Oshkosh B’gosh. Its limited parking space and outdated layout are among the challenges highlighted in the county’s facility master plan.



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Photo from Oshkosh Police Department

Free books

Oshkosh police officers spent part of their day July 16 at South Park for the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program. Kids could pick out a free book and other goodies.

Children's Day Parade returns to Oshkosh

Oshkosh Herald

Registration is underway for the Oshkosh Children's Day Parade to be held on Aug. 2. The lineup for the parade will begin at 10 a.m. from the Wittman Field parking lot at 20th Avenue and Ohio Street before it goes down Ohio Street to South Park starting at 11 a.m.

The event is returning after a 12-year hiatus, thanks to efforts of the Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis Club and a host of local

businesses and sponsors.

Prize bags will be offered for children and families who are in the parade. Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories. Following the parade, food trucks, a petting zoo, music by Mason St. Band and free children's activities will be available at South Park until 3 p.m.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society



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A sunrise over Garlic Island.

July 16, 1888

General News From The Summer Resorts: Oshkosh people are beginning to appreciate the enjoyment and relaxation by the lakeside and have all the accommodations of a home in town, for the Island Park hotel is crowded and many rooms have been spoken for at the Stoney Beach hotel which opened Saturday. This past week has been a lively one at Island Park. Many excursions have visited the park and a good time was had by all. A large tennis court furnishes amusements and on Thursday it hosted eighty games played by Misses Ada Gates and Matie Sprague and Messers Hough and Radford. It is expected that Island Park will be crowded on July 28, the day of the yacht race for the Commodore's Cup. A concert is being planned within the next two weeks in which leading singers of the city hall shall take part. On Saturday, Professor Harvey, C.W. Radford and E.H. Hough during an hour of fishing near Island Park, caught a string of eleven black bass, the largest of which weighed a trifle over three pounds (Island Park, aka today as Garlic Island, is located on the west shore of Lake Winnebago, just north of Oshkosh).

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, July 16, 1888

Correction

JULY 16, Page 5: Korean War Veteran Bernie Faust's discharge status was inaccurately listed. Faust received an other than honorable discharge from the Navy.



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Study shows economic impact of EAA AirVenture

Oshkosh receives boost of \$117 million from event

Oshkosh Herald

A University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh study estimates this week's EAA AirVenture fly-in convention provides a \$257 million total economic impact for the Fox Valley region each year.

The study showed that \$117 million of the economic impact, including \$95 million of direct spending, took place in the Oshkosh community alone. AirVenture also directly created 2,092 full- and part-time jobs in the region, with 815 of those in Oshkosh.

The total is based on the EAA AirVenture 2024 statistics, which included total attendance of 686,000.

"The growth of AirVenture since our last economic impact study in 2017 made it essential that it reflect the current environment," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA's CEO and Chairman of the Board. "It was very important to have an independent study that looked at the value of the event for our region, as those benefits ripple across nearly every local business sector during AirVenture week while the world literally comes to Oshkosh and Wisconsin."

The UW-Oshkosh study showed direct spending of \$171 million in the five-county Fox Valley region (Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Calumet and Brown), with an additional \$86 million of "ripple effect" impact as that spending passed through the community.

"The increased earnings and community value during AirVenture alone means an additional \$328,000 in property tax revenue for the Oshkosh-area economy, which does not include EAA's annual property tax payments," said Dr. David Fuller, a professor in the UW-Oshkosh economics department, who compiled both the 2017 and 2024 studies.

The benefit to the region and state is magnified as more than 70% of AirVenture's visitors come from outside Wisconsin, bringing "new money" into the state and in some cases, into the U.S. overall. In 2024, visitors came from 94 countries.

In 2017, lodging and camping accounted for 35% of the average daily spending of \$300 per day per visitor, as people stayed in hotels, campgrounds, college dormitories and private housing. Food, entertainment, and clothing/retail are also major benefactors, along with unexpected areas such as event staffing, landscaping, and other associated industries.

"The success of EAA AirVenture helps promote our community in many ways, but most importantly in the visibility that occurs worldwide as fly-in visitors 'Discover Oshkosh,'" said Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Furthermore, the revenue that funds our operations allows us to promote the community and all the other features and activities that make Oshkosh such a great place to live and visit."

EAA AirVenture started Monday and continues through Sunday at the EAA and Wittman Regional Airport grounds.



Submitted photo

Goodyear's Chief Pilot Michael Dougherty stands with EAA collections curator Hope Stropes and museum manager Chris Henry in front of a gondola frame being donated to the EAA Aviation Museum that will be part of a new children's exhibit.

Goodyear donates to EAA Aviation Museum

Oshkosh Herald

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company announced Monday that it will donate its last-remaining blimp gondola frame to the EAA Aviation Museum as part of a new children's exhibit.

The gondola frame is from Goodyear's GZ20 model era of blimps that spanned nearly 40 years. In that time period, as one blimp retired, its gondola was often refurbished for a new blimp.

The gondola frame being donated to the EAA Museum was previously used on the Europa, Goodyear's Blimp that flew throughout Europe in the 1980s, and on the Florida-based Stars and Stripes in the early 2000s. This tradition ended in 2011 when Goodyear began the transition to the New Technology (NT) semi-rigid airship platform that remains in place for its

fleet of airships still today.

As part of this year's celebration of the Goodyear Blimp's 100th anniversary, this gesture marks another way for Goodyear to preserve the history of its airships program and carry the legacy of the Goodyear Blimp forward for future generations. Goodyear is planning to have two blimps onsite this week for AirVenture, with each one participating in either the afternoon or evening air shows.

"Goodyear's Blimp flying has been an iconic part of aviation for a century, so this donation is a great fit as part of our museum's mission to tell the story of flight," said Chris Henry, EAA Aviation Museum manager. "Just as Goodyear Blimps have brought fascination with flight, this donation will be part of a future exhibit that inspires those with aviation dreams."

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District looks to change out of school suspension trends

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Area School District officials have recently acknowledged that Black students are more than four times more likely to receive out-of-school suspensions than white students.

Over the last four years, according to district data, Black students and students of two or more races have remained more likely to receive out of school suspensions (OSS) than white students.

According to data provided by OASD director of pupil services Matt Kaemmerer, a Black female student is 6.6 times more likely to be suspended than a white female student. Black male students are 3.7 times more likely to be suspended than a white male student.

“That seems like a crisis to me, and I hope there’s some way to be held accountable and that changes rapidly,” board member Molly Smiltneek said of the OSS risk ratio of Black female students.

The risk ratio measures the likelihood of a student from a particular group receiving an OSS compared to a student from another group. Kaemmerer’s data compared students of color groups to white students.

OASD is approximately 66% white students with a student population of around 9,100 students.

“Our behaviors can’t be that different for white students or students of color and if that’s the premise that we’re working with that this is acceptable – then I see we have a different problem,” Smiltneek said.

Kaemmerer also said the risk ratio numbers were a “huge concern” for him.

To address this issue the district is continuing social emotional learning and

community engagement, including getting students and parents involved in the process, Kaemmerer said.

Members of the Board of Education have noticed an increase in disparities over time, leading some of the members to voice their concerns at the July 9 board meeting. Board member Barbara Herzog noted the district has invested money and resources in trying to lessen the OSS disparity.

District-wide efforts include hiring behavioral interventionists and positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) training. There have also been localized efforts for social emotional learning and how that fits in individual schools.

“When are we going to see these numbers drop?” Herzog said. “This is very concerning to me. We want kids to be in school... I’m not saying we should overlook bad behavior but getting at the root causes of those behaviors perhaps by involving those students – what do you need to be successful here.”

Smiltneek asked if there was a way OASD administrators could look at OSS cases more rapidly.

“What can admin do now to commit to reviewing (OSS) to make sure these should be out of school suspensions and what can we do this upcoming school year to change these numbers?” she said.

Board member Tim Hess also commented on the correlation between the OSS data and the effect it is having on students’ ability to learn if they’re not in the classroom. He reiterated what Herzog asked and wanted to know when the results will match the efforts the district is pushing.

Smiltneek pressed if the administration could look at each OSS case individually

and make sure the behavior should result in an OSS or if there is an alternative. That would mean the district would be investigating over 1,100 out-of-school suspensions annually.

“I feel we’re at a crisis level here,” Smiltneek said.

Kaemmerer reported 417 white students received OSS during the 2024-25 school year. In that same time, 354 Black students received OSS, 222 students of two or more races, 146 Hispanic students and 7 Asian students missed time in the classroom because of receiving an OSS.

Going back to the 2016-17 school year, the district has reported that Black students have ranged from 3.3 to 4.4 times more likely to receive OSS than white students.

For students of two or more races, the risk ratio for OSS has ranged from 2.1 to 3.6. For Hispanic students, it ranges from 1.7 to 2.5. In 2024-25, each of the groups had its highest risk ratio over the last nine years.

Oaklawn Elementary behavior instructional support teacher Darcy Trebiatowski spoke to the board about social emotional learning. She has been with the district for 19 years and was part of the social-emotional learning team.

“Our team took a look at the data,” Tre-

biatowski said, “and decided we wanted to move forward in trying to decrease the amount of time that kids were spending out of class because we know how important it is to be in class and learning.”

Trebiatowski has seen an increase in family engagement that has helped students in the classroom.

She explained that it’s important in her role to identify why a student isn’t doing schoolwork, and it rarely is because they don’t want to but is often because of a skill deficit. If a student doesn’t have the skills to do the work it does not make sense to, for example, have them stay inside for recess to do the work if they don’t have the skill to complete the assignment.

“Say (a student) doesn’t understand addition. I know that I just need to build that skill and (the student) will probably do his work - it’s going to change the behavior,” Trebiatowski said. “Going up to him and saying ‘you don’t get to go out for recess today, is not going to change that behavior.’”

She added it’s about being supportive of the students’ needs and not reactive to their behavior.

“I’ve got nothing new to say on this,” Smiltneek said. “It’s incredibly frustrating, and the fact that it keeps getting worse is heartbreaking for these kids.”



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Christmas in July

A familiar sound from another time of year could be heard Saturday during the Downtown Farmers Market. The Oshkosh Salvation Army kicked off its second annual Christmas in July fundraiser that will continue each day through Saturday. Other bell ringing locations include Fleet Farm, Pick & Save North and Piggly Wiggly.

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Sasha, age 8, is one of the senior dogs receiving a second chance thanks to support from The Grey Muzzle Organization.

Grant aims to help senior dogs

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The Grey Muzzle Organization has awarded a grant to Oshkosh Area Humane Society that is intended to help more older dogs in the community receive the love, comfort and medical care they need in their golden years.

OAHS is one of 119 animal welfare groups selected nationwide — from a pool of 440 applicants — to receive funding aimed at supporting senior dogs and the families who care for them. Grey Muzzle is distributing over \$1.57 million in grants this year to organizations across the country, all working toward a shared mission: giving at-risk senior dogs the second chances they so deeply deserve.

“This grant will provide much-needed veterinary and dental care for sweet seniors like Sasha, who doesn’t let the miles she’s traveled slow her down,” said Ieva Engel, Executive Director of Oshkosh Area Humane Society. “No one appreciates a cozy bed and a loving heart more than a senior dog. We’re honored to give dogs like Sasha a fresh start and the comfort of a forever home.”

From tail-wagging couch potatoes to wise old adventurers, Engel said senior dogs have so much to give their human companions and with this support provided by The Grey Muzzle Organization, OAHS will help more of them find their happy endings.

Golf outing to benefit mental health, substance use clinic

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An 18-hole golfing fundraiser aims to raise funds to support those in the community seeking outpatient mental health and substance use services.

The Breaking Barriers Golf Outing to benefit Collaborative Wellness will be Aug. 15 at the Oshkosh Country Club. The event starts with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start for an 18-hole scramble, along with

lunch and dinner included and raffles. The BBQ dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the event go directly toward services provided by licensed clinicians. Funds from last year’s event raised funds to provide six months of services. The organization’s goal this year is to raise funding for a full year of services.

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DeGroot takes time to talk politics in Oshkosh parks

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Are you fed up with the political divisiveness in politics? Do you want to have political talks that aren't through a keyboard?

An Oshkosh man has started organizing meetings in parks in an attempt to lower the tension in politics for anyone who answers those questions with a yes and are interested in having a conversation.

Nikolas DeGroot started Politics in the Park this summer as a way to bring the heat down on political conversations. He holds these discussions every weekday and posts updates on Facebook.

DeGroot is a UW-Oshkosh student working on a bachelor's degree in political science and plans to continue his education by getting a master's degree in Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in nonprofit leadership.

"When you're online people aren't listening to each other," DeGroot said. "If someone says they're a Republican, the other side thinks they know everything about that person."

DeGroot noted that arguments happen online and conversations happen in the park.

"The fact is we agree on way more things in politics than we disagree on," he said.

DeGroot sets up at Menominee Park

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and at South Park on Tuesday and Thursday. He brings lawn chairs and a whiteboard where he explains what Politics in the Park is and has a Question of the day.

DeGroot was recently at South Park on a warm sunny day. The day's question was "What do you think political leadership should look like at the local level?"

DeGroot explains political leaders at the local level should focus on teaching the community about local government because it can get confusing.

"It seems they get elected and that's where their job ends," he said. "More leaders need to see their jobs as continuing to connect with the community."

Other questions of the day include: what would you ask a candidate for public office? What does patriotism mean to you? What do you wish more people understood about how democracy works?

Despite his local and political knowledge, DeGroot does not have plans to run for public office at this time.

"The problems we're facing are important to all of us," DeGroot said, noting safe community and good schools. "I see a great need for this project and maybe this could lead to giving future leaders a voice."

People are very open with their thoughts and opinions when meeting DeGroot in the park.



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Nikolas DeGroot sets up at parks in Oshkosh to talk with people about politics.

DeGroot admits he does lean more to the left with his personal politics but has conservative values also.

"I believe in the Second Amendment and people have the right to own guns," he said. "But I don't think the solution is restricting people's access to guns. Policy should focus on addressing mental health needs."

There are plans in the works to start a non-profit related to Politics in the Park.

DeGroot said Groundfloor Democracy will create a sort of template for others to do their own forums at parks around the city and potentially expand into more cities.

"The feedback I've been getting has been positive," he said. "I'm just hoping for more conversations and more feedback to really get this growing."

More information can be found at linktr.ee/PoliticsinthePark.

Seeking ways to combat political violence is important goal

Early in my career I spent a lot of time in the state capitol building working with legislators.

Though intimidated at first, I was soon struck by the fact that elected officials were regular people. Yes, their names may be in the news and their positions the topic of public debate, but they also have families and hobbies and lives beyond their day job.

I quickly learned there were legislators I really liked even though we disagreed on policies, and there were some I did not care for personally even though we often agreed. In other words, elected officials, like any group of people, represent a range of personalities and opinions. They are human beings like any other.

Yet in the current state of our political discourse, we seem so quick to dehumanize political figures with whom we disagree. Too often we turn the other side (whatever that is to you) into caricatures that are easy to dismiss as stupid, or worse yet, evil.

It is easy to say that is just politics as usual, but when the drumbeat of social media keeps pounding the message that all that



Michael Ford

Contributor

is wrong in both society and one's own life is the fault of one political party or one politician, it creates a recipe for disaster. As we saw last month in Minnesota (and in too many places before), all it takes is one individual to turn our political disagreements into acts of political violence.

Political violence is, in my opinion, the ultimate failure of democracy. A pluralistic society where everyone is free to share their views, participate in the political process, and willing to accept the results of the process regardless of the outcome is a remarkable thing.

A stable democracy is a foundation for peace, creativity and economic prosperity. But it is also fragile. Political violence chips away at that foundation. Every act of violence risks keeping people from participating in politics, risks normalizing

violence as a political tool, and sows fear and distrust in one another.

What can we do to combat political violence? Some steps are simple and personal. We can all think twice before reposting that meme on Facebook or making that comment. What might be obviously hyperbole or exaggeration to you may be taken literally by someone else.

We can take the time to contact and meet our local elected officials. A little personal interaction humanizes our politics in ways that can break down barriers. We can work on listening and asking questions rather than defaulting into defensiveness and avoidance.

But personal efforts are not enough. Deliberate work to rebuild civic institutions and civil society is needed so that there is a sustainable infrastructure that lowers the temperature of our politics while reducing the risk of political violence.

Part of that effort is happening right here in Oshkosh. The Wisconsin Alliance for Civic Trust (WisAct), housed at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, is a cross-partisan network of Wisconsinites dedicated to mitigating the risk of political

violence through education, trainings, events and community capacity building.

Similar efforts are underway in other states and through other organizations in Wisconsin. Though the work is decentralized, it is encouraging to see so many young people leading the effort to restore democratic capacity.

Though I am biased, I do think local government and local institutions remain the most fertile ground for restoring civic trust and reducing the risk of political violence. Local problems are often practical problems that transcend traditional ideological divides and hence can create coalitions that do not reflect national political tensions.

If we can build trust on the small things, we can work to build trust on the large things. Through a combination of personal commitment, focus on local issues and participating in capacity building efforts like WisAct, we can strengthen the foundation of our democracy and mitigate the risk of political violence.

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



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Colorado man sentenced for firearm possession

Human trafficking charge dismissed

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A Colorado man has been sentenced to four years in state prison after being found guilty of illegally possessing a firearm.

Romon A. Mitchell, 33, is a convicted felon who was facing six felony charges spanning from human trafficking, keeping a place of prostitution to possession of narcotics and methamphetamine.

Mitchell pled no contest to one count of possession of a firearm, one count of possession of narcotic drugs and possession of methamphetamine. He was found guilty by Judge Michael Gibbs at a hearing in May.

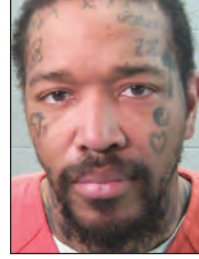
The remaining felony charges were dismissed but read in to the record for sentencing purposes.

There were also two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of cocaine that were also dismissed but read in to the record.

Gibbs sentenced Mitchell to four years in state prison followed by five years of extended supervision for the felon possession of a firearm charge. For the controlled

substances charges, Mitchell received probation.

According to the criminal complaint, an Oshkosh police officer saw a prostitution ad on megapersonals.com with naked pictures of a woman and included the services offered in Oshkosh.



Mitchell

The officer set up a meeting for Jan. 10 for various services for \$200. The officer met the female at a hotel on South Washburn Street after giving the officer information on the hotel she was staying at and the room number.

After arriving, the officer saw Mitchell exit the room. The victim told the undercover officer Mitchell was her "weed man."

The victim told the officer it was her first time in Wisconsin and was from Oklahoma but living in Colorado. The officer put the \$200 on a table and shortly after opened the hotel room door to allow other officers into the room. At this point, the victim said she was just there to give a massage.

Three officers contacted Mitchell outside the hotel. During the interaction Mitchell

allegedly confessed to using a lot of cocaine and was being resistant while refusing to identify himself.

Mitchell had a handgun in his pocket that was reported stolen in Colorado. A second pistol was found inside a backpack in the hotel room.

Back at the police station the victim said Mitchell had been her pimp for about three months. She estimated she did about 25 prostitution dates a week and that all the money went to Mitchell.

The victim told police she was worried if she tried to leave, Mitchell would kill her. She said Mitchell wanted her to earn \$10,000 as a prostitute before she was allowed to leave.

She told police she had arrived in Oshkosh with Mitchell on a bus from Denver. Mitchell does not have a criminal record in Wisconsin but has faced serious charges in other states, including Colorado and Texas.

Police records show Mitchell was out on parole in Colorado, where he had faced charges of first-degree kidnapping and multiple other felony convictions, including possession with intent to deliver dangerous drugs.

The Dallas News reported in 2016 that Mitchell was found not guilty of capital murder linked to a 2014 incident which involved the death of a woman during a drug-related robbery at a Dallas hotel.

Two people charged with homicide

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Two Oshkosh residents have been charged with homicide related to a drug overdose last year.

Joshua J. Dumke, 41, and Kenyatta E. McClure, 51, have both been charged with first-degree reckless homicide/deliver drugs.

Court documents allege that Dumke and McClure were both involved in selling what they believed to be crack cocaine to a man who died of a fentanyl overdose in February 2024.

Dumke is currently in custody in the Winnebago County Jail for a possession of methamphetamine charge filed in June. McClure is serving a state prison sentence for five counts of manufacture/deliver less than 3 grams of amphetamine.

According to the criminal complaint, a man was found deceased inside his home after his family called police for a welfare

check on the man. He was found with a glass pipe near him on Feb. 19, 2024.

An autopsy report states the cause of death was an acute mixed drug intoxication of amphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, para-fluorofentanyl and ethanol.

Text messages from the victim's phone appear to show the victim was attempting to buy crack cocaine. Text messages and data from the digital wallet Cash app show the transaction was completed sometime on Feb. 18, 2024.

Court documents allege McClure sold Dumke the substance that Dumke then sold to the victim.

The district attorney's office did not receive the case until last month. District Attorney Eric Sparr told the Herald there was a delay with getting results back from the state crime lab.

Initial appearances for both cases are scheduled in August.

Oshkosh man receives federal sentence

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man will spend the next six years in federal prison for serious drug charges. He was also ordered to forfeit multiple vehicles and over half a million dollars.

Peter J. Henkle, 51, has been sentenced to 72 months in federal prison for possession with intent to deliver cocaine and marijuana. Assistant United States Attorney Alex Duros in the Eastern District of Wisconsin prosecuted the case.

Last August, Oshkosh Police executed a search warrant at Henkle's residence and located 950 grams of cocaine, over 7.5 pounds of marijuana and \$312,880 in cash.

On June 30, Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach presided over the case. He ordered Henkle to forfeit \$579,207, two Harley-Davidson motorcycles, a 2019 Dodge Challenger Scat Pack and a 2020 Ford F250 Lariat Tremor. Griesbach further ordered Henkle to pay a \$50,000 fine.

Investigators also located and obtained orders to seize large sums of money in Henkle's bank accounts and additionally seized numerous vehicles that were purchased with drug proceeds. Henkle admitted to obtaining and distributing cocaine over the course of approximately two years.

The Oshkosh Police Department – Vice and Narcotics Unit and the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group – Drug Unit investigated the case with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This is an unusual situation where the federal government prosecutes what could have been a case for the state to prosecute.

"They don't do a huge volume of cases, but most of them are quite serious that they take," Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr said.

The DA's office worked with law enforcement on the investigation but ultimately did not file charges due to the federal involvement. One reason for cases going to federal court is there are harsher penalties in the federal system.

Oshkosh police public affairs officer Kate Mann explained that based on the investigation and possible charges, OPD will consult with the U.S. Attorney's office to see if this is a possible case for federal prosecution.

"Usually OPD will reach out to the US Attorney's Office to discuss an investigation," Mann said.

The DA's office did not pursue charges against Henkle in this case after learning the U.S. Attorney's office was taking the case. Sparr said if the state would file charges and the feds decide later they want the case, the state's case would typically be dismissed without prejudice.

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Bike riders travel to see planes approach landing for EAA

Coordinated effort guides pilots into Oshkosh

By Chris Lusvardi
OSHKOSH HERALD

A group gathered at the top of a hill Sunday to watch as FAA air traffic controllers guided pilots coming into Oshkosh along the Fisk approach for the start of EAA AirVenture.

Some of the onlookers watched through binoculars and followed along listening to the controllers' instructions to pilots on the radio. Many in the crowd, that was at times over 50 people, took pictures of the planes flying overhead while enjoying a sunny afternoon observing a unique part of the EAA experience.

Two of the air traffic controllers dressed in bright pink shirts used binoculars to spot the planes as one spotter provided information to the controller talking on the radio to the pilots, who acknowledged the messages by rocking the plane's wings rather than radioing back.

For a brief time, the controllers were telling pilots to divert away from the airport to accommodate a scheduled mass arrival of Cessnas.

A group of bike riders who had travelled to Fisk from Camp Scholler were among those watching what was happening at the top of the hill.

This is the fifth year Martin Pauly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has organized a bike ride for visitors to EAA AirVenture to see the air traffic controllers in action at Fisk.



FAA air traffic controllers dressed in bright pink shirts watch Sunday afternoon as planes approach Fisk and using a radio, they direct pilots about which direction to take to land at Wittman Regional Airport.

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"There are always people here watching," Pauly said. "Some of us come in early for the show and are looking for something to do. This is a good time for a ride."

After years of flying into Oshkosh for the show to gain a pilot's perspective, Pauly had wanted to see how arrivals are coordinated from the ground. The first year of the bike ride started with a small group of five riders and has increased since then as

Pauly has invited more people to join the group. Around 20 participants took part in Sunday's ride.

He said the eight-mile path between Camp Scholler and Fisk is fairly level, with a hill at the end to reach the vantage point where the air traffic controllers' RV is set up.

Pauly is amazed by the job the air traffic controllers do as they guide planes into Wittman Regional Airport.

"It's not easy to tell what aircraft type they see from the ground," Pauly said. "They see the airplanes and get it right. Normal procedures wouldn't work because there are so many airplanes coming in."

As they fly in from Ripon and turn at Fisk, pilots are told to use visual landmarks and follow Fisk Avenue or the railroad tracks depending on the runway they're assigned to land on. The team of controllers on the ground radios to the pilots, who acknowledge the message by rocking the plane's wings. Pilots are instructed not to radio back in order to avoid confusion by limiting what can be heard on the radio. The goal is for the controllers to be the only ones that can be heard talking on the radio frequency.

"Welcome to Oshkosh is what we're all waiting to hear when we're flying in," Pauly said.

Having a bike available also can be a convenient asset allowing EAA visitors to get around both the campgrounds and into Oshkosh to buy supplies and get something to eat. Pauly said he usually rides to Target for groceries.

"There's nothing quite like the flexibility of having a bike here," Pauly said. "Sometimes you want to get the occasional meal in town, so it's helpful."

Some visitors have found unique ways to pedal around the show site. Dave



A group of bike riders travel up a hill on their way to watch what is happening Sunday afternoon at the Fisk approach.

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Martin Pauly (left) talks with Dave Pasquale, who traveled in a Velomobile for the bike ride from Camp Scholler to Fisk.

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Fair housing

FROM PAGE 1

the group spoke in favor of the proposed changes to the fair housing ordinance at the July 8 council meeting.

The proposed change came about when council member Kris Larson was helping a friend find housing after being incarcerated.

Larson stated that while speaking with one landlord, he was told that in Oshkosh landlords can automatically turn people down as potential tenants for having a criminal record because they are not protected in the current fair housing ordinance.

“We don’t rent to anyone with a criminal record,” Larson said, quoting a landlord. “In other cities where we operate, we can’t (say that), but in Oshkosh, we can.”

He called it blanket discrimination and said it puts landlords in the position to be judge and jury of these people all over again while they look for a place to live.

Other members from Esther went to the July 8 council meeting to voice support for the change to the fair housing agreement. Esther advocates mentioned Christopher Blake, who was in prison for



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Katie Olson discusses why the city should amend Oshkosh’s fair housing ordinance to eliminate discrimination against people with a criminal record. Olson is the executive director for social justice group Esther.

over 20 years and when his release date

arrived, he needed to wait an additional 19 months incarcerated before he found a place to live.

“You can’t blanket ban someone from housing just because of their past,” Verderami said.

Blake was released as a registered sex offender in February 2023 and that may have also played a role in why it took him that much time to find housing.

The fair housing ordinance the city currently has in place states landlords cannot discriminate against people due to their “age, color, family status, gender identity and/or gender expression, marital status, national origin/ancestry, race, religion, persons with disabilities, sex, sexual orientation, source of lawful income, or victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.”

Federal law protects race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin. Wisconsin law adds to that base list with sexual orientation, marital status, ancestry, lawful source of income, status as a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking and age for person over the age of 18.

The city contracts with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council

as the city’s agent to investigate claims of housing discrimination. The housing council has a satellite office in Appleton that serves several counties in the region, including Winnebago County.

The common council appeared to support the changes to the fair housing ordinance at the meeting. The proposed changes to the fair housing ordinance would allow landlords to consider an applicant’s criminal history but would not permit denial solely based on a criminal history.

The fair housing ordinance still would allow for background checks and to deny someone’s rental application if there are safety concerns or if the landlord has concerns the applicant will not be able to pay rent.

Other municipalities such as Dane County have prior criminal status as a group of people that cannot be discriminated against.

City Attorney Lynn Lorenson said she would review other ordinances from Wisconsin municipalities that do not allow the discrimination of people with a criminal record. Lorenson will then bring an updated ordinance to the council for approval.

Artists bringing color to downtown

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Artists and community members of all ages and skill levels will be participating in the 12th Annual Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk.

The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, with a rain date Aug. 9.

During the event, artists will create chalk work on the sidewalk around Opera House Square, 315 N. Main St.

Visitors are encouraged to browse the creations and vote for their favorites. The event includes food and music.

Artist registration continues through July 31 with chalk and basic supplies provided. Children 12 and under are able to participate for free in the children’s section.

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DeYoung

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Facility plan

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The county has about 1,000 employees who work out of more than 138 buildings. The plan identifies significant infrastructure challenges, including \$69 million in maintenance across county buildings.

"The longer that gets pushed off, or you do a little bit here, a little bit there, you can expect those costs to go well north of \$100 million just in maintenance," Kwasny said. "That does nothing to improve your buildings, other than keeping them warm and cool."

According to the plan, current facilities are inefficient, with departments scattered across multiple locations and buildings not designed for their current uses. One example is the Administration Building, which was once a factory and office for Oshkosh B'gosh. Adding office space there would mean building into an already undersized parking lot.

"The other problem is you have insufficient parking at almost every facility in the county, and if we're going to maintain the buildings where they sit now, we have to basically add on to every one of the buildings," Kwasny said.

The plan notes challenges with the current courthouse and Human Services buildings in Oshkosh, both of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. Human Services has grown significantly and will require space for more than 100 additional employees by 2035.

Kwasny said the county courthouse "doesn't even come close to current standards for maintaining safety in a court facility."

The Coughlin Center and Law Enforcement Center are among the few facilities in good condition with some capacity for expansion, according to the plan.

The plan presented three main strategies. Under Option A, the county would retain all services in their current locations, addressing maintenance needs, renovations and additions over time. However, Kwasny warned this could lead to inefficient layouts, aging mechanical systems and unpredictable emergency repairs. The estimated cost of Option A is \$183.2 million.

Option B calls for existing buildings to be expanded, renovated, repurposed or abandoned, and for new buildings to be constructed to accommodate growth and improve efficiency by bringing related departments together. It would require resolving legal questions related to Health and Human Services and Administration being in close proximity to the county's 980 criminal offender housing. The projected cost is \$100.8 million to \$345.8 million.



Photos from Winnebago County

Top: The courthouse in Oshkosh is one of the county buildings that is considered to have challenges, as it does not meet current standards for maintaining safety in a court facility.

Bottom: The Winnebago County Law Enforcement Center on Jackson Street in Oshkosh is one of the few county facilities considered to be in good condition that could be considered for expansion.

"The way this would help is you could move your facilities all much closer together geographically, and when you're geographically closer together, it makes facilities' life easier," Kwasny said.

Option C explores building a new central county campus on an undeveloped site, though it would require purchasing property, a cost which was not included in the total estimated project cost of between \$348 million and \$351.6 million, depending on final design decisions.

Kwasny said Option C is essentially a placeholder option for those who might not like the previously presented sites, providing a generic alternative location for potential development.

Following the presentation, county supervisors questioned Elder and Kwasny

about the plan.

Supervisor Karen Powers raised concerns about bus routes, noting that the current transportation system doesn't adequately serve county facilities.

Elder suggested engaging the city to ensure bus routes meet county service needs, proposing alternative approaches like potentially renting library rooms for outreach in areas with limited transportation.

Local college graduates

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recognized the following students from Oshkosh earning degrees in May.

Carter Abitz, bachelor of science, mathematics major: applied emphasis

Eric Bal, bachelor of science, computer science major

Kate Demerse, doctor of education, student affairs administration and leadership; Alaina Dodge, bachelor of science, management major

Isabella Hernandez, bachelor of science, elementary/middle education major

Maria Jerabek, bachelor of science, biol-

ogy major
"I'm familiar with people not being able to get to the different places, so we'll have to talk to the bus department, the transportation to try and get a bus route out there," Elder said. "But there's also alternate means of transportation that could possibly be arranged for; but there's also alternate ways of delivering services to the people."

Powers suggested the new buildings should incorporate rooftop gardens.

"Experts seem to tell us the next major war that's fought will not be over oil, but over water," Powers said.

Supervisor Kristl Laux questioned why the county would build a mega building when it's much less expensive to upgrade the buildings the county already owns.

Kwasny said upgrading and moving staff to other buildings would be less expensive, "but if you want to make the building function as efficiently as possible, then you're looking at a pretty extensive process."

Supervisor George Bureau challenged the proposed square footage and the cost for an addition to existing county buildings, noting it would add an additional 100,000 square feet of space and questioning whether the county truly needs such extensive additional space.

"We cannot tax our citizens out of their homes, but we also cannot be inefficient in how we provide their services," he said.

Supervisor Steven Binder expressed skepticism about the investment, pointing to an aging population and uncertain future needs.

"I guess I'd like to say sometimes you have to live within your means, and I don't see a way we can afford all this," he said. "You know, we have people right now living on Social Security who can barely get by."

Supervisor John Hinz noted the importance of considering transportation and accessibility for all county residents.

"Oshkosh is approximately 70,000 of 170,000 (county residents)," he said. "That means there are 100,000 people elsewhere in the county that need to get to these buildings as well. So that's something to think about in the future."

Elder said any decisions about how to implement the master plan will start with the county administration, which will make recommendations to the Facilities Committee. The committee will bring proposals to the full County Board for a vote.

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Calendar of events

Ongoing

EAA AirVenture, EAA and Wittman Regional Airport grounds, continues through Sunday

Wednesday, July 23

Music on Main featuring Brent Bel, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Oshkosh Area Community Band presenting For Children of All Ages, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

EAA Night Air Show, 8 p.m., EAA Air-Venture Grounds

Thursday, July 24

Fly-In Quilt Show, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N. Campbell Road

Friday, July 25

Winnebagoland BMX Local Race, 6:30 p.m., Winnebagoland BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Eagah! At Friday Fright Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

ABBAFAB, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, July 26

EAA Runway 5K, 6:30 a.m., EAA Air-Venture grounds

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Winnebagoland BMX Local Race, noon, Winnebagoland BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Encino Man, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

EAA Night Air Show, 8 p.m., EAA Air-Venture Grounds

Sunday, July 27

Winnebagoland BMX State Race,

noon, Winnebagoland BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Harry Potter's Birthday Party, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

Tuesday, July 29

Oshkosh Area Community Band Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Wednesday, July 30

Winnebagoland County Fair, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Brews by the Waterside featuring Jet Pack Stereo, 5 p.m., Rainbow Park

Music on Main featuring Jay Edward Band, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Winnebagoland BMX Local Race, 6:30 p.m. Winnebagoland BMX Track, 4650 Jackson St.

Thursday, July 31

Winnebagoland County Fair, 8:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Waterfest featuring Vic Ferrari Encore Performance, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Friday, Aug. 1

Winnebagoland County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

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

Saturday, Aug. 2

Winnebagoland County Fair, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Oshkosh Chalk Walk, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

UWO Titan 5K, 8:45 a.m., Winnebagoland County Community Park

Children's Day Parade, 11 a.m., Wittman Field to South Park

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Alien (1979), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Aug. 3

Winnebagoland County Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center grounds

Boys & Girls Club holding National Night Out event

Oshkosh Herald

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is hosting a National Night Out event Aug. 5.

The free event will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Hyde Family Community Center parking lot off Monroe Street, the club's Quest/Teen parking lot and the athletic field on the south end of the building, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

The Oshkosh Police Department spe-

cialty units such as SWAT and K9 along with the Oshkosh Fire Department are scheduled to be at the event. Activities include music, a bounce house and yard games. Community partners will be on-site to talk with families and have resources available.

The event is intended to provide connections with others in the community to keep families and neighborhoods safe.

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Winnebago County Fair offers new experiences

Oshkosh Herald

It's almost time for the Winnebago County Fair, with organizers preparing to offer some new attractions next week. The fair runs from July 30-Aug. 3 at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

This year's theme is "Carnival Lights, Action-Packed Nights."

Fair Board President Mike Domke is looking forward to the family-friendly entertainment options.

"We have a new rodeo for the grandstand, which promises to be a good show," Domke said. "We have a new acrobatic show, Miller and Mike show and a glass blowing demonstration for family entertainment."

The carnival will kick off on July 30 with the CC Bucking Bulls Rodeo starting at 7 p.m. followed by Zach Thomas from American Idol performing at 8 p.m. The entertainment continues at 7 p.m. July 31 with a County Tractor Pull and Dig Deep bluegrass band at 8 p.m.

The line-up on Aug. 1 includes the polka 2/5s Party Band from noon-4 p.m., music by the Delrays at 3 p.m., Badger State Tractor Pull at 6:30 p.m. and Star Six Nine taking the stage at 8 p.m.

The options on Aug. 2 include music by Jet Pack Stereo at 2 p.m., Hollywood Motorsports Demolition Derby at 6 p.m. and Spicy Tie Band at 8 p.m.

A sensory friendly day will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 3 with the fair closing at 4 p.m.

Domke said some returning events are Nick's Kids show, woodcarver, trout pond, face painting and pig and duck races. Senior

Day is Friday when seniors get in for \$5 along with veterans day with special events planned by the Winnebago County Veterans office and free admission for veterans.

Other special events, Domke said, include the Farmer for a Day program during which anyone can try their hand at exhibiting and Endless Adventures show, which allows special needs youth the experience of showing an animal.

Thrill-seekers can check out Mr. Ed's Magical Midway Rides in the late afternoon and evening for an adrenaline rush.

"We have the all-inclusive admission again, which includes family entertainment, barns, rides, parking, grandstand and nightly bands," Domke said. "With this pricing, it's incredibly reasonable for a family to have an all-day outing."

Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Weekly passes are also available.

Visit the fair's website winnebagocountyfaironline.com for updated schedule information.

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Young professional group marks 20 years

Oshkosh Herald

The Propel Oshkosh group for the area's young professionals is going through a re-launching this summer.

According to the Oshkosh Chamber, the organization has served Oshkosh for more than two decades, helping to connect and empower young local leaders. It was founded to support individuals in their 20s and 30s as they grow personally and professionally.

In May, Propel marked its 20th anniversary with a celebration that also introduced a refreshed strategic vision. The Chamber said this new direction includes an updated membership structure, expanded programming and a calendar of events designed to engage and inspire.

Upcoming events include XRoads41 BTS Tour and Kickoff Concert from 4:45-8 p.m. Aug. 6, meet-and-greet with new UW-Osh-

kosh Chancellor Manohar Singh from 7:45-9 a.m. Aug. 20 and cohosting a Waterfest Meetup event with Amplify Oshkosh from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 7 that includes a \$10 VIP pass.

A new membership structure for Propel is open to individuals for \$75 per year, with many local employers covering the cost as an investment in their workforce. Membership includes free access to networking events, professional development opportunities, and connections with both peers and established community leaders through the Oshkosh Chamber.

For companies with a larger base of young talent, Propel offers employer sponsorships, allowing businesses to purchase and assign multiple memberships to staff members.

To learn more about Propel's mission, events and membership options, visit propeloshkosh.com.



Photo from Oshkosh Police Department

Volunteer work

Students ages 12-15 participating in the Oshkosh Police Department's Youth Leadership Camp earlier this month completed over 10 hours of volunteer work. Projects included work at Damscus Road, Oshkosh Public Library, Beaming Inc and Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. The camp was open to students who attend Oshkosh Schools who are interested in learning about law enforcement careers.

Championship Regatta coming to Menominee Park

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Yacht Club will host the Inland Yachting Association (ILYA) Championship Regatta from Aug. 10-16. Races for A scows, C scows and E scows will be based in Menominee Park.

The event draws in sailors from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. The featured boats are all scows but have different sail and crew configurations. C scows are 20 feet long, have just one main sail and

a three-person crew; E scows are 28 feet long with a crew of three or four people, while A scows are 38 feet long and have a crew of six.

Activities begin at 4 p.m. Aug. 10 with the historic Felker Cup Race for A scows. For those who would like to see championship sailing, races start at 11 a.m. each day that week.

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Konrad-Behlman's service remains after 150 years

By MaryBeth Matzek
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A lot has changed in 150 years, but Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes' service to the Oshkosh community hasn't.

"People recognize the quality service and the care we provide, which keeps families coming to us," said Jay Schultz, who has worked at the funeral home since 1994 and became its owner in 2017. "It's not uncommon for us to work with several generations of the same family."

Like many funeral homes of its time, Konrad-Behlman began as a furniture store in 1875 on North Main Street. Furniture stores often doubled as funeral homes since the carpenters who made the tables and chairs for Oshkosh's families also made the caskets. As the business expanded, it moved into a larger storefront on Main Street.

By the 1930s, the undertaking business became Konrad-Behlman's primary focus, and the furniture business was spun off to create Konrad Upholstery. The funeral home then moved to its current eastside location at 402 Waugoo Ave.

In 1981, Bill Behlman joined the fourth generation of Konrads, Gary and Paul, and the name was changed to the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home. Since then, Gary, Paul and Bill retired, and Schultz became the primary owner.

Gary Konrad remembers growing up in the house next to the funeral home.

"The best skill in this business is being a good listener and helping people figure out their needs," said Gary, who retired in 2011. "Families kept coming back since they remembered how you handled someone's funeral home, and they liked the level of care and service they received."

The business opened its second location on Oshkosh's westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, in 1994 to better serve its customers.

"One constant in the business has been our focus on meeting the family's wishes in a professional manner," Schultz said. "Service and taking care of families is at the heart of what we do. We have built up a level of trust in the community."

Extension tabs Hintz as interim director

Oshkosh Herald

Jayna Hintz has been named interim director of Winnebago and Outagamie counties for the University of Wisconsin Extension.



Hintz

Hintz will continue in her role as area extension director for Calumet, Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties. In these roles, Hintz provides leadership, support and direction to Extension staff and collaborates with community partners and stakeholders to ensure access to UW resources and research across the region.

Hintz began her Extension career in 2019 as the Ozaukee County 4-H educator.



Submitted photo

Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, located at 402 Waugoo Ave., has served the Oshkosh area for 150 years.

The funeral business has seen a lot of changes in the past 10 to 15 years, including the use of technology and the type of services customers are looking for, Schultz said. The biggest change has been an increase in the number of cremations.

"It used to be about 5 to 10% of people were cremated in Wisconsin, and now that number is up to 70% statewide," he said.

Schultz said more funeral services are held right at Konrad-Behlman instead of in a church.

"We used to see two-day funerals with the visitation at the funeral home and then the service at the church the next day, followed by a visit to the cemetery," Schultz said. "Now people are having it done in just one day and all at the funeral home."

As families spread out more, some opt to livestream the service for those who don't come to Oshkosh for the funeral.

"We really got into livestreaming during the pandemic when people couldn't really gather for funerals, and now it's used when there are family members who aren't coming for the service," he said.

Schultz said he works closely with families to develop a plan that meets their needs.

"With our experience, we can help guide families as they make decisions. They might think something will work, but we can share with them our experience about what we've seen work and not work," he said. "We also have a lot of contacts to help with the meal after the ser-

vice. This is something we do every day, but it's something someone may do only once or twice. By taking care of as many needs as possible, they can focus on their grieving."

The level of interest in preplanning funerals has also increased. Schultz said people can make decisions about what type of services they want in advance. Konrad-Behlman holds lunch and learns and other community events to educate people about the preplanning process, he added.

"Many people want to take care of everything, so their families don't have to worry about it," Schultz said. "It goes beyond preplanning a funeral, but also making sure they have wills and powers of attorney in place. It creates peace of mind."

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The following students from Oshkosh who graduated include:

Morgan Antti, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Kennedy Benesh, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Accounting

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Legion wins regular-season finale, eyes regional tourney

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team will enter its Class AAA Regional Tournament on a bit of a hot streak but face a tough road to make a return to the state tournament.

Oshkosh, which sports a 14-8 record, opens the regional tournament against the Appleton Doubledays on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at EJ Schneider Field in Oshkosh, with the field also including Sheboygan and Fond du Lac. Those teams play at 5 p.m.

Neenah was originally part of the regional field but had to pull out of the tournament.

Oshkosh dropped its only meetings against the Doubledays and Fond du Lac this season but scored an easy win over Sheboygan and enters the regional tournament having won four of its last five games.

"I think we're playing pretty well and I think we are in a real good spot coming into our regional," manager Jason Herman said. "We have been fairly consistent. The offense has been pretty good and we've gotten quality pitching when we have needed it. We've had guys step up and I feel good about our chances."

One of the strengths of the team this season has been its pitching staff and the depth of the Legion hurlers will be a key factor in the tournament.

Avery Mosloski leads the group, which has also gotten strong efforts from Henry Achterberg, Gavin McMillan and Oliver Yenter throughout the summer. The staff will also get a boost from adding Shaun Gavin and Zach Kiffmeyer to the potential list of arms, who will be available to throw

after not having been able to pitch for the team during the regular season.

"(The pitching depth) is going to be what sets us apart and with Shaun and Zach available, it elevates our team to another level," Herman said. "Parker Slusarski has been a surprise on the mound for us. He's come into some tough spots and pitched well and really developed into a quality relief pitcher."

Offensively, the team is led by Gavin and Kiffmeyer, although the team has gotten production throughout the lineup.

Noah Muehrer, Connor Palmquist, Evan Johnson and Charlie Clark help anchor the Legion's batting order, with Caleb Lee and Nolan Cheever also providing solid contributions at the plate.

With the solid lineup and talented pitching staff, Herman believes the key for the team's success moving forward is how the group plays with its gloves.

"We have to cut down on errors. We have made some mistakes in some key spots that have cost us," Herman said. "We have to play clean defensively and then like anything, it's got to be clutch hitting but if we play a clean game I think we win no matter what."

Oshkosh won its regular-season finale against New London, 2-1, in eight innings last Friday.

Mosloski struck out 11 and allowed just three hits in 5 2/3 innings, but it was Yenter picking up the win with 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. Gavin struck out two in the eighth inning to earn the save.

Kiffmeyer and Cheever each finished with two hits in the game, while Muehrer scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning when Lee reached on a two-out error.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh Legion's Charlie Clark fires a throw to first base to try to complete a double play during last Thursday's game against Green Bay Southwest at EJ Schneider Field.

The lone loss in the final five games for Oshkosh came the day before, when the Legion fell to Green Bay Southwest, 3-2, in eight innings.

Oshkosh scored both of its runs in the second inning with Mosloski collecting the only RBI for the offense with a sacrifice fly that scored Clark. Kiffmeyer scored on a wild pitch earlier in the inning.

Southwest tied the game with two runs in the sixth inning before taking the lead in the top of the eighth and holding on for the win.

The Legion started the week with a 19-6 thumping of Sheboygan on Monday as Kiffmeyer and Clark each finished with three hits and four RBIs in the win. Kiff-

meyer also scored four times, while Gavin added four runs scored.

Oshkosh scored at least two runs in each of the five innings, including six in the top of the second and five in the third after falling behind 4-2 following the first inning.

Yenter bounced back from a tough start to earn the win on the mound.

Achterberg then hurled a four-hit shut-out in a 10-0 win over Bay Port on Tuesday, striking out four in his five innings of work.

Palmquist, Gavin, Mosloski and Slusarski each had two hits in the game for Oshkosh, while Johnson drove in three runs and Slusarski added a pair of RBIs.



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Sharon Gail Thompson

Sharon Gail (Wohlt) Thompson, 87, peacefully passed away on July 5, 2025.



She was born on July 1, 1938, to Carlton and Irene (Hoffman) Wohlt in Oshkosh, her lifelong home. Sharon was a strong woman and beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother.

We will always remember her exceptional creativity and artistic ability, dry sense of humor, and lovable sass.

Sharon had many different jobs, most notably at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, prior to her retirement. She was a faithful member of Bethany United Church of Christ for decades, and excelled at cards, games, crafts, gardening, drawing and painting, and making us all laugh and feel loved.

Sharon is survived by her loving and devoted sons: Scott (Wendy Hocking) Neitzel and David (Jessica) Neitzel; wonderful stepdaughters, Lesley Thompson and Elizabeth (Loal) King, and caring sister and brother-in-law, Marcia (Dave) Wie-

demann. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren: Nick (Svetlana), Eric, Lauren (Cody), Keenan (Tiegen), Hunter (Madison), Phalen (Nick), Sam (Chelsea), Isabella (Cade), Katherine, Phillip (Darsae) and R. Reagan (Antonia). Sharon adored her beautiful great-grandchildren and loved spending time with them: Claire, Evelyn, Isla, Jett, Aerie, Nikolas, Kurtis and Bristol. She is also survived by her former sister-in-law, Gloria Wohlt; former brother-and sister-in-law, Doug (Jean) Neitzel, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear and loyal friends.

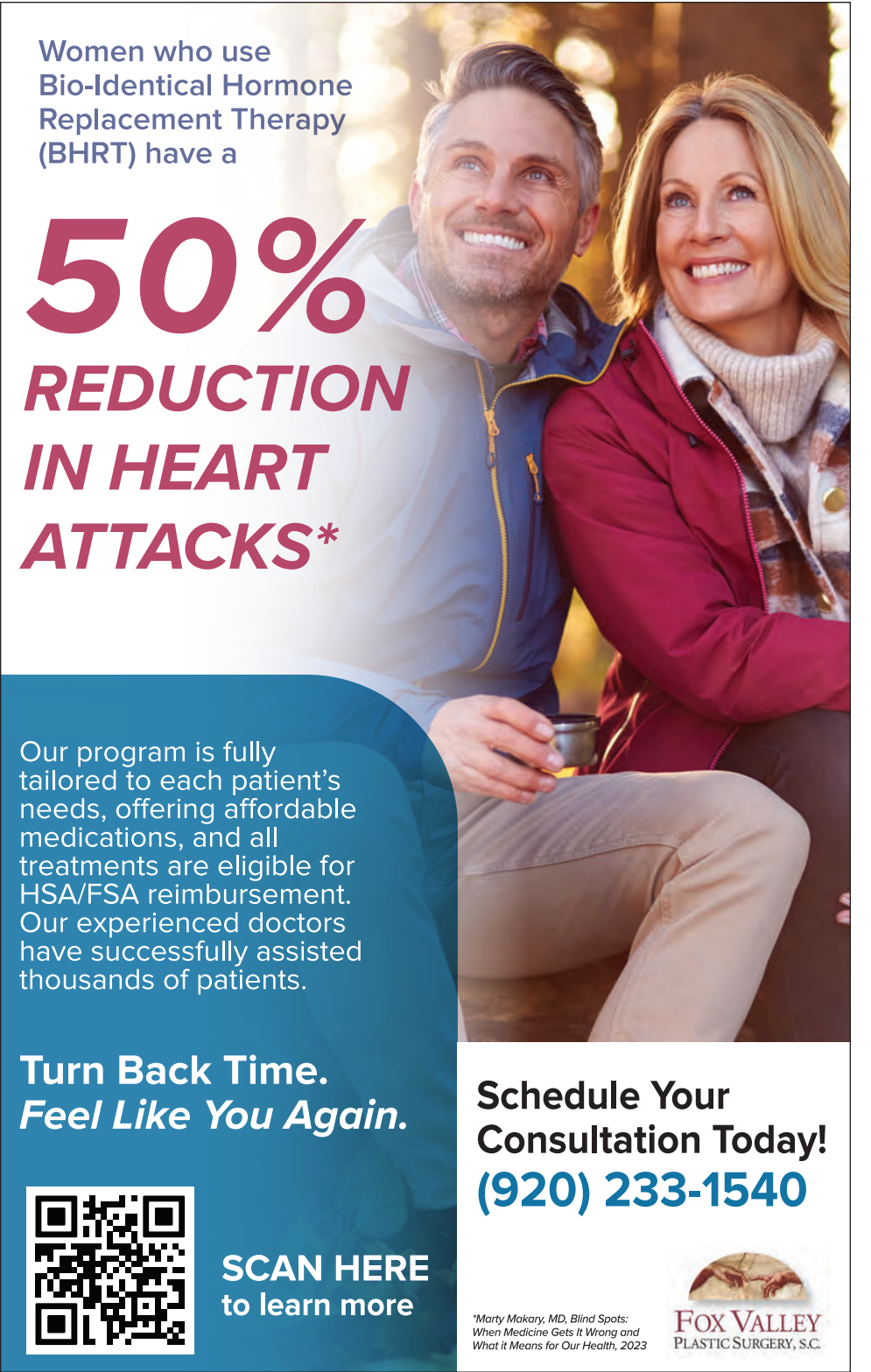
In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by her husband and sweetheart of over 40 years, Philip John Thompson; brother, Richard Wohlt; stepson, P.J. Thompson, Jr., and first husband, Robert E. Neitzel.

The family is planning a private memorial service.

Anyone wishing to remember Sharon is welcome to make a donation in her name to the Paine Art Center, the Salvation Army, the Christine Ann Center in Oshkosh, or an organization of their choice.

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Amie Sue Lee

Amie Sue (Binder) Lee passed suddenly at her home in Black Wolf, WI, early Monday morning on 14-Jul-2025. She was born on 26-Sep-1963 in Oshkosh, WI to Jim and Germaine Binder. Amie graduated from Lourdes High School and immediately attended Fox Valley Tech in Oshkosh where she met her husband and soul mate, Mark. After a few years together, they were married in Hawaii in 1994, where they lived for 3 years before moving back to Black Wolf.

Her father being a Firefighter / First Responder for the City of Oshkosh was instilled in Amie from the beginning. She joined Van Dyne Fire & Rescue as a Firefighter / EMS First Responder in 2011. She was promoted to Safety Officer shortly after. She was known to be quite the prankster at the Fire Department and kept everybody smiling. She also held her own with the boys at many fires and accident scenes. Amie was involved in many other volunteer activities including the EAA Medical Team for 11 years and the Lifefest Medical Team for 10 years. All of the



members of both of those teams and her Fire Department brothers and sisters will miss her dearly.

Amie worked as an Accountant for Vehlo, a web-based Automotive financial solutions company where she was loved by her co-workers and known to shake things up to get things moving and 'get 'er done'. Over 20 personal letters were sent to Amie's family from Vehlo praising her kindness, friendship, and gratefulness to have known her.

Amie is survived by her husband Mark, sister Linda Schneider (Duke) in Las Vegas, brother Randy Binder (Peggy) in Florida, son in law Brian Lee (Colorado), brother in law Greg (Donna) in Mequon, brother in law Colin (Mary) in Oshkosh and sister in law Joneen in Madison. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Germaine Binder, brother Greg Binder, brother-in-law Duke Schneider, brother in law Brian Lee, sister in law Barbara Domke, and brother in law Perry Lee. Amie leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews and her two fur babies, Shelby and Koa.

Amie was an affectionate, dedicated, and hardworking individual who always put the needs of others ahead of her own. She was an animal lover and known for her compassionate nature, giving spirit,

and witty sense of humor. Amie was a devout Catholic, and was very close to God on a daily basis. She touched many hearts and will be missed by all that knew her.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24th from 5pm to 7pm at Fiss & Bill's Poklasny funeral home on the corner of 9th and Westhaven in Oshkosh. A short Celebration of Life service will be held at 7pm.

Scott Allen Charles

May 21, 1964 - July 7, 2025

In Loving Memory of Scott Allen Charles

On the morning of July 7, 2025, Scott Allen Charles, age 61, peacefully left this world to begin his spiritual journey with God, joining his beloved brother Christopher who passed before him.

Scott was born May 21, 1964, in Oshkosh Wisconsin, to Darrell D. Charles and Kay E. (Nichols) Charles. He grew up with a strong work ethic, a generous spirit and a love for working with his hands.

Scott found joy and peace in the simple things. He had a life-long passion for fishing, and he loved playing the guitar, building model cars and fixing and creating anything he could with his hands. His warm heart and caring nature touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Scott is lovingly remembered by his mother, Kay Robinson, and his siblings, Robin (Rob) Kraemer, Mark Charles, Gary (April) Charles, Kathy (Rick) Kiraly and Joe (Crystal Harrison) Robinson. He is also survived by his Godmother, Christine Dake and many nieces and nephews

In lieu of flowers, we're sure Amie would appreciate a donation to a local Animal Shelter in her name.

The family would like to thank the Van Dyne Fire Department and Oshkosh Fire Department for their quick response and efforts to save Amie.



along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Among those closest to Scott's heart was his special friend, Reva Frank.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Charles; his brother, Christopher Charles; his paternal grandparents, Anthony and Hilda Charles; his maternal grandparents, Paul and Verlie Nichols; his Uncle Ed Sobojinski and his cousins, Nick Ahrens and Craig Dake.

Per Scott's wishes, he was cremated. A private family service will be held at a later date at Lakeview Memorial Park.

Arrangements are being handled by Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit: www.fissbillspoklasnyfuneralhome.com.

Scott will be remembered for the love he shared, the laughter he brought and the peaceful joy he found in music, nature and connection. His memory lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace Scott!



John Allen Nolte

John Allen Nolte, age 58, passed away peacefully with his mother by his side and into the loving arms of the Lord and his recently passed father, John Nolte Sr.

Johnny "Ernie" was born and raised in Oshkosh, WI. He attended Oshkosh North High School and after graduation began working at Bemis Tape. Over the years, he worked for numerous truck companies whether scheduling trucks, driving or performing maintenance.

In Johnny's younger years, he loved to bowl, fish, hunt, and also helped out on his neighbor's farm. Johnny will be most remembered for his love of trucks and his hard work ethic. There was never a time when he and his dad didn't talk about their truck experiences. He also enjoyed watching sports, including the Wisconsin Badgers, the Green Bay Packers and NASCAR along with the Discovery Channel.

Johnny had a soft heart and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need. He was the one to put a smile on



your face and make you laugh. Every year, he would watch the Labor Day telethon and generously give to the event, along with other charitable organizations.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and his two cats, Godzilla and Ears. Surviving him is his daughter, Mackenzie Nolte, who was his pride and joy. He was her best friend and the most supportive father one could have. Also surviving are his mother Christine Nolte, his sister Stacey (Scott) Ryback, nieces Sydney (Tristen) Jourdan and Samantha Ryback.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents Kenneth and Eleanor Rasmussen, Charles and Doris Nolte along with many aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held at Konrad-Behlman on Lake Pointe Drive on Thursday July 24 from 4-5:30pm with a service to follow after. A private internment service will be held at a later date.

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Gordon Rexford Cady

In Loving Memory of Gordon "Gordy" Rexford Cady



April 13, 1939 – July 13, 2025

Gordon "Gordy" Rexford Cady passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 13, surrounded by his loving family.

Born to Connie and Rex Cady on April 13, 1939, Gordy grew up in Omro, Wisconsin, and attend-

ed Omro schools, graduating from Omro High School in 1957.

On January 2, 1958, he married the love of his life, Beverly (Anklam). Together they raised six children and built a life full of love, laughter, and memories. While still in high school, Gordy joined the U.S. Navy and went on active duty shortly after graduation. He served honorably aboard the USS Antietam before returning home in 1960. Soon after, he joined the Oshkosh Fire Department, where he proudly served his community for 26 years.

Following his retirement, Gordy stayed

active and continued to serve his community through his involvement with the AMVETS, American Legion, and the Honor Guard.

He was also proud to have built his own log home, a place where family and friends made countless memories together. And he brought joy to others through his love of music, playing banjo in several pick-up bands — at least until the banjo "got too heavy for him to hold," as he liked to say with a smile. Above all, Gordy cherished his family. His grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Kitty were his pride and joy, and he especially loved taking trips with Louie on the bus — never forgetting the blizzard in North Dakota.

He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his loving wife of 67 years, Beverly; his son, Kevin Cady; and his daughters, Kathy (Dean) Crook, Kelly (Eric) Rennert, and Sally (Doug) Brewer. He is also survived by his sister, Marge (Ron) Lee; sister-in-law, Ruth Cady; and many cherished nieces and nephews. Gordy was a beloved grandfather to Cole (Carrie) Cady, Mandy (Jamie) Basham,

Jessica (Matt) Ricca, Kyle (Gina) Cady, Joshua (Elizabeth) Crook, Jesse Crook and Emily Kolar, Jacob (Amanda) Crook, Jozie Rennert, Brady Rennert and Elizabeth Stangel, Bryce Rennert, Johnny (Kate) Brewer, Abigail Brewer, Rachel Brewer, Ryan Brewer, and Joe (Bridget) Phillips. He was also blessed with 19 great-grandchildren.

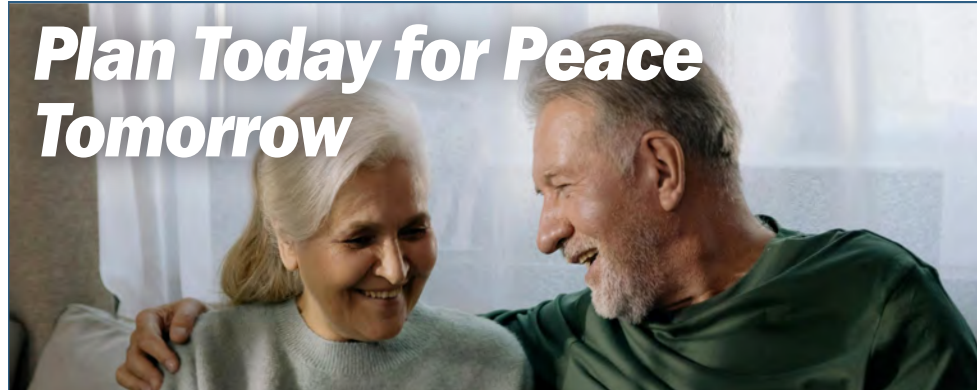
He will be deeply missed by his special friends: JD Hogg; Barb and Jerry; Gloria and Doug; Butch and Heidi; Louie and Shelby; and Bonnie and Junior. The family extends heartfelt thanks to his hospice nurse Whitney, and to Emily and Mandy, for their exceptional love and care in his final days.

Gordy was preceded in death by his sons Alan (Cindy) Cady and Scot Cady; his parents Connie and Rex Cady; his brothers Roland and Kenneth; and his in-laws Roy and Mary Anklam.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 South Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with a funeral service to follow at noon, including full military honors in recognition of Gordy's service to his country.

Gordy will be remembered for his humor, his service to others, his love of music, and his unwavering devotion to his family and friends. His memory will live on in all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

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Obituaries

Leland Luewellin Burlison

Leland Luewellin Burlison, passed away peacefully on July 13th, 2025.



“Lee” was born in Deer River, Minnesota on November 7, 1950 to the late Doris Berg and Charles Burlison

He completed his public education, graduating in 1968 from Hill City, MN, with a high school class size of 25. On February 19th, 1970, Lee was drafted into the Army and was stationed very near the DMZ in South Korea. After completing his term in the military, Lee worked in the construction industry and worked his way through college, graduating in 1977 with degrees

in Management and Accounting. More than 35 years plus was dedicated in Construction Management, spending 25 years with an Engineering firm building or rebuilding large paper making facilities and “green field” projects.

Lee and Marilyn Wallace met on July 4, 1990, and were married on September 28, 1991 in Appleton, WI. They had one child, Johnathan Lee, who died at birth. Where you see Marilyn, Lee is nearby.

Lee’s Masonic Career began in February of 1977, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Throughout his life, Lee demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Masonic fraternity, becoming a life member of numerous Masonic bodies. Lee was a proud member of Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 and Omro Lodge No. 168, F. & A.M., and attained the dis-

tinguished honor of 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He was also involved in the York Rite Masons, Beja Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Additionally, Lee served as President of the York Rite Library & Museum, Inc.

Leland is lovingly survived by his wife, Marilyn Burlison; siblings, Lawrence (Ursula) Burlison, Lorraine Shaw, Norma (Joe Tix) McNeil, Curtiss (Lydia) Berg, Marvin (Debra) Berg, Gordon Berg, Glen Berg, Leonard (Angela) Berg and Ellen (Eric) Hill; brothers-in-law, Daniel Garrick, Russell Wallace, Terry (Cindy) Wallace and many many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and infant son, Leland was preceded in death by his sister, Roberta Garrick, his parents-in-law, Colon and Marian Wallace, and his broth-

er-in-law, Roger Wallace.

A funeral service followed by Military Honors and a Masonic service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54904 at 2:00 pm on Monday, July 28, 2025. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 am until the time of the service.

Lee was always a man that strived to be a good person, always worked to be in service of others and for the world to be a better and kinder place for all. His steady presence, and the way he showed up for those he cares about will be deeply missed.



Diana Louise Artz

Diana Louise (Liesch) Artz, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at the age of 76 on July 16, 2025.



Diana was born on December 9, 1948 in Stevens Point, WI a daughter of the late William and Frieda Liesch. Diana graduated from Clintonville High School in 1967. Shortly after

graduating she and Thomas met and then were married on August 17th of 1968. Together the two of them raised two children, Tammy and Terry Artz. Within the 56 years Diana and Thomas built a life filled with camping, square dancing, bowling, motorcycle rides, laughter and love.

Her children, Tammy Niemuth and Terry Artz will cherish the memories of her warm hugs, family time and always making family meals. Diana had many hobbies including sewing, baking and gardening. She also enjoyed collecting porcelain dolls. She will be remembered

for her love and her strong faith for her Lord and love she gave her family. She would always pray for them and others in need of prayer.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her husband, Thomas along with their daughter, Tammy (Darrel) Niemuth; a son, Terry (Justine) Artz; five grandchildren, Briana Niemuth, Brittany Niemuth, Benjamin Niemuth, Brandon Artz, Justin Artz; three great-grandchildren, Isabella Konczal, Joshua Konczal, Katelyn Konczal. She is further survived by her brothers, Arly and Charles Liesch, other relatives and many dear friends. Her memory will be forever etched in the hearts of those who knew her.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 11 am in the Fiss and Bills – Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with the Rev. Chet Cooper officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 9 am until the time of service.



Janet Ann Palecek

Janet Ann Palecek, 93, of Oshkosh WI died surrounded by her family on Sunday, July 13, 2025.



Janet was born in Milwaukee to Theresa and John Hupfer on October 29, 1931. She grew up in Newburg and was a nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, where she married Charles Palecek and raised five children.

“No words in an obituary can describe her quite wisdom, her dry wit, or her generous heart. She was simply delightful to be with and leaves behind years of comfort and laughter in the stories we will tell of her.”

She is survived by daughters Susan and Donna (Dave Stoeger), daughter-in law Diane, and sons Douglas and Richard (Bonnie). She was preceded in death by

her husband Charles, son Daniel, grandson Jacob, and son-in-law Thomas Buehring.

She is survived by brothers Albert (Maryann), Mathew (Betty), sisters Mary Anne Bub (Wayne) and Kathryn Wosnig and sisters-in-law Rita Hupfer and Bridget Palecek. She is preceded in death by brother Thomas and Francis and sisters Margaret Holk (Pete) and Patricia Wagner (John).

Please join us for memorial services at Sacred Heart Church/St Jude the Apostle (519 Knapp St), on Thursday, July 24th: Visitation 9:00-11:00, Mass 11:00, lunch to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider doing an unexpected act of kindness in her name. She would love that.

Full obituary can be viewed at fissbillspoklasnyfuneralhome.com.



James Dyer

James Dyer was called to his Eternal Home with the Lord on May 16, 2025, at his home surrounded by family.



Per his wishes a funeral was not held rather a Celebration of his Life is planned for Thursday, July 31, at The Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

in Oshkosh. A service will be held at 4 PM where friends are invited to share a story, memory, or laugh about a time spent with Jim. A reception will follow from 4:30 to 7 PM.

Jim requested any memorials be directed to the Oshkosh Foundation, Shriner’s Hospital for Children, or Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Oshkosh.



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By (Petitioner) Sabrina Lynn Brouillette

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000640

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: First – Sabrina Middle – Lynn Last – Brouillette

To: First – Sabrina Middle – Lynn Last – Dittman

Birth Certificate: First – Sabrina Middle – Lynn Last – Dahle

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge’s Name: Hon. Michael Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson Street, Room 410 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 15, 2025 Time: 8:45 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Danielle Alise Dolinac By (Petitioner) Danielle Alise Dolinac

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Birth Certificate: First – Danielle Middle – Alise Last – Dolinac

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge’s Name: Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St, Room 531 Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: August 13, 2025 Time: 8:15 am

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: July 11, 2025 /s/ Hon. Daniel J. Bissett Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6

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Kid Scoop Together: Comic Character

Comic characters have different character traits. Some are kind, but some are not. Some are courageous, while others are not. What other traits do comic strip characters exhibit?

Select three characters you like from the newspaper comics. Complete the boxes below.

Comic Strip: _____
 Character's Name: _____
 Character Trait: _____
 Action that shows the trait: _____

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What's a character trait?
 Read the list and then see if you can think of any other traits.

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